

NEWS



FOR PARENTS, STUDENTS AND FRIENDS OF WHEELING CENTRAL CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL

WJU President makes first visit to Wheeling Central

Fr. Giulietti discusses the Jesuit education difference: A focus on students' intellectual, emotional and spiritual development for success in life

As one of the nation's 28 Jesuit universities and colleges, Wheeling Jesuit University (WJU) has the distinction of being the youngest Jesuit school at 55 years old. Despite their solid reputation for superior academics, many people don't know how Jesuit schools are different from other schools.

Thus, in his first visit to CCHS, Fr. Julio Giulietti, S.J., president of Wheeling Jesuit, began his presentation to juniors and seniors by explaining that a Jesuit education is rooted in the Catholic faith and that the Jesuit mission is to help students "learn to discern God's will in their lives and apply that knowledge to who they are and what they do."

What distinguishes a Jesuit school from others, he said, is its focus on, not only the student's intellectual development, but also his or her emotional and spiritual growth.

"At Wheeling Jesuit, your intellectual life is only one of many important things," Fr. Giulietti said. "Spiritual and devotional life and how to respect and love yourself is also very important to us. We provide you with the opportunities to look at yourself and provide the experiences that will help you make peace with yourself."

As WJU president for the past 16 months, Fr. Giulietti has made it a priority to promote the benefits of a Jesuit education to the general public and to prospective students. "The Jesuit tradition of academic excellence and service to others educates the whole person -- caring for the mind, body and spirit of each student," he said. "We help you move from college to life."

Fr. Giulietti noted that WJU and other Jesuit schools, like Boston College, John Carroll University, Xavier, Fordham, Loyola of Chicago, and the eldest, Georgetown University, are very selective, accepting only those applicants they know can do the work. He added that 97 percent of those who graduate from WJU do so in four years and that most have a job within three weeks of graduation.

"We take preparing you for the future very seriously," Fr. Giulietti said. "You graduate with a service for your place in the world...We want you to be a leader who doesn't forget the values of those you are leading."

WJU currently offers Catholic high school graduates a \$1,000 scholarship for each year of attendance at WJU. Additional financial aid is available to in-state students. Students interested in WJU should see the CCHS College Placement Office.



D.F. KRATZER PHOTO, THE CATHOLIC SPIRIT
Fr. Julio Giulietti, S.J., president of Wheeling Jesuit University, visits Central to share the benefits of a Jesuit college education.

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STUDENT NEWS

Students hear tragic story of drunk driving victim at BTC's Emergency Care Symposium



Students get an upclose look at the \$5 million STAT MedEvac helicopter that services the Wheeling area from its flight crew (far right). Students (from left) are Jake Fullerton, Joey Baker, Patrick Beiga, Molly Kurtz, Rebecca Barns, Ariel Carrington, Kaitlyn Carpino, Keltus Emmerth, Erin Gilligan, and Elise Carenbauer.

Career," Benvenisti vividly described the life of a successful college senior from New Jersey who drove to Daytona Beach with friends in March 1989 to celebrate their upcoming graduation. But the trip, he said, ended in horror when the young man was struck by a drunk driver while walking to his hotel.

Because of the driver's choice to get behind the wheel, the college student's life was changed forever: his legs were crushed from the car's impact, the boy's head and face were catapulted into the car's windshield, and his body was thrown, like a rag doll, several feet in the air. He remained in a coma for 10 days.

As Benvenisti continued the story, flashing hospital photos of the victim on the projection screen, he revealed to the surprise of the audience that he, in fact, was that college student victim. He then described the many months and years of hard work he endured in physical therapy fighting back to regain his strength and the ability to walk again. He also described the painstaking road to recovery from his brain injuries -- regaining his cognitive skills and the ability to read, write and comprehend, and re-learning the basics of caring for himself -- all of which he successfully achieved thanks to his determination and the motivation he received from his nurses and physical therapists.

Today, Benvenisti travels the country talking to audiences about his experience and lessons learned. "The only constant in life is change," Benvenisti said. "Enjoy striving to achieve challenges before you now." To the students, he cautioned, "Don't get behind the wheel if you've been drinking. Don't get in the car with a friend who's been drinking. Call your parents for ride or stay where you are." He then distributed a "Contract For Life" for students to discuss with their parents to prevent drunk driving.

The message was loud and clear: *If you drink and drive, you risk changing your life forever, your family's life, and possibly the life of a complete stranger.* At the morning session of the "Crossroads of Emergency Care" Symposium held at Belmont Technical College on Oct. 17, ten CCHS students were among hundreds of local high school students invited to attend an educational conference that explored medical and legal aspects of emergency care.

In a riveting presentation made by Personal Injury Attorney Steven Benvenisti called "The Most Significant Case of My Entire



Sophomore Joey Baker has trouble walking a straight line while wearing the Fatal Vision Simulator Goggles which simulate the feeling of being impaired by alcohol.

CCHS UPDATES...

New! CPO Web Page highlights testing dates, scholarship deadlines

Both students and parents are encouraged to visit the new Web page of the CCHS College Placement Office (CPO) to find out about upcoming meetings, testing dates, scholarship application deadlines, and upcoming visits by college representatives. The page is accessed by visiting Central's site (www.cchsknights.org) and clicking on the "College Placement" link. The CPO will continue to update this page so be sure to visit it often.

Upcoming College Rep. Visits:

- Oct. 28: WV Wesleyan College (Buckhannon, WV)
- Oct. 29: Ohio University (Athens, OH)
- Oct. 30: Seton Hill University (Greensburg, PA)
- Nov. 3: Washington & Jefferson College (Washington, PA)
- Nov. 5: St. Francis College (Loretto, PA)
- Nov. 7: Robert Morris University (Pittsburgh, PA)
- Nov. 13: Carlow College (Pittsburgh, PA)

T.E.C. Volunteers Needed!

Teens Encounter Christ (T.E.C.) is a national retreat program sponsored by the Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston that is geared to high school juniors and seniors and college freshmen. Since the program's inception, there have been 212 T.E.C. weekends in Wheeling, attended by thousands of our local youth.

Four T.E.C. weekends are fast-approaching: **Nov. 1-3, Jan. 31-Feb. 2, March 28-30, and July 11-13.** If any CCHS parent or community member would like to volunteer to help with a T.E.C. weekend retreat, please contact Stephanie (Kleeh) Hockenberry, T.E.C. Council Chairperson, at (304) 280-1445, or any other T.E.C. council member, including Penn Kurtz, Lou Volpe, Chuck Delbrugge, Fr. Dennis Schuelkens, George Saseen, Rich Emmerth, and Fr. Terry Adams, TOR.

ADVANCEMENT OFFICE NEWS

\$500 Walmart Card to be awarded to lucky Scrip buyer

The holiday shopping season is almost here and we hope you will consider purchasing Scrip to satisfy all your gift-giving needs! As an added incentive, we announce our first *Scrip Appreciation Drawing* for the month of November. The lucky winner will receive \$500 in Walmart scrip. To be eligible for the drawing, scrip buyers must purchase at least \$250 in scrip between November 1-30. Kroger card reloads qualify for this requirement. For every additional \$250 purchased, the buyer's name will be entered into the drawing again. Any CCHS school family, relative, friend, alumni or student is eligible to participate. The lucky winner will be drawn on December 8th. For more information, please contact Alyson Hurley, CCHS advancement director, at 233.1660.

September Scrip Sales Report

We thank the 100 families who now actively purchase scrip and support our Tuition Assistance fund. Your participation is crucial to the program's success. In Kroger reloads alone, sales were at \$15,785 last month (the highest yet) which meant a total rebate of \$780 from Kroger. Total September sales for all scrip cards amounted to \$27,725. Your generosity is truly appreciated! And remember, your extended family and friends can also purchase scrip in your family's name -- just contact Mrs. Hurley for family registration information.

Retailer Update: Tanger Outlets, Best Buy and Cabela's Bonus

With the recent opening of the Tanger Outlets near Washington, PA, and the pending grand-opening of Best Buy at the Highlands in Dallas Pike, we have added these two national retailers to our in-stock inventory. Tanger Outlet cards are available in \$25 denominations at an 8% rebate. Best Buy is available in \$25 denomination at 2% rebate. And a new special bonus offering was just announced: From Oct. 25th to Nov. 28th, Cabela's has increased its rebate from 11% to 14% just in time for holiday shopping.

Scrip Cards Make Great Holiday Gifts for Employees, Customers

If you are a business owner or manager, please consider buying scrip cards for your employees or key customers this year as holiday gifts. We offer a wide range of gift cards (gas, groceries, restaurants and retailers) in a variety of denominations. All large scrip card orders must be placed by December 12 to guarantee delivery by Christmas. Call in your order to Mrs. Hurley (233-1660) today!

Using Your Target Card can raise funds for CCHS

We've discovered a terrific way to raise funds for our school. It's very easy -- all you have to do is use your Target® Visa® or Target® Card. Every time you make a purchase at a Target Store using these credit cards, CCHS receives a percentage of the amount purchased in the form of a cash donation from Target through its *Take Charge of Education®* program.

To date, we have received \$356 from this program, all of which went to the CCHS Annual Fund. (*Note: Target is not a participating Scrip retailer.*) It's easy to sign up! Just visit target.com/tcoe, or call 1-800-316-6142 to designate Wheeling Central for your card purchases -- it takes just a couple of minutes to do! Wheeling Central's School ID Number is 17044.

So if Target is your destination for holiday shopping this season, please consider registering and using your Target® Visa® or Target® Card. Grandparents, alumni, neighbors and friends can take part, too. Thanks for your support!



Calendar of Events

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| 10/27 | | .Distribution of Report Cards |
| 10/28 | | .Sophomore Reconciliation |
| 10/29 | | .PLAN Test (Frosh. & Soph.) |
| 10/30 | ..... | .Parent/Teacher Conferences |
| 11/3 | ..... | .Peer Ministry (2:15 pm) |
| 11/4 | ..... | .Election Day (school in session) |
| 11/11 | ..... | .No School (Veterans Day) |
| 11/13 | ..... | .College Planning Night (6:30 pm) |
| 11/13 | ..... | .WJU 2nd Sem. Registration |
| 11/25 | ..... | .Thanksgiving Liturgy (10 am) |
| 11/27-28 | .. | . No School (Thanksgiving) |
| 12/1 | ..... | .Peer Ministry (2:15 pm) |
| 12/2 | ..... | .Junior Reconciliation (9:30 am) |
| 12/2 | ..... | .WVNCC 2nd Sem Registration |
| 12/8 | ..... | .Immaculate Conception Liturgy |
| 12/9 | ..... | .Senior Reconciliation (9:30 am) |
| 12/12-14 | .. | ."The Secret Garden" Play (7 pm) |
| 12/13 | ..... | .Canned Food Drive (10 am-2 pm) |
| 12/22-1/4 | .. | . No School (Christmas Break) |
| 1/5 | ..... | .Classes Resume |
| 1/7 | ..... | .FASFA Seminar (6 pm) |
| 1/8-13 | ..... | .EXAMS |
| 1/19 | ..... | .No School (MLK Day) |
| 2/3 | ..... | .FASFA On-Line (6 pm) |
| 2/5 | ..... | .NET Retreat (Sophomores) |
| 2/6 | ..... | .NET Retreat (Freshmen) |
| 2/12 | ..... | .8th Grade Visitation Day |
| 2/13 | ..... | .Early Dismissal Day |
| 2/16 | ..... | .No School (Presidents Day) |
| 3/12 | ..... | .Grade School Regional Science Fair (gymnasium) |
| 4/9 | ..... | .Early Dismissal Day |
| 4/10 | ..... | .No School (Good Friday) |
| 4/13-17 | .. | . Spring Break |
| 4/20 | ..... | .Classes Resume |
| 5/1 | ..... | .Senior Prom (White Palace) |
| 5/5 | ..... | .Senior Awards Liturgy |
| 5/12 | ..... | .Underclassmen Awards |
| 5/25 | | . No School (Memorial Day) |
| 5/26-29 | ... | .EXAMS |
| 5/29 | | .Baccalaureate Liturgy (6 pm) |
| 5/30 | | .GRADUATION (11 am) |

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MONTH OF THE HOLY ROSARY

Thanks to October's Serra Club Rosary Leaders



Mr. Joe Pangilinan, of the Wheeling Serra Club (far right), is one of our Rosary Leaders. Also pictured (l to r) are CCHS students Bill Committee and Rob Bonenberger in May 2008.

October is *Respect Life Month* and the *Month of the Holy Rosary*. As such, it has been the tradition at CCHS for the past 10 years to recite the Rosary every day before morning announcements during this month and also during the month of May, the *Month of Mary* -- thanks to the participation of Wheeling Serra Club members.

We relay our deepest gratitude to all our Serran guests who volunteered their time this October in leading us in one of the daily Rosaries: Bishop Bernard Schmitt, Joe Pangilinan, Gary Mulhern, Jeff Smay, Fr. Dennis Schuelkens, Dr. Frank Carenbauer III, Ed Schmitt, Jack Fahey, Madge Emmerth, Bob Schmitt, Larry Bandi, Jack O'Leary, Dr. Anthony Spadafore, Chuck Wagner, Bernie Coyne, Gene Fahey, Fr. Kevin Quirk, Dr. David Singer, Dr. Jack Palmer, Fr. Paul Hudack and Bob Miller.

We also send a special thanks to CCHS alumnus Dr. Bill Grubler who coordinates the Rosary Leader schedule for both October and May.

If you are interested in volunteering as a Rosary leader at the school (from 7:30-8:00 am) or interested in learning more about the Wheeling Serra Club, please contact Dr. Grubler at 242-2594.

Alumni Open House Event

All Wheeling Central and St. Joseph Academy Alumni are cordially invited to a special Open House event to see, first-hand, the beautiful school renovations including the new Cafetorium (a.k.a. The Great Hall) and School Chapel.

The Open House will be held on Sunday, November 16 from 2-4 pm. Light refreshments will be served.

This event is free. If you plan to attend, please call Mrs. Alyson Hurley, advancement director, at (304) 233-1660, for more information.

We hope you can join us!

