

# NEWS



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

## Wheeling Central Hosts Alumni Open House Event

On a cold, blustery Sunday afternoon this month, well over 100 St. Joseph Academy and Wheeling Central alumni graced the halls of their alma mater to see, first-hand, the beautiful renovations that have taken place over the last two years, as part of Central's first-ever Alumni Open House event.

Graduates from as far back as 1945 attended the event and were greeted with a Powerpoint slideshow that portrayed school activities, student community service projects, and recent renovations. Opening remarks were provided by Principal Joe "Doc" Viglietta and Advancement Director Alyson Hurley.

"We cannot say enough wonderful things about Bishop Michael Bransfield," said Viglietta. "He spearheaded these renovations to give our students the very best environment in which to learn and grow."

Advancement Director Alyson Hurley thanked the alumni for their steadfast support of the school over the years. "Wheeling Central is blessed with a strong alumni base of nearly 8,000 individuals located throughout the world that not only wants to stay in touch with fellow classmates, but also wants to stay involved with what's happening at the school," Hurley said. In today's trying economic conditions, she added, continued financial support from alumni is needed now more than ever.

Guided tours were made available to highlight the school's Great Hall, Fine Arts Center, science labs, art room, new chapel, and library.

"This was just wonderful," said Maryann Gala of the SJA Class of 1968. "I really enjoyed seeing how the school has changed since I was here."

After attending the Open House, Peg Brennan ('61) sent a note to CCHS that read, "I did enjoy the Open House Sunday. That was a good idea and everything was so nicely organized, including the Powerpoint -- well done."

A special thanks to the following staff members

who served as tour guides and presenters: Elaine Yeager, Pam Hartman, Jeff Smay, Wilma Beaver, Allan Bittner, Michelle Sayre, Kim Costanzo, Ann Kahle, Sam McCullough, and Sr. Mary Florence Burke. We also thank the following student members of the CCHS Foreign Language Honorary group who served as greeters and tour guides: Seniors Elise Carenbauer, Jay Yelenic, John Railing, Julia Kurtz, and Erin Gilligan, as well as Junior Brandon Wilson.



Taking special interest in the chapel changes were classmates (from left) Dr. Bernard Grubler ('48) and his wife Rose ('49), Bette Welling ('48) and Bob Schmitt ('48).



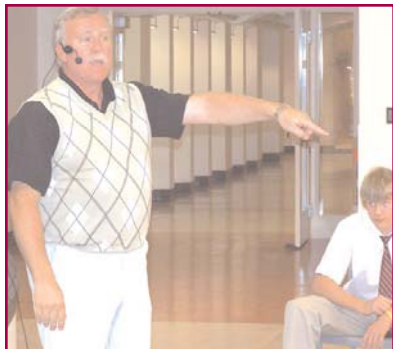
Above: Administrative Assistant Elaine Yeager (left) oversees the alumni check-in table at the Open House. Right: Science Teacher Michelle Sayre presents information on the technology used in her Biology class to alumni on a group tour.



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**STUDENT NEWS**

**National speaker talks to sophomores about decisions, actions that build character**



*National speaker and talk show host Dr. Mike Thomson speaks to CCHS sophomores about their choices and decisions.*

Central's 86 sophomores were recently treated to an energetic educational program conducted by national speaker/radio talk show host Mike Thomson, Ph.D., on how to unleash the power of good character.

"Power...Control...Choice" was the theme of Dr. Mike's program to help students understand how their choices, and not the actions of others, influence what happens in their lives.

Thomson, a native of Dublin, OH, said he has talked to over two million people on the subject of character building. A successful author, Thomson does five radio shows each week to educate teens, and their parents, about the tools and concepts necessary to help youngsters make the right choices that will lead to academic and life success.

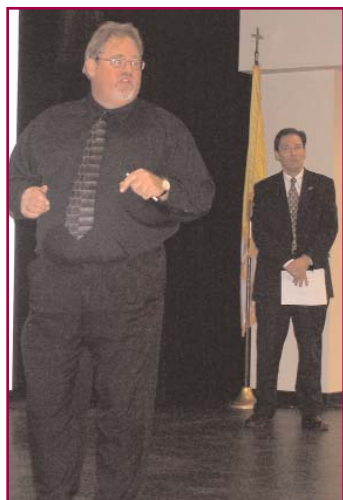
"Good character is making good choices when no one is watching," said Dr. Thomson. "Behavior never lies....good behavior is the foundation for trustworthiness."

CCHS thanks Mrs. Jill Allen and the Ohio County Partners in Prevention for sponsoring this program.



*Sophomore John Miller assists Dr. Mike Thomson in illustrating the point that "making good choices demonstrates good character to your parents so you can earn good stuff."*

**Seniors learn about WV sexual abuse law**



*Wheeling Attorney Gerald Jacovetty defines the term "forcible compulsion" to Central's 104 seniors. Attorney Bob Gaudio looks on.*

Attorneys Gerald Jacovetty, Bob Gaudio and Jodi Gardi presented the cold, hard facts regarding sexual abuse law to CCHS seniors this month in an educational program called "Yes, May/be, No." With combined criminal defense experience of over 30 years, the attorneys' goal was to educate seniors about current state law, discuss how the law relates to criminal prosecution in the real world, and to provide recent examples of cases involving local students who were found guilty of sexual assault and sentenced to as many as 35 years in the state penitentiary.

After reviewing key legal definitions like "forcible compulsion," "sexual contact" and "mentally incapacitated," the lawyers then described many scenarios where defendants were convicted of sexual abuse felonies after "hooking up" with the victim at a party where alcohol or drugs were involved.

"When she says 'no', that means no," said Gerry Jacovetty, "When she says 'maybe,' that absolutely means no. When she says 'yes,' that should also mean no...The moral of the story is that one wrong decision could haunt you for the rest of your life."

**Science Bowl Team competes in tourney**



*Coach Frank Przybysz advises his "B Team" at the RESA-6 Science Bowl competition. From left are Rachel Painter, Team captain Hugo Andreini, Gem Jao, and Sean Donahoe.*

The CCHS Science Bowl Team recently competed at the RESA-6 competition held at the Smart-Center in Warwood. Congratulations to the team and coach Frank Przybysz on a fine effort! Team members are Seniors Jeremy Jao, Matt Przybysz, Patty Lee, Hugo Andreini (B-Team captain), Sean Donahoe and David Dudzik; Juniors Brandon Wilson (A-Team captain), Scott Dorsey and Sean Cain (C-Team captain); Sophomores Gem Jao and Justin Retzer; and Freshmen Rachel Painter, Christian Carlburg, and Megan Cain.

**WVU Mining & Engineering recruiter visits CCHS**



Mr. Bill Ryan, educational consultant for West Virginia University's Department of Mining & Petroleum Engineering, met with interested seniors to share information about WVU's mining and engineering programs. Ryan's visit is an annual event coordinated by the College Placement Office.

## ADVANCEMENT OFFICE NEWS

### End to eligibility for Scrip Appreciation Drawing nears

The final days to earn a chance to win a \$500 Walmart scrip card is fast approaching! Remember, if you purchase at least \$250 in scrip during the month of November (Nov. 1st-30th), your name will be entered into the drawing. Kroger card reloads qualify for this requirement.

And, for every additional \$250 in scrip you purchase, your 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 or at [cchsscrips@comcast.net](mailto:cchsscrips@comcast.net).

### October Scrip sales soar

We thank the **110 school families, alumni and relatives/friends** who now actively purchase scrip cards and support our Tuition Assistance Program. We proudly announce that monthly total scrip sales increased by \$4,365 (from \$27,725 in September to \$32,090) in October. In fact, Kroger card reloads for the month of October alone amounted to \$18,297 -- an all-time high for CCHS! Your generosity and support of this program is truly appreciated!

Remember, your friends, neighbors and relatives can also purchase gift cards on behalf of your family.

CCHS tuition rebate reports will be issued to all participating families in January.

### Check out the GLSC's new Scrip Retailers

The following national retailers have been added to the inventory of the Great Lakes Scrip Center and are available for purchase:

- ◆ **American Express Prepaid Gift Cards** at \$100 and \$200 with a 1.25% rebate
- ◆ **Hallmark Gift Card Store** at \$25 with 4% rebate
- ◆ **Steak 'n Shake** at \$10 with 7% introductory rebate (after December 31 rebate will be 6%)

*To see a complete listing of participating retailers, please visit [www.glscrip.com](http://www.glscrip.com)*

**\*\* Remember: Please place your holiday orders by December 12 to ensure delivery by Christmas.** Questions? Call Alyson Hurley at 233-1660 or email [cchsscrips@comcast.net](mailto:cchsscrips@comcast.net).

### CCHS receives \$500 Grant from Exxon/Mobil

Thanks to Wheeling's Tri-State Petroleum Corporation, Wheeling Central has been awarded a \$500 ExxonMobil Educational Alliance grant. The money will be directed to the school's Annual Fund which helps pay for school operations and teacher salaries.

Funded by the ExxonMobil Corporation, the ExxonMobil Educational Alliance program is designed to provide Exxon/Mobil retailers like Tri-State Petroleum with an opportunity to invest in the future of their community through educational grants to neighborhood schools.

We thank Tri-State Petroleum, Chairman Emeritus Ed Coyne, Sr., and Samuel Covelli, director of retail and wholesale operations, for their generous support of Wheeling Central Catholic High School.



## Calendar of Events

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| 12/1             | Peer Ministry (2:15 pm)                           |
| 12/2             | Junior Reconciliation (9:30 am)                   |
| 12/2             | WVNCC 2nd Sem Registration                        |
| 12/5             | Distribution of Sarris Candy                      |
| 12/8             | Immaculate Conception Liturgy                     |
| 12/9             | Senior Reconciliation (9:30 am)                   |
| 12/10            | Parent to Parent meeting                          |
| <b>12/12</b>     | <b>Early Dismissal Day</b>                        |
| 12/12-14         | "The Secret Garden" Play (7 pm)                   |
| 12/13            | Canned Food Drive<br>(10 am-2 pm)                 |
| 12/15            | Sarris Candy Money Due                            |
| <b>12/22-1/4</b> | <b>No School</b> (Christmas Break)                |
| 1/5              | Classes Resume                                    |
| 1/7              | FASFA Seminar (6 pm)                              |
| 1/8-13           | EXAMS   |
| 1/14             | Winter Instrumental Concert<br>(7 pm, Great Hall) |
| <b>1/19</b>      | <b>No School (MLK Day)</b>                        |
| 2/3              | FASFA On-Line (6 pm)                              |
| 2/5              | NET Retreat (Sophomores)                          |
| 2/6              | NET Retreat (Freshmen)                            |
| 2/12             | 8th Grade Visitation Day                          |
| <b>2/13</b>      | <b>Early Dismissal Day</b>                        |
| <b>2/16</b>      | <b>No School (Presidents Day)</b>                 |
| 3/12             | Grade School Regional<br>Science Fair (gymnasium) |
| <b>4/9</b>       | <b>Early Dismissal Day</b>                        |
| <b>4/10</b>      | <b>No School (Good Friday)</b>                    |
| <b>4/13-17</b>   | <b>Spring Break</b>                               |
| 4/20             | Classes Resume                                    |
| 5/1              | Senior Prom (White Palace)                        |
| 5/5              | Senior Awards Liturgy                             |
| 5/12             | Underclassmen Awards                              |
| <b>5/25</b>      | <b>No School (Memorial Day)</b>                   |
| 5/26-29          | EXAMS   |
| 5/29             | Baccalaureate Liturgy (6 pm)                      |
| 5/30             | GRADUATION (11 am)                                |

\*Please note this calendar is subject to change.

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## AVAILABLE LOCAL SERVICES

### West Virginia Division of Rehabilitation Services... *West Virginia's Best Kept Secret*

If you are currently 16 years or older and have a disability that may affect your ability to find employment after graduation, you may be eligible for assistance from the WV Division of Rehabilitation Services (WVDRS).

Disabilities include, but are not limited to, the following: Cerebral palsy, learning disability, hearing/visual concerns, problems with speech, ADHD, depression/anxiety, scoliosis, asthma/allergies, epilepsy, diabetes, eating disorder, or any other physical or mental issue.

Does your disability limit how you: lift, stand, climb, cope with stress, drive, hear, see or read? Does your disability affect your math or writing skills? If so, you may be eligible for such services as diagnostic services, vocational assistance, career counseling, training, therapy, prosthetics/orthotics, and job-seeking assistance.

If you feel you could benefit from WVDRS services, please contact Mr. Mick Stoehr at (304) 238-1092. He will make arrangements to discuss WVDRS services with you and/or your parents at his downtown Wheeling Office.



### Central Cookie Dough Now Available for Sale!

If you want the delicious taste of Central Chocolate Chip Cookies anytime this holiday season, CCHS Cafeteria



Manager Linda Henry has the answer. For a limited time, Mrs. Henry will take orders for her special chocolate chip cookie dough.

Packaged in 2 lb. containers, the cookie dough is great to have on hand for your holiday get-togethers or even to give as holiday housewarming gifts!

To place your order, simply call Mrs. Henry at 233-0333 or email her at [ljhenry@access.k12.wv.us](mailto:ljhenry@access.k12.wv.us). Each 2 lb. container costs just \$6. Hurry! Orders will be filled only until Dec. 19th.

All proceeds benefit the CCHS Cafeteria Program. *Enjoy!*