

# NEWS



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

## Cheerleaders earn WV 'Class A' State Championship

**C**ongratulations to the Central Catholic Cheerleading squad for winning West Virginia's "Class A" State Championship title by over-taking two-time defending champ Clay-Battelle last month. Central's first-place finish was the first for the squad in four years.

"States were magical," said Head Coach Rose Palmer, a 1976 alumna of CCHS. "The girls stuck with it and did what they were asked to do to win. It took time and faith in themselves and their coaches to do it. We encouraged them to push themselves and always go one step further. In practice, we would say 'In a perfect world you can do this or that,' and now we can say after winning both regional and state championships that the Wheeling Central cheerleaders are *in a perfect world.*"

Assisting Palmer in coaching the squad are Corey Pietranton, a 9-year veteran of CCHS coaching, and Jessi Spangler, a 2001 alumna of CCHS and former cheerleader. "We're the third set of coaches these girls have had, so it's been a struggle to get them to believe in us and in themselves." Palmer said both Corey and Jessi have been instrumental in the squad's success. "They each have their own area of expertise and we all complement each other." She also added that the leadership of Captain Alyssa Grubler and Co-captain Erica Cross greatly contributed to the team's success.

What's coming up next for the team? In February the squad will compete in the OVAC Tournament, a completely different competition than States. Instead of performing a three-minute routine focused mostly on mounts, all the mounts will now be replaced by dance and tumbling as required by tournament officials.

"The girls have had to learn a completely new routine in just one month," said Palmer. "Everyone has to be perfect -- the timing, tumbling and formations must all be exact. It requires a lot of strength and stamina to add that much dance and tumbling to a routine."

Palmer says CCHS will compete in the "Class AA" Division for the OVACs alongside such competitors as Linsly and Steubenville Catholic. The squad will likely debut their new OVAC dance routine at a varsity bas-



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Central's cheerleaders get excited for their road trip to states. From left are Kerri Kaminski, Gabby Dean, Chelsea Kohler, Stephanie Pockl and Nicole Peklinsky.

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## STUDENT NEWS

### Canned Food Drive marks another success

The 2008 CCHS Canned Food Drive, coordinated by CCHS Honors English Teacher Lou Volpe, proved once again to be a successful event. The Junior Class collected the most canned food this year with a total of 3,779. The total amount collected by all students was 15,784.

Students canvassed most neighborhoods collecting canned food for the 18th Street Center, including Wheeling, Woodsdale, Elm Grove, Bethlehem, and Warwood.

Thank you to all the students who worked so hard for this event, as well as to the teachers who served as class coordinators: Amy Reasbeck and Ann Kahle (Freshmen), Jeff Smay and Brian Pooley (Sophomores), Greg Schultz, Terry Williamson and Mary Hennen (Juniors); and Lou Volpe (Seniors). A special thanks to the following seniors who worked especially hard preparing for the food drive: Hugo Andreini, Jen Gilson, Jessica Corder and Justin Caldwell.



Collecting canned food in Woodsdale are (from left) Sophomores Marcus Clifford, Brandon Ingram and Carter Huffman.



Above: Supervised by Religion Teacher Brian Pooley and Campus Minister Jeff Smay, CCHS sophomores gathered in Woodsdale to begin collecting canned food. From left (in back) are McKenzie Peluchette, Mr. Brian Pooley, Dallas Young, Tyler Harto, Andrew Surgent, John Miller, and Mr. Jeff Smay. In front (from left) are John Duplaga, Michelle Corder, Nicole Scott, Bonnie Medovic, Claire Caruso, Aaron Varlas, Chazz Ballard, and Valerie Brinkmeier. At right, are Mike Rempke, Denis Wilson and Math Teacher Stan Kaniecki who helped transport the food to the 18th Street Center.



## CCHS Updates...

### Gordon honored for Achievements on the Gridiron

Senior Daniel Gordon, line-backer-offensive lineman for the Maroon Knights, was chosen last month as one of five Ohio Valley offensive linemen to be honored at the *Big 22 Health Plan Players of*



*the Year* event held at the Wheeling Island Gaming Resort. Gordon, along with teammate DeVaughn Gordon (Senior), will also be among six high school athletes and four coaches to be recognized as Special Achievement Honorees at the *42nd Annual Upper Ohio Valley Dapper Dan Club's Charity Awards Banquet* to be held Feb. 14 at Mountaineer Race Track & Gaming Resort.

### FAFSA Workshop Date Change

The "FAFSA On The Web" Workshop has been moved from Feb. 3 to Feb. 4. The program will begin at 6 pm and conclude at 8:30 pm. All those attending should report to the first floor computer room (Rm. 118). In case of a snow cancellation, the program will be rescheduled for Feb. 11.

Please remember to bring the following items to the program: 2008 taxes; student driver's license; W2s; SSNs; PIN numbers; and values of stocks, bonds, CDs, mutual funds, and checking/savings accounts. For more information, please contact the College Placement Office at 233-1660.

### Fundraiser Correction

The amount raised by the Sophomore Peer Ministry Group for the Susan Koman Walk for Breast Cancer was incorrectly stated in last month's issue. The actual amount was \$250.

## ADVANCEMENT OFFICE NEWS

## December Scrip sales top \$54,000

Over \$3K awarded back to families as tuition incentive

CCHS December Scrip sales hit an all-time monthly record at \$54,300!! We are happy to announce that 132 families now actively purchase Scrip from Central -- that's 116 more than were purchasing scrip just nine months ago. Of that number, 76 families earned tuition incentives for the reporting period of Aug. 10, 2008 through Dec. 27, 2008 -- all totalling \$3,832.78.

Our top family received a tuition discount of \$227! Eight other families earned incentives of over \$100, while 20 families earned between \$50-\$99 and 47 families earned under \$50. A report will be issued to all families receiving tuition discounts during this reporting period from the Finance Office by the end of January.

Recently, a check in the amount of \$2,500 was directed to the school's Tuition Assistance Fund from SCRIP program profits for this reporting period. *Thank you to all our families, friends and alumni for making this program so successful!*

The Scrip program continues to show growth not only in sales volume but also in participating retailers. This month we announce the addition of **Uncle Pete's Restaurant** in North Wheeling, providing \$10 certificates at a 15% rebate. Thanks to Owner Peach Conniff for his support! Please remember to patronize this restaurant and all the locally owned retailers that currently support our program, including Generations Restaurant, Heavenly Ham (St. Clairsville location), Ye Olde Alpha, Salsa Café, Pampered Chef (Karen Nixon), Mary Kay (Cathy Downing), JAFRA Cosmetics (Kathy Taylor), Hole 'n Run, and Bleifus Tire.

Parents of current eighth graders intending to enroll at CCHS next fall are also eligible to participate in our Scrips Program. Earned incentives will be deducted from your first tuition payment due in August. Please contact Alyson Hurley (233-1660 or cchsscrips@comcast.net) for more information.

## Pontifical Crew provides invaluable service

32 student volunteers support service ministry program



Last fall, CCHS Chaplain Fr. Dennis Schuelkens held a practice session with members of this year's Pontifical Crew in the Cathedral of St. Joseph.

Retzer, and Andrew Surgent; and *Freshmen* Noah Clark, Joseph Emmerth, Nick Jessee, Andrew Keane, Aaron Kahle, Matt Schuetz, Hollis Shaw, Shane Sneddon, David Stanley, Michael Stupak, Anthony Tighe, and Seth Yost.

We thank those students who have volunteered to serve on this year's Pontifical Crew, assisting at school liturgies and special masses celebrated by Bishop Michael Bransfield. Our Pontifical Crew members are: *Seniors* Justin Caldwell, Sean Donahoe, Will Feisley, Dan Gordon, Andrew Henry, Nick Hurley, Eric Knuth, Anthony Marchesi, Steve Nawrocki, Matt Przybysz, Jacob Schweizer, Hunter Stein, and Jay Yelenic; *Juniors* Paul Henry and Eric Storm; *Sophomores* Tyler Harto, Chas McFarland, Justin

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**Calendar of Events**

- 1/25 . . . . .Chapel Dedication/Dinner  
(6 pm, Great Hall)
- 1/27 . . . . .ACRE Test for Juniors
- 1/28 . . . . .Catholic Schools Liturgy
- 2/2 . . . . .Peer Ministry (2:15 pm)
- 2/4 . . . . .FAFSA On-Line (6-8:30 pm)
- 2/5 . . . . .NET Retreat (Sophomores)
- 2/6 . . . . .NET Retreat (Freshmen)
- 2/10 . . . . .WVNCC Placement Test-Jrs.
- 2/12 . . . . .8th Grade Visitation Day  
*Students: 9:30 am to 1:30 pm*  
*Parents: 5:30 to 7:30 pm*
- 2/13 . . . . .Early Dismissal Day**
- 2/16 . . . . .No School (Presidents Day)**
- 2/25 . . . . .Ash Wednesday Liturgy
- 2/28 . . . . .CCHS Reverse Raffle (6 pm,  
White Palace)
- 3/1 . . . . .Foreign Language Honorary  
Induction (2 pm, Great Hall)
- 3/2 . . . . .Peer Ministry (2:15 pm)
- 3/8 . . . . .Foreign Language Honorary  
Induction (2 pm, Great Hall)
- 3/11-14 . . . . .Girls State Basketball  
(Charleston)
- 3/12 . . . . .Grade School Regional  
Science Fair (gymnasium)
- 3/18 . . . . .Boys State Basketball  
(Charleston)
- 3/29 . . . . .French Follies Program  
(7 pm, Great Hall)
- 4/3 . . . . .Spring Dance (8pm, Pine Rm)
- 4/6 . . . . .Peer Ministry
- 4/7 . . . . .'09 Registration Assemblies
- 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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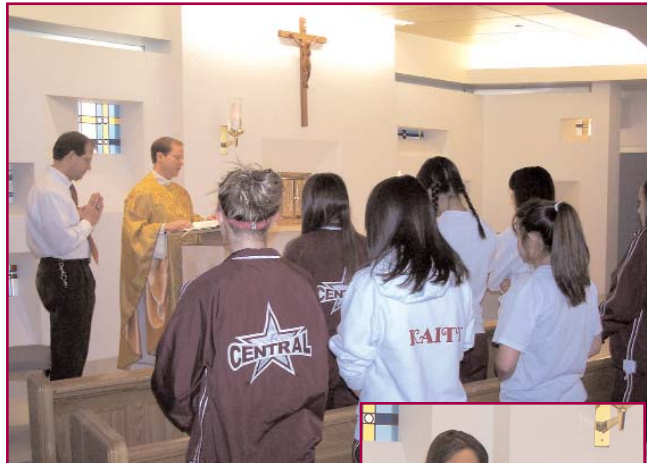
## STATE CHAMPIONS

### Cheerleaders earn championship title *(cont'd from p. 1)*

ketball game in early February to gauge the crowd's reaction.

We encourage everyone to attend the OVAC's competition on Feb. 7 at WesBanco Arena to cheer on our girls!

The 2008 West Virginia "Class A" Championship Cheering Squad members are: Alyssa Grubler, Kendra Thalman, Erica Cross, Alexa Cross, Royale Kinnison, Chelsea Kohler, Kerri Kaminski, Gabby Dean, Nicole Peklinsky, Stephanie Pockl, Kaity Wilson, Bria Cross, Markie Kaminski and Addie Schneid.



*Above, CCHS Chaplain Fr. Dennis Schuelkens celebrates a special mass in the chapel with the Cheerleaders and their coaches prior to their departure to the State Tournament. At right, Captain Alyssa Grubler reads at the cheerleaders' mass.*



### Boosters' Reverse Raffle

Reminder: The CCHS Boosters Association will hold its Annual Reverse Raffle event at Wheeling Park's White Palace on Saturday, February 28 from 6-11 p.m. Reverse Raffle Ticket costs are as follows:

- \$50...Single Reverse Raffle Chance (need not be present to win)
- \$75...One Dinner Ticket with One Reverse Raffle Chance
- \$100...Two Dinner Tickets with One Reverse Raffle Chance

And remember, the CCHS student who sells the most raffle tickets will earn \$300! For more information, please contact Jan Orkoskey at 277-2519.

