

# NEWS



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

## Bishop Bransfield blesses renovated CCHS Chapel

Dinner raises more than \$6,500 for CCHS Tuition Assistance Fund

On Jan. 25, Bishop Michael J. Bransfield led a beautiful evening prayer dedication service for Central's newly renovated chapel. Bishop Bransfield thanked those in attendance, as well as the many individuals who worked diligently on the six-month chapel construction project.

"Having this beautiful chapel so visible at the entrance of the school shows that our Catholic tradition is at the heart of everything we do at Central Catholic," Bishop Bransfield said.

Following the blessing, the 125 guests adjourned to the Great Hall to attend a fundraiser dinner benefitting the CCHS Tuition Assistance Program -- over \$6,700 was raised. The delicious dinner, generously provided by Wheeling Hospital, was served by student members of Central's KEY Club.

We thank all those who supported the event including our corporate sponsors: Wheeling Hospital, Panhandle Cleaning and Restoration, WesBanco, American Plate Glass, Strada Architects, Johnson Boiler Works, Mansuetto Roofing, Robinson Enterprises, Riesbeck's, JD&E, and Altmeyer Funeral Homes. We also appreciate the donations from the CCHS Student

Council and Junior Class. Finally, a special thanks to Mrs. Virginia Ryan who temporarily came out of retirement to oversee the dinner service for the event, Debbie Main for providing musical entertainment, and Catering Manager Joe Moses of Wheeling Hospital.



D.F. Kratzer Photo/Courtesy of The Catholic Spirit  
Bishop Michael J. Bransfield blesses the newly renovated CCHS chapel. With him, from left, are Father Dennis R. Shuelkens Jr., chaplain of the school, and Very Rev. Eugene S. Ostrowski, V.F., designated pastor of the school.



Above, Bob Contraguerro (third from right), president of Panhandle Cleaning and Restoration, was one of several corporate sponsors at the Dedication Dinner. At right, Fr. Julio Giulietti, S.J. president of WJU, and Sister Elaine Poitras, superintendent of Catholic schools, talk with Fr. Kevin Quirk (foreground).



### Thank You!

#### Dedication Dinner Volunteers

- Mrs. Lisa Bucon
- Mrs. Nicki Duplaga
- Mrs. Mary Alice Florio
- Ms. Mary Hennen
- Mrs. Donna Niggemyer
- Ms. Amy Reasbeck
- Mrs. Virginia Ryan
- Mrs. Staci Spry
- Mr. Lou Volpe
- Ms. Elaine Yeager

#### KEY Club Servers

- Hugo Andreini
- Alexis Ashbrook
- Meggie Ball
- Marcus Clifford
- John Duplaga
- Casey Kilbane
- Cody Koehler
- Nikki Lauri
- Won Yeong Lee
- Shane Livingston
- Joey Macri
- Katie Ratcliffe
- Miranda Robinson
- Derek Taylor
- Brett Weisenborn

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## STUDENT NEWS

## CCHS students join thousands for March for Life Rally in nation's capitol

Thousands of people traveled to Washington, D.C. to take part in the annual March for Life Rally last month. Forty Central students, CCHS Chaplain Fr. Dennis Schuelkens, Jr., Campus Minister Jeff Smay and Computer Literacy/Science Teacher Frank Przybysz, along with seven CCHS alumni, were among those who braved the frigid temperatures to march for the unborn.

Those students who participated were: Seniors Andrew Bellevage, Elise Carenbauer, Woori Lolly Choi, Sean Donahoe, Erin Gilligan, Megan Griffin, Chelsea Jones, Julia Kurtz, Rachel Lauri, Erika Neumann, Matt Przybysz, Amy Rapp, Alex Schubert, Alexa Wear, and Tony Widmer; Juniors Sean Cain, Gabby Dean, Brittany Dofka, Katie Donahoe, Tara Doyle, Grace Drnach, Kelsie Galbraith, Sarah Griffin, Elizabeth Karrasch, Olivia Mason, Stephanie Pockl, Madison Siebieda, Emily Schoene, and Alyssa Stahl; Sophomores Emily Bartsch, Melanie McFadden, Bonnie Medovic, Nichole Scott, and Memrie Senkbeil; and Freshmen Megan Cain, Christian Carlburg, Aaron Kahle, Kathleen Main, Monica Mason and Shane Sneddon.



Among the 40 students who participated in this year's March for Life Rally were (from left) Kelsie Galbraith, Erika Neumann, and Madison Siebieda.

## Instrumental Music Winter Concert showcases students' talents



Central's Director of Instrumental Music Ashley Tomaceski (far right) plays guitar with some members of the school's guitar ensemble during the Winter Concert performance. From left are Billy Committee, Matt Przybysz and Hugo Andreini.

Led by CCHS Director of Instrumental Music Ashley Tomaceski, the musical talents of Central students and grade school band members were showcased at the first Instrumental Music Winter Concert held on Jan. 20. Parents, family members and friends packed the Great Hall to enjoy the two-hour show of classic, modern and even original musical pieces.

We congratulate our students for their spectacular performances: Do Heum Choi (piano); Ok Ji Kim (violin); Won Yeong Lee (flute); guitar players Bill Committee, Derek Park and Alex Schubert; and Band members Hugo Andreini (guitar), Sean Donahoe (guitar), Matt Przybysz (bass guitar), Garrett Page (violin), Woori Lolly Choi (piano), Jeremy Jao (piano), Matt Saporito (percussion) and Jay Yelenic (percussion).

We also congratulate the grade school students for a wonderful show: *Corpus Christi School* -- Makayla Carney, Aidan Garvey, Kalsey Cox, Paul Denard, Brendan Garvey, Marco Marino, Marissa Marino, and Maricris Pangilinan; *St. Francis Xavier School* -- Ashley McCutcheon, Breanna Pekula, B.J. Stewart, Johnny Emery, Michael Estep, Owen Minor, Samantha Stewart, and Riley DiLoretta; and *St. Michael Parish School* -- Natasha Georges, Zoey Kahle, Shelby Imer, Braedyn West, Max Zavatsky, Vicki Irr, Gina Haas, Clare Miller, Jack Stryker, Hayden Wagner, Joel Beaver, Nathaniel Foster, Taylor Boury, Allison Julian, and Billy Teufel.

## Five selected for Leadership Wheeling Youth Program

*Congratulations!* to the following CCHS juniors who were recently selected to participate in the 2009 Leadership Wheeling Youth Program, sponsored by the Wheeling Area Chamber of Commerce: **Kelsie Galbraith, Francesca Giovannone, Alexandra Greco, Cyrus Hajiran and Madison Siebieda.** In this program, students tour local businesses and hear presentations on such subjects as team-building, health and wellness, heritage, higher education, the legal system, and the media. Tour sites include the Good Zoo, Howard Long Wellness Center, WV Independence Hall, Bethany College, the Wheeling/Ohio County Courthouse and Federal Courthouse, and Ogden Newspapers. The program begins this month and concludes on May 7 with a graduation ceremony.

## Congratulations!



For the first time, CCHS was represented by four students in the Cotillion at this year's Viennese Ball. Each was invited to participate because of their service to the Wheeling Symphony. From left are Seniors Elise Carenbauer, Hugo Andreini, Alexandra Rhine, and Alyssa Grubler. Students interested in participating in the Cotillion should contact the Wheeling Symphony office.

## FACULTY NEWS

### Smay to be awarded prestigious Bishop's Cross

Campus Minister and Religion Department Chairman Jeffrey A. Smay will be awarded a 2009 Bishop's Cross award in recognition of his "dedicated service and commitment to Catholic Schools" on March 22. Smay will be among five recipients of this year's award, and one of two from the city of Wheeling.

"I am honored and humbled to be one of the recipients of the Bishop's Cross award," said Smay. "I like to think it's not only a reflection of my work but that of my colleagues, who have each made a lot of sacrifices for Catholic education. The teachers at Central are good, hard-working, holy people...and that's what makes this truly rewarding."

Smay is a graduate of WVU with a Bachelor's degree in secondary education and a summa cum laude graduate of Fordham University with a Master's degree in Religion and Religious Education. He began his teaching career at Weirton's Madonna High School in 1976. Throughout his career, he also taught at Notre Dame High School (Clarksburg, WV), St. Catherine's Academy (Bronx, NY), St. Ann's Grade School (Bronx, NY), and St. Vincent - St. Mary High School (Akron, OH).

In 1986, Smay joined the CCHS faculty as a religion teacher and chairman of the Religion Department. The role of campus minister was added to his responsibilities in 1999. Smay works closely with Central students providing support and guidance as well as overseeing many of the school's religious activities, including Peer Ministry and Leadership Training, the annual trip for the March for Life Rally in Washington, D.C., the annual Life Chain project, the sophomore Canned Food Drive, Teens for Life, and the Pontifical Crew. Additionally, he coordinates all liturgies and penance services for CCHS, TEC, class retreats, and the Station's of the Cross during Lent.

Smay is a 31-year member of the Knights of Columbus, an 11-year member of the Wheeling Serra Club (helped create "Lunch with the Bishop" vocations program for area Catholic high school students); a 20-year active member of the Hancock County Chapter of West Virginians for Life; and, for 20 years, brought the Blessed Sacrament to Weirton Medical Center for the sick members of Sacred Heart of Mary

Parish. He is a parishioner at Corpus Christi, serving as lector, retreat director and speaker for the Confirmation program, and is a Parish Knights of Columbus Council member. Smay and his wife Carole have six children and two grandchildren.

*Congratulations!*



Campus Minister Jeff Smay



Above Jeff Smay assists CCHS Chaplain Fr. Dennis Schuelkens with a mass in the school chapel. At right, Smay organizes students for the March for Life Rally trip to Washington, D.C.



## Calendar of Events

2/24	.....	WVNCC Re-testing of Jrs.
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)
3/3	.....	Senior Reconciliation
3/4	.....	Parent to Parent Mtg. (6:30)
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)
3/22	.....	Bishop's Dinner for Catholic Schools, Morgantown
3/24	.....	Junior Reconciliation
3/25	.....	End of 3rd Marking Period
3/29	.....	French Follies Program (7 pm, Great Hall)
3/31	.....	Frosh/Soph Reconciliation
4/3	.....	Spring Dance (8pm, Pine Rm)
4/6	.....	Peer Ministry
4/7	.....	'09 Registration Assemblies
<b>4/9</b>	.....	<b>Early Dismissal Day</b>
<b>4/10</b>	.....	<b>No School (Good Friday)</b>
<b>4/13</b>	.....	<b>No School (Easter Monday)</b>
4/14	.....	Classes Resume
4/21	.....	Registration Day 2009-10 Yr.
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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## AWARD WINNERS

### Senior Sara Fowler awarded \$100K Scholarship to attend Wheeling Jesuit

Earlier this month, Senior Sara Fowler, daughter of Keith and Heidi Fowler of Belmont, OH, was surprised during her Physics class with Mr. Bittner when Wheeling Jesuit University's Dean of Enrollment Management Denny Bardos entered the classroom to present her with an oversized check in the amount of \$100,000 representing the prestigious Stephen J. Laut, S.J. Memorial Scholarship award.

WJU Admissions Counselor Nikki Donahue-Dunkin, CCHS Principal Dr. Joseph Viglietta, CCHS College Placement Office Counselor Donna Niggemyer, and Sara's mother were all on hand for the check presentation, as a cameraman from a local television station captured the moment.

Sara was among 600 students from all over the U.S. who were accepted in the original pool of applicants for the Laut award. WJU's Admissions Department then narrowed the list down to 20 seniors, choosing just two final recipients: Sara and Rebecca Olsavasky of The Linsly School.

The Stephen J. Laut, S.J. Memorial Scholarships are awarded annually to two winners of the competition among entering freshmen who plan to enter WJU's Laut Honors Program. Competition is open to high school seniors with these qualifications: 3.4 cumulative high school average and a combined score of 1100 on the SAT or a composite score of 24 on the ACT.

*Congratulations, Sara!*



Senior Sara Fowler (right) is awarded Wheeling Jesuit University's prestigious Stephen J. Laut, S.J. Memorial Scholarship. Presenting her a check in the amount of \$100,000 is WJU Admissions Counselor Nikki Donahue-Dunkin (left) and Dean of Enrollment Management Denny Bardos. Also pictured is Sara's mother Heidi Fowler.