

NEWS



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

8th Annual Matt Velez Wiffleball Tourney on May 17

Join the fun at the J.B. Sports Complex (I-470) Main Ballfield at noon

The wiffleball bats will be swinging and the spectators' cheers will be heard once again at the J.B. Sports Complex (I-470) on May 17 at noon as Wheeling Central Catholic High School hosts the 8th Annual Matt Velez Wiffleball Tournament. About 40 five-member teams have registered to play in what promises to be an exciting, fun-filled Sunday afternoon.

The Wiffleball Tournament is held in memory of Matt Velez, a former Central student who suffered a sudden cardiac arrest during his gym class in November 2001. Matt was given CPR immediately and the emergency squad arrived within 10 minutes and was able to restart his heart. But despite the quick medical attention, Matt suffered brain damage and died one week later surrounded by his family.

CCHS Spanish Teacher Kelly Wilson was co-leader of Matt's Peer Ministry Leadership Group in 2001. "Matt was such a wonderful, giving person and loved by all those who knew him," Wilson said. "When he passed away, his Peer Ministry Group wanted to do something really special to honor his memory and decided to organize an event that truly showcased one of Matt's greatest loves -- wiffleball. Six months after his death, the kids held the first Matt Velez Wiffleball Tournament, and the tradition has continued ever since."

Wilson said both students and alumni participate in the tournament, each team having its own theme and uniforms. "There's always so much excitement in the school as the Wiffleball Tournament approaches," Wilson said. "It's the only Central sporting event in which all the students can participate. The kids really look forward to it each and every year."

Matt's mother, Mary Velez, says she continues to be amazed by the students' enthusiasm for the event. "I get very emotional when I think about how much



The 8th Annual Matt Velez Wiffleball Tournament is scheduled for May 17 at the J.B. Sports Complex at I-470. Pictured (from l to r) are CCHS seniors Anthony Marchesi and Jennifer Elias; Wiffleball Tournament Advisor and CCHS Spanish Teacher Kelly Wilson; Mary Velez, director of the "Matt Velez Save A Life Campaign;" and Nursing Supervisor Pam Cooper and Development Manager Bethany Romanek of Crittenton Services, Inc.

the kids do for this tournament," Velez said. "I know it was important for Matt's friends to have the tournament, but now kids that never knew Matt are doing so much to keep his memory alive."

The Velez family also plays in the tournament, using the event as an annual get-together for relatives living as far away as New Jersey.

All proceeds will be donated to the *Matt Velez Save A Life Campaign*, a project spearheaded by Mrs. Velez to raise awareness about CPR and Automated External Defibrillators (AEDs) at schools and businesses. This year, the money raised will be used to buy an AED for Crittenton Services, Inc., in Wheeling. Any remaining funds will be donated to the family of Lindsey Harden, a CCHS senior who has accrued significant rehabilitation expenses after a severe car accident last winter.

For more information on the tourney, please contact Kelly Wilson at (304) 233-1660. We hope to see you there!

STUDENT NEWS

Regional Student Art Competition Winners Announced



Senior Caiwei Yang won first place in the competition's drawing category for her pen and ink drawing called "Dutch."

Three Central students were among 12 winners named at the annual Regional Student Art Competition held at the Oglebay Institute's Stifel Fine Arts Center earlier this year.

Overall, the Arts Center received 89 entries from both public and private schools. Twelve winners were chosen among the competition's four categories: drawing, painting, photography and 3-D. A Best of Show Award was presented and five works received honorable mentions.

Winning first place in drawing was CCHS senior Caiwei Yang for her pen and ink drawing called "Dutch." Caiwei also received an Honorable Mention award.

A third place ribbon in the painting category was awarded to Freshman Christine Gompers. In the 3-D category, Senior Will Feisley won third place for his mask entry.

All three winning artists received ribbons and prize money, presented by Oglebay Institute President Kathleen McDermott.

We congratulate our winning student artists and Art Teacher Ann Kahle for their achievements.



Winning third place in the Painting Category was freshman Christine Gompers for "By God, West Virginia."



Displaying his mask entry in the 3-D Category, designed in the style of 20th Century Dutch artist M.C. Escher, is senior Will Feisley, who placed third in the category.

Foreign Language Honorary Induction held

The CCHS Foreign Language Honorary Induction Ceremony was attended by 150 guests on March 1, welcoming 32 new student inductees who had achieved academic success in their respective foreign language classes.

Opening the ceremony were seniors Erin Gilligan, French Honorary president, and Tommy Pié, Spanish Honorary president, who each made a Welcome Addresses. Administering the pledge and performing the candlelighting ceremony for inductees were Spanish teachers Jan Grubler and Kelly Wilson, and French Teacher Pam Hartman.

The Foreign Language Honorary was instituted at CCHS in 1983 in an effort to recognize students for their achievement in the study of French, German and Spanish and to promote continuity of interest in these languages. Today, just French and Spanish classes are offered.

On a national level, the *Société Honoraire de Français* was established in 1949 by the American Association of Teachers of French as the National French Honorary Society of American Secondary Schools. Its aim is to stimulate interest in the study of French, to promote high standards of scholarship, and to reward high scholastic attainments. The Spanish National Honor Society (*Sociedad Honoraria Hispánica*) is an academic honor society focused on Spanish language excellence in secondary education and also promotes a continuity of interest in Spanish studies. The group was established in 1953 in the U.S. is sponsored by the American Association of Teachers of Spanish and Portuguese.

Congratulations to the following Inductees: (*French*) Elizabeth Altmeyer, Emily Bartsch, Kaitlyn Carpino, Molly Kurtz, Samantha Richardson, Brooke Swartling, and Kaity Wilson; and (*Spanish*) Alexis Ashbrook, Joey Baker, Meggie Ball, Kyle Bauer, Claire Caruso, Alexis Christakis, Michelle Corder, Bria Cross, Shane Greskevitch, Megan Griffin, Alyssa Hamm, Gem Jao, Jesse John, Markie Kaminski, Rachel Krofchek, Megan LaRue, Nicole Lauri, Neil McCormick, Nathan McFadden, Chas McFarland, P.J. Ratcliffe, Danielle Rittenhouse, Emma Russell, Nichole Scott, and Tori Zambito.

We also recognize the following officers for their role in "pinning" the new inductees: (French Officers) Andrew Bellevage (vice-president), Brett Boyce (secretary), and Caitlin Creighton (treasurer); and (Spanish Officers) Francesca Miller (vice-president), Emily Kurz (secretary) and Stephanie Pockl (treasurer).

SPIRITUAL LIFE

TEC, Confirmation Retreat Kudos

Thank you to the following students for volunteering their time to participate at the Teens Encounter Christ weekend #215, held at St. Thomas More Center last month: Hugo Andreini, Woori "Lolly" Choi, Sean Donahoe, Royale Kinnison, Sean Cain, Grace Drnach, Devin Eiler, Brian Garrett, Paul Henry, Michael Lusardi, Stephanie Pockl, Emily Schoene, and Alyssa Stahl. The team leaders were Keltus Emmerth, Megan LaRue, and Teachers Frank Przybysz and Greg Schultz.

We also thank the following seniors for volunteering at the March 27 Corpus Christi Confirmation Retreat: Justin Caldwell, Jennifer Elias, Andrew Henry, Chelsea LaRue, Megan LaRue, Francesca Miller, Matt Przybysz, and Jay Yelenic.

ADVANCEMENT OFFICE NEWS

Kroger Rewards Program set to change on May 1 using Kroger Plus scan cards

Effective May 1, the Kroger Company will introduce its new *Kroger Community Rewards* program. Under this program, scrip participants will no longer use a designated Kroger gift card to earn funds for CCHS, but rather can earn rewards simply by having their Kroger Plus Card scanned.



To participate in the new program, all families must first register their Kroger Plus Card on the Kroger website at www.krogercommunityrewards.com by following the appropriate enrollment prompts. To designate Wheeling Central as the beneficiary of your purchases, you must enter Central's non-profit organization (NPO) number: 81711.

If you don't currently have a Kroger Plus Card, you may request one at any Kroger store Courtesy Desk.

For those families using a reloadable Kroger card, you may continue to use the card for the CCHS Scrip Program until April 30. After that date, you will not lose any cash balance remaining on the card; however, your purchases will not be applied to the Kroger Rewards program, or likewise to the CCHS Scrip Program.

For further information, you may contact the CCHS Advancement Office or visit the Kroger website (krogercommunityrewards.com).

New SCRIP Retailer...Southern Living At Home is now available in \$25 and \$50 denominations at a **25% rebate** through **Consultant Janet Nxon**. Product catalogs are available in the Advancement Office or you can visit Janet's website at www.southernlivingathome.com/janetsideas. What a great idea for Mother's Day!

On-Line Scrip Ordering Available for CCHS Customers... Thanks to CCHS Webmaster Jason Knight, our website now offers a custom, on-line order form to purchase Scrip cards the school keeps in stock. Beginning June 1, parents can go to the Scrip link on the website (www.cchsknights.org) and place their scrip order any time, day or night, using this new, secure order form. Please remember, all orders placed on-line *must* be paid by credit card. All scrip purchased using this method must still be picked up at the school. Please note: CCHS will continue to accept orders placed via phone or through the hard-copy order form as well.

Scrip Program Re-Launch, One Year Later.... It was March 2008 when CCHS re-launched its Scrip Program offering families the opportunity to earn a 50% tuition incentive while also contributing to Central's Tuition Assistance Program. Our scrip inventory expanded from three cards (Exxon, Kroger and Riesbeck's) to today's inventory of 55 retailer cards. Family participation has been tremendous with 145 student families, relatives and alumni now actively participating in the program. Our highest monthly sales volume occurred in December '08 with \$57,925 scrip purchased. Our monthly sales average hovers around \$29,000. THANK YOU for your support!!

Changes to Scrip Program Management... Effective May 30, 2009, the CCHS Scrip Program will be managed by Mr. Wayne Berry, CCHS finance officer. Any questions regarding placing orders, card delivery, retailers, or tuition incentive reports should be directed to Mr. Berry at (304) 233-1660 (ext. 305) or by email at wbrberry@yahoo.com.

Calendar of Events

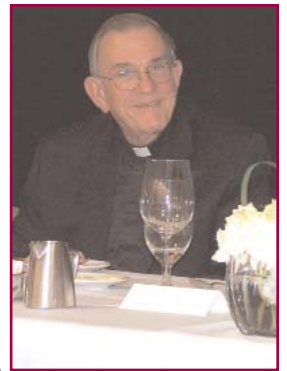
4/21	.....	.Registration Day 2009-10 Yr. Classes do not meet
4/27	.....	.Day off for students who met Sarris Candy sale quota
4/29	.....	.Respect for Life Liturgy (10 am)
5/1	.....	.Senior Prom (White Palace)
5/4	.....	.Peer Ministry (2:15 pm)
5/5	.....	.Senior Awards Liturgy
5/12	.....	.Underclassmen Awards
5/15/-5/16	.....	.Spring Musical (Great Hall)
5/17	.....	.8th Annual Matt Velez Memorial Wiffleball Tourney (noon, I-470)
5/19	.....	.Spring Instrumental Concert
5/25	.....	.No School (Memorial Day)
5/26	.....	.EXAMS for Period 1 and 2
5/27	.....	.EXAMS for Period 3 and 4
5/28	.....	.EXAMS for Period 5/6, 7
5/29	.....	.EXAMS for Period 8
5/29	.....	.Baccalaureate Liturgy (6 pm)
5/30	.....	.GRADUATION (11 am, Oglebay)

* Note: In late April or early May the Religion Department will conduct Lesson Two of the Virtus Program, entitled "Touching Safety Program" for all grade levels.

Please note this calendar is subject to change.

Very Rev. Eugene Ostrowski, V.F., named Monsignor

Congratulations to Central's Designated Pastor Very Rev. Eugene Ostrowski, V.F., who was recently named a Prelate of Honor to His Holiness by Pope Benedict XVI, entitling him to be addressed as Monsignor. The Most Reverend Michael J. Bransfield, Bishop of Wheeling-Charleston, announced this honor to Monsignor Ostrowski last month.



Msgr. Ostrowski, a native of Brooklyn, NY, is also pastor of Corpus Christi Parish and Vicar Forane of the Wheeling Vicariate. He has served in various diocesan leadership roles for 20 years. He was ordained a Roman Catholic priest of the Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston on May 21, 1977.



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Les Folies Françaises -- un succès merveilleux

Central's French students did an outstanding job on the evening of March 29 hosting and performing the 10th French Follies event. The 16 acts that comprised this year's show were a mix of skits, musical performances and dance routines. It was a wonderful performance truly enjoyed by all!

From the evening's proceeds, the French students voted to make a donation of \$250 to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital in Memphis, TN. Congratulations to French Teacher Mme Hartman and all the students on a job well done!



Above, performers of the "Le Chouchou du Prof" skit were (from left) Taylor Lucas, Caitlin Tomczyk, Brett Boyce and Caitlin Creighton. At right, Kaitlyn Carpino sings "Si J'avais des Ailes" while Jen Elias and Andrew Bellevage look on.



New CCHS Store to open

The Boosters Association plans to open a campus store in the school, in the same area that held former Knight Stand.

The new *Knight Stand Campus Store* will sell school supplies, apparel, and may also provide a copy machine for student use for a small fee.

To open this store, however, the Boosters need volunteers to work at the store 1-2 days each month. They are looking for retired alumni, alumni who may be students at a local college, parents, grandparents, or others who could work a 7 a.m. to 1 p.m. shift. As an incentive, all volunteers will receive **10% discount** on CCHS apparel.

The Boosters plan to open the store in August -- just in time for the start of the 2009-10 school year. All those interested in volunteering can contact Jan Orkoskey at (304) 277-2519.

Merci à tous ceux qui ont aidé avec les Folies Française -- les élèves, les parents et le personnel enseignant de CCHS. -- Mme Pam Hartman

Translation: Thanks to all who helped with the French Follies -- students, parents and staff of CCHS.

