

The Irish Insider

From the Principal's Desk . . .



On behalf of the entire faculty and staff, I am excited to welcome you to the 2013-

2014 school year! It is nice to see our halls filled with familiar faces and we are fortunate to see many new ones as well. The school was a very busy place this summer. It has been professionally cleaned from top to bottom and the roof was replaced where needed, thanks to funds from Bishop Bransfield!

Some painting was done, the gym floor refinished, floors waxed and new carpet was installed in the computer lab in Room 301. The remodeling continues this fall with the former Nazareth House next door to our school, as Father Dean and the Bishop are working together to transform this area into an eating area for our students! We thank you for your support and look forward to working

with everyone this year to make it the best ever! My door is always open, so please do not hesitate to contact me with any questions, comments or concerns that you have.



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Important Dates:

- 9/2 Labor Day - No School
- 9/6-7 Bishop's Cup (Wheeling, WV)
- 9/23-27 Spirit Week
- 9/27 Noon Dismissal - Homecoming Games & Fall Senior Night @ Spring Valley
- 9/28 Homecoming Dance
- 10/8 End of 1st 9 weeks
- 10/12 Charity Choice 5K
- 10/18 Noon Dismissal
- 11/11 Veteran's Day - No School
- 11/23 Reverse Raffle
- 11/25-29 Thanksgiving Break

Third Annual St. Joseph's Charity Choice 5K

St. Joseph Catholic Church and Schools, along with Prester Center, Hoops Family Children's Hospital at Cabell Huntington Hospital and the Huntington YMCA, will host the Third Annual St. Joseph's Charity Choice 5K Run and Walk beginning at 8:30am on Saturday, October 12th. Individuals

are invited to participate as a runner, walker, volunteer and/or sponsor. Awards will be presented to the overall top male and female race finishers, top three finishers in each age group and top three finishers in the stroller division. The event will also feature a pre-race packet pick-up and pasta

dinner from 5pm-7pm on Friday, October 11th at St. Joseph's. The dinner is free to race participants with proof of paid registration and \$7 for each additional person. Register today at www.tristateracer.com or call Carol Gale at (304) 522-2644 or Belinda Chapman at (304) 525-5096 for more information.

Academic Enhancement Committee (AEC)

Our school's Academic Enhancement Committee (AEC) is a volunteer group that was formed to assist the faculty and staff with events and activities, which is similar to a traditional PTO. In the past, the AEC presented our teachers with small gifts of appreciation throughout the year, hosted teacher lunches and held a pot-luck Christmas dinner for parents. This year, we are hoping to introduce CPR certification to all of our students, assist with class retreats

and recruit other parents to be involved in our school and its many activities. We are always looking for volunteers to be a part of our AEC. If you are interested in joining the committee, please call the school at (304) 525-5096 or email kfischer@stjosephhs.org.

2013 - 2014 Enrollment

Freshman:	39
Sophomore:	36
Junior:	28
Senior:	<u>38</u>
	141



Club News

Want to be more involved this year? Check out our Clubs and Organizations:

Archery: Mr. Bond

Debate: Mrs. McCarty

Latin Club: Mrs. Chambers

National Honor Society: Mrs. Chambers

Venturing Club: Mr. Bond

Chess: Mr. Marti

Fellowship of Christian Athletes: Mrs. Appell

For more information on our Clubs and Organizations, including meeting times, check out our website at www.stjosephhs.org or speak directly to our Teacher Advisors!

Mu Alpha Theta: Mrs. Webb

National Jr. Honor Society: Mrs. Popp

Wellness Club: Mrs. Mays

Coinage and Currency: Mr. Marti

Key Club: Mrs. Mullins

Music Ministry: Mr. Moore

Pro-Life Ministry: Mr. Bond

Young Republicans: Mr. Warner

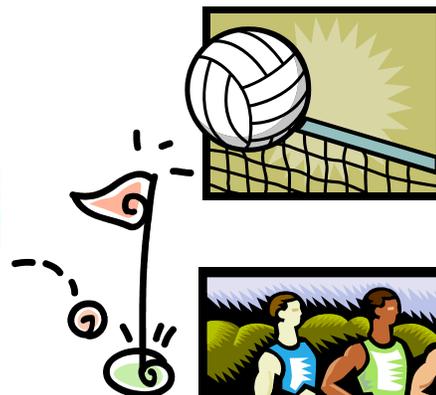
Student Council: Mr. Warner & Mrs. Popp

Fall Sports

The fall sports season is in full swing! For pictures, schedules and more information on the following sports, please visit our website at www.stjosephhs.org:

Boys Soccer - Coach Chuck Karnes & Coach Jim Karnes

Girls Soccer - Coach Dave Castle



Volleyball - Coach Erin Pemberton

Golf - Coach Shannon Lewis

Cross Country - Coach Dave Jenkins



From the Counselor . . .

A great way to start the new school year is to set goals. What do you have to accomplish in a month, 6 months, a year . . . 4 years? Goals help us to find direction. We have to make choices in order to get closer to those goals, so hopefully they are good choices. A good choice would be to listen to the teacher in the classroom. Another good choice would be to ask questions when you do not understand something, even if it is

after school where you would receive 1:1 attention. Remember that there are no "stupid" questions. Don't be afraid to seek tutoring - everyone has a subject that they could use help with. Set good study habits by finding a time and place that works for you. Keeping a planner is a great way to stay organized and to make sure you remember when assignments are due. Whether you are in the 9th grade or 12th, it is time to put your

best foot forward because today begins an important step toward your future. I hope you have your goals set high because here at St. Joseph's we have high hopes for you!

Mrs. Appell

Guidance Counselor

WV Virtual School

Visit <http://virtualschool.k12.wv.us> for a list of classes that students can take online for High School credit - and they are FREE!

This is When You Want to be Last . . . our 29th Annual Reverse Raffle!

Tickets are on sale for our 29th Annual Reverse Raffle! Only 500 tickets are sold and \$17,000 in cash/prizes are awarded, including the grand prize of \$5,000! Please mark your calendars for Saturday, November 23rd from 7pm-11pm to join us at the St. Mary's Center for Education, Huntington. Tickets are sold for \$100 each, which admits 2 adults (must be 21 years or older) and includes a grand buffet and

open bar. Insurance can be purchased with your ticket for an additional \$25, which allows you a second chance in the drawing. This is one of our largest fundraisers for our school - please help us make this event the best ever! Where else can you go for great food, good drinks, fellowship, and a chance to win cash, all while you are supporting our school? Don't forget to invite your friends!

Call
Belinda Chapman
to reserve your
Reverse Raffle Ticket
today!
304-525-5096

Only 500 are sold -
Don't be left out!

Congratulations to the Class of 2013 . . .

We are very proud of our 38 graduates from the Class of 2013 that were offered \$3,898,067 in scholarships and accepted \$960,095. The following is a list of our graduates and the schools they will be attending this fall: Cortney Anderson, MU; Carlos Arroyo, Chowan; Sarah Arthur, Glenville State; Allison Bartram, MU; Emma Bauer, WVU; Dakota Bowman, U of Chicago; Lakin Brooks, MU; Luke Browning, MU; Kayla Chambers, MU; Bobby Dean, MU;

Michael DeRosa, WVU; Paul Dransfeld, U of SC; Dylan Duling, MU; Austin Ferguson, IBEW Apprenticeship; Williams Gabriel, U of NH; Erik Gaynor, Marquette; Evan Goetz, WVU; Stephen Jenkins, Waldorf; Moses Kinglsey, U of Arkansas; Brynne Kyle, MU; Travon Landry, New Mexico State; Nicholas Lorenzana, MU; Taylor Massie, MU; Michael Mayes, Glenville State; Dominique Neff, U of Cincinnati; Anthony Pino, WVU; Ian Pletka, WVU;

Xavier Rathan-Mayes, Florida State; Amy Reynolds, MU; Jennifer Sang, Concord; Turner Stacks, MU; Patrick Strake, Texas Tech; Beth Sutfin, MU; Elizabeth Thompson, MU; Clark West, Undecided; Andrew Wiggins, Kansas U; Catherine Wippel, MU; Dominic Woodson, Memphis

Valedictorian - Dominique Neff

Salutatorian - Catherine Wippel

Honorarian - Emma Bauer

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Shout Outs!

- Congratulations to our Teacher/Coach/Athletic Director, Shannon Lewis, on winning **TWO** National AAU Titles with his 5th Grade and 7th Grade WV Thunder Teams!
- Congratulations to our Teacher, Mrs. Webb, formerly Miss Stephens, on her wedding this past summer!
- Welcome to our new Teacher, Mr. David Meddings and returning Teacher, Mrs. Candy Kmen

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