

SHAMROCK LINES

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TUITION ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS

Tuition Assistance Forms for the 2010-2011 school year are now available in the Scotus Central Office between 7:30 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. when school is in session.

Feb. 15 **Archdiocesan Tuition Assistance Form** for grades 9-12. Deadline to have this application completed is March 12th.

Feb. 15 **Scotus Tuition Assistance Form** for grades 7-12. Must also complete the Archdiocesan Tuition Assistance Form and/or the Children's Scholarship Form. The income criteria chart for the Archdiocesan form is not necessarily a qualifying factor for the Scotus form. Deadline to turn in these forms will be April 19th.

Mar. 1 **Children's Scholarship Fund Application Form** for grades 7 & 8. Deadline to have this application completed is April 19th.

2009-2010 Annual Appeal!

The response to our Annual Appeal to fund the replacement of classroom windows in the Science Wing for Mr. Younger and Mr. Salyard has been outstanding! As of February 8, 2010 we had 672 donors to the appeal who contributed a record breaking \$46,287. With such a wonderful response, we now plan to replace the windows not only in Mr. Younger and Mr. Salyard's classrooms but also the windows in the band/choir room, Mrs. Tooley's classroom and the Student Activities Offices for Mrs. Hash, Mr. Puetz! Wow! Thank you so much! Of course, any additional donations to the appeal are welcome so that even more important improvements can be made to our facilities—all for the benefit of our Scotus Central Catholic students and staff!

Wayne Morfeld

♣ President

Several times during the course of this school year and actually over the past couple years I have received very kind compliments on the improved physical condition of the Scotus Central Catholic facilities. Nice job Wayne! While I really appreciate the kind words, the people providing these words really missed the mark. It is YOU, SCOTUS SUPPORTERS, who have made all the great improvements possible. Even though we are experiencing a nation wide recession you have continued to keep the support of Scotus Central Catholic a priority in your lives.

This fall Scotus Central Catholic started its annual appeal with a goal of replacing the windows in the science classrooms of Vern Younger and Tom Salyard. Because of your amazing support for this project and the support of the installer, Columbus Door and Window, Scotus will be able to do much more. The initial goal of \$30,000 was blown out of the water when you donated in excess of \$46,000 for this project. Absolutely amazing! As a result of your generosity next summer new windows will be installed in both science classrooms as planned, on the north side of the music room (shared by Kristen Cox and E. J. Gardner), in Janet Tooley's classroom (second floor north side between the art and music room), and the activity offices occupied by Gary Puetz and Annette Hash. The \$46,000 you donated bought all of this. Thank you; your kindness will significantly improve the learning and working environment of your school.

As a supporter of Scotus please take a moment to give yourself a pat on the back. The next time you are in the building take a look around and reflect on how the physical plant has improved in recent years. Don't forget to consider the invisible improvements that are enjoyed literally every day, heat and air conditioning. Then remember who has made this possible. YOU!

I spend a lot of time in my articles literally bragging about the great performance of Scotus students and the efforts of our teachers to guide out students to those performances. But would any of this be possible without you? Would Scotus Central Catholic be here without your great support? I frequently tell prospective new parents that an education at Scotus is a partnership between their student, the parents and the school; all must be willing to make a great effort. That is true, but without your great support would that opportunity even exist?

From all of us; THANK YOU!

Senior High Guidance

2010-11 Class Registration

The scheduling process has begun and students are pre-registering for classes for next year. All course requests will be made online. The course descriptions and graduation requirements are posted on Scotus' home page, www.scotuscc.org/ simply click on the Course Descriptions icon. Remember it is the student and parents' responsibility to be aware of and meet all graduation requirements. If you have questions or concerns, I am available to assist you.

Senior Notes

If you are intending on filling out the FAFSA form, you need to do so as soon as possible. If you turn it in before March 1st you have a better chance of being offered some type of financial aid. Make sure to check the scholarship lists made available in Religion Class, as well as the Guidance Office. If you have determined which college you will be attending in the fall, get your deposits paid. By doing so, you will be given the opportunity to complete a housing contract. Priority is given to early applicants. With graduation on the horizon, remember to get your photos (baby, family, & senior pic) turned in for the senior slide show. Please mark your photos so that they can be returned. Also, a small number of classmate pictures (past, present & future) will also be accepted for review.

Junior Opportunities

Boy's and Girl's State applications are available. Candidates will be required to fill out an application and do a formal interview. Interviews for Girl's State are scheduled for February 23rd and Boy's State will be March 4th in the Conference room and posted in the daily announcements. It is a good time to think about taking the ACT test. Colleges use ACT scores for scholarship and admission purposes. You are allowed the opportunity to take the test as many times as you want. Colleges will recognize the highest composite score no matter which test date. Available test dates occur throughout April, June, September, October, December & February. The next test is April 10th with regular registration due March 5th and late fee required March 19th. Most colleges accept the scores up to and including the December test of a student's senior year. Plus, if you want to try to boost your scores, CCC-Columbus campus is offering a 4-hour, fast-paced ACT workshop, March 27th with pre-registration due March 22nd. Also, check out Sylvan Learning Center.

Student of the Month

Congratulations to Amy Steiner! Amy will be recognized as Elk's Teen of the Month this spring. She will be featured in the Columbus Telegram and the Elk's Hilltop Newsletter. Amy is the daughter of Richard and Gwen Steiner.

Prayer

Is Prayer your steering wheel or your spare tire? -Corie Ten Boom

Junior High Guidance

Student of the Month

I am pleased to announce that Katie Reisdorff, daughter of Rod and Kelly Reisdorff is the 8th grade student of the month. She has one sister, Amy. Katie was nominated and voted for by her junior high teachers. Her recognition luncheon was February 15th @ New World Inn provided by the noon Lion's Club. Congratulations Katie!

Registration

I will mass enroll the 7th grade students for next school year. The only student elective is band. Please notify me if your son or daughter will opt in/out of band for next school year. 8th grade students will be bringing home course description books and a paper registration. Parents, please be involved in the process. We request that you sign their registration. If you have questions, feel free to contact me...

NE Career Connections

Sponsored by the Dept. of Labor, Dept. of Education, Dept. of Economic Development, Education Quest Foundations, Vocational Rehabilitation, Nebraska 4H & FutureForce Nebraska is being made available to students and their families to assist in careers, education planning & additional educational resources. The web site is up and running: <http://www.nebraskacareerconnections.org/> Students in the 8th grade have created a login through Study Skills class.

March

"No matter how long the winter is, spring is sure to follow"

Men's Alumni Basketball Tourney

Mark your calendars now for the Men's Alumni Basketball tourney that will be held on Friday & Saturday, March 26 & 27, 2010. Information has been emailed. If you were not contacted, please Email Annette Hash at: ahash@esu7.org.

Attention Scotus Parents!

Gala is getting close: April 17, 2010 and this is an event you just can't miss! This year's theme is "Midnight in Paris" and the event promises to be another celebration of Shamrock Pride and Community and Support for Catholic Education.

- We need 30 parents to say, "YES! I'll help" and volunteer as Gala dinner servers and we also need large crews to help with the post-gala clean-up immediately following the grand auction on Saturday evening and for the Sunday morning clean-up on Sunday April 18th. Please encourage your students to sign up too!
 - You'll have a great time!
 - Be a part of Scotus' most successful (and important) annual fundraiser, and sign up today by calling the development office at 564-7165. We hope to raise between \$175,000 and \$200,000—that equates to about a \$500 scholarship for each of our 368 students attending Scotus! Also let us know if you wish to get involved in a different way or if you have something to donate for the auctions!
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William and Barbara Gerhold Family Teacher of the Year

Congratulations to the 2010 Teacher of the year: Barbara Halligan of St. Isidore School!

Legacy Capital Campaign Update

God bless our wonderful Legacy Campaign supporters! 2010 is the final pledge payment year for the \$2,064,352 in pledges received and as of February 10, 2010 pledge payments total \$1,816,506.13. Planning is underway to set our goals for the next SEF fund drive—which will kick off sometime late this summer.



Gala Car Raffle -- EARLY BIRD DRAWINGS

- Car Raffle tickets purchased on or before Feb 28 automatically qualifies the buyers for a special drawing on March 1st. Three ticket buyers will each win one free car raffle ticket.
 - All Tickets purchased on or before March 31 automatically qualify the buyers for a second special drawing on April 1st. Two ticket buyers will each win one free car raffle ticket.
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Unique Gala Grand Auction Item

VILLA AVES DEL PARAISO

Spend a week in this 10,000 square foot, three-level luxurious villa nestled in the cliffs overlooking the blue green waters of Manzanillo Bay and the Pacific Ocean. Located in one of the world's most exclusive private enclaves, called La Punta, it is a tropical paradise on Mexico's gold coast. Truly an ideal retreat for discerning people, La Punta's controlled access preserves the tranquility and provides maximum security. The villa boasts marble floors and terraces, domed ceilings, lush gardens and a magnificent pool area. Designed for a maximum of eight persons, the villa includes four bedrooms and five baths. All water to the house is purified. A trained staff of six including a villa manager, chief chef, assistant chef, housekeeper, bilingual houseman and concierge are there to pamper you from the moment your arrive.

La Punta Amenities: A beautiful private beach club is yours to enjoy. There are palapas for shade and lounges to recline on, plus a large lap pool that will allow dedicated swimmers to keep in shape. You can snorkel around the nearby rocks or just enjoy the sun and waves. Tennis enthusiasts will find the La Punta tennis complex in perfect condition with 4 hard courts, lights for night play and a dedicated tennis pro who will be happy to help beginners or even experienced players. Or, if you just would like to walk or jog through La Punta, you will be joining others, getting the same exercise, morning and night.

Spa Services: Professional technicians will come to the villa by appointment. Massage treatments, facials, manicure, pedicure and waxing are all offered.

Activities outside of La Punta: Golfers can enjoy the 18-hole championship course at the Las Hadas Hotel. Designed by Pete Dye, it is challenging and scenic. The clubhouse is only 10 minutes away from the villa. Or, a 60-minute drive will take you to Isla Navidad. This is Mexico's premier golf course...Twenty-seven holes, in perfect condition. Another 15 minutes further, will bring

you to, Tamarindo... This course was actually cut out of the jungle and is truly a challenge to any golfer. It is equal to the famous Pebble Beach in California. Besides the golf...you can go deep-sea fishing (in the sailfish capital of the world), scuba diving, exploring and, of course, shopping. Nightlife is all around, with discos, bars and restaurants.

The winning bidder has 18 months from the date of the auction in which to use the week: running from April 17, 2010 to October 17, 2011. The only time the villa is not available is usually around December 22 through January 4—outside of that, the villa is available for booking subject to prior reservations.

Donated by: Haley Van Demark and Friends of Scotus

Value: \$13,000 (The villa normally rents for \$1900 per day and \$13,000 per week.)

Minimum Opening Bid: \$6,900

2010 Alumni Soccer

Can you put an announcement about the 2010 Alumni Soccer Tournament, to be held August 6-8th, 2010 at the McLaughlin Field. Any questions, please contact Coach Jon Brezenski at jwbrezenski@columbushosp.org

Mr. Shamrock 2010 on March 15

Who will be crowned Mr. Shamrock 2010? You can find out on Monday, March 15 when the 6th annual Mr. Shamrock contest takes place in Memorial Hall. Eleven senior men will exhibit a variety of talents, share their insights while being interviewed, and strut down the catwalk modeling their "catch that dream girl" outfit. The cost of attending will be 2 food items or \$2.00. The proceeds are given to the Simon House. Mr. Shamrock is organized by the Scotus High School Student Council.

FISH FRY - ALL YOU CAN EAT

WHERE: St. Anthony's Social Hall – Columbus, NE

TIME: 5:30 PM to 8:00 PM

DATES: Every Friday from Feb. 5th through March 26th, 2010

NOTE: No FISH FRY on Good Friday, April 2nd.

PRICES: Adults - \$7.00

Seniors - \$6.50

Children (6-11) - \$3.00

Children (5 & Under) - FREE

Dinner Concert Thank You!

Teachers and Administrators--for helping with student supervision.

Dinner and Clean-Up Workers—for volunteering for a stressful job! We served 800+ people at the dinner concert. Thanks for making it all run smoothly!

Dads—for working the 50/50 table.

Cathy Hoops—for the use of your equipment and kitchen.

Ed Goerlinger—for helping us put everything away again :-)

Senior High Band—for all your help Sunday night, Monday afternoon, and Tuesday morning.

Band Seniors—for making the evening a huge success with your wit and charm :)

Sunday set up/decorating crew—for giving up your Sunday afternoon to help out the Band!

Milan and Linda Levos, Terri Morrison, Mary Powers, Cheryl Tira, Moni Albracht—for taking on the position of Chair!!!! Wow, you all did an outstanding job! Thank you so very much!

Parents—for meat donation money, the incredibly delicious food, and for supporting your child in band. I know how hard it is to get kids to the after school practices and I sincerely appreciate your commitment to this department!

In Gratitude,
Kristen Cox

Band News

St. Pat's Parade:

The Band is excited to debut new marching bells for the St. Pat's parade. The Band will get back to its "Irish Shamrock" heritage with the tune "Irish Spectacular." Although we will endure cold temperatures to prepare for the St. Patrick's Day Parade, our 100 piece marching group is determined to give a great performance in Omaha on the 13th. Go Shamrocks!

Honor Band Updates:

York Middle School Honor Band, February 2010—Amy Price, Emily Allen, Halle Fuchs, Melissa Thalken, Ashlea Rinkol, Phil Levos, Noah Schacher, Abby Allen, Ryan Steiner, Toby Tooley, Carly Cremers, Joe Sonderman, and Lucas Cox

Conference Honor Band, March 2010

Bill Cremers, Laura Salyard, Amber Ewers, Lauren Kuta, Vanessa Cox, Carrie Bartholomew, Joel Ostdiek, Sarah Swope, Michael Albin

District Music—April 23 & 24

The Senior High Band will be entering 17 events this year at District Music Contest. The event is held right here in town at Central Community College. Please consider attending some of our events. We love performing for our "Scotus Family" in addition to the judges ☺

Senior High Spring Concert—April 28

We Appreciate These Students.....

Does your student need "Living the Faith" school hours? Scotus cafeteria recycles all of our metal, cardboard and plastic products daily. Because of this, we are always happy to have students remove the lids off of metal #10 cans, crush the cans and tear apart the cardboard boxes. They also take out the boxes to our outdoor bin. Because we do daily satellite lunches to Immanuel Lutheran School, we also need students to help unload the delivery van and carry the containers down to the cafeteria. To record the hours, a sheet is filled out recording the daily start time and end time. Students can earn anywhere from 5 minutes to 30 minutes in a day, which can add up to 4 hours in a month. The students that are available to help are generally in one of the 2 study halls during 6th period.

We have had several students work with us the past 2-3 years and have had several this year. We are always looking for help as not all of the students that work can make it everyday.

If interested, please have your student visit with Shelly Adams, Lunch Account Manager, she is in the cafeteria 8:00AM to 4:00 PM.

Cathy Hoops
Nutrition Service Manager



March 2010

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 First Day Spring Practice B BB District	2 Blood Drive 8:30-2:15	3 Stu-Co Meeting 7:45 (Rm N5) Speech District @ Battle Creek H.S. Shamrock Club Meeting 7:00	4 G BB State	5 G BB State	6 G BB State
7	8	9 TR Parents Meeting 6:00 Cafeteria (one parent asked to attend)	10 7:45-12:10 SCHEDULE End 3rd Quarter	11 NO SCHOOL B BB State	12 NO SCHOOL B BB State Deadline for Archdiocesan Tuition Assistance Forms	13 SAT Band @ St. Pat's Parade-Omaha
14 Daylight Savings Time Begins Mr. Shamrock Practice 1:00	15 Lunch Payment Due \$45 Mr. Shamrock Contest 7:00	16 NHS Officers 8:00 (Rm N3) Pep Rally 3:10 SCC-CHS BB Coaches Fundraiser @ CHS 7:00	17 Flag Corps Meeting for Girls Gr.8-11 7:30 NHS Meeting 7:45 Little Theater All School Mass 2:30 Mothers Club Meeting 7:00 Location TBA	18 Speech State V BA Norfolk 5:00	19 G/B TR @ UNK Invite 1:00 G/B SO @ Elkhorn Invite JV BA Norfolk 5:00	20 Conference Band/Vocal @ Boys Town G/B SO @ Elkhorn Invite V BA Roncalli 12:00 JV BA @ Roncalli 12:00 State Math Counts - Lincoln
21 CloseUp Trip	22 Thespians Initiation Week V BA Mt. Michael 5:30	23 G/B TR @ Wesleyan Invite 2:00 G/B SO Lakeview 4:30 V BA Skutt 4:30	24 Penance Services	25 Penance Services G/B TR @ David City Tri 4:00 G/B SO York 4:30 JV/V BA Arlington 4/6:00	26 DRESS DOWN DAY Alumni Basketball	27 B SO @ Creighton Prep Tourney 12:00 Alumni Basketball JV/V BA @ Lincoln East 12:00
28 Palm Sunday	29 G SO @ Gretna 5:00 JV BA @ Grand Island 5:00 V BA Grand Island 5:00	30 7:45-1:43 SCHEDULE G SO @ Pius X 5:00 G/B TR SCC Relays 2:00 JV/V G TE Norfolk 4:00	31 Stations of the Cross 2:30			

B BB – Boy’s Basketball G BB – Girl’s Basketball B SO – Boy’s Soccer
G SO – Girl’s Soccer TR – TRACK BA – Baseball TE - Tennis