



"Ram Ramblings"

MONSIGNOR DONOVAN CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL

"TO RADIATE THE LORD"

Friday, February 26, 2010

HEADLINES:

Prospective Students

Application deadline for prospective students is March 5th.



"A Night in Wonderland"

The freshman class cordially invites all students to

"A Night In Wonderland..."

The spring dance will be March 20th
from 8:00 pm to 11:00 pm in the MDCHS gymnasium.
Invitations will be given out March 16th.

Haiti Benefit Tonight!

Come check out a Benefit for Haiti at the 40 Watt Club tonight. Five local bands will be playing including "Henry Barbe" and "Native Kid." Come out and support musicians from MDCHS while raising money for our annual mission trip to Haiti!
See flyer on page 5 – MDCHS students in action!



A special thanks to everyone who donated items to the families in Haiti. Our prayers are with the parents and students going on this year's mission trip. Hank Wright and his group depart Saturday!

Are you ready for *Camp Fears!*

Mark your calendars for Coach Fears'

Strength and Conditioning Camps

8:00 am to 12:00 pm

June 7th thru 10th – June 14th

June 14th thru June 17th

June 21st thru June 24th

Sports Fundamentals Camps

2:00 pm to 6:00 pm

Volleyball Fundamentals – June 7th thru June 10th

Soccer Fundamental – June 14th thru June 17th

Basketball Fundamental – June 21st thru June 24th

***Look for Registration Forms and
more camp information to come soon...***

Attention Juniors and Seniors

PROM is April 17, 2010 at the Classic Center from 8-11:00pm. You really need to plan ahead as there are 7 schools having PROM the same weekend! Come see Mrs. Stutsman if you have any questions.



Presidential Press

Our Student Body President, Scott Glassman, is visiting the U.S. Naval Academy,

So there will not be a *Presidential Press* this week.

Scott will return next week with another exciting Press release!

Student News :

Attention Musicians! MDCHS Band Wants You!

We are having a lot of fun now that our new MDCHS Band is active and tearing-it-up down in room 206. But we need more horns! Want to join the coolest band in town?! Can you play saxophones, clarinet, trumpet, trombone, flute, or any woodwind, brass or strings? Please consider signing up for band as you put your fall semester together. Come see me or e-mail me if you have any questions or concerns about joining the band. We need you! Great music guaranteed!

Thanks, Mr. Enghauser - cenghauser@mdchs.org



MDCHS Farmer's Market Club

We're getting geared up for another exciting and productive year at the Athens Farmer's market. We hope to continue supporting our Haiti Children and be able to sponsor an additional child with a year of food, education and clothing. With our new Certification as Naturally Grown, our gardener-students are making plans for starting organic seeds for the first time.

Our club is in need of a canopy tent for the market. This year the Athens Farmers Market is asking all vendors to provide their own tent to set up under. If anyone has an unused event canopy tent and is interested in donating it to our club we will be very grateful! Mark your calendars for May 8th, the first day of the 2010 Athens Farmers Market season!

Student Council

The student council is hosting a blood drive on our campus on March 31 from 8-1:00pm. Please call 706-433-0223 to make an appointment.



St. Cecilia Society

There will be normal practices on Thursdays from 3:30 pm to 4:00 pm.



4th Annual Class of 2010 Yard Sale!

The fourth annual Class of 2010 yard sale will be on April 10, 2010 at the Glassman's home on University Drive (off Milledge Ave.). Please clean out your closets and send to MDCHS any donations. All donations must be clean and priced! Members of the senior class will be happy to pick-up large items at your house. Please email Mrs. Stutsman and she will make the arrangements! Clothes are NOT accepted unless they are priced at \$3.00 or higher.

Spring Literary

Students participating in a music event for spring literary competition will have a "dress rehearsal" Tuesday, March 2nd, during period F. Your music should be memorized and ready to go! Please report to the band room at the beginning of the period.

Hannah Rowan Media Center News

- The entire month of March is dedicated to WOMEN! The 2010 theme for *National Women's History Month* is *Writing Women Back Into History*. The roots for this honor go back to March 8, 1857, when women from New York City factories staged a protest over working conditions. *International Women's Day* was first observed in 1909, but it wasn't until 1981 that Congress established *National Women's History Week* to be commemorated the second week in March. In 1987, Congress expanded the week to a month. Ever since, Congress has passed a resolution for Women's History Month, and the President has issued a proclamation. Drop by the Media Center to view some of the books about women; take a glance at some interesting facts about women; and look at this year's poster.
- Another big celebration in March is *Dr. Seuss's birthday!* If he were alive today, he would be 106 years old! A popular author for children and adults alike! How many of you know what his first book was? It took 27 rejections by different publishers before Vanguard Press published it. It is ***And to Think That I Saw It On Mulberry Street***. When he died in 1991, he had written and illustrated 44 children's books. Visit the library to look over his biography, his favorite books, and a list of his more popular titles. Which Dr. Seuss book was your favorite?
- The Media Center will also have a display of *Famous Birthdays in March*, and a new display of *This Month in History*. This is a list of the more popular events that have taken place in history during the month of March!
- There is so much to read about in the Media Center this month! Make sure you take some time to take a look at all the happenings!



MDCHS “ATHLETICS” NEWS



Tennis: The Tennis team will be having the home-opener Tuesday @ 4pm against Strong Rock at Bishop Park courts 7-9 (closest to Hancock Ave). GO RAMS!



Baseball: Thanks to all who donated for the pitching machine, especially the class of 2008. We have purchased it and it is already finding good use at baseball practices.



Girls Soccer: Our Lady Soccer Rams are practicing hard and gearing up for a “Ramtastic” season! Their first game is on Thursday, March 4th, 2010 in Alpharetta at 4:30 pm where they will take on Kings Ridge! First home game is Monday, March 15th at 4:30 pm vs Furtah. Go Rams!



Golf: Golf practice will start March 3rd after school. Matches begin on March 22 at Brentwood.

St. Joseph News:



Prospective MDCHS Students: March 5, 2010 is the application deadline for prospective students.

Admissions testing date for MDCHS Admissions: Saturday, February 27th at 10:00am. Please call 706-433-0223 to confirm your appointment.

For all your MDCHS News and Information,
please go to our website www.mdchs.org

Counselor's College Corner

*The Counselor's Corner is stocked with new and current information for many colleges and universities.
Testing information and practice is always available, too.*

National Foreign Language Exams: National Spanish Exam and National Latin Exams will be administered on March 4th. All foreign language students should arrive rested and on time to ensure optimum performance.

Gainesville State College 2010 Spring Open House at Oconee Campus is scheduled for Saturday, March 20th at 9:00 AM in the Student Resource Center. Registration begins at 8:30 AM. Find more information at www.gsc.edu.

The Truth about Grades and Test Scores: You spend hours putting together all the pieces of a complete college application. But you might be wondering if, in the end, a college's decision to accept or reject you really just boils down to your GPA and SAT/ACT scores. Just how important are your grades and test scores in the college application process?

The reality is looking at your test scores and GPA is the quickest, easiest way for colleges to size you up academically. So it's not surprising colleges usually review these two parts of your application first. In fact, most colleges have a minimum requirement for grades and test scores that you have to meet in order to even be considered for admission.

If you don't fall within the college's acceptable range, you'll probably end up in the denied pile pretty quickly. Although colleges do, from time to time, make adjustments to their guidelines, these cases are rare. Don't count on being a special case.

But if you qualify, your grades and test scores will simply be weighed along with all the other information in your application. And depending on the college, you might even be accepted based on your test scores and GPA alone.

Of course, like nearly every other aspect of the college application process, the importance of your grades and test scores varies a lot from school to school.

- Large colleges with many applicants are much more likely to rely on "statistical" information like test scores and GPA to manage their huge pool of candidates.
- Small colleges often take a more personal approach to admissions and put nearly as much importance on personal essays, interviews and letters of recommendation as they do grades and test scores.
- Highly competitive colleges simply demand excellence on every part of your application. With so many top students applying, outstanding grades and test scores are pretty much a prerequisite to be considered.

All that being said, there's a reason colleges ask you to write a personal essay, provide letters of recommendation and give a rundown of your interests and extracurricular activities. Admissions officers really do use that information to understand who you are, and decide if you'll be a good fit on their campus.

So work hard for those grades and test scores, but be sure your application gives colleges the full picture of you as an individual. And, at the end of the day, remember that there are many colleges out there, and there is a right college for you, whatever your grades and test scores.

There are test optional colleges, schools that don't use standardized test scores as admissions criteria, and colleges with open admissions. These schools accept virtually all applicants. Community colleges are always an option for students wanting to improve their academic standing, and apply to a dream college as a transfer student. Article taken from Cappex.

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AP Testing Schedule: Students have received the Bulletin for AP Students and Parents. Students are responsible for knowing the material contained therein. Fees for AP tests are now due. Checks should be made payable to MDCHS – AP Program, and submitted to the Counselor's Office. At MDCHS, all students enrolled in AP courses are required to sit for the national exam.

This weekend is College Goal Sunday: • Date: February 28, 2010 • Time: 2PM • Location: Room 148, Miller Learning Center at UGA

The Office of Student Financial Aid at the University of Georgia will be hosting a College Goal Sunday event February 28. The goal of this event is to assist high school seniors and college students in filling out the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA). All graduate and undergraduate students must complete the FAFSA process after January 1 of each year in order to receive consideration for federal aid (including grants, work study and student loans) for the upcoming academic year.

What You Should Bring With You to This Event:

- Your Social Security Number
- Your driver's license (if any)
- Your 2009 W-2 Form and other records of money earned
- You (and your spouse's, if you are married) 2009 Federal Income Tax Return
- Your parent's 2009 Federal Income Tax Return (if you are a dependent student as defined by federal criteria)
- Your current bank statements
- Your current business and investment information, such as business and farm records, stock, bond and other investment records
- Your documentation that states you are a U.S. permanent resident or other eligible non-citizen

Who can attend this event? High school seniors who are applying to college who need assistance filling out the FAFSA. Both UGA and non-UGA students are welcome to attend this event! Parking at the Tate Student Center is free on Sundays. The Tate Student Center is located next to the Zell B. Miller Learning Center. For driving directions, please visit <http://mlc.uga.edu/directions/driving.html>. For more information about this event, please contact Mandy Branch-Friar at (706) 542-6147 or e-mail mzweig@uga.edu



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@ THE 40 WATT CLUB

**QUIET HOOVES, CASPER & THE
COOKIES, NATALIE HINKLE,
NATIVE KID, AND HENRY BARBE**

DOORS @ 8:00

ADMISSION \$8

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 26th