



# "Ram Ramblings"

MONSIGNOR DONOVAN CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL

*"TO RADIATE THE LORD"*

Wednesday, January 25, 2012

## **HEADLINES:**

Mardi Gras Countdown Has Begun!

*16 days to go until our biggest fundraiser of the year!*

## Mardi Gras Silent Auction Needs You!

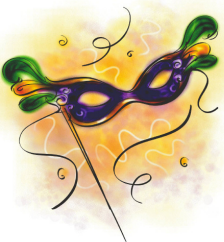
Mardi Gras @ Donovan 2012 is right around the corner and as in the past, we will be holding a silent/live auction during the event. We're in the process of collecting merchandise/items for the event and request your assistance in making the auction a success. Won't you consider donating an item to support Monsignor Donovan's biggest fundraising event? Maybe you have a talent and would consider donating your time? Some items that would be great for the auction include:

***Vacation Homes, Gift Certificates to restaurants, shopping sprees, shows, Concert or sporting event tickets, Services (babysitting, yard work, painting, limousine, catering, electrical, decorating, spa services), Gift Baskets (any type), Jewelry, Accessories, Clothing, Artwork, and Home and Garden Collectibles***

Donating is easy. You can send your donated item to school with your child by February 3<sup>rd</sup>, or we can make arrangements to pick it up from you. Call Amy if you need more information or would like to make a donation 706-410-4164.

## Mardi Gras Sponsors

Thank you to our newest Mardi Gras sponsors. Our new Gold sponsors include: Mrs. Hannah Rowan, Mr. and Mrs. Mark Christopherson, The Scherer Family, Wells Fargo Advisors, Salloum Construction, The Classic Center, and Balance – A Pilates + Wellness Studio. Thank you also to our new Green sponsors, which include: The Cray Family, Mr. and Mrs. Ray Brewer, The Knights of Columbus, and La Parilla Taqueria. Thanks also to our new Purple sponsors: Duplicating Systems, Publix Supermarket Charities, Sonia Says, and Steffl Machine and Tools. We appreciate your support of Monsignor Donovan Catholic High School!





# MARDI GRAS at Donovan

Saturday,  
February 11, 2012  
6 to 10:30 p.m.

Buffet ♦ Cash Bar ♦ DJ  
Casino ♦ Live & Silent Auctions

590 Lavender Road  
(706)433-0223

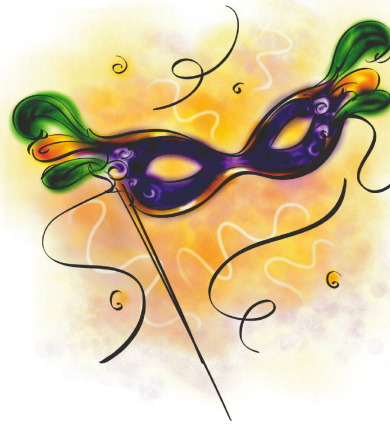
Cajun Food by  
George's Lowcountry Table



\$50.00 per person  
[www.mdchs.org](http://www.mdchs.org)

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*EVENT  
TICKET*



**Mardi Gras tickets are NOW on sale! Please contact Ann Scherer at 770-725-8931. Julia Nasworthy will also have tickets in the MDCHS office. You don't want to miss out as this year promises to be the best ever with the addition of a Casino.**

**First fifty tickets sold will go in a drawing to win a \$50 gift certificate to George's Lowcountry Table, so don't procrastinate!**

## ***Has Your Student Sold Their Raffle Tickets?***

We need everyone selling those tickets to make this the most successful Ram Raffle ever! There are fabulous prizes for the top sellers and your picture will be posted on the Ram Raffle *Wall of Fame!* If you have sold your 10 tickets, remember there are more in the front office...so sell, Sell, SELL!!!

# **MDCHS Admissions News!**

We are hosting a Second Glimpse of Donovan Information Session on Wednesday, February 1<sup>st</sup> at 6 p.m. This is the event for you to share with anyone who may be interested in learning more about Monsignor Donovan Catholic High School.

## **Admissions Deadlines for Prospective Families:**

Wed., February 1, 2012	Second Glimpse of Donovan at 6 p.m.
Sat., February 4 or 11, 2012	Testing dates for prospective students. Contact Mrs. Holly Snelling 706-433-0223 ext. 227 or at <a href="mailto:hsnelling@mdchs.org">hsnelling@mdchs.org</a> to reserve a spot. Testing time 9:00 - 11:30 a.m. Please arrive by 8:45 a.m. for check-in.
Thu., February 23, 2012	Tuition assistance application due directly to FACTS for prospective students.
Thu., March 1, 2012	Application deadline for prospective students.
Tue., March 6 and Wed., March 7, 2012	Interviews for prospective students. (Please contact Mrs. Holly Snelling 706-433-0223 ext. 227 or at <a href="mailto:hsnelling@mdchs.org">hsnelling@mdchs.org</a> to schedule an interview time
Mon., April 2, 2012	Written notification of admission and tuition assistance status mailed to parents of prospective students. (Students will not be considered for admission without a completed packet)
Tue., May 1, 2012	A non-refundable commitment fee of \$150 is due for prospective students.

*Note: Applications received after admissions decisions have been made will be processed according to availability of space. Tuition assistance applications received after the deadline of February 23, 2012 will be awarded based upon need and availability of funds.*



## PRESIDENTIAL PRESS

Every morning as I walk from my room to my kitchen, I pass a wall *covered* with various athletic awards given to my older brother Shea during his years at Donovan years earlier. Just past this wall is another wall, scantily filled with just a few awards. I'm then left to wonder why Shea was given so many athletic talents and I was given so few. After much thought, however, I have realized the real reason behind the discrepancy in awards is a much improved athletic program from Shea's years (2004-2008) to my years (2008-present). While I still believe Shea is definitely the superior athlete, I find it hard to believe that he would rack up such a large amount of awards at MDCHS today.

An athletic program that was steadily improving under former athletic director Jeremy Elliot has drastically improved with the arrival of our current athletic director, Will Mayer. Just this year, Donovan athletic teams have already accomplished many feats. The soccer and volleyball teams won their respective region championships this fall, a first for each team. Both the boys and girls cross country teams qualified for the state tournament for the first time since 2007. The girls basketball team is in the middle of its most successful season ever, which started with an incredible run of eleven straight victories. The boys basketball team is in the running for the region championship, even with multiple starters injured. The swimming team is enjoying much success under the coaching of our very own Ms. Juhan. To say Donovan's athletic program is on the rise is an understatement. No disrespect to Shea or other athletes from Donovan's earlier years, but our athletic program used to be somewhat of a joke to other schools. Under new direction and with even more dedicated students, MDCHS is making a name for itself for both its academics *and* athletics.

## Ram Bragging Rights!

Congratulations to Rudy Montayre, 9th grade, for a successful participation in the Georgia Music Educators' (GMEA) All State Piano Auditions held on December 3, 2011 at Mercer University's McCorkle School of Music. Rudy competed along with other 9th graders in the piano solo category. He played "Sonata in F minor, Op.2, No.1, I. Allegro by Beethoven.



## St. Joe's Jog

13<sup>th</sup> Annual St. Joe's 5K & 1 Mile Fun Run: Saint Joseph Catholic School invites you to run, jog or walk on Saturday, February 18<sup>th</sup>. The Fun Run begins at 8:30am on Childs Street and the 5K begins at 9:00am. Registration forms are available online at [www.sjsathens.org](http://www.sjsathens.org). Come on out for some fitness, fellowship, great food and a chance to win some great door prizes. Please call Saint Joseph Catholic School at 706 543-1621 ext. 12 if you have any questions. **A "Friend of St. Joe's" has offered to pay the entry fee for interested Donovan students and staff who pre-register by February 9. See Mr. Yuran for details.**



# MDCHS ATHLETICS!



## DONOVAN ATHLETICS WEEK IN REVIEW

### TUESDAY, JANUARY 17<sup>TH</sup>

- The Lady Rams basketball team fell to Briarwood 47 - 28 on the road. The Lady Rams record stands at 13 – 4 and 3 – 4 in GISA REGION 1AA.
- The Donovan boys basketball team also lost at Briarwood 51 – 38. BJ Barrett led the Rams with 16 pts. The Rams record stands at 11 – 6 and 3-4 in GISA REGION 1AA.

### FRIDAY JANUARY 18<sup>TH</sup>

- The Lady Rams took on Brentwood at home looking to avenge an earlier defeat 36 – 33 at Brentwood. In a hard fought battle the Lady Rams lost 28 – 27. Brentwood hit a 3 pointer to give them a 28 – 27 lead and the Rams had two chances to score the winning basket in the final 20 seconds but could not convert. The girls are 13 – 5 and 3- 5 GISA 1AA.
- The Donovan boys were also looking to avenge 74 – 55 loss at Brentwood on January 3. The Rams trailed 25 – 16 in the 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter but made a furious comeback to take home a 43 – 38 win at home. Schafer Smith, Zach Griffin and BJ Barrett led the Rams to victory. The boys are now 12- 6 and 4-4 GISA AA.

**RAM SWIMMING:** At the Mt. de Sales December Invite the Monsignor Donovan Boys team placed 4<sup>th</sup> out of the 8 teams. There were also several top 10 finishes: Relay Events: Boys A Medley Relay placed 5<sup>th</sup>, Boys B Medley Relay placed 9<sup>th</sup>, Girls A Free Relay placed 10<sup>th</sup>, Boys A Free Relay placed 5<sup>th</sup>, Boys B Free Relay placed 9<sup>th</sup>.

Individual Events: Boys 50y Freestyle - Daniel Gallo placed 7<sup>th</sup>, Jacob Price placed 9<sup>th</sup>, Boys 100y Butterfly - TJ Krunkosky placed 2<sup>nd</sup>, Girls 100y Freestyle - Grace Alex placed 9<sup>th</sup>, Boys 100y Freestyle - Daniel Whitson placed 4<sup>th</sup> and Jacob Price placed 10<sup>th</sup>, Boys 100y Backstroke - TJ Krunkosky placed 9<sup>th</sup>, Boys 100y Breaststroke - Daniel Whitson placed 1<sup>st</sup>.

There were several additional state qualifiers: Jacob Price qualified for the first time in his 100y Freestyle, Daniel Whitson qualified for the 100y Freestyle - making this his third qualifying event. TJ Krunkosky qualified in both the 100y Butterfly and the 100y Backstroke - his 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> qualifying event. TJ has qualified in all 8 possible individual events. The team has one final regular season meet Saturday, January 28<sup>th</sup> at the Cumming Aquatic Center before the Final State Meet February 4<sup>th</sup>.

## Upcoming Athletic Events:

Tuesday, Jan 24	Basketball	Monticello	Piedmont	JV Girls 4:30 V Girls 6pm V Boys 7:30pm
Friday, Jan 27	Basketball	Home	CFCA	V Girls 6pm V Boys 7:30pm

### **SENIOR NIGHT – ALL SENIORS TO BE RECOGNIZED BETWEEN THE VARSITY GAMES!**

Saturday, Jan 28	Swimming Basketball	Cumming Macon	Dual Meet Covenant	10am JV Girls 2:30pm V Girls 4pm V Boys 5:30pm
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## † Join us for Mass at MDCHS †

The faculty, staff and students at Monsignor Donovan Catholic High School celebrate Mass once a month during the school year. Parents, we would like to extend the invitation to you to join us to celebrate as a community whenever we have Mass. The dates for our school Masses are:

Friday, January 27<sup>th</sup> – Catholic Schools Week Kick-off Mass

Wednesday, February 22<sup>nd</sup> – Ash Wednesday Mass

Friday, March 23<sup>rd</sup> – Mass

Friday, April 13<sup>th</sup> – Mass

Friday, May 4<sup>th</sup> – Mass – Alumni Induction

***Gentlemen!***  
***Don't forget your ties***  
***on Friday for Mass!***



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