



"Ram Ramblings"

MONSIGNOR DONOVAN CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL

"TO RADIATE THE LORD"

Thursday, February 02, 2012

HEADLINES:

Mardi Gras Countdown Has Begun!

9 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 student by February 3rd, 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.



Knights of Columbus Essay Contest Winners

The Knights of Columbus hosted an essay contest earlier this year and MDCHS students participated. The Knights of Columbus theme this year was "The Responsibility of the Catholic Citizen in a Free Society." MDCHS is proud to announce three winners from our school: Fiona Puthenpura, Amanda Barton, and Zachary Ramos. Congratulations!



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

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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?

All students turning in 10 SOLD Raffle Tickets on Friday, February 3rd will get a Chick-fil-A chicken biscuit!

If you have sold your original 10 tickets, remember there are more in the front office...so sell, Sell, SELL!!!

Last turn in day is Monday, February 6th!

MDCHS Admissions News!

Admissions Deadlines for Prospective Families:

Sat., February 4 or 11, 2012	Testing dates for prospective students. Contact Mrs. Holly Snelling 706-433-0223 ext. 227 or at hsnelling@mdchs.org 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 hsnelling@mdchs.org 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.

Admissions Deadlines for Current Families:

Mon., December 12, 2012	Re-enrollment packets mailed to current families.
Thu. January 5, 2012	Letter of Intent due, along with \$150 re-enrollment fee.
Thu. February 23, 2012	Tuition assistance application due directly to FACTS for current students.
Thu. March 1, 2012	Contracts for 2012-2013 school year and tuition assistance awards mailed to parents of current students.
Thu. March 8, 2012	Signed agreements are due for current students.



PRESIDENTIAL PRESS

Not to brag, but I'm fairly certain I hold the title of being the fastest one to Donovan's Den when lunchtime comes. If I'm not in the Den within fifteen seconds of the bell ringing, I'm either absent or my fellow classmate Katie Roberts (Or "KR" as I like to call her) is holding my bookbag to prevent me from getting there. What's the rush? Securing a microwave, of course! Even though we have five microwaves, I refuse to risk having to wait for someone's frozen dinner to heat up for eight minutes. Also, I couldn't forget to mention my very discriminating preference for some microwaves over the others. Once I've fully secured my microwave, I put in my food, which normally consists of delicious leftovers from a previous meal at my house...(Thanks Mom!). I try my best to be considerate of the "lessers" who just aren't able to match my quickness to the lunchroom by heating up my food for no more than a minute. After eating quickly and hearing Kipruto beg someone for fries or wings or a quesadilla, I head over to the gym, where I baffle even our varsity basketball players with my skills on the court. Fifteen points and ten rebounds later, it's usually time to head to my English class with Ms. Juhan, where I am always on time and *definitely* have my shirt tucked in.

In such a crazy and unpredictable world, you can take comfort that some things—like this routine—will *never* change.

† Teen of the Year! †

Bridget Beaupre, Class of 2015, was chosen as the Teen of the Year at St. Matthew Catholic Church in Winder. Bridget and her parents will attend a luncheon with Archbishop Gregory where she will be recognized along with all the other parish teens. Congratulations Bridget! We are so proud of you!



Monsignor Donovan Catholic High School Blood Drive

Tuesday February 14th, 2012
8:30 am to 1:30 pm

Sponsored by the Student Government Association
To make an appointment to donate,
please contact David Glassman at 706-247-4340
or davidtglassman@gmail.com
to schedule an appointment time.
Please bring a photo ID.

All presenting donors will receive
a Chick-fil-a coupon.

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.

The **UGA YOUNG DAWGS SUMMER SCIENCE PROGRAM** is a six week program designed to provide high achieving high school sophomores and juniors (rising juniors and seniors) an opportunity to participate in an unpaid science internship during the summer. Students are required to have a 3.5 GPA. We are anticipating 30-35 summer placements in a variety of lab settings including physics, chemistry, astronomy, hydrology, computer science, veterinary medicine, pharmaceutical biology, nano-materials, etc. Although the focus of the program is science, students can also be placed in non-science areas. Although the dates and daily times of the internships vary, the average commitment is 4-6 hours per day, Monday through Friday from June 1-July 13. Students would also participate in at least two "Lunch and Learn" activities which could include speakers from Admissions, Financial Aid as well as other college departments. Each student will provide a final presentation at the end of the program. There is no cost to participate in these unpaid internships. The application deadline is March 10. For more information please contact Jim Geiser at 706-254-6695 or orjeiser@uga.edu.

ALUMINUM CANS FOR RECYCLING: We are still collecting cans and will be doing so until April 2012. Please continue to collect them and bring them to school. We are selling the aluminum this year but most of all we are trying to become the school to collect the most aluminum cans (per capita).

BLACK COLLEGE EXPO: Saturday, February 11th, 2012, from 9 AM to 5 PM. Cobb Galleria, Atlanta. The Black College Expo is helping students across America get to college, careers and beyond! At this EXPO you will be able to meet with colleges, perhaps be accepted on the spot, find out about internships, and take part in live band auditions for scholarships. Admission is \$10 at the door or \$8 online at www.thecollegeexpo.org.



The Office of Student Financial Aid at the University of Georgia will host a College Goal Sunday event February 19. 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). Your Social Security Number, your driver's license (if any), your 2011 W-2 Form and other records of money earned, you (and your spouse's, if you are married) 2011 Federal Income Tax Return, your parent's 2011 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, high school seniors who are applying to college and current college students who need assistance filling out the FAFSA are invited to attend. 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.

SWEET BRIAR COLLEGE: An all-girls college located in Virginia is hosting an engineering weekend for sophomores, juniors and seniors to explore the field of engineering. It's a chance to "try on" engineering as a college major. The dates are July 22 to 27, 2012. The cost is only \$30 and it includes lodging, all meals, supplied and a T-shirt. There are only 25 spots, so sign up soon at sbc.edu/engineering or contact Hank Yochum, Ph.D. at (434) 381-6357.

HOPE SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS: Seniors, it's not too early to sign up for the HOPE Scholarship. On GACollege411.org, you will find GFSAPPS. Registering for the HOPE is quick and easy.

THE BULLETIN(S) FOR AP STUDENTS AND PARENTS 2011-2012 have been distributed to AP students. Please ask your son or daughter to share this information with you.

ABRAHAM BALDWIN AGRICULTURA COLLEGE (ABAC) School of Science and Mathematics has a special scholarship program. The National Science Foundation (NSF) has awarded ABAC a \$600,000 grant to provide scholarships and enrichment opportunities to students in a pure science or mathematics degree program. Visit www.aba.edu/ms/bachelor/ and www.abac.edu/gatech for more information on some exciting programs.

TOCCOA FALLS COLLEGE is hosting a **Student Leadership Encounter** for high school students who are leaders in their schools and churches on March 3 from 9:45 AM until 3:30 PM. Visit www.tfc.edu to register or for more information.



MDCHS ATHLETICS!



DONOVAN ATHLETICS WEEK IN REVIEW

DONOVAN LADY RAMS ROUNDUP: The Lady Rams had a busy week with three region games last week. On Tuesday January 24 the girls lost a tough game in overtime at Piedmont. The girls bounced back on Friday January 27 on senior night at home to defeat CFCA. The girls avenged an earlier loss to CFCA in Macon. On Saturday January 28 the Lady Rams held on for a 3point win on the road against Covenant Academy. The girls' record now stands at 15 – 6 and 5-6 in GISA AA.

DONOVAN BOYS BASKETBALL ROUNDUP: The Donovan Boys Basketball team lost at Piedmont on Tuesday January 24 by the score of 43 – 35. The boys' led 17 – 11 at the half but scoreless in the 3rd quarter. BJ Barrett led the Rams with 15pts and 5 assists. On Friday January 27 the boys lost another tough game at home 50 – 43. The boys trailed 44 – 42 with just over a minute left but had 4 players foul out in the last minute to seal their fate. BJ Barrett had 16pts and Zach Griffin added 11. The Rams went on the road to Covenant Academy in Macon and came away with a 63 – 56 win on Saturday January 28. The Rams defense held Covenant to 3 2nd quarter points to take a 34 – 22 halftime lead. Zach Griffin had a season high 24 pts. including 12 of 14 from the FT line. Schafer Smith added 12 pts. including 2 three pointers and Will Keen had 10pts. The Rams are 13 – 8 and 5 – 6 in GISA AA.

RAM SWIMMING: The MDCHS Swim Team had their best performance EVER at this past Saturday's Crown Knights Invitational at the Cumming Aquatic Center in Cumming, GA

With several new qualifiers and top ten finishers the Boys Team won 1st place out of the 16 teams competing. The girls team placed 10th.

Top Ten finishers: Boys A Medley Relay - 2nd, Boys B Medley Relay - 5th, Girls A Free Relay - 9th, Boys A Free Relay - 3rd, Boys B Free Relay - 4th, Boys 200y Freestyle: Daniel Whitson - 2nd, Daniel Gallo - 8th, Boys 200y IM: TJ Krunkosky - 1st, Boys 50y Freestyle: TJ Krunkosky - 2nd, Daniel Whitson - 3rd, Drew Wharton - 5th, Jacob Price - 8th, Boys 100y Freestyle: Jacob Price - 2nd, Jed Eldridge - 5th, Arthur Nelson - 6th, Boys 500y Freestyle - Michael Whitson - 2nd, Boys 100y Backstroke: Jed Eldridge - 5th, Billy Cisco - 7th, Terry Sanzo - 8th, Chris Diaz - 9th, Boys 100y Breaststroke: Daniel Whitson - 2nd, Jacob Price - 5th, Arthur Nelson - 10th,

New State Qualifiers: Daniel Whitson qualified in the 50y Freestyle and the 200y Freestyle - bringing his total qualifying events to five. Jacob Price added two new qualifying times - 50y Freestyle and 100y Breaststroke - his total at three events now. Daniel Gallo added one more qualifying time - 200y Freestyle - his total at three as well. Drew Wharton qualified for the first time in the 50y Freestyle. Grace Alex, TJ Krunkosky, and Jed Eldridge both bettered their already qualifying times.

The team cannot wait to compete at the GISA State Meet this Saturday, February 4th, at Georgia Tech!

Upcoming Athletic Events:

Tue. Jan. 31st - **Basketball vs. Briarwood** - JV Girls 4:30pm, Varsity Girls 6pm, Varsity Boys 7:30pm

Fri. Feb. 3rd - **Basketball at Windsor** - Varsity Girls 6pm, Varsity Boys 7:30pm

Sat. Feb. 4th at **Gatewood** - JV Girls 12 pm, Varsity Girls 1:30pm, Varsity Boys 3pm

*****REGION TOURNAMENT STARTS NEXT WEEK AND WILL BE HELD AT PIEDMONT ACADEMY IN MONTICELLO!!!!!!**

Girls Varsity will play Tue. Feb. 7th at 8pm for the right to advance to the State Tournament.
Boys game will either be Mon. Feb. 6th at 7:30pm or Wed. Feb. 8th - Time TBA

† 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:

Wednesday, February 22nd – Ash Wednesday Mass

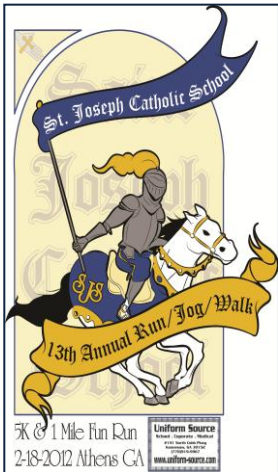
Friday, March 23rd – Mass

Friday, April 13th – Mass

Friday, May 4th – Mass – Alumni Induction

St. Joe's Jog

13th Annual St. Joe's 5K & 1 Mile Fun Run: Saint Joseph Catholic School invites you to run, jog or walk on Saturday, February 18th. The Fun Run begins at 8:30am on Childs Street and the 5K begins at 9:00 am. Registration forms are available on the St. Joseph website at 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.**



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