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Bishop Shanahan: Founded in Faith, Rooted in Tradition, Growing in Excellence

Winter 2012



A Message from the President of BSHS Sister Regina Plunkett, IHM '64

Dear Parents of our 6th, 7th, and 8th graders,

May the peace of the Lord be with you! May the joy of Christmas remain with your families throughout the new year. We give thanks to God for all the blessings we have received as a school community in 2011 and look forward to 2012, knowing that the "Lord of All" leads the way.

As always, there is wonderful academic news to share with you. The class of 2011 received \$27 million in scholarships at the time of their graduation in June, 2011. We have 11 students in the class of 2012 who have been recognized by the College Board —9 National Merit Commended Students and 2 Semi-Finalists. We have 54 Advanced Placement Scholars and have the highest standardized testing scores in the archdiocese. Our students respond very well to a rigorous academic environment that will prepare them for future challenges in our modern world. We are 21st century learners on all fronts. Our present freshmen are doing extremely well with their Dell netbooks and we look forward to the class of 2016 using this marvelous educational tool next year as well. More specific information on the netbook requirements will follow. This is an exciting educational initiative and we plan to continue with it in the future.

Our extracurricular activities and sports provide great opportunities for student life and healthy competition. We have outstanding sports teams and are a respected rival in the Ches-Mont league with several of our Fall sports teams going to district playoffs this year. Our musical, "Beauty and the Beast" was performed for sell-out crowds to the delight of the audiences." The excellence of our Fine Arts Department is well known and we applaud them for their dedication and love of the Arts which so enrich our school community.

We are committed to Catholic Education, excellence in academics, and diversity in our athletic and extra-curricular offerings. There is a place for everyone at Shanahan—a world of opportunity as well. Our students--scholars, athletes and artists-- delight us. Student life at Shanahan is wonderful! We are truly blessed each and every day.

We look forward to seeing our 8th graders on Universal Visitation Day on January 19 and invite all family members to join us on Sunday, January 22, for our Open House and Registration. Come and see what Shanahan has to offer. Compare our tuition with other local private Catholic schools and you will see what a "bargain" Shanahan is. There is no better investment.

BISHOP SHANAHAN HIGH SCHOOL IS ALIVE AND WELL!

We look forward to welcoming you to Bishop Shanahan. There is so much more to share! God bless you.

Sincerely yours

Sister Regina Plunkett, IHM '64



Take the leap and come to Shanahan!

LET THE NUMBERS SPEAK FOR THEMSELVES

"You can't argue with the numbers" as Mr. Finley, Department Chairperson for Mathematics and Mathletes moderator says. Shanahan has the statistics that prove we are a top college preparatory high school in Chester County in spiritual life, academics, sports, Fine Arts and student life in general. No matter how you figure it, the facts below add up to excellence in Catholic education.

- **SCHOLARSHIPS:** \$27 Million in Scholarships for the Class of 2011
- **NATIONAL MERIT SCHOLARS:** 11 in the Class of 2012; 2 Semi-Finalists; 9 Commended
- **ADVANCED PLACEMENT:** 18 course offerings; 54 AP scholars, Classes of 2011 & 2012
- **SAT and TERRA NOVA SCORES:** Highest in the Archdiocese of Philadelphia! Higher than the PA and national average by 20 to 68 points in reading, math and writing.
- **MATHLETES:** 2011 Archdiocesan Champions!
- **CHOIR:** 1st Place winner of the B101 Choir Competition
- **FORENSICS:** 2011 State Champion and 1st Place Speech Team
- **YEARBOOK 'AQUILA':** 1st Place Gold Medalist from Columbia Scholastic Press Association
- **RUGBY:** 2011 Eastern PA Champions; 11th in the Nation
- **SOFTBALL:** ChesMont National League Champions 2011
- **SWIMMING:** Relay team medaled at State Championships
- **FOOTBALL:** District Playoffs 2010
- **VOLLEYBALL:** ChesMont League Champions 2011
- **GIRLS' SOCCER:** District Playoffs Fall 2011
- **CHEERLEADING:** National Cheerleading Competition
- **And much more!**

IMPORTANT DATES & INFO

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| Universal Visitation Day | 8th Graders |
| ▪ January 19, 2012 from 8:30 am to 1:30 pm | ▪ Parish, public and private school students are welcome to attend. |

- Open House and Registration**
- January 22, 2012 from 12 Noon to 3:00 pm

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| Tuition for 2011 – 2012 School Year | \$6,100 |
| ▪ Registration Fee: \$350 FROM Jan. 9 to Feb. 19 | |
| > After Feb. 19, \$400. | |

**For enrollment questions, contact Mrs. Carol Dale
610-343-6206 or cdale@shanahan.org**

PRIDE IN NUMBERS...DID YOU KNOW?

Bishop Shanahan, in its 54th year, graduated its 10,000th senior in 2011.

Shanahan attracts its student body from a diverse group of schools. For 2011-2012 students came from **18** parish feeder schools, **3** charter schools, **13** area private parochial schools, **32** local public middle and high schools and several more out-of-state schools. The blending of these students makes for an interesting and diverse student body full of fresh ideas. The total enrollment is **1,190**.

Bishop Shanahan graduates have 100% college acceptance. The **306** students in the Class of **2011** earned a total of **\$27.4** million in scholarships and grants. The following are some of the colleges and universities to which the Class of 2011 received acceptance: American, Boston College, Boston University, Bucknell, Catholic, Clemson, Cornell, Dickinson, Drexel, Duquesne, Fordham, Hofstra, Immaculata, Johns Hopkins, Lycoming, Northeastern, Penn State, Purdue, Rensselaer Polytechnic, St. Joseph's, Temple, Thomas Jefferson, Villanova, West Chester. A full list can be viewed at www.shanahan.org – Admissions, School Profile

Bishop Shanahan has 27 Neumann Scholars in 9th through 12th grade. A Neumann Scholarship is a full-tuition award to 8th graders provided by the Connelly Foundation to students who achieved with top test scores and who plan to attend Archdiocesan high school.

11 students in the Class of 2011 were named National Merit scholars: 2 Semi-Finalists and 9 Commended

12 members of the senior class were inducted into the National Honor Society on October 17. **36** juniors joined the **42** senior students inducted last school year. In addition, **20** were inducted into the *Spanish National Honor Society*; **11** students were inducted into the *French National Honor Society*; and **5** students were inducted into the *Italian National Honor Society*. Bishop Shanahan was happy to welcome Mr. Brian Downey '05 back as the keynote speaker for the ceremony. Brian's speech was entitled "From Woodbine to Wall Street". Brian is a graduate of the University of Pennsylvania with degrees in Finance and Chemical/Bio-molecular engineering. He is a senior research associate at Sanford C. Bernstein & Company, LLC in New York City.

THE SIGNATURE PROJECT Shanahan's part in art history!

On October 24th Bishop Shanahan participated in "The Signature Project". After an inspiring presentation to the student body, Shanahan's name will forever be imprinted on this landmark project. To represent the entire school, all members of the Student Council, Sr. Maureen, Sr. Regina and Ms. Stranix signed a piece of a mural that will be added to **thousands** of signatures. The Project consists of a **million** people's individual signatures, but also layer upon layer of different forms of art. When completed the mural, created by artist Patrick Dunning, will measure 76 feet by 36 feet and will feature the sun, stars, earth, the galaxy and the moon.

Left: Students sign the mural; Right: Artist Patrick Dunning with a portion of the project.



YOU COULD PAY MORE FOR A CATHOLIC EDUCATION, BUT WHY WOULD YOU?

2011-2012 Comparable Tuition

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| Academy of Notre Dame DeNamur | \$19,261 |
| Archmere Academy | \$20,875 |
| Bishop Shanahan High School | \$ 6,100 |
| Devon Prep | \$18,500 |
| Episcopal Academy | \$28,120 |
| Malvern Prep | \$26,700 |
| Padua Academy | \$10,000 |
| Salesianum | \$12,000 |
| St. Joseph's Prep | \$18,475 |
| Ursuline Academy | \$16,590 |
| Villa Maria Academy | \$14,100 |

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A FEW ALUMNI SUCCESS STORIES, THE NUMBERS SPEAK VOLUMES!

Adam Kaminski, '11 broke a school record by obtaining his **14th** varsity letter. Kaminski was named to **10** All-Ches-Mont League teams, as well as being rewarded with a Wendy's High School Heisman Award, the Philadelphia Union League Good Citizenship Award, and a Shanahan Spirit Award. He also maintained a **4.0** grade-point average, which allowed him to be awarded the most prestigious academic scholarship allotted by Dickinson College, where he is playing football.

Derek Fiorenza, '05 received a degree in communications and business from Villanova and a masters degree from California University of Pennsylvania. He mentored **10** football players who were struggling academically at CU. He works part-time for his father's benefits consulting company. In addition, he currently oversees F4-Fiorenza's Food for Friends, an organization that expects to serve holiday meals to **1,000** people in **14** shelters and social-service agencies in seven Southeastern Pennsylvania counties, as well as **3,500** people in the Pittsburgh area.

Zachary Manchester, '05 built a satellite chip. On May 16, 2011, the chip was launched into space on the shuttle, Endeavor. Manchester received his undergraduate degree, and is working toward his PhD degree in aerospace engineering, at Cornell University.

Maria DiSanti McCool '84, co-owner of Calista Grand Salon & Spa in West Chester, and her staff broke a Guinness World Record by completing **403** haircuts in 8 hours on September 25th. In doing so, "Calistalicious," as the fund-raiser was called, raised **\$9,000**. The money was split between the Cancer Program at Chester County Hospital and Jordan Baumeister, a young man suffering from cancer.

Muffet O'Brien McGraw '76, Notre Dame University coach was inducted into the Women's Basketball Hall of Fame. She has coached for a total of **29** years and racked up **644** victories, including one National Championship in 2001, all while making sure **100%** of her Notre Dame University players graduated.

