

Spirit of generosity

Collections yield \$3,000, but where does the money go?

There are many words to describe a fall Friday at Archbishop Rummel High School. Excitement. Raider pride. Two-liter soft drinks. Rummel T-shirts. Home-room. Mission collection.

Throwing a few bucks into the mission collection pouch may be a weekly habit for you, but have you ever wondered what the mission money is for? Did you know you were helping poor children in Africa have a better life?

Archbishop Rummel High School participates in a program called "Twinning" sponsored by the Christian Brothers Conference. Twinning is when a LaSallian school in North America is paired with a LaSallian school in Africa. The North American schools make financial contributions to help out the poor African schools.

Rummel has been paired with the

De La Salle Street Children Project in Dire Dawa, Ethiopia. The project, which began in 2003, provides scholarships, educational materials, school uniforms, and clothing to poor Ethiopian street children.

In the first six weeks of the collection, Rummel students raised more than \$3,000 (an average of \$500 per week) for the De La Salle Street Children Project. According to Mrs. Laurie Waltzer, activities assistant, Rummel students have been especially generous this year.

"In years past we'd collect about \$175-\$200 per week, but this year we've *really* been doing well," Waltzer said. "I'm not surprised, though. This is how it should be at a Christian school."

Waltzer said the most generous class as of the sixth week of mission collections has been the 8th grade class.



MISSION COLLECTIONS - It's not a secret. The funds collected through Friday mission collections at Rummel help pay educational expenses for poor street children in Dire Dawa, Ethiopia.

Building faith through involvement



RELIGIOUS LIFE - The Mass Band leads the student body in song during a recent school mass.

By Matt Keller '14

Faith. It is one of the core LaSallian principles, and it is emphasized heavily here at Rummel.

With daily Mass, campus ministry nights, and a dedicated religious education department, Rummel students have ample opportunities to grow in their faith.

The root of Catholic teaching here at Rummel is our chaplain, Fr. Kurt Young, who graduated from Rummel in 2005. He was valedictorian and student body president during his senior year.

When asked about how it feels to come back to preach at Rummel, Fr. Kurt said, "It's a great blessing to be back here at my alma mater. It feels very much like coming home."

Fr. Kurt complimented Rummel students on their dedication to faith.

"There is a very strong religious spirit [at Rummel] and, certainly, I would say it is leading the other schools in terms of the faithfulness of the student body and the overall religious atmosphere that I feel here," he said.

Fr. Kurt leads Mass at 7 a.m. on Monday and Friday and during the first half of lunch on Tuesday and Thursday in the chapel. Meanwhile, Mr. Matthew Caire is in the classroom every day, where he teaches

freshman and senior religion.

When asked about the presence of God on campus, Mr. Caire said, "The students let you know through their words and actions that the Lord is a big part of their lives."

Through organizations such as Mass Band and Campus Ministry, the students can get even more involved in spreading their faith.

"I've always wanted to join Mass Band, but I was always too nervous," said senior Seth Borne-Smith, who now sings and plays guitar in Mass Band. Seth has been singing all of his life and started learning how to play guitar in third grade.

"I decided to get involved in Mass Band this year because it's my senior year, and I wanted to contribute to the mass and put my two cents in," said Borne-Smith.

Senior Zachary Sailing is also striving to express his faith through involvement in Campus Ministry.

"I joined Campus Ministry because I wanted to get involved in a religious organization at Rummel," he said. "I was going to the Campus Ministry nights starting my sophomore year, and I had a lot of fun at them. Joining Campus Ministry was the perfect way for me to get involved."

Campus Ministry nights are held once every quarter, and each has a different theme.

Rockin' the fans

New band director adds fresh tunes to show

By Christian Hyde '16

This year the Raider Marching Band is under the new direction of Mr. Christian Bautista, who has already made his mark by introducing many new stand tunes to the band's playlist. Mr. Bautista's goal is to bring back the old tradition and heritage of the Raider Marching Band.

The Raider Band has dealt with many changes throughout the year and has learned to persevere.

This year's field show titled "007" was designed with the fans in mind. Songs in this show include the "James Bond Theme", "Skyfall", and a medley of "Live and Let Die" and "Die Another Day."

Bautista said, "The idea of this year's field show was to find something that would be musically challenging as well as appealing and fun to play and fun to listen to."

Bautista said he wants to strike a balance between musicianship, crowd appeal, and appeal to the performers.

"So far we've found our balance," Bautista said.

The new half-time show has been popular with students so far.

Sophomore Student Council member Evan Klein said, "The half-time show this year is really good. Skyfall is one of my favorites."

The Raider Band performs excerpts of this year's field show at halftime along with crowd favorites such as "Locked Out of Heaven" by Bruno Mars and "Please Don't Stop the Music" by Rihanna.

Adding to the experience at Raider football games, the band plays throughout the game in the stands.



RAIDER MARCHING BAND - The band performs its new "007" halftime show at a recent football game.

Bautista has stressed the importance of musicality throughout the game even in the harshest weather conditions imaginable.

Another objective of the band is entertaining the fans and football team. Todd Weller, sophomore varsity football player, said that he very much enjoys the band's stand tunes. He said one of his favorites is "Locked Out of Heaven."

Not only does the band motivate the football team but it also motivates the student section. Sophomore Andrés Fuentes, an avid Raider football fan, said that the

band is his motivation at all football games. He said he wouldn't know what to do without the Raider Marching Band at football games.

"The Raider Band is the pearl of the school," Fuentes said.

When asked where he sees the band heading in the future, Bautista replied, "I have always looked at the Raider Band as the cornerstone of music education in the Greater New Orleans area."

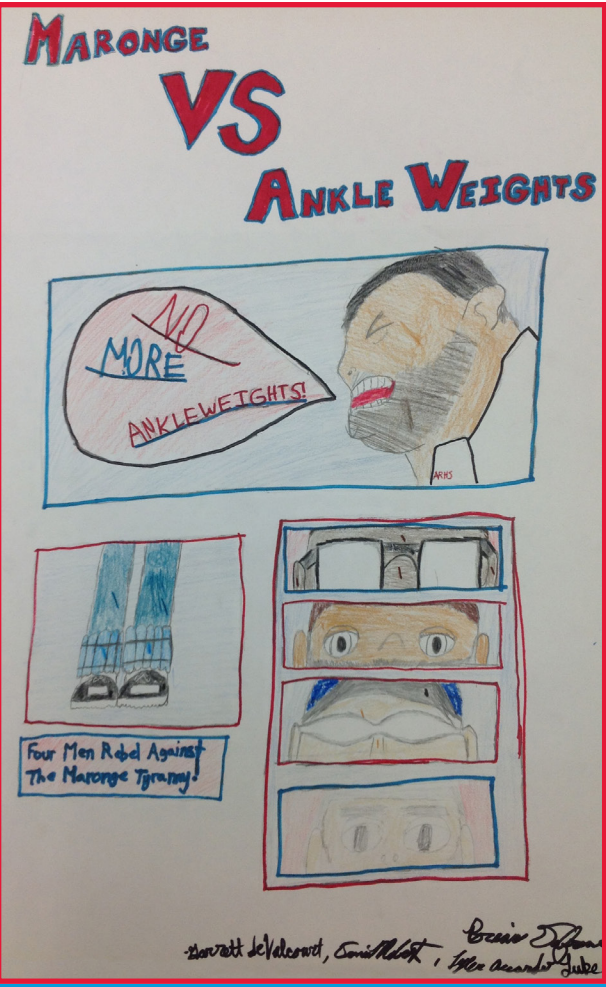
He said it is important for band members to start looking at themselves in that way. Bautista said, "I

want other bands to look to us as the prime example of what a high school band should be."

Overall the band has made great progress, and Bautista is satisfied with it.

"I would say it's almost a totally different group from when we first started at band camp," Bautista said. "We still have a long way to go, but we have a lot of potential."

So look forward seeing the Raider Marching Band at football games, on the field at halftime and in the stands, and be sure to listen up for some brand new songs.



Genesians gear up for first play under new leadership

The Genesians are diligently preparing for their first production of the year, "Arsenic and Old Lace" to be performed in early November.

Genesians sponsor Mr. Jeffrey Springmann, a new teacher at Rummel, said he chose this play because he's very familiar with it, having starred in his college production of the show. Also, the set for the show had already been built at Rummel in years past, adding to the convenience.

"Arsenic and Old Lace," written by Joseph Kesselring in 1939, is a black comedy about a playwright who must deal with his crazy, homicidal family members. Springmann said his

students are responding well to the play's storyline.

"It is a very funny show, and the kids are playing it up great," Springmann said.

Springmann noted that Genesians member Ryan Rieth was only interested in playing a dead body in the show, but later he was talked into auditioning, and now he has a lead part.

The students have been rehearsing for two hours every weekday, and Springmann said he may add Saturday practices as the production nears.

The show runs the evenings of Nov. 1, 2, 4, 7, 8 and 9. Tickets may be obtained from the receptionist's desk and also at the door.

"Arsenic and Old Lace" Cast

- Mortimer:** Ryan Rieth, Matt Keller
Elaine: Samantha Eshleman, Lauren Lohfink
Abby: Jessica Messina, Savanna Heller
Martha: Courtney Giardina, Erin Bourgeois
Teddy: Tim Primes, Alex Mackel
Jonathan: Gerard Nelson, Justin Bonano
Einstein: Jacob Rodriguez, David Verderame
Rev. Harper: Stone Duvernay, Christian Hyde
Lt. Rooney: Deiveon Martinsen
Officer O'Hara: Nick Judge, Chris Stout
Officer Klein: Michael Audler
Brophy: Elizabeth Beauchamp, Sarah Bongiovanni
Mr. Witherspoon: Patrick Young, Geovonny Rosales
Mr. Gibbs: Trevor Brown, Chris Wiltz

Biomed course gains popularity

Students praise new program's hands-on activities

By Andrés Fuentes '16

With a new school year comes things new and fresh — new friends, new teachers and new classes. In this case we have a whole new class at Archbishop Rummel High School. The new biomedical sciences class, taught by science teacher and Assistant Dean of Students Mr. Joseph Burckel, has begun, and students have responded positively to the new course.

Freshman and biomedical sciences student Armando Fuentes said that he enjoys Burckel's teaching style, and he thinks the subject will benefit students in the future.

"A lot of it is hands on. It will help anybody who would like to be in the medical field," Fuentes said.

The biomedical sciences course has impressed students who aren't even in the class. Sophomore Nicholas Neal said he has high hopes for the biomedical sciences program at Rummel. He said, "It will offer more career paths for students."

Sophomore and former student of Burckel, Christian Hyde, is really excited to see his former teacher take charge in teaching this subject.

"I like that Mr. Burckel teaches this subject because he was a very good teacher when I had him, and he brings lots of real world experience to the program," said Hyde.

Dr. Sarah Ross, academic assistant principal, thinks highly of Burckel. She said, "He has a phenomenal background in teaching biomedical sciences."

She also thinks Burckel is a great teacher who can really connect with his students.



BIOMED PROGRAM - Rummel students perform hands-on experiments in the new biomedical sciences class, which is part of the biomed curriculum introduced this year.

"[Mr. Burckel] understands the importance of connecting classroom knowledge with real-life applications." - Dr. Sarah Ross

course to be "a discovery process for the students where they will learn the impact of lifestyle choices on the human body."

When asked if Burckel has an ultimate goal in teaching this subject, he responded boldly, "In the immortal words of Pinky and the Brain, 'To take over the world.'"

But in all seriousness the biomedical sciences program looks to have a promising future ahead under the leadership of Burckel, who will be teaching about how the human body operates through engaging classroom activities as well as opening up more career options for willing students.

Cross country season off to blazing fast start

By Kenny Derenbecker '15

On Sept. 27, the Raider cross country team competed in the Newman Classic at Audubon Park, placing fourth overall. The Raiders were led by Conner Killian, winning the three-mile long race with a time of 16 minutes and 39 seconds. The remaining top five finishers for the Raiders were Joshua Roth, Kyle Lemoine, Patrick Madden, and Richie Solares.

The runners next competed in the Episcopal Round Table Invitational, held on Sept. 13 at Highland Park in Baton Rouge. Many of the Raiders ran a season best time by topping their previous records by more than a minute.

The junior high team placed sixth and was also the second best team within the New Orleans Metro Area. The varsity team was led by sophomore Killian who finished in 17th place out of 333 athletes. The remaining varsity team members consisting of Solares,

Madden, and Lemoine averaged 1 minute and 23 seconds faster from the previous race.

Top junior high finishers out of 319 athletes were Devin Sauerhoff in 12th place, Gabriel Eberle in 39th place, Alex Bienvenu in 54th place, John Paul Spera in 74th place, and Gabriel Silvera in 76th place.

The Raider runners began the season in the Holy Cross/Chalmette Invitational on Sept. 9. The junior high team placed second overall, and the varsity team placed third.

Top varsity finishers were Killian in first place, running a new course record with a time of 17:15 and Darrin Paul who placed 10th.

Top junior varsity finishers were Marc Everitt in first place, Reese LaCombe in third place, Josh Duhon in fifth place, and Tommy Snakenberg in sixth place.

Top junior high finishers were Devin Sauerhoff in second place, John Paul Spera in sixth place, and Alex Bienvenu in eighth place.



CROSS COUNTRY - Rummel cross country star Conner Killian competes at a recent match.

Planning all the fun

Student council sponsors great events to kick off school year

By Dylan Mire '15

As the 2013-2014 school year kicked into full gear, so did the student council.

The first week of school was filled with many lunch time activities hosted by the student council.

On Monday, the eighth grade took on the freshmen in a head-to-head dodgeball match up, and the freshmen came out victorious. The eighth graders were given a chance at revenge against the freshmen on Tuesday when they took them on in a kickball game. At the same time the sophomores and juniors faced the seniors in a kickball game. Students were given the chance to dunk a teacher on Wednesday in the dunking booth. History was made on Thursday when senior Seth Borne-Smith slam-dunked over a Prius to win the slam dunk competition. And Friday was the annual seniors versus faculty flag football game, where the faculty beat the seniors for the third year in a row.

Shortly following the first week of school, eighth and ninth grade

class officers were elected. These students are Dawson Mire, eighth grade president, Colin Accardo, eighth grade vice president, Tyler Songy, eighth grade secretary, and Gabe Eberle and Patrick Meehan, eighth grade officers.

Also, Jacobi Rivers was elected freshman president, Luke LaCoste was elected freshman vice president, and Wyatt Vanlangendonck was elected freshman secretary.

With football season underway, student council has been hosting tailgate parties before the games. Student council members both set up the party and cook the food for it. The event is a great way to bring fans together and raise money for the student council to continue to host fun events.

Rummel's student council has worked tirelessly to promote a fun school year, and they have many more exciting events in store such as a lunch time three-on-three basketball tournament.

Student council moderator and student activities director Ms. Elizabeth Webb said she's proud of what the student council has ac-



STUDENT COUNCIL - During the first week of school, the student council sponsored a book covering event in the Raider Room.

complished so far this year.

"The student council has done an incredible job thus far generating some really awesome activities for the student body," Webb said.

"This group really knows how to work together as a team and rely on one another. I am looking forward to all the events that are yet to come."

Local Catholic school girls chosen for court

By Tyler Mire '14

Each year, in the beginning of the fall season, Archbishop Rummel High School is swarming with campaigns for the annual homecoming court elections.

Any senior club member can nominate a senior girl from an all girls Catholic school in the area. The entire student body participated in elections, and this year senior Alexa Accardo from Archbishop Chapelle High School was voted as the Homecoming Queen. Accardo follows in the footsteps of her mother, who reigned as Queen Michaela Rachal in 1986.

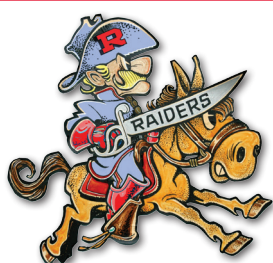
Other Archbishop Chapelle students chosen for the court are Madeline Theresa Bernard, Jazmin An-

drea Gutierrez, and Shelby Christa Harper. The other two members of the court are Hayden Connor Robin from Cabrini and Alyssa Leigh Chaplain from Mount Carmel Academy. Accardo and her court will be recognized at the annual Return to Severn event held on Oct. 18, and the queen will help light the bonfire. Accardo will receive her crown, and her court will be announced during halftime of the Rummel vs. St. Augustine game held on Oct. 19 at Joe Yenni Stadium. Lastly, the court and their escorts will participate in the waltz during the homecoming dance held on Oct. 26. The court is looking forward to an eventful month participating in the many homecoming activities that October has in store.



2013 HOMECOMING COURT - Alexa Accardo (queen), Madeline Bernard, Alyssa Chaplain, Jazmin Guiterrez, Shelby Harper, and Hayden Robin.

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