

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

May 1st	Senior Breakfast 9:30 a.m. @ Airport Hilton
May 2nd – 5th	Senior Exams
May 6th	Senior Prom 9:00 p.m. @ Board of Trade
May 2th – 13th	AP Exams

Val / Sal to be Decided in Final Round

by Brian Lafourcade '11

That time of year is here again. School is winding down, and a new group of Raiders are soon to graduate. Of course, the question on everyone’s mind is who will be the 2011 senior class valedictorian and salutatorian?

As of now, there is a tight race to the finish between Mark Morreale and Matthew Romig, who both currently hold a 5.04 GPA over nine semesters. The prestigious honors of valedictorian and salutatorian are a respected high school tradition, and this year’s duo keeps with the legacy of academic excellence displayed by past winners.

“I just did the work I was told to do by my teachers,” said Morreale, reflecting back on how he reached his current position. Besides stock piling A’s, Mark was also involved in Rummel cheerleading and Mu Alpha Theta. Next year he plans to study astronomy at either LSU or Rice University.

Of course opposing him is a strong and worthy competitor. Matthew Romig has had an impressive academic career and will be attending Tulane next year.

“If I win, it will feel like all my studying and hard work has paid off,” says Romig.

On the line is a supreme honor and validation for five years of late nights, long study sessions, and a lot of hard work. Now, in the final round, these two academic heavy weights are prepared to duke it out to the end, long after some seniors have packed it in.

No matter who takes the ultimate prize, it is safe to say that there is no shame in second place between these two guys.

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✕ VAL / SAL – Seniors Mark Morreale and Matthew Romig are tied with a 5.04 GPA for the coveted Valedictorian title. The final spot will be decided after senior exams next week and will be announced at the Academic Awards Ceremony and at Graduation.

Rummel Day 2011

by Hunter Songy '13

“Imagine taking over 1,000 individuals, 30 busses, alumni, Archbishop Aymond, Christian Brothers, and organizing them to do service between 9 A.M. and noon in the local community,” said service director Mr. Mark Firmin, very proud of his accomplishment.

What Mr. Firmin described was Rummel Day, held on Friday, April 8, 2011. On this day, the student body, faculty, and staff departed campus and served approximately thirty organizations. Some of the major organizations included the

West Bank Head Start School, Magnolia School, Arc of Greater New Orleans, various senior centers/retirement homes, and the New Orleans Museum of Art.

“With Archbishop Aymond being able to say Mass, the Christian Brothers being in attendance, and the many alumni who attended, I was so happy with the turnout and how well the day went,” commented an overjoyed and almost speechless Mr. Firmin.

The feedback from the organizations was positive, with responses showing

that the organizations all enjoyed having the Raiders at work with them. Hours and hours of hard work were needed to make Rummel Day happen, but Mr. Firmin said that it was easier this year because he had last year as a guide.

Some of the other major contributors to Rummel Day included: Mr. Casey Cadella, Mr. Doug Neill, and Archbishop Rummel alumni Andrew Dinette and Philip Helmstetter, all of whom helped with busses.

Mr. Firmin says that next year he

would like to build a reflection part to Rummel Day, getting students to write how they felt about working with various organizations. Other than the addition of reflections, Mr. Firmin would like Rummel Day to stay like it is.

“There are many things that I am proud of at Archbishop Rummel, but Rummel Day is the greatest because we are able to go out and help so many people in honor of Archbishop Joseph Francis Rummel.”

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✕ RUMMEL DAY – Juniors visited with one of the local special needs centers. Students helped to organize Mardi Gras beads, played games, did crafts, and played music for the special needs children and adults.



✕ RUMMEL DAY – Freshmen visit one of the many nursing homes in the local community to share stories, play games, and entertain the clients.

Dance Tonight to Help Service Partners

by Tyler Mire '14

After completing a successful service day at Archbishop Rummel High School for Rummel Day, the director of service, Mr. Mark Firmin, decided that he wanted to do more to help serve the community in new and different ways. This new idea to serve the needs of the community was to have a dance where the profits go to organizations such as Animal Rescue New Orleans, Second Harvest Food Bank, and Angels’ Place.

Archbishop Rummel already commits an extensive amount of time to serving the community, but Mr. Firmin knows that the service partners need help financially as well.

“I wanted to incorporate service in a different, fun way to help the community and give high school students an enjoyable event,” comments Mr. Firmin.

The dance, taking place tonight in

the Raider gym, is hosted by Operation HeadStart, a group solely committed to serve others. This dance to serve will take place between 8:00 p.m. and 11:00 p.m, with music provided by Rummel’s own DJ Morreale.

The cost of the dance is \$10 and students are all encouraged to bring canned good with them for the Second Harvest Food Bank.

Given the beneficial natures of the

dance, giving to those who need help and having all local area girl schools being invited, all should attend this dance to serve, knowing that they are truly making a difference in their own community.

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1st Annual Fine Arts Showcase Highlights Student Work

by Michael Tortorich '12

On Thursday, April 14, the Archbishop Rummel Fine Arts Department hosted their 1st annual Fine Arts Showcase to highlight the artistic accomplishments of Raiders in various art mediums.

The evening was a survey of the arts, held in the Brothers’ Courtyard outside the Biology and Chemistry labs. The night included the display of artwork completed by students throughout the year, a performance by the Raider Band and by 2003 alumnus and New Orleans musician Andrew Duhon, readings of short stories and poems that are featured in the Rummel Review literary magazine, and a one act play, “The Real Inspector Hound,” performed by the Genesians.

The art displays included drawings, paintings, and ceramics, which the students have completed throughout the year in Ms. Jamie Williams and Ms.



✕ FINE ARTS SHOWCASE – Student work from all art mediums were on display at the 1st annual Fine Arts Showcase held on April 14 in the Brothers’ Courtyard.

NoemiRodriguez’sclasses. TheRummel Review revived itself after a year hiatus under the direction of Mr. Ben Sines and his Creative Writing classes. The work is comprised of poetry, fiction, non-fiction, as well as artwork done by the Raider art students.

“The students look forward to showcasing their talents and this event allows all art forms to be on display,” commented Mr. Sines.

The Raider Band, under the direction of Ms. BJ McCarter and Mr. Cole Lemay, held a mini-concert, following a stellar performance by Andrew Duhon. Playing his originally written, New Orleans style music, Duhon entertained the crowd as they perused the art exhibit.

“The turnout was great and everyone seemed to enjoy themselves,” commented Mr. Sines.

The Fine Arts showcase was a great

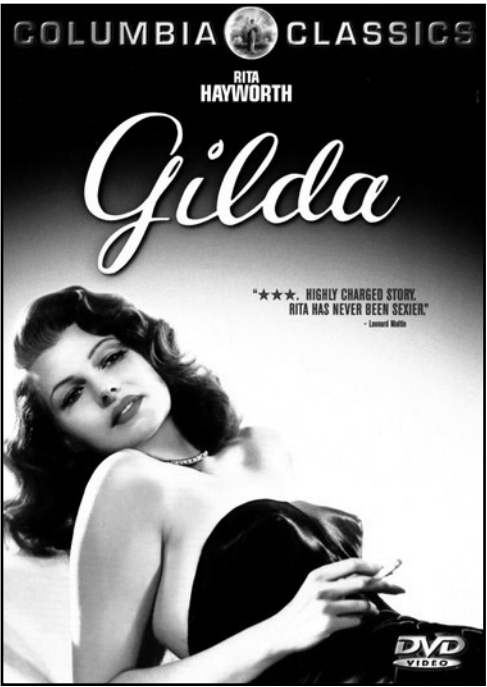
success that demonstrated all of the hard work, talent and effort that the members of the Archbishop Rummel Fine Arts department put forth each and every day.

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Revisiting Classic Movies - Gilda: A Golden Age Film Monument

by D.M. Brackvitch

If you’ve ever seen a Rita Hayworth movie, you’ll understand why the protagonist Andy Dufresne in Stephen King’s short story “Rita Hayworth and the Shawshank Redemption,” chooses to put a poster of the actress in his cell: she’s gorgeous. Of all Hayworth’s films, the most captivating (for me personally), is the 1946 feature Gilda. Here, Hayworth is at her best. While captivating and charming in her presence alone, the fact that she sings, dances, and can act reveals why she was so revered by Hollywood and fans alike. Similar to Casablanca, this film noir is set during the World War II era in a night club (illegal gambling casino) in a country (Argentina) of American expatriates involving a love triangle between the “Femme Fatal” (Hayworth), her present husband Ballin Mundson (George Macready), and her ex-love Johnny Farrell (Glenn Ford). The theme of how there is a fine line between love and hate is the most apparent one here. “Hate is a very exciting emotion,” says Mundson to Gilda early on in the film hinting to us about his wife’s past and foreshadowing what is to come. As tensions build between the main characters and within their own internal struggles, the picture solidifies its intent, that is, to reflect the real life value of accepting/embracing our emotions, facing them, and acting upon them in a manner that illuminates the possibilities that can occur when pursuing happiness. Though a dark film at times, Gilda is not so dark as Casablanca can be and often succumbs to being. Rather, the film is much more hopeful, resonate, and fun. The highlights



of the film are the carnival scene which New Orleans’ natives can relate to and of course Hayworth’s striking and alluring dance near the climax of the film where she sings and dances to the song “Blame it on Mame.” Wearing a long black dress (complete with gloves), Hayworth is stunning, elegant, and mesmerizing. Overall, the costumes that Hayworth wears throughout the film present a woman with sophistication, elegance, and class. While Glenn Ford is superb as the unlikely hero of the film and George Macready is quite convincing as the cold, controlling husband, let’s face it, Rita Hayworth steals the show. Are you surprised? Directed by Charles Vidor. 1hour 50 minutes.

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“R” EDITORIAL

As the year comes to a close and all students and teachers are winding down, waiting for summer to come, the importance of academic excellence gets even more important. As the seniors leave and begin a new chapter in their lives, you, as the following classes, have an important duty and an expectation to meet and exceed.

Your goal, as rising freshmen, sophomores, juniors, and seniors, should be to not only meet the level of achievement in academics as your predecessors, but to far surpass them.

The best start to becoming just as good or better than those before you is to finish out your current year better than you started. Instead of slacking off these last few weeks of school, keep the fire alive and strive for excellence in everything you do. Put that little extra time in your studies to make the A or B. Academics should always come first.

Everyone has some sort of goals for their lives, and even if you may not see it now, in order to achieve those goals, those dreams, you need to excel in everything you do.

Remember, colleges, the next major step in your lives on the road to your final destination, are watching and tracking your every move, even as a young eighth or ninth grader. Every new academic level of excellence that you achieve, colleges are able to see. Every mistake you make, they see as well, and they take note of it.

Good luck to every one of you in the rest of your high school careers. Continue to achieve great things in all that you do, and you will soar for the rest of your lives.

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Bodenheimer Varsity Bowling District MVP

by Tyler Leblanc '13

Brian Bodenheimer, a junior at Archbishop Rummel, was honored with the district bowling MVP award for the 2010-2011 season. The MVP is determined strictly by the highest average out of all the bowlers in the district.

Bodenheimer led the team to an undefeated district championship this year and had many high games during the season, with scores such as 222, 223, 229, 229, 234, 235, 256, and his season high being 270. He was not in the top spot at the beginning of the year, but in the end, with his hard work and dedication, he had the highest average and was named district MVP.

"I feel known at school, and people recognize me now that I won the MVP," Bodenheimer comments.

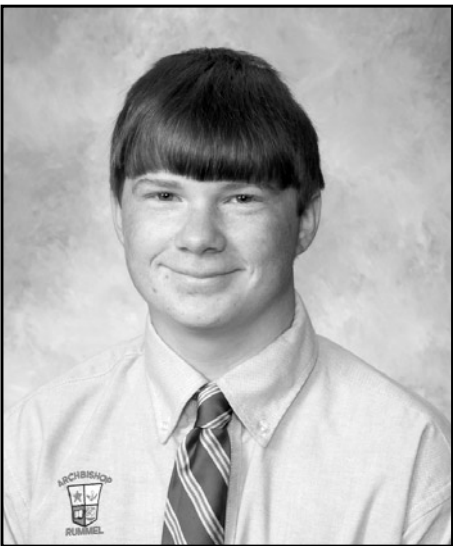
Being the top bowler has its challenges and Bodenheimer met these many challenges.

"The hardest part is always having the toughest opponent. Dealing with the toughest opponent on each team really takes a mental toll on the player during each game."

A key to Bodenheimer's success is bowling with six different bowling balls, his favorite bowling ball company being Brunswick.

Bowling coach Mr. Matthew Caire knew that as the season progressed Bodenheimer was his go-to bowler, "Throughout the regular season when the team most needed a great game, we knew we could rely on Brian to come through for us. He was huge in locking up the undefeated regular season."

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✧ DISTRICT MVP BOWLER – Junior Brian Bodenheimer recently won the district MVP title for being the highest scoring bowler in the district

Fanguy: NO Zephyr's Camera Operator / Director

by Daniel Gonzales '11

Chris Fanguy, a junior at Archbishop Rummel, is chasing his dream of working in sports media by currently working for the New Orleans Zephyrs as a camera operator. This is his second season as the camera man for the jumbo screen at Zephyr Field.

As of right now, Fanguy is working an eight game week, where he will be up in the box filming what happens down below. Soon, he will be trained to direct the games, this position will include controlling the cameras—where they are focused or who they are focused on—as well as, putting the graphics on the scoreboard when someone strikes out or hits a home run.

In the past, Fanguy has worked several games as the spotter and the stat guy.

"The spotter is the commentators' eyes on the field. I have to tell them what happens during the play and what players are involved," commented Fanguy.

The stats guy helps the graphics guy out by keeping the stats for every player updated and ready throughout the whole game to be announced over the loud speaker.

Breaking into the sports media field is a difficult one, but it is a job that Fanguy has been around since he was 13 years old.

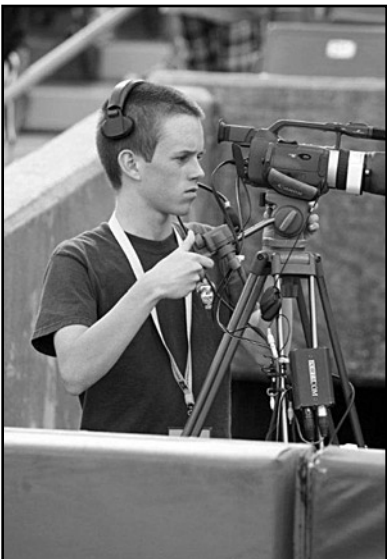
"My Uncle Tim inspired me because he is in the same business, running sports shows

and events. He took me to events as a little kid and I knew I would love to work in sports."

Fanguy plans on continuing this job after high school as well as when he gets older.

"I love my jobs right now. It has been a great experience for me to learn. I want to one day work for the Hornets or a higher job with the New Orleans Zephyrs."

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✧ NO ZEPHYRS – Junior Chris Fanguy is beginning his second season as a camera man for the Zephyrs and is beginning to direct games in the booth.

photo by Joe Maitrejean, Jr.

Esta Capitalizes on Career Day Visit

by Christopher Fanguy '12

Blake Esta, a junior at Archbishop Rummel, is following his career path early by landing an internship with Ken Trahan and the New Orleans Voodoo.

Esta was inspired to go for an internship in sports media after attending the career day sessions Archbishop Rummel recently held for its junior class. One of the presentations Esta attended was Ken Trahan's and Brandon Rizzuto's, both graduates of Archbishop Rummel who work in the sports media field in

New Orleans. In their presentation, they discussed their careers and told the Raiders that internships were open.

"When Mr. Brandon and Mr. Ken spoke at career day, I knew this was something I wanted to pursue," Esta said about his time in that session.

After this realization, Esta emailed both men and landed internships with Ken Trahan writing articles on prep games for neworleans.com and Brandon Rizzuto working for the New Orleans Voodoo.

Esta has already been given many responsibilities as a young journalist.

"With the Voodoo, I run stats to the radio and television guys during the game, and after the game, get quotes from players and coaches about the game."

Through these internships, he has gained a great deal of experience in the field of sports media already and has come to love it.

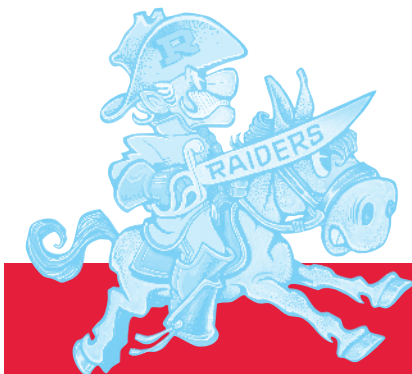
"I love sports, so working for a sports team is the best job I could think of."

After his time at Archbishop Rummel is over, Esta plans to further his career in sports media.

"I hope to be an analyst or reporter in my career. I am doing everything I can to learn through this experience to combine with my previous knowledge and love for sports."

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SPORTS

Raider Track: Back to a Winning Tradition

by Jordan Perret '11

This year, the Raider Track and Field team is in tip-top form, returning to their previous winning standards. The Raiders have worked hard since January, and it has certainly paid off. They have won two meets outright this year for the first time since pre-Katrina years.

Their countless hours on the track and hard work on the field have proven them to be a force worth reckoning with. They have broken numerous records and the team also has two runners who are nationally ranked in their event, Cyril Grayson and LiRoy Cage.

Along with the success of the varsity squad, the Junior High team has also been very successful, winning district for the first time since 2006.

“We have a strong varsity team and an incredible Junior High team. I have high

expectations and hopes for these guys. I know that if they give all they have, that we can be successful,” commented head coach Mr. Kyle Weidenbacher.

The Raiders just took third place at their district meet and look to forward their success into the Regional and State Meets, with 11 out of 18 Raiders going to Regionals.

Assistant coach Mr. Zach Schuler also stated, “I am very excited for the years to come. I have my focus on this year at the moment, as does everyone, but I cannot wait for the next few years. With more support from other athletic teams and the continuing hard work from the underclassmen, there should definitely be a State title in the near future.”

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Golfers Prepare for Regionals

by Stephen Cali '12

The spring golf season is coming to a close with the Raiders’ finishing 3rd in district, but the team has qualified five golfers for the regional tournament to be played at Lakewood Country Club.

Going into the season, Coach Dominick Lanasa knew it was going to be an uphill battle with no seniors on the team, but he knew he had some talented underclassmen to carry the weight. According to captain Garret Creath and Coach Lanasa, sophomores Wade Langlois and Brandon Knobloch

along with freshmen Hunter Theriot and Adam Sinibaldi have definitely helped to carry much of the weight of the team and have consistently contributed low scores in match play.

“We can defiantly be a threat in the regional tournament,” comments Creath.

The spring season’s team consisted of juniors Josh Cooper, Stephen Cali and captain Garret Creath, sophomores Wade Langois and Brandon Knobloch, freshmen Adam Sinibaldi, Hunter

Theriot, and Sean McAdams.

“Making the team as a freshman has been an awesome experience, and it has been fun getting to play new courses in the area,” comments Sinibaldi.

With the success that has been shown throughout the course of the district and non district matches, the young team has its hopes up to be the first Archbishop Rummel team in 4 years to make the state tournament in Alexandria, Louisiana.

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Club Sport Shorts - Lacrosse / Rugby / Inline Hockey

by Dylan McGovern '11

Archbishop Rummel supports an impressive and ever-expanding selection of club sports teams. Included in those sports are three teams that have already proven themselves in competition, Archbishop Rummel’s lacrosse, rugby, and inline hockey teams, all of which have seen some improvement since last year and are currently finishing up their current seasons.

The lacrosse team has improved its regular season record with one more win then the previous season, and there are several members that are likely to make it on the district team. The team’s accomplishments also includes taking 4th place in the Ocean Springs tournament

in Mississippi in March, which they finished with a record of three wins and only one loss.

“The team has showed great improvement this year,” remarked senior member Jacob LeBlanc. Also commenting on the team’s future, LeBlanc says, “the team is looking really good for next year, the JV team had a great record this season and they look really promising.”

Another team that has shown improvement this year is Archbishop Rummel’s rugby team. Despite the fact that many of the members will be graduating this year, the team remains hopeful, highlighting events from this

season such as their 25-14 win over Episcopal of Acadiana.

Fourth seeded for the state championship finals, team captain Charlie LaGrange has high hopes for the hard-hitting team. “We may not be the biggest, fastest, or strongest team out there, but when it comes to playing, we’re always ready and we never give up; we always keep trying no matter what’s thrown at us.”

A relatively new team within Archbishop Rummel club sports, the inline-hockey team has had a great season so far and is looking even better for the coming years. The team currently has a record of three wins three losses and is

looking to gain two more wins before ending their regular season.

The team currently has about sixteen members, most of which are sophomores, and this has great significance for the future of the team, explains team coach Mr. Travis Olivier.

Coach Oliver commented, “Based on the skill and the age of most our members, the team will be a real contender for next year’s season, and even more so the following year. The guys on team have a lot of talent, and many of them are showing great leadership skills.”

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