

Bishop Carroll Catholic High School

BISHOP CARROLL

UPCOMING
EVENTS

January

13- End of first semester

16- Act 80 Day- no classes for students

21- Snowflake Dance at Portage's Royal Ballroom, 7-10:30 p.m.

25- ASVAB testing for all juniors

30-Catholic Schools Week Mass with Bishop Mark at 10 a.m.

February

1- Faculty/Staff appreciation lunch

2- Open House 6-8 p.m. Financial aid meeting-7 p.m.

3- FoodFest at Lunch

16- Junior High Retreat at BCCHS

17- 7th and 8th grade social, 7-9 p.m. in cafeteria.

20- NO SCHOOL- President's Day

22- Ash Wednesday Liturgy and distribution of ashes, 1 p.m.

23- Snow date for 7th and 8th grade social

**Don't forget to recycle your inkjets and old cell phones! Ms. Kirk has a recycling box in her classroom!*



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Good deeds on Huskie Hill

By Fr. Matt Russick, TOR

Proverbs 27:2 states, "Let another praise you—not your own mouth; someone else—not your own lips." Lest any of our students boast about the good God has graciously allowed them to accomplish during the first two quarters. Let me sing their praises and give glory to God, because you should be aware of the following notable accomplishments of our BC student body:

- Over 3,000 hours of service to the Church and the local community.
- The Works in Progress campus peer-ministry group comprised of more than 30 students; helped design and minister to the freshmen and sophomores during two fun & grace filled retreat days held this fall.
- Well over 100 students helped Fred McCabe raise thousands of dollars for breast cancer research.
- Senior Taylor Steeves, Junior Caleb Hanyok and Senior Chelsey Butterbaugh teach CCD at their local parishes this year. Chelsey teaches at two different parishes!
- Almost 20 students began their Thanksgiving break by taking time with the elderly and cleaning up after the annual Thanksgiving Dinner provided by St. Francis University's Dorothy Day Center.

- Homerooms raised money, bought and wrapped Christmas gifts for a number of families referred to us by Catholic Charities.

- In a pinch, Works in Progress members partially funded, bought and wrapped more Christmas gifts for a family referred to us in mid-December by the St. Vincent De Paul Society.

- A group of enthusiastic students graced Rebekah Manor and Cambria Care Center on Dec. 22, with Christmas carols and smiles.

- Junior Catherine Hull and her brother, Seth, a freshman, brought down the house at Arburtus Park nursing home just before Christmas with an accordion concert for the residents.

- Senior Cassidy Moore organized a winter coat & warm clothes drive at BC and Portage High School that collected over 80 coats, and scores of hoodies, hats & gloves for the St. Vincent De Paul Society in Ebensburg.

We have some wonderful students at BC who routinely, and without fanfare, put their faith into action everyday. I think it's necessary that we take a moment to celebrate these good deeds, and then ask *God for more opportunities to serve and hearts that continue to grow in charity and generosity.*

Open House Feb. 2

Bishop Carroll Catholic High School will hold an Open House for parents and students on Thursday, February 2nd. A financial aid meeting will follow from 7-8 p.m. All new students will be eligible for a drawing for a \$250 scholarship. Parents can fill out a ticket at the door and the drawing will be held at the end of the financial aid meeting. You must be present to win. Representatives from Saint Francis University and Mount Aloysius College will also be on hand to explain the financial and educational advantages for attending Bishop Carroll and continuing on to one of their institutions.

Chinese New Year

The International Club will have a Chinese New Year celebration at Aquinas Hall on Monday, January 23, from 5:30-8 p.m. All are welcome and may sign up to attend with club president Cassidy Moore, Mrs. Kochara or Mrs. Adams. Cost to attend is \$5.

Our friends and exchange students from Tussey Mountain High School - from Italy, Germany, Spain, and Egypt - will be joining us for food, music and the opportunity to socialize and learn about the Chinese New Year.

Contact Mrs. Adams at jadams@bishopcarroll.org for more information.

Senior portraits 2012

All senior portraits must be submitted to Mr. Skura by January 31, or your Lifetouch photo will be used.

Christmas Concert enjoyed by all

On Dec. 19, the BCCHS music department presented their annual Christmas concert. This year, the show departed from the traditional format of auditorium seating and took on a coffee house flair with the audience members able to relax and enjoy coffee and home baked cookies while listening to some great Christmas favorites.

New director, Mr. Tim Baacke, thought the concert was well received and praised his students for taking on the challenge the show presented. Many songs were medleys of traditional carols and accompanied by everything from conga drums to the accordion.

Nominate a worthy individual for the Cornerstone Award

There are many individuals who have given their time and talent to making Bishop Carroll Catholic High School a better place.

Do you know someone who has gone above and beyond for our school? Nominate this person for the 2012 Cornerstone Award, which will be presented at the Carrollian Gala on April 28.

Visit the BC website at www.bishopcarroll.com to find the nomination form on the homepage.

Join the BC Band

Mr. Baacke is on a quest to rebuild the marching band for next football season. Any student interested in playing an instrument or twirling a flag or rifle should see him immediately! His goal is to find and recruit 35 players and 20 twirlers before the end of the school year. Join now! Contact Mr. Baacke at tbaacke@bishopcarroll.org.

Upcoming Ministry Events

Campus Ministry—Even though we are in the throws of winter, the work of evangelization goes on. Jesus loves us immeasurably and we seek to experience that love and share it in religion classes, in everyday events, and in special activities listed below:

BC for Jesus—Every Tuesday after school, Bro. Michael is meeting with students who want to deepen their relationship with Jesus. These students meet for song, prayer and fellowship. All students are welcome.

Matt Maher Concert—On January 20, Catholic singer and song writer Matt Maher is performing at the Mishler Theater in Altoona. Many of our students have purchased tickets together and will be attending this event sponsored by the Diocese of Altoona-Johnstown and the Altoona Curve.

Annual March for Life—Bishop Carroll will again take a bus to Washington DC on January 23 to protest the legalization of abortion. The cost is only \$10. We are sharing the bus with Prince of Peace Parish. Seating is on a first come first served basis, so students should get their money into Mrs. Condor right away to be a part of this national event.

“Works in Progress”—our student ministry group, is recruiting leaders from the underclassmen to help with the upcoming Jr. High Retreat. They are also making plans to prepare and serve a meal at Food for Families and to attend the summer youth conference at Franciscan University at Steubenville.

Mass with Bishop Mark

Catholic Schools Week is Jan. 29—Feb.4. We will open up the week with a Eucharistic Liturgy with Bishop Mark as the celebrant on Monday, January 30. Mass will begin at 10:09 a.m. in the cafeteria, and all are welcome. This is Bishop Mark’s first pastoral visit to our school and we are looking forward to meeting him and celebrating our faith together. Please join us!



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