



Principal's Edition

THE HERALD

Bishop Hartley High School - A Catholic Tradition of Excellence in College Preparatory Education

Dear Bishop Hartley Parents and Students,

Our second semester began just a few days ago on January 16, marking that important halfway point in the school year. It's a natural pause in the school calendar which allows us all — student, parent, educator, and administrator — to stop and reassess our progress through the academic year.

Normally I try to direct the content of my *Principal Edition* letters to our Hartley parents, but it is my hope in this issue to reach the student audience as well. I encourage you to share this letter with your son or daughter.

The new semester gives all students an opportunity to breathe deeply, assess where they've been and where they're going, and make any necessary adjustments. One of the great benefits of learning in a Catholic school environment is that we have the privilege of calling upon spiritual help when we need it. We have the great blessing of being able to rely upon prayer and spiritual reflection as a source of enlightenment. With that thought in mind, I would like to share with you an excerpt from the book, *Blessed are the Bored in Spirit, A Young Catholic's Search for Meaning*, by Mark Hart:

You never want to stop learning in life. You might choose not to learn, but that is your choice and an unfortunate one. People never actually say that they are finished learning, they just close themselves in such a way that it is evident. John Paul the Great held World Youth Days not to speak to the youth, but as he put it, to listen to them. He never stopped learning; that is a characteristic of a true disciple. The world's greatest modern missionary and potential future saint never forgot he was a student first.

God wants to use you; he has plans for you. He's ready to call on those talents and gifts and skills that he's bestowed on you. If you're consumed with what you're not when you look in the mirror, remember that God sees all that you are. He sees your promise and he sees his glory within you. He's not checking to see if you measure up to the person next to you on the chart of potential; he's interested in how you're using the potential he's placed within you. He'll bat down every excuse you throw at him to ignore or refuse his gifts.

Throughout Scripture, God calls and uses different types of people with different types of issues. Sometimes he called people who were

down on themselves because they were focused on their own sin. Sometimes — rather often — he chose people who were low on the social ladder or even outcasts. Plenty of these people could easily have claimed an excuse for not serving when God called. I once read a list that went something like this:

Jacob was a liar. David was an adulterer. Abraham was too old. Timothy had ulcers. Peter was a coward. Moses was a stuttering murderer. Mark was undependable. Hosea married a prostitute. Miriam was a gossip. Thomas doubted. Elijah suffered from depression. Paul was a murderer, too. John the Baptist dressed funny. Martha was a worrywart. Zacchaeus was very short. Mary was only a teenager. Lazarus was dead!

So, what's your excuse? God sees something in you, something you might not see in yourself. He's calling you to stay humble, dependent and aware of your need for him so that you are better able to serve him.

No need for a second pair of sandals. Don't worry about the second tunic. Jesus, not the mall, will supply you with everything you need. Like the Karate Kid's Mr. Miyagi, Jesus won't tell you everything he's doing to form you along the way. Don't complain about the car, just wax it; don't whine about the fence, just paint it. Keep sanding the floor, and before you know it, karate kid, you'll be on the mat, in the tournament, doing the crane technique and hoisting the trophy.

"Go... and make disciples" (Matthew 28:19). He's talking to you.

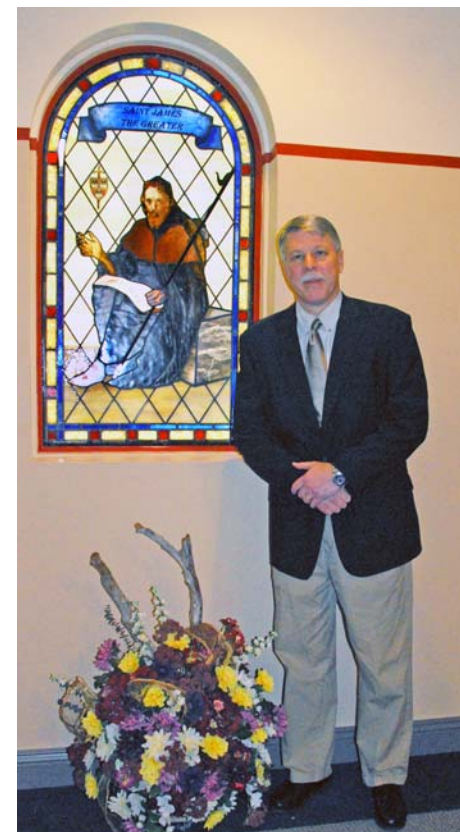
What great thoughts to inspire us and jump start a second semester! For those students who feel they have achieved all they can, the fact that God knows more about them than they know themselves should provide incentive to challenge their maximum effort. For those students who work hard to maintain a B or C, this writing provides proof that they should not compare their efforts to anyone but themselves, because God doesn't. Their hardest effort is what He admires. And to the students who are struggling to find themselves academically, it is proof that God's eye sees a fountain of potential which He can unlock within them if they believe in His power.

This month we celebrate and honor an American hero, Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., a man who dared to challenge us as citizens with his dream of human equality; a man who looked to God as the source of his courage. We honor Dr. King and we can look to him, and those like him, as another source of encouragement in our own lives when we face confusing or challenging situations.

In closing, I wish you all well in this second semester and into the Lenten season, which begins on February 6. Please always remember to contact the administration, staff or faculty with any difficulties you or your student are having. The unspoken problem is the problem left unsolved.

Sincerely yours,

Michael R. Winters
Principal, Bishop Hartley High School



All school communications are sent through THE HERALD format. Nine issues are sent each year, 6 of which are *Principal's Editions*. Please note that the *Principal's Editions* are more than just newsletters; they communicate important policies and procedures.

Administrative Details

SECOND QUARTER GRADES: ENCLOSED

THIRD QUARTER: Began January 16 and ends March 19, 2008

INTERIMS: Friday, February 15, 2008

NEXT HERALD: February 22, 2008

SECOND QUARTER PARENT-TEACHER CONFERENCES

Parent-Teacher Conferences will be Thursday, February 21 from 3:30 to 8:30 PM. To schedule a conference with one or more of your child(ren)'s teachers please call Mrs. Samuelson in the school office at 237-5421 ext. 211.

COMING UP: OHIO GRADUATION TESTING (OGT) will be the week of March 3- 7 with make-ups scheduled for March 10-14.

Please be Courteous...

Please be considerate to other drivers when using the circular drive to drop off or pick up students. The drive is meant for a continuous flow of traffic. Do not park or linger for long conversations. If your child is not ready to exit or enter your car, please pull into the parking lot to wait.

Please Welcome Our New Football Coach Mr. Brad Burchfield

Bishop Hartley High School has hired Brad Burchfield to be the new head football coach. 70 applications were received and a committee comprised of representative parents, alumni and Hartley staff interviewed the top candidates over Christmas. Coach Burchfield, a life-long Catholic, is a graduate of Reynoldsburg High School and Marietta College where he played football. He has his license to teach English 9-12 (his passion is American Lit and the Lost Generation) and taught for Marietta Public and Canal Winchester before going to Centerburg High School. As head coach at Centerburg, he led his team to the playoffs in 2003 and 2005 and to the Final Four in 2003. He was Regional Coach of the Year in 2003 and 2005 and Ohio Coach of the Year in 2005. Brad looks forward to the chance to incorporate his faith into his teaching and coaching. His wife is special education teacher at Yorktown Middle School and they have toddler twins, Benjamin and Brooke.



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TUITION ASSISTANCE REMINDER

The deadline for tuition assistance applications for the 2008-2009 academic year is March 15, 2008.

SUMMER GYM SCHEDULE (B)

Current Hartley Students
Monday, June 9 - Wednesday, June 18
8 AM TO 4:15 PM

Incoming Freshmen Students
Wednesday, June 11 - Friday June 20
8 AM TO 4:15 PM

Guidance Department

JUNIORS AND THE COLLEGE SEARCH PROCESS The week of March 10, Bishop Hartley Guidance Department will provide three programs to help juniors and their parents develop a strategy to search for colleges which will result in a choice that will lead to continued academic success.

On Monday, March 10 guidance counselors will host the program *Making Your College Search Count*. This program provides high school juniors with crucial information on conducting an effective college search, from visiting schools to the application process and financial aid. Students leave with a working plan that makes choosing a college more manageable.

Later in the week counselors will meet with Bishop Hartley juniors in American History classes over a two-day period to further discuss the issues addressed in Monday's assembly and to answer students' specific questions.

On the evening of Thursday, March 13, counselors will host a meeting for the parents of juniors to update on the work that counselors are doing to prepare students in making a successful college search. Counselors will also offer suggestions for parental involvement in this process and answer questions. Student and parent programs are scheduled the same week to promote dialogue in the home on important issues like the college search process. *The Junior Parent Meeting will be held in the Lecture Hall, D-Wing beginning at 7 PM.*

GABRIEL'S THIRD ORDER, a private foundation promoting stewardship within the Catholic community, has established a college scholarship for Bishop Hartley High School. This scholarship was set up to honor a Bishop Hartley senior who demonstrates a commitment to making stewardship a part of his or her everyday life by sharing the gifts of time and talent with those in need. Gabriel's Third Order will award one Hartley senior a four-year scholarship in the amount of \$20,000 (\$5,000 per year for four years). Additional information and applications are available in the guidance office. Applications are due by March 1, 2008.

SCHEDULING In February, Bishop Hartley guidance counselors will work with present juniors, sophomores and freshmen to assist in selecting classes for next year. The counselors will meet with the sophomores and juniors in Religion classes and with the freshmen in Health classes to discuss available courses and the prerequisites for higher level classes in the areas of art, math, science and foreign language. **Our counselors need your help.** Please review your student's course selections and teacher recommendations, sign the schedule sheet and strongly encourage your son/daughter to return it to his/her counselor on the designated due date (see below).

Student Schedule	Sheet Take Home Date	Schedule Sheet Due Date
Juniors	Fri. 2/8	Tues. 2/12
Freshmen	Fri. 2/15	Weds. 2/20
Sophomores	Fri. 2/29	Tues. 3/4

FROM THE BISHOP HARTLEY STUDENT HANDBOOK (PAGE 5) A student whose cumulative G.P.A. at the end of the year is below 2.0 may return to Bishop Hartley on a conditional basis only. In order to remain enrolled, the student must improve sufficiently to achieve a cumulative point average of 2.0 or above at the end of the following year. If your student's G.P.A. at the end of the 1st semester hovered around or below a 2.0, please contact the Guidance Department to devise a plan to help your student improve study and test skills.



Please Welcome
Our New Director of
Development
Mrs. Tiffiney Hatem

The Bishop Hartley family is proud to welcome its new Director of Development, Mrs. Tiffiney Hatem. Tiffiney and her husband, Matt, live in German Village and have three children, the oldest of which is a second grader at All Saints Academy. Tiffiney attended Virginia Commonwealth University (VCU) and George Washington University and has ten years of experience in the banking industry, most recently as Vice President at Fifth Third Bank. Her responsibility as Director of Development will be focused on developing, nurturing, and maintaining capital support for Bishop Hartley through organized giving programs and donations and support from friends, alumni, corporate giving, and grants. She welcomes your input.

Advancement Office Mission Statement

It is the mission of the Bishop Hartley High School Advancement Office to work toward the development and betterment of the Bishop Hartley community. Phases of development will be identified by Bishop Hartley Administration and funded by the Advancement Office.



Thank You

I would like to thank all those who supported the marching band's fund raiser for new hats by purchasing a 2008 Entertainment Book this fall. The hats are in and are beautiful. We will be wearing them with pride during next fall's football season. Thank you from both myself and the band!
Mr. Jeff Grimmitt



Students in Mr. Grove's Honors Comprehensive Science Class respond to Kristina Kennedy and some of her students who visited Hartley on December 16 with OSU's Engineering Outreach Program.

**OSU Engineering Visits
Honors Freshmen Science Class**

Kristina Kennedy, The Ohio State University (OSU) Outreach Coordinator for the College of Engineering, visited the Honors Comprehensive Science Class on December 16 and spoke to the students about engineering careers. She also spoke about the engineering majors that are offered through OSU, which include Aerospace, Aviation, Biomedical (minor), Chemical, Civil & Environmental, Computer Science, Electrical & Computer, Engineering Physics, Food, Ag & Biological Geomatics, Industrial & Systems, Materials Science, Mechanical, Nuclear (minor), and Welding. Ms. Kennedy discussed the requirements to be accepted into the Engineering Honors program and how the School of Engineering provides support for students in the program. There were opportunities to ask questions throughout. Ms. Kennedy also provided the class with information about the OSU School of Engineering's Summer Camp for freshman and sophomores and the Explorer Post that meets on Campus over the course of the year. For additional information on these engineering programs, please visit <http://engineering.osu.edu/events/index.php>.

**Hartley's Model United Nations
Continues to Expand its Diplomacy**

For the second year in a row, the Bishop Hartley Model United Nations (MUN) group is expanding its horizons. Bishop Hartley's MUN is heading off to the MUN University of Chicago from January 30 through February 3. The MUNUC is an international conference and will be held at the Palmer House Hilton in downtown Chicago. The group's decision to attend the MUNUC was based upon prior year's successes at Earlham and New York, and because the MUN conferences were so outstanding in general. Hartley's delegation will represent the country of Malaysia and is led by experienced MUN delegates Lindsay Brown, Mackenzie Watts, and Crissy Day. Other MUN members include Joe Bizjak, Lindsay Cannon, Patrick Charlesworth, Nicole Moziejko, Becky Sandor, and Elena Allen. In addition to this conference is a press corps that will cover the MUN conference. Samantha Rupp will act as a reporter from Argentina, representing Bishop Hartley for the press corps. Good luck Hawks at the MUNUC!



42nd Street on Hartley Stage

The Bishop Hartley Drama Department will reprise the 1999 production of Tony Award-winning *42nd Street*. Showtime for the Hartley production will be 7:30 each evening on February 28, 29 and March 1. The cost is \$10. Please watch for details both on-line and in the next Herald about ticket sales. Come and have a hot high-stepping evening in midwinter with *42nd Street*!

Bishop Hartley High School

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Mission Statement *Our mission is to provide a quality Catholic education emphasizing Christ's teaching in all phases of the educational process and to empower each student to mature spiritually, morally, intellectually, physically, and socially.*

Evening of Excellence

SATURDAY, APRIL 12

Each year, the *Evening of Excellence* Auction is a major fundraising event for Bishop Hartley High School. The proceeds from the auction provide primary funding for the school's scholarship and tuition assistance programs. We invite you to support our auction by attending this event and by donating an item for the auction.

Enjoy a delicious meal, take part in an evening of fun and excitement, and support Bishop Hartley. There's something for everyone.

...HELP BY VOLUNTEERING

We thank all the volunteers who help with the auction each year. It's not too late to volunteer as an auction worker or leader. If you are interested and have not been contacted, please call the Advancement Office at 237-5421 ext 229.

This year's Auction leadership includes:

Overall Chairpersons	Bobby and Kelly Dawes Greg and Carol Thompson
Gifts Chairpersons	Linda Strapp, Debbie Pecinovsky, Andy McGillicuddy
Decorations Chairpersons	Mike Feeneey and Brent and Ronda Howard
Food Chairperson	Chris Cavallaro
Beverage Chairpersons	Gary Strapp
Invitations Chairperson	Joan Schlagheck
Closeout Chairpersons	Kevin and Kathy Arnold Teresa and David Baird
Hospitality Chairperson	Toni Ford
Set-up Committee Chairperson	Lynette Zurcher

...HELP BY ATTENDING

Last year's *Evening of Excellence* raised over \$140,000 with more than 430 attendees. More than 500 auction items were available for both the silent and live auctions.

GREAT ITEMS TO BID ON. We expect many great auction items this year, just as in the past. Look for some annual favorites such as the 3-on-3 student basketball game versus Winters' Warriors, dinners hosted by local pastors, a dodgeball game with the students playing the faculty, and autographed sports memorabilia. Our silent auction will include religious items (great gifts for First Communion and Confirmation), jewelry, sports collectibles, restaurant certificates, artwork, gardening and outdoor items, tools, and so much more.

WATCH YOUR MAILBOX. Invitations will be mailed in early February. Reservations are limited to 450, so get your reservations in early! *If you have any questions contact the Advancement Office, 237-5421, ext 229.* Talk to your friends about going together and reserving a table of ten.

WATCH OUR WEBSITE. In the near future, we will be adding an auction link on the Bishop Hartley website. Request an invitation, contact committee members, and view some of our many auction items to whet your appetite and plan your bidding at the big event on April 12. www.bishop-hartley.org

...HELP BY DONATING

The success in years past has been due to the generous donations we have received from our parents. We depend on you for the many wonderful items we have to offer for both silent and live auctions. We are asking every family in Bishop Hartley to donate to the auction. There is no item too small or unusable. Many items can be combined with others to complete a basket or package. Here are some suggestions for you to purchase and donate:

- ❖ gift certificates from your favorite restaurant, electronics store, home improvement store, gift shop, department store or garden shop
- ❖ tickets to sporting events, concerts, museums, zoos, or theaters
- ❖ small appliances or electronic gadgets
- ❖ sports equipment and memorabilia
- ❖ gifts for Mother's Day, First Communion and Graduation
- ❖ cash donations are also welcome - the Gifts Committee will use the donations to purchase items for the silent auction.

NO GIFT IS TOO SMALL.

DONATIONS MAY BE DROPPED OFF AT SCHOOL
If you have any questions, contact one of our Gifts Chairpersons:

Linda Strapp	Debbie Pecinovsky	Andy McGillicuddy
855-3369	868-8208	226-6622

...HELP BY SETTING UP THE PARTY

Over the years many people have been involved in setting up the gifts' tables with all the auction items and the tables and chairs for dinner. Please consider joining your fellow Hartley parents at set up time. This involves as much or as little time as you have available on Thursday, April 10 in the evening or all day and night Friday, April 11. This is a great way to get to know other Hartley parents and to get a preview of all the great items available at the auction!

...HELP BY SENDING US OLD PHOTOS

Help this year's Decorations Committee by sending us your photos from the 70s, 80s, and 90s and take a "Stroll Down Memory Lane" during the 2008 *Evening of Excellence* celebrating Hartley's 50th Anniversary.

Send to: Cindy at ccurrie@cdeducation.org or via the Bishop Hartley High School office. Please place your address labels on the photos you'd like returned. CD and digital images accepted.



Thanks to Jeff Kiener for this great photo from the Class of '61, Bishop Hartley's FIRST graduating class.

HELP US MAKE THIS YEAR'S AUCTION BE THE BEST EVER!

Winter Open House

Our annual Winter Open House will be Wednesday, February 13. The program will begin promptly at 7 PM. As current parents and students, please extend an invitation to anyone you know who may be interested in finding out more about Hartley.

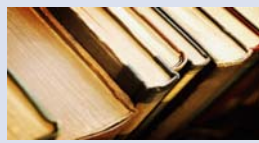


Important Reminder to Sophomore Parents

Your child's 15-hour service learning project is due Monday, March 3. Because the March 1 due date in the handbook falls this year on a weekend, the due date has been moved to the first Monday which follows. Please make sure your child has the proper verification from the agency or person in charge of the service. Mr. Richards encourages sophomores to submit this project prior to the due date if possible. A two-page reflection paper is also due. If there are any questions, please refer to page 30 in the Student Handbook or contact Mr. Richards, 237-5421 ext. 453.

SOUPER BOWL OF CARING

During Catholic Schools Week (Jan. 28 - Feb. 1) Bishop Hartley students will be participating in a program called *The Souper Bowl of Caring*. On Thursday, January 31 canned goods will be collected in a clever way. Students will predict the winner of this year's Super Bowl by placing their canned food item(s) on one of two tables decorated to represent the Patriots and the Giants. The table with the most food items predicts the winner. During lunch on Thursday, students can also donate \$1.00 to have a Red and Blue dress-down day for the pep rally on Friday, February 1. All of the proceeds collected from these two events will be donated to the Christ the King Free Store.



FAITH LIBRARY by Sue Feeney

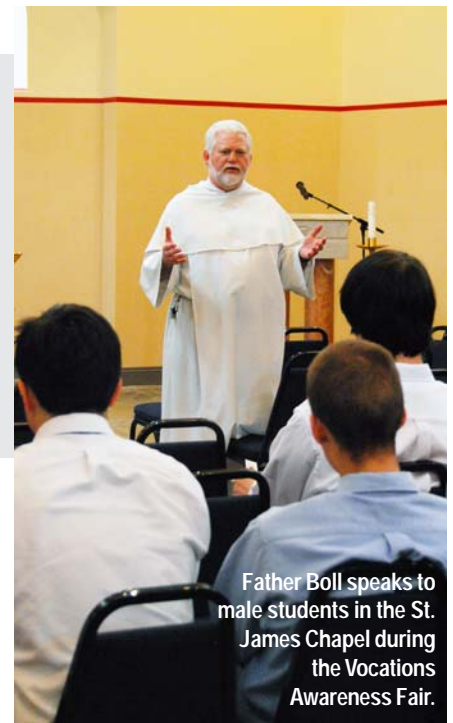
Lent is an opportunity to develop a more fervent practice of our faith. I want to share with you two great resources in this regard. At the website, www.ChurchYear.net, the link entitled **Lent** includes the history, traditions, symbols, prayers, scriptures and even sacred art and poetry associated with this liturgical season. There are Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs) for those not familiar with lenten practices. *The Magnificat Lenten Companion* (www.ignatius.com, \$3.95) is a handy booklet providing a series of original reflections to guide us through every day of Lent. Spending just a few moments in meditation and prayer on the daily reflections can remind us of all that is true, good and beautiful about the Catholic faith. Remember, Lent begins on February 6.

Bishop Hartley Senior wins Silver Key Award with Photograph

Bishop Hartley is proud to announce that senior Natalie Mercuri received a Silver Key Award in the Scholastic Art Show for one of her photographs. Scholastic art judges look at over 3,000 art pieces, many of which receive honorable mentions. Few pieces receive a Silver Key Award so this provides perspective on the magnitude of this artistic accomplishment. There are intense levels of competition and standards at the show. Our school view of the arts directly impacts the minds and hearts of our artistic students and allows them to rise to this level of competition and accomplishment. Natalie, who has been taking quality photographs for a year since taking Hartley's Print & Photo Class, plans to attend Ohio University in the fall and major in Photography.

Vocations Awareness Fair

Students had the opportunity to learn about vocations from priests and sisters who visited Bishop Hartley and who spoke to religion classes during the Vocations Awareness Fair on January 10. Young men had the opportunity to hear from two visiting priests in our chapel: Father Don Miller, a Franciscan priest originally from Peoria, Illinois, now living in Cincinnati, Ohio and serving as the Vocation Director for the Province of St. John the Baptist; and Father John Boll, a Dominican priest, who is currently the Director of Campus Ministry at Ohio Dominican University. Young women of the school heard from sisters in our D-Wing lecture hall: Sister Rita Hawk, a Sister of Charity from Cincinnati; Sister Cathy Arnold, a Dominican Sister of St. Mary of the Springs in Columbus; and Sister Jane Francis Ohmler, a Sister of St. Francis from Tiffin, Ohio. The clergy spoke about discerning their vocational call in the midst of formulating their plans for the future as young adults and the emotional struggles they underwent to make the decision, but also the joy it has brought them. Plenty of time was allowed for questions from the students.



Father Boll speaks to male students in the St. James Chapel during the Vocations Awareness Fair.



The Faculty won...

Not your typical day at Bishop Hartley...

At the Winter Sports and Activities Assembly held on January 16, a team of students faced Winters' Warriors Faculty Team in a game of 3-on-3 basketball for all the glory. Challenging the principal's team in a game of 3-on-3 was one of the items purchased at last year's auction.

Please check the Calendar on the Bishop Hartley website for athletic events and up-to-date additions and changes to the calendar: www.bishop-hartley.org

Calendar January/February 2008

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
27 Catholic Schools Week	28 Parent Appreciation Day	29 Teacher Appreciation Day Diocesan Choral Concert at Christ the King 7 PM	30 ASVAB Testing	31 Liturgy and Mary Geist Service Award Assembly 10 AM <i>Souper Bowl of Caring</i>	1 ABC Breakfast Pep Rally 1:50 PM	2
3	4 Junior Scheduling	5 Junior Scheduling	6 Ash Wednesday Liturgy 10 AM Junior Scheduling	7	8	9
10	11 Freshman Scheduling	12 Freshman Scheduling American Math Contest	13 Freshman Scheduling Winter Open House 7 pm <i>Lenten Food Drive</i>	14	15 Multi-Cultural Assembly 10 AM INTERIMS <i>Lenten Food Drive</i>	16 Father/Daughter Mother/Son Dances
17 <i>Lenten Food Drive Feb 13, 15, 20, 22, 25 and 29</i>	18 President's Day NO SCHOOL	19 L.I.P.	20 <i>Lenten Food Drive</i>	21 Parent/Teacher Meetings 3:30-8:30 PM 1 PM Dismissal Faculty Mtg School Board 7 PM	22 <i>Lenten Food Drive</i> Herald Mailed	23
24	25 Sophomore Scheduling <i>Lenten Food Drive</i>	26 Sophomore Scheduling	27 Sophomore Scheduling Lenten Reconciliation Service	28 Confessions/Religion Classes 42nd Street 7:30 PM	29 <i>Lenten Food Drive</i> 42nd Street 7:30 PM	1 42nd Street 7:30 PM

Hartley's Bookstore

The Hawk's Nest

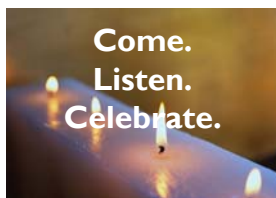
STORE OPEN

Mondays - Wednesdays - Fridays

During Lunch 11:30 - 12:45

Check out new items: Red sweatpants, pullover and zippered hoodies ♦ Watch for car decals in all sports, drama, music and the Hawk ♦ On-line printable catalog will be updated soon with new items:

<http://www.bishop-hartley.org/content.php?id=105>



Eastside Diocesan Choral Concert

Tuesday, January 29 7 PM

Christ the King Church

Come join over 100 students from All Saints Academy, St. Catharine, St. Pius X, and Bishop Hartley as they sing in celebration of

Catholic Schools Week.

News from the Parents Association

The Parents Association is sponsoring many events in the next few months and every family at Hartley is encouraged to participate.

- January 29 – Faculty Appreciation Breakfast
- February 19 – Mother/Son Dance
- February 19 – Father/Daughter Dance
- March 8 – Style Show

Faculty Appreciation Breakfast. Bishop Hartley has an amazing staff that makes the school a safe and friendly environment while teaching our children the goodness of Christ. Help say “thank you” during Catholic Schools Week by donating a food item for the breakfast or volunteering to help. For more information please contact Maryann Tilley 235-6633.

Mother/Son and Father/Daughter Dance. Both dances are fun opportunities to share a special memory with your child. Cost is \$30 person for dinner and dancing. Reservation deadline is January 31. For questions or reservations call:

Mother/Son - Regine Williams – 238-3286
Father/Daughter- Mary Ginn Ryan – 235-1839

Style Show. The style show has been a Hartley tradition for many years and is a great event to share with your daughter, mother, or close friend. For questions, please call Toni Ford (532-0204) or Carol Thompson (939-4059).

**PLEASE SAVE THIS DATE:
MARCH 15, 2008**

A Tribute to Coach Dick Geyer

Bishop Hartley Dick Geyer Gymnasium

OPEN HOUSE 5 - 8 PM

Special Guest Speakers at 7 PM

Light Hors 'd'oeuvres Served
\$10/person or \$30/family
Please make checks payable to:
Bishop Hartley High School

Contact Jennifer Prout, Special Events & Student Activities Coordinator, for information or reservations:
(614) 237-5421 ext 252 or
e-mail: jprout@cducation.org

From Campus Ministry

This is the second of a three part series on the document issued by the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops entitled “The Challenge of Forming Consciences for Faithful Citizenship.” Every four years before a national presidential election year, the bishops of the United States compose a teaching document in order to help Catholics in the United States to make informed decisions in voting for a presidential candidate. This is a continuation from the December 14 issue of *The Herald* to share information with you. The December issue is available on-line through our *Newsletter* archive. If you would like a copy of this statement, please visit www.faithfulcitizenship.org.

deliberate over available alternatives, to determine what is most fitting to a specific context, and to act. Prudence must be accompanied by courage which calls us to act. As Catholics seek to advance the common good, we must carefully discern which public policies are morally sound. A good end does not justify an immoral means. At times Catholics may choose different ways to respond to social problems, but we cannot differ on our obligation to protect human life and dignity and help build through moral means a more just and peaceful world.

negative commandments oblige always and under all circumstances does not mean that in the moral life prohibitions are more important than the obligation to do good indicated by the positive commandment” (Veritatis Splendor, no. 52). The basic right to life implies and is linked to other human rights to the goods that every person needs to live and thrive—including food, shelter, health care, education, and meaningful work. The use of the death penalty, hunger, lack of health care or housing, human trafficking, the human and moral costs of war, and unjust immigration policies are some of the serious moral issues that challenge our consciences and require us to act.

Doing Good and Avoiding Evil. There are some things we must never do, as individuals or as a society, because they are always incompatible with love of God and neighbor. These intrinsically evil acts must always be rejected and never supported. A preeminent example is the intentional taking of human life through abortion. It is always morally wrong to destroy innocent human beings. A legal system that allows the right to life to be violated on the grounds of choice is fundamentally flawed. Similarly, direct threats to the dignity of human life such as euthanasia, human cloning, and destructive research on human embryos are also intrinsically evil and must be opposed. Other assaults on human life and dignity, such as genocide, torture, racism, and the targeting of noncombatants in acts of terror or war, can never be justified. Disrespect for any human life diminishes respect for all human life.

Making Moral Choices. Difficult political decisions require the exercise of a well-formed conscience aided by prudence. This exercise of conscience begins with always opposing policies that violate human life or weaken its protection. “Those who formulate law therefore have an obligation in conscience to work toward correcting morally defective laws, lest they be guilty of cooperating in evil and in sinning against the common good” (Catholics in Political Life, 2004).

When morally flawed laws already exist, prudential judgment is needed to determine how to do what is possible to restore justice—even if partially or gradually—without ever abandoning a moral commitment to full protection for all human life from conception to natural death (see *Evangelium Vitae*, no. 73).

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HOW DOES THE CHURCH HELP CATHOLICS TO ADDRESS POLITICAL AND SOCIAL QUESTIONS?

A Well-Formed Conscience. The Church equips her members to address political questions by helping them develop well-formed consciences. “Conscience is a judgment of reason whereby the human person recognizes the moral quality of a concrete act. . . . [Every person] is obliged to follow faithfully what he [or she] knows to be just and right” (Catechism of the Catholic Church, no. 1778). We Catholics have a lifelong obligation to form our consciences in accord with human reason, enlightened by the teaching of Christ as it comes to us through the Church.

The Virtue of Prudence. The Church also encourages Catholics to develop the virtue of prudence, which enables us “to discern our true good in every circumstance and to choose the right means of achieving it” (Catechism of the Catholic Church, no. 1806). Prudence shapes and informs our ability to

As Catholics we are not single-issue voters. A candidate’s position on a single issue is not sufficient to guarantee a voter’s support. Yet a candidate’s position on a single issue that involves an intrinsic evil, such as support for legal abortion or the promotion of racism, may legitimately lead a voter to disqualify a candidate from receiving support.

Opposition to intrinsically evil acts also prompts us to recognize our positive duty to contribute to the common good and act in solidarity with those in need. Both opposing evil and doing good are essential. As Pope John Paul II said, “the fact that only the

Prudential judgment is also needed to determine the best way to promote the common good in areas such as housing, health care, and immigration. When Church leaders make judgments about how to apply Catholic teaching to specific policies, this may not carry the same binding authority as universal moral principles but cannot be dismissed as one political opinion among others. These moral applications should inform the consciences and guide the actions of Catholics.

The Church has a rich heritage of hospitality and pastoral concern for immigrants, migrants, and refugees. During the celebration of National Migration Week which began on Sunday, January 6, we remember and stand up for those in our midst who have come to the United States from other countries. Focused on the theme From Many, One Family of God, this is an opportunity to better educate ourselves and others regarding the plight of those who seek refuge, safety, and a better way of life for their families when they immigrate to the United States.

The following entitled “UNITY IN DIVERSITY - A Guide to Understanding Catholic Social Teaching on Immigration and the Movement of Peoples” provides for understanding and implementing the Church’s call to welcome and walk with all, even the strangers among us. We are presenting the second of the two parts in this supplement. The first part was included in the December 14 Herald and can be found on-line under our Newsletter archive.

UNITY IN DIVERSITY - A Guide to Understanding Catholic Social Teaching on Immigration and the Movement of Peoples

The U.S. bishops’ pastoral statement welcoming the stranger among us: Unity in Diversity is firmly grounded in the Church’s social teaching. Understanding and appreciating Catholic social teaching helps us to put our faith into action.

THREE BASIC PRINCIPLES OF CATHOLIC SOCIAL TEACHING ON IMMIGRATION, (Continued)

Third Principle: A country must regulate its borders with justice and mercy. The second principle of Catholic social teaching may seem to negate the first principle. However, principles one and two must be understood in the context of principle three. And all Catholic social teaching must be understood in light of the absolute equality of all people and the commitment to the common good. A country’s regulation of borders and control of immigration must be governed by concern for all people and by mercy and justice. A nation may not simply decide that it wants to provide for its own people and no others. A sincere commitment to the needs of all must prevail.

In our modern world where communication and travel are much easier, the burden of emergencies cannot be placed solely on nations immediately adjacent to the crises. Justice dictates that the world community contributes resources toward shelter, food, medical services, and basic welfare.

Even in the case of less urgent migrations, a developed nation’s right to limit immigration must be based on justice, mercy, and the common good, not on self-interest. Moreover, immigration policy ought to take into account other important values such as the right of families to live together. A merciful

immigration policy will not force married couples or children to live separated from their families for long periods.

Undocumented immigrants present a special concern. Often their presence is considered criminal since they arrive without legal permission. Under the harshest view, undocumented people may be regarded as undeserving of rights or services. This is not the view of Catholic social teaching. The Catholic Church teaches that every person has basic human rights and is entitled to have basic human needs met—food, shelter, clothing, education, and health care. Undocumented persons are particularly vulnerable to exploitation by employers, and they are not able to complain because of the fear of discovery and deportation. Current immigration policy that criminalizes the mere attempt to immigrate and imprisons immigrants who have committed no crime or who have already served a just sentence for a crime is immoral. In the Bible, God promises that our judgment will be based on our treatment of the most vulnerable. Before God we cannot excuse inhumane treatment of certain persons by claiming that their lack of legal status deprives them of rights given by the Creator.

Finally, immigration policy that allows people to live here and contribute to society for years but refuses to offer them the opportunity to achieve legal status does not serve the common good. The presence of millions of people living without easy access to basic human rights and necessities is a great injustice.

It is the position of the Catholic Church that pastoral, educational, medical, and social services provided by the Church are never conditioned on legal status. All persons are invited to participate in our parishes, attend our schools, and receive other services offered by our institutions and programs.

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