



BISHOP CONNOLLY COUGAR NEWS

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2011

*"To be not only
hearers but
doers of the
Word."
- James 1:22*

SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST:

Hear from Bishop
Connolly's Princi-
pal, Christopher
Myron

October Events

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*Let the nations praise
you, God,
Let all the nations
praise you.
The soil has given its
harvest,
God, our God, has
blessed us.
May God bless us, and
let him be feared
to the very ends of the
earth.
- Psalm 67*

October Events

October 5th:
Parent/Teacher Conferences
3PM—5PM & 6PM—8PM

October 6th & 7th:
IOWA Testing

October 7th:
Junior Ring Mass
BCHS Auditorium — 1PM

October 10th:
NO SCHOOL: Columbus Day

October 12th:
PSAT Testing —
L.E.A.P. through grade 11

October 12th:
Senior Retreat

October 15th:
Homecoming Game — 1PM

October 15th:
Homecoming Dance
7PM– 10PM
BCHS Gymnasium

October 23rd:
BCHS Open House — 1PM
Please invite your friends!

Principal's Message

Dear Bishop Connolly Parents and Guardians,

It is harvest time, a time to be thankful for what we have and a time to enjoy the gifts of this earth. As we begin our journey into the autumn months, I would like to acknowledge the many gifts God has blessed us with this past September. One of those gifts came from Mr. Lauzon and a group of our students. They organized and conducted a memorial service for the tenth anniversary of the tragic events that occurred on September 11, 2001. It was a powerful service that united our school and centered us on the grace of God.

I would like to thank all the parents and guardians that attended the *Back to School Night* and supported the *Parent Campaign*. I am especially grateful to Debra Sousa, Dr. Catherine Maher, and Tom Quinn for openly sharing why they are committed to the Bishop Connolly family.

I have already heard from many of you concerning how you will share your gifts and talents. Your generosity of spirit and willingness to volunteer your time, talent, and treasure to our school is heartwarming. Together we can overcome many financial obstacles and create a positive school environment. If for some rea-

son you have not sent back your *Parent Support Campaign Form*, please send it back as soon as possible.

I am looking forward to seeing you again this month at the *Parent Teacher Conferences on October 5th*. This year, before you meet with your son/or daughter's teachers, you will receive a copy of their progress report. Attending this meeting is important because it fosters good communication among parents and teachers.

You can also help us in our recruitment efforts this fall; just relate the good news of Bishop Connolly to all the people you meet! On October 23, 2011 we will have the first of two Open Houses for incoming students in the 8th and 9th grade. If you have friends or associates with children in 7th or 8th grade, please invite them to the Open House or have them call Mr. Ciampelli.

God Bless,

Christopher Myron



Connolly News...

A+ School Rewards

Welcome to another year of A+ School Rewards through Stop & Shop. Bishop Connolly High School has another opportunity to earn cash through the A+ School Rewards Program from October 7th through March 29th, 2012.

All you have to do is:

Log on to www.stopandshop.com/aplus to register online or dial 1-877-275-2758 to register your card over the phone.

ID #: 05847



After you register your card, each shopping trip at Stop & Shop using your Stop & Shop card, earns CASH for our school. Each month the amount of cash awarded to our school will be updated on the Stop & Shop Website. You can track the amount of points you earn for our school by checking your grocery receipt. The money earned through this program will be used for our school's educational needs.

Remember— even if you registered last year, you must re-register this year in order for BCHS to receive credit. This simple process makes a huge

difference to our school. We need your support. Please get friends and family members to register as well!

Parent/Teacher Conferences

On October 5th, from 3PM to 5PM & 6PM to 8PM, you will have the opportunity to speak with our teachers. You do not have to make an appointment, first come, first served. First Quarter Progress Reports will be handed out on this night as well. All parents are encouraged to attend.

Open House

The Open House for students interested in coming to Bishop Connolly is Sunday, October 23, 2011 at 1:00PM. I would ask you to extend an invitation to those families you personally know that might be interested in joining our great community. Students interested in our L.E.A.P. Program are also invited to attend.

Student Insurance Protection

Parents and guardians are asked to visit the 'Documents' section of the BCHS website for more information on the Student Accidental Insurance Protection Plans.

Donations for the Red Carpet Gala

Anyone interested in donating items for the BCHS Gala are asked to contact Mr. Tony Ciampanelli or Mrs. Debbie Arruda at (508) 676-1071. Items for both the baskets and the live auction are needed.

Save the Date:

BCHS Red Carpet Gala

March 10, 2012

Fall River Cultural Center
205 South Main Street
Fall River, MA 02720

New York Shopping Trip

Anyone interested in going on a New York shopping trip on November 26, 2011 is asked to contact Mrs. Debbie Arruda at (508) 676-1071 for more information. Tickets are \$45.00 per person. The bus leaves BCHS at 6:30AM and returns to BCHS at 6:30PM.

'Like' Us on Facebook

Bishop Connolly High School has a new Facebook page. Find us and 'like' the page to stay up-to-date with the latest news, events, and information about our school.

Cast of Rabbit Hole

Congratulations to the following students who have received a role in Connolly's newest play, Rabbit Hole:

- Bethany Taylor
- Matt Messier
- Julianne Earle
- Sophie Casale
- Wyatt Moniz
- Brooke Aguiar
- Blaine Payer
- Barry J. Costa, Jr.
- Kelsey Miranda
- Blake Aguiar
- Japheth Omonira
- Alexa Cahill
- Christian Tavares
- Jacob Kress
- Karlin Furtado
- Georgianna Silveira
- Lexi Ambrose
- Courtney Bouchard

Daily Prayer Intentions

Any Bishop Connolly student or family member that has a special intention for which they would like the school to pray for, will now be read before morning prayer each day. To add a special intention to our daily list, either have your son/daughter write the intention in the book located at the back of the chapel or e-mail Rachel Andrepont at randrepont@bishopconnolly.com.



Connolly News Continued...

L.E.A.P. Program

Our first year with L.E.A.P. students is going great! For those of you new to the Bishop Connolly Community, here is some information about our exciting program. L.E.A.P. is designed to meet the needs of exceptional eighth grade students. L.E.A.P., an acronym for *Learning • Environment • Accelerates • Potential*, stems from our mission to cultivate all students' intellectual, creative, social, spiritual and athletic gifts. Basic to the philosophy of the L.E.A.P. Program is the idea that the traditional education environment cannot meet the needs of gifted students. The L.E.A.P. Program's accelerated curriculum values advanced content, multiple intelligences and higher-order thinking in order to build an environment that allows students to reach their fullest potential.

Intellectually gifted students who are ready for the challenges of a rigorous high school curriculum will have the opportunity to begin this innovative five year program. For questions or for more information about the L.E.A.P. Program, please contact Kelly Rezendes or Shannon McGuire at (508) 676-1071.

Timothy J. Cotter Scholarship Fund

In its tenth year, the Timothy J. Cotter Scholarship Fund has awarded close to \$50,000 to students attending BCHS. Given in memory of Timothy J. Cotter, who was president of Bank Five from 1983 to 1998, this scholarship fund has benefited so many students making it possible for them to receive a Catholic educa-

tion. Not only did Mr. Cotter create this scholarship fund, but he was also the chairman of St. Mary's Education Fund, which provides scholarships to children attending the Catholic elementary schools as well. Mr. Cotter believed very much in Catholic Education since having been educated through the parochial school system himself, he felt a huge obligation to want to help

others. And helping he has done! "I am honored to be able to honor him in this way," said his wife Noreen. "Mr. Cotter was a huge supporter of Catholic Education!"

Congratulations to Hannah Lopes, William Medeiros, Brandon Cordeiro and Ciera Omos for being the recipients for the 2011-2012 school year!



Please note the following changes to the **BISHOP CONNOLLY HIGH SCHOOL STUDENT/PARENT 2011-2012 HANDBOOK:**

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From the Guidance Office...

Testing Information:

IOWA Testing for students in grades L.E.A.P. through 11 will take place on October 6th & 7th. Seniors do not report to Bishop Connolly during these testing days but should use this time to visit college campuses.

PSAT Testing is scheduled for Wednesday, October 12th. The PSAT is a mandatory part of our testing program, and all students in grades L.E.A.P through 11 are required to take the exam. There is a cost of \$17 for the exam which is due by October 5th. Please

remit payment to Ms. Keavy in the Business Office.

REMINDER: Financial Aid Night, sponsored by MEFA (Massachusetts Educational Financing Authority), is scheduled for Wednesday, December 7th at 7:00 p.m. in the cafeteria. All seniors and their families are strongly encouraged to attend.



Did you miss a newsletter?

Don't worry— on our website at www.bishopconnolly.com under 'Documents' you can find each newsletter by month!

Upcoming Dates...

November 2nd:
End of First Quarter

November 11th:
No School: Veteran's Day

November 23rd:
Half Day of School

November 24 & 25th:
No School: Thanksgiving Break

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