



October 2009

Dear Parents and Guardians,

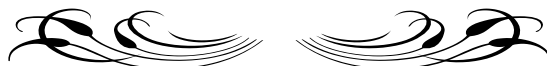
The school year has begun with great enjoyment. Ralph Waldo Emerson said, “Nothing great was ever achieved without enthusiasm.” To this end, the students have demonstrated a tremendous amount of spirit during orientation programs, early instructional endeavors, club activities, and most vociferously during the opening season football game at Giants Stadium. The first few days of school are critical to the overall success of the school year as these days establish a tone as well as a sense of community. I am happy to report that based on the students’ energy “for all things Bergen” the school is certainly primed for a tremendous year of excitement and achievement.

Aristotle said, “We are what we repeatedly do. Excellence, therefore, is not an act, but a habit.” In this vein, during the month of September, comprehensive expectations are presented to the students. These expectations are expressed so that students understand from the very first moment of the school year that they must strive to be distinctive in everything they attempt. The viewpoint of “good enough is simply good enough” is not an acceptable concept at Bergen Catholic High School. Teachers as well as students impress upon one another the need for fine time management skills, comprehensive preparation, honor in one’s performance and an evolving intimate relationship with God will provide all that take these ideals to heart with a platform of excellence. It has been exciting to witness the students internalize these expectations and begin to live them demonstratively.

As October begins, multiple assessments will have already been provided in each of your son’s courses. Please view Edline on a regular basis to monitor your son’s academic standing. However, do not limit your use of Edline to just scrutinizing scores – use the grades to prompt conversations between you and your sons. Conversations regarding course material and expectations will provide you with context for the numerical grade you see on Edline. These conversations further the academic partnership that exists between you and your son as well as you and the school.

I would like to thank the large number of parents that attended the “Back to School Nights.” Parents in attendance were able to learn firsthand from their son’s teachers’ information regarding course expectations, content material, and grading policies. It was certainly an impressive showing and another indication of caring of the parent body of Bergen Catholic.

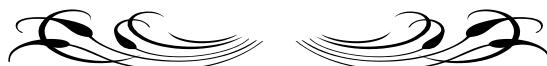
I am very happy to announce the **Advanced Placement Scholars with Distinction from the Class of 2008-2009**. **AP Scholars with Distinction** is awarded to those students who receive grades of 3.5 or higher on 5 or more AP exams.



Class of 2008-2009 - AP Scholars with Distinction

Christopher Clarke
James DiPalma-Grisi
Frank Geiger

I am also happy to note the **Advanced Placement Scholars with Honor from the Class of 2008-2009**. This honor is granted to students who receive an average grade of at least “3.25” on all AP exams taken, and grades of “3” or higher on four or more of these exams.



Class of 2008-2009 - AP Scholars with Honor

Donald Butterworth
Daniel McNeely
Robert Pawlick

I am very happy to announce the **Advanced Placement Scholars from the Class of 2008-2009**. **AP Scholar** distinction is awarded to those students who receive grades of “3” or higher on three or more AP exams.



Class of 2008-2009 – AP Scholars

Michael Bottinelli
Elias Ghattas
Zachary Gobeille
Christopher Hobeika
Kevin Joseph
Patrick Kenny
Seung Yeon Kim
Scott Monaco
Daniel Ottaunick
Seoungsoo Park
Matthew Parra
Hyung-Min Suh
Mark Ward

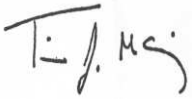
The following students received their mandates as **Eucharistic Ministers**:

Mark Connor Alexander	Zachary Michael Daly	John Patrick Maughan
Michael Taylor Bruno	Anthony Mario DeFilippis	Timothy McAndrew
Christopher M. Bush	Nicholas Michael DiGiovanni	James Paul Monaco
Thomas Edward Casper	Joseph Christopher Fiorica	Andrew Joseph Naso
Thomas James Certo	Michael Gannon	Michael Ryan Ottaunick
Robert Andrew Chrisomalis	William Joseph Hamilton	Christopher Joseph Quinn
Christian Edward Comeau	Bryan A. Leitch	Joseph Gregory Rice
		Sang Weon Yoo

This letter includes the following items:

- Car Pool Release Form – To be RETURNED to the Main Office as soon as possible.
- Craft Show Announcement – Attached
- Message from Br. Brian M. Walsh – President

Sincerely,

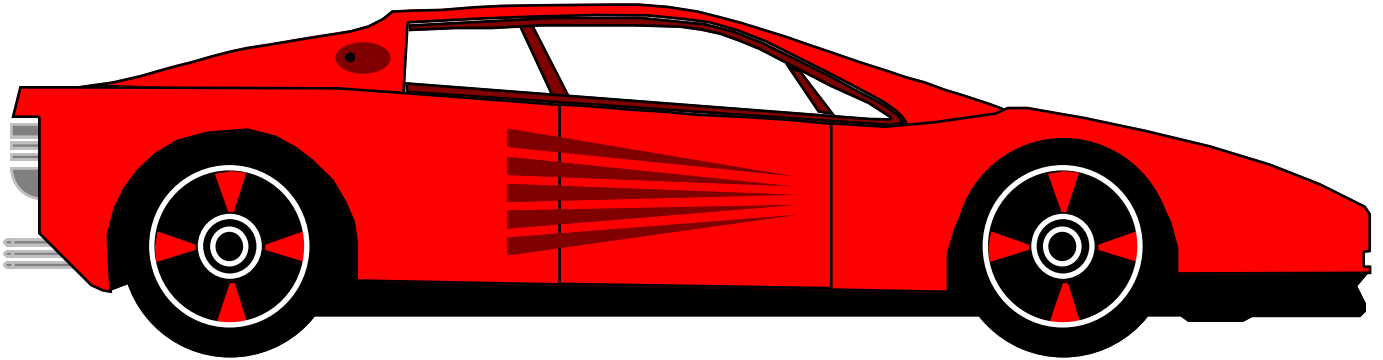


Timothy J. McElhinney
Principal

Blessed Edmund Rice... Pray for us.

Live Jesus in our Hearts... Forever.

**CAR POOL
RELEASE FORM-2009-2010**



If your son is in a car pool for his transportation method to get to and from Bergen Catholic H. S., please sign below that in an emergency situation the following people may take your son home from school.

Son's Name: _____ **Grade Level:** _____

Homeroom: _____

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____

Please Print Only-Parents Names & Phone #'s of your car pool members.

Please return to the Main Office as soon as possible.

16th Annual Craft Show

Sunday Only
October 18, 2009
10:00 am to 5:00 pm

**A Quality Juried Show of
Lovely Arts & Crafts**

**Over
65
Crafters**

Come Join Us

- ❖ To see unique handmade arts and crafts!
- ❖ Have a delicious snack or lunch at our cafeteria!
- ❖ Pick up some homemade goodies at our bake sale!
- ❖ Start your Holiday Shopping Early!

ADMISSION: \$2.00 – Adults
\$1.00—Senior Citizens
Children Free (16 and under)



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