

\\\\GCC FAST BLAST\\\\

February 1, 2010

Catholic Schools Week Dividends for Life

The high school administration has recently learned that many of our students are planning on attending a social event (dance) scheduled at a nearby country club the week before our high school prom. A suggestion has been made by some of our students that this event is a type of alternative prom.

We ask our parents to note that the Greensburg Central Catholic High School Prom is scheduled for Heinz Field on Friday, May 7, 2010. Of course the traditional “Grand March” takes place right here at GCC before our students board coach busses for the trip to Pittsburgh.

The other social event scheduled before May 7, 2010, is not sanctioned by the school and will not be chaperoned by the school faculty and administration; GCC will have no liability whatsoever for this event – as it is not ours. Adult supervision at our prom is taken so very seriously. We also employ Heinz Field security personnel and follow their established protocol, which is designed to keep our young people safe and yet create a most memorable and enjoyable evening for our students.

The GCC prom is sponsored by Mrs. Myers and Mrs. Kinhead. Parents who have questions about our school’s prom should contact either sponsor by e-mail.

Underclassmen Schedules for Next School Year

The scheduling process for next school year begins this first week of February. Our updated course description book is available both on line and in hard copy form in school. Please review the course selections carefully. Please seek input from our guidance

department, faculty, and/or the administration if you have questions and concerns about the courses that your child desires. We do not entertain course changes after the deadline dates have passed. We will update our parents weekly on the scheduling process and the deadlines involved as they approach.

Haiti Relief --- a part of Catholic Schools Week

Throughout this special week, *Catholic Schools Week*, we are focusing our efforts in support of the people of Haiti. Last week, Dr. Richard Gosser, executive director of Partners in Progress, addressed our students regarding the plight of the Haitian people. We have calculated that to feed a family of 5 in Haiti costs approximately \$25.00 per week. Presently our classes by grade are involved in competition to see how many families can be fed at the cost of \$25.00.

At this point, the Freshman Class is tied with the Faculty and Staff for the lead! Each one has fed 6 families today! In addition, the Sisters of Charity of Seton Hill have challenged GCC to exceed their contribution of **\$6,000.00**. **Can we Beat the Nuns? We can and we will!** Join the fun and help your son/daughter's class to win the competition so that we can **Beat those Nuns!** If you wish to make a tax deductible contribution, please make the check payable to **Partners in Progress**. We will keep you updated each day as we move ahead to meet our challenged goal! Thank you, Sister Maureen for coming up with this idea and approach.

SAVE THE DATE — The Greensburg Central Catholic “**Making a Bid in Our Future**” Auction Gala will be held Saturday, March 27, 2010. Doors open at 6:00 PM in the Auxiliary Gym. Plan to be there, reserve a seat or a table for 8.

The GCC Parents' Club is seeking donations of new merchandise, services or a cash donation to be used at this 14th Annual “Making a Bid for Our Future” Gala Auction. Re-gift that unusual item that

you have no use for; remember “one man’s trash is another man’s treasure”. Donate a “theme” basket or gift cards. Contact the Development Office 724-834-0310 ext 214 to have it picked up or drop your item off there during school hours.

Volunteers needed: The “Making a Bid for Our Future” Auction Gala sponsored by the GCC Parents’ Club cannot be a success without volunteers. Volunteers are needed to help before, during and after the event. Email Pat Newman at wtpan4@comcast.net. Adults and students are needed. There will be a meeting of anyone interested in helping with the Auction on Wednesday, February 10, 2010 at 7:00PM in the cafeteria.

The success of this auction is fundamental to the health of our school. Please lend a helping hand if at all possible.

Sports at a Catholic high school

Finally, as the winter sports teams approach the playoffs – competitive emotions and school spirit in many schools sometimes exceed reasonable and acceptable limits. The recent fight between students from two public high schools during the halftime of a basketball game is something that we must guard against at GCC. We are not a sports academy but rather a Catholic high school. Our coaches, players, students, and fans must measure up to a higher standard. Our priorities are faith formation and academic excellence. Sports have their place in our curriculum but sports alone are not the reason one should attend or support GCC.

Our Catholic values permeate our classrooms and our activities in the performing arts and athletic competition. Although we seek accomplishment in these activities, we must always embrace our Catholic identity. Our strength comes through unity, but our unity at GCC is derived through our faith. Please encourage our students and all fans to always live out daily the Christian values that we teach here and to rally to our mantra: “*Glory to God Alone.*”