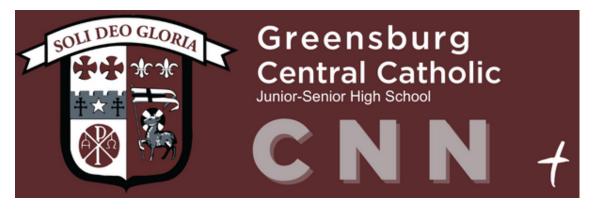
<u>View this email in your browser</u> And when the centurion, who stood there in front of Jesus, saw how he died, he said, "Surely this man was the Son of God!" Mark 15:39



February 23, 2024

#### **IMPORTANT DATES**

3/1 - Mass Dress Uniforms

Athletics Calendar -- Click here to view all upcoming athletic events

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#### **Announcements**

#### Service Hours

**Reminder:** Service Hours are due on Wednesday, May 1st. The 24 required hours must be submitted digitally via Schoology. Paper records will not be accepted. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact your child's religion teacher.

#### NOTE CHANGE IN CALENDAR

On April 12<sup>th</sup> please note that there will be an early dismissal at 10:40 We will be holding our honor society inductions in the afternoon from 12pm-3pm.

#### **ATTENTION PARENTS/ Boosters**

Before you purchase any GCC gear or apparel for sport boosters or any other group, you must adhere to the style guide and have the artwork approved by GCC before you make the purchase. Please email <u>rgrant@gchs.org</u> with any questions and to obtain approval. Thanks

#### Just a reminder.....

Students can begin entering the school building through the Campus Ministry and Main Entrance Doors at 6:45 am. The Campus Ministry door is locked at 7:37 am. Students must be in their homeroom by 7:40 am. If a student arrives after 7:40 am, he/she must report to the office and will be marked tardy unexcused unless he/she has a note.

#### Uniform Reminders

UNIFORM REMINDERS:

- 1. Hoodies must be removed once in the building
- 2. Shirts must be tucked in at all times
- 3. Belts must be worn
- 4. Only black socks and shoes are permitted
- 5. Skirt length—if your daughter has been warned twice, and a detention on the 3<sup>rd</sup> violation has been issued, moving forward she will need to wear approved black uniform pants.

Any questions, feel free to reach out to Mrs. Szmed. <u>TSzmed@gcchs.org</u> <u>BACK</u>

#### Boys and Girls Lacrosse Sign Ups

High School Boys and Girls Lacrosse Sign Ups are going on NOW in the main office and Final Forms.

Please email Dan Mahoney with questions dwmahoney@gcchs.org

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#### **Looking for DONATIONS**

Charity Outreach of the Partner Parishes of St John the Baptist, Scottdale and St Josep, Everson is collecting blankets and coats to distribute to the needy. Please consider donating a new or good-condition blanket or coat to the organization as part of your Lenten journey this year. Items will be collected from Monday, February 26th to Friday, March 1st. Please drop off the item at the school office. Thank you very much for your participation and generosity. BACK

**Catholic Schools Breakfast Information** 

A Celebration of Catholic Schools Breakfast

Thursday, March 14, 2024 8:00-10:00 AM

Tickets \$35 per person

Stratigos Banquet Centre 131 Colonial Manor Road North Huntingdon, PA 15642

2024 Golden Apple Award Winners Mrs. Tamara Bernot The Divine Redeemer School, Ford City Mary Queen of Apostles School, New Kensington

Ms. Kimberly Marsh Christ the Divine Teacher School, Latrobe

Mrs. Heather Peters Greensburg Central Catholic Junior-Senior High School, Greensburg

Reservations: DioceseofGreensburg.org/GoldenAppleAwards

## Event Highlights











Keynote Speaker: Bishop Larry J. Kulick, Diocese of Greensburg

Master of Ceremonies: Jennifer Miele, Chief Communications Officer

Superintendent: Dr. Nancy Rottler, Catholic Schools of the Diocese of Greensburg

- Presentation of Golden Apple Awards to celebrate exellence in teaching generously provided by the Donahue Family Foundation.
- Awarding of Capital Sustainability Awards to Catholic Schools for their capital projects.
- Recognition of exceptional student achievement through Student Spotlight Awards.

#### Sponsorship Opportunities: Mike Lucotch

724-552-2503 mlucotch@DioceseofGreensburg.org



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## SAVE THE DATE

#### **Greensburg Central Catholic's Annual Auction**

Friday April 5, 2024





The committee still needs volunteers to help make this event a success. Please contact Dennis Cremonese, <u>dcremonese@gcchs.org</u> if you are willing to lend your talents to making Lu'au shine.

Next meeting date is Tuesday March 5, 2024 at 5:30 pm in the Cafeteria.



## It's Not Too Late to Help

The event is scheduled for Friday April 5, 2024, which is coming fast. It will be a fun evening – an escape to Hawaii. Wear your favorite Hawaiian shirts or dresses.

You can lend your support to the event in one or more of the following ways:

Help secure items to be auctioned

Donate items to be auctioned

Donate a cake from a local bakery for the Dessert Dash

Become a Sponsor

Buy tickets to attend

Get your friends to attend

Contact Dennis Cremonese at 724-834-0310 x4201 or <u>dcremonese@gcchs.org</u> to offer your support.

The money all goes towards making GCC a great place for your students. Let's make this our most successful auction!

#### **Dessert Dash Donations Needed**

What is Dessert Dash? You can donate a delicious cake/dessert that can feed at least 8 people from one of the Pittsburgh area's bakeries.

Tables of attendees at the event pool their money to donate to be able to choose their dessert. The table donating the highest amount gets first choice, but don't take too long to choose because the next tables on the list will be on your heels.

Please contact Reyne Kozar at <u>rkozar@cdtschool.org</u> or Dennis Cremonese at <u>dcremonese@gcchs.org</u> to offer your dessert donation. Help make this our most successful auction yet!

Sign Up Link <u>http://tinyurl.com/DessertDash24http://</u> Email Questions to / <u>rkozar@cdtschool.org</u> or <u>http://dcremonese@gcchs.org</u>

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#### Student Art on Display at SAMA

Support our student artists - several GCC students have art on display



### FEBRUARY 16 - APRIL 21, 2024 AN EXHIBITION CELEBRATING YOUTH ART MONTH FEATURING STUDENT ARTWORK FROM

WESTMORELAND AND FAYETTE COUNTIES

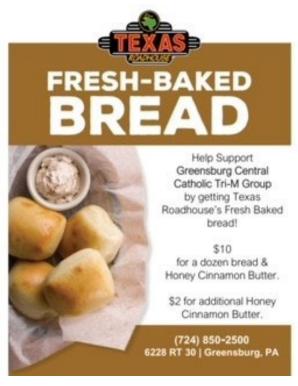


OPENING RECEPTION SATURDAY, MAR 2, 2024 1:00 PM - 4:00 PM

This exhibition is sponsored by the Sigma Chapter of Alpha Delta Kappa International Honorary Organization for Women Educators. The Museum suggests a donation of \$1 per person in support of the exhibition.

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TRI-M Texas Road House Roll Fundraiser



Questions email Ms.Lamagna at <u>NLamagna@gcchs.org</u> <u>BACK</u>

#### Spirit Store NEW Merch and 10\$ WALL

The Spirit Store will be open every Friday **\$10.00 WALL** 



NEW Merchandise



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#### **NEED Service Hours?**

The Partner Parishes of St. John the Baptist, Scottdale and St. Joseph, Everson will be holding their annual fish fry beginning on Feb. 14th and continuing every Friday except Good Friday from 11am-6pm in St. John's School Hall. Volunteers are needed after school (until about 7pm) to help serve food, clean tables, wash dishes and general clean up. If you need more information, please call the parish office at 724-887-6321. BACK

#### Aquinas GALA help needed

Aquinas Academy needs your help! They can use some volunteers on Saturday March 9 in helping with all aspects of the gala. Please see the details below, you will receive service hours for these opportunities. If you have any questions or interest in these events, please email Mrs. Beers <a href="mailto:mrsibbeers@gmail.com">mrsibbeers@gmail.com</a> to sign up or get more information.

Saturday, March 9th

- Gala at Rizzo's setup from 9 am- 3 pm: help setup at the event space or drivers to bring things from Aquinas to Rizzo's.
- Gala at Rizzo's event from 3 pm till end: bringing raffle winnings to winners at tables, offer 50/50 tickers and similar tasks. GCC DRESS UNIFORMS REQUIRED.
- Some night owls who would be able to assist after the gala is over tearing the space down and driving materials back to Aquinas. Time: TBD

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#### **CHAMPION Coach Notes**

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PLAY LIKE A CHAMPION TODAY

## **Champion Coach Note**

Educating and Forming Champion Coaches

### **Advice for Coaches**

Everyone wants to win, but is that the primary goal of youth and high school sports? In this week's video, former Notre Dame football captain, NFL veteran and longtime ESPN personality Mike Golic weighs in on what's really the most important thing when it comes to coaching our children. As Golic notes, the priorities today may be different than when many of today's coaches were kids. If we're going to provide the best



experience for our kids, it's important that we learn to **serve** them, to understand what our children hope to get out of sports and to teach the game in a positive way that incorporates all the members of a team. Remember that in youth and high school sports, the game belongs to the kids.

This week, take a moment to think about how you can better serve the kids who have been entrusted to your care. Take Mike Golic's advice to heart and make a plan to put his words in-action on your own team. With even small changes to your approach, you can create a culture that better serves each student-athlete and allows them to maximize their potential on the field and in life.

"Whoever would be great among you must be your servant, and whoever would be first among you must be your slave; even as the Son of man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many." ~ Matthew 20: 26-28

#### Join Us for March Quarterly Partner Meetup



Our next Quarterly Partner Meetup will take place on Wednesday, March 6th at Noon EST, as we welcome special guest Natalie McNerney. Natalie has been a physical therapist for 3 years. She graduated from the University of Notre Dame with a Bachelor's in Business Administration and then received her Doctor of Physical Therapy from Duke University. Following graduation, she was fortunate to complete the Sports Residency at Cincinnati Children's Hospital and work closely with amazing mentors in the field of pediatric and adolescent sports. While in residency, her research focused on the relationship amongst early

quadriceps strength, psychological outcomes, and time to return to sport in youth ACLR patients. She currently works at Joe DiMaggio Children's Hospital U18 Sports Medicine in South Florida where she treats primarily high school athletes. She has a passion for injury

prevention, safe return to sport, and concussion management.

Click the link below to <u>register to attend this FREE webinar</u>, where you'll have a chance to hear from Natalie, ask questions and discuss current "hot topics" in youth and high school sport with fellow leaders! [*Note: those who have registered for a previous Quarterly Partner Meetup do not need to register again. All those registered will receive a link to join us prior to March 6th.*]

Register Now: March Quarterly Partner Meetup

#### **A Prayer for Teams**

Jesus, in your example, may we seek to truly understand what it means to be a "Servant Leader." We are called to be kind, helpful, supportive and fair in our relationships with our teammates, coaches, opponents and officials. Let us commit to cooperate fairly, to communicate kindly and to challenge gently with the goal of serving one another in love. Amen.



Access Resources & Learn More at PlayLikeaChampion.org

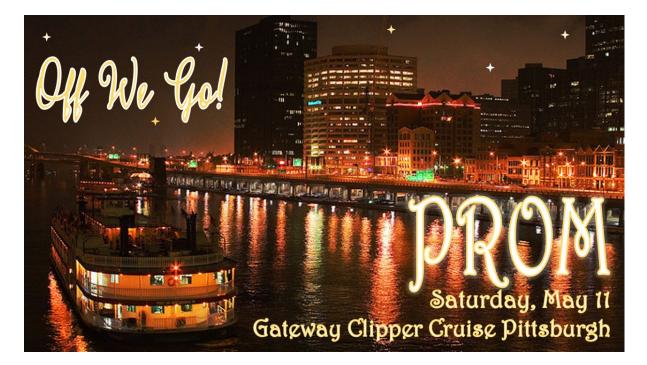
Play Like a Champion Today Educational Series PO Box 72, Notre Dame, IN 46556 <u>information@playlikeachampion.org</u> <u>www.playlikeachampion.org</u>

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#### Prom Ticket Fundraiser Opportunity



Students attending the 2024 Prom can participate in the Sarris Candies Fundraiser to earn credit (25% of sales) and reduce the price of their individual prom tickets. When making a purchase, enter the group ID and the student's name to ensure the student earns credit. See the flyer below for the group ID and additional information.

Contact Mrs. McWilliams at <a href="mailto:smcwilliams@gcchs.org">smcwilliams@gcchs.org</a> with any questions.

## Help Support Our ONLINE ORDERING Fundraiser

We are fundraising with darwing to raise money for our organization! If you would like to help support our sale, you can go online to:

SarrisCandiesFundraising.com

\*All orders must be placed by 11:59 PM EST on March 22<sup>nd</sup>.

Our Organization's Name

Our Group ID# 10-0356

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#### Greensburg Central Catholic HS Prom

**HOW TO ORDER** 

Access the Sarris fundraising website on your computer or mobile phone.



From the home page, click I Am Supporting a Fundraiser or click Shop Now in the navigation bar to access our available products.

Enter our Group ID# and your family member or friend's name and select Shop Now.

**TIP:** Use the drop-down categories under **Shop Now** in the navigation bar tab to look for specific types of products.

**TIP:** Use the search bar to look for specific products.

#### \$5 FLAT RATE GROUND SHIPPING Orders ship right to your home!

No minimum purchase required to receive \$5 flat rate ground shipping. Shipping fee is per address. Warm weather packaging and expedited shipping charges are additional.

#### **Popular Categories**



HOLIDAY: EASTER

**BOXED CHOCOLATES** 





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#### Guidance Corner

#### Seniors and Senior Parent(s)

If you are looking for scholarships, please check my Schoology Guidance Course, Scholarship Page.

Local scholarships are starting to arrive, and several new scholarships were added prior to the Christmas break.

Direct access to a scholarship website or the application is posted.

Also, the GCC website under Academics, Guidance, Services,

https://www.gcchs.org/academics/Pages/guidance.aspx, lists legitimate Scholarship search engines.

And check out the information below for possible opportunities:

#### **Organizations and Associations**

Research all organizations and associations related to your career field. Scholarships will generally be posted on their main websites but contact them in addition to inquire about other organizations in your chosen field for expanding your list.

#### Corporations

Research a list of 20 or more of the largest companies related to your chosen field. Google their name and the word "scholarship".

I hope this information is helpful!

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#### Dear AP Students and Parent(s),

Guidance met with students in every AP class prior to the Christmas break and shared AP Exam registration and payment explanation. Please see the information below or attached for AP Exams, payment form, and exam schedule. Payment is due by March 15, 2024.

#### AP Registration Forms CLICK HERE

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Spring College in High School Registration NOW OPEN

We just received news from SHU that Mrs. McWilliams AP English Lit has been approved for a fall and spring course! That is 6 credits, if you registered for fall you can register for spring as well. If you did not register in the fall but still want to get 3 credits for the spring you can also register!



#### **College In High School**

SPRING 2023-2024

Seton Hill University Saint Vincent College Mount Aloysius College Saint Francis University

SPRING Courses Available:

#### Seton Hill University

AP English Literature	SEL 151	Topics in Literature: Principles of Literary Analysis and
		Composition II – <u>3 Credits</u>
AP English Language	SEL 106	Composition & Culture Part B – 3 Credits
		·
AP Art History	SAP 110	History of Western Art II – <u>3 Credits</u>
CHS Graphic Design	SAR 180	Digital Imaging $I - 3$ Credits
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Registration Instructions from SHU will be emailed to all students enrolled in these courses.
Registration instructions are divided into NEW registrants and RETURING registrants.

Online registration: <u>https://www.setonhill.edu/academics/undergraduate-programs/high-school-programs/college-in-high-school/</u>

• Each course is \$230.00 and will be paid during the registration process.

• SHU Registration portal will close on February 26, 2024.

#### New Student User Guide CLICK HERE Returning Student User Guide CLICK HERE

#### FACTS Grant and Aid – Now Open

FACTS Grant and Aid is now open for the 2024-2025 school year. Families who want to apply for financial aid for their students for the 2024-2025 school year will be required to submit their 2022 tax returns. Families who apply for financial aid by March 31, 2024 will receive a \$35 credit towards the 2024-2025 tuition. The credit covers the fee FACTS charges to apply for financial aid. One \$35 credit per family.

To apply for financial aid, visit: https://online.factsmgt.com/aid

Find pdf Flyer below:

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FACTS makes quality education affordable for families by assisting schools in awarding financial aid. We work with schools to create a custom application and collect financial data so schools can make accurate award decisions based on financial need.

#### To apply for financial aid, visit: https://online.factsmgt.com/aid

After completing the online application, you will need to upload all required supporting documentation.

#### The following supporting documents are required to complete the application process:

- 2022 IRS Federal Income Tax Return, including all supporting schedules. If applicant and co-applicant file separately, we require both tax returns for the same tax year.
- · Copies of all supporting tax documents if you have business income/loss from any of the following:

Business - send Schedule C or C-EZ and Form 4562 Depreciation and Amortization Farm - send Schedule F and Form 4562 Depreciation and Amortization Rental Property - send Schedule E (page 1) S-Corporation - send Schedule E (page 2), Form 1120S (5 pages), Schedule K-1 and Form 8825 Partnership - send Schedule E (page 2), Form 1065 (5 pages), Schedule K-1 and Form 8825 Estates and Trusts - send Schedule E (page 2), Form 1041 and Schedule K-1

 Copies of all supporting documentation for household Non-Taxable Income such as: Social Security Income, Welfare, Child Support, Food Stamps, Workers' Compensation, and Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF). If you do not file a tax return, you are required to provide documentation of all income received.

#### All documentation received is imaged upon receipt and then destroyed.

You may log in to your FACTS user account to review the status of your application. Please allow 2 weeks processing time before inquiring further about receipt and/or status of the uploaded documents. Application deadlines are set by the institution awarding the aid. If you are applying after the deadline, contact your school to ensure that your application will be accepted.

#### A non-refundable application fee is required before your application to be submitted.

NOTE: Award decisions are made by the institution providing the financial aid, not FACTS. This application does not guarantee admission or enrollment.

Online.FACTSmgt.com/Aid



#### Information to know/have ready to complete Grant & Aid application for Parents:

- 1. Student Information (You will enter information for all students attending a tuition charging school)
  - Student Social Security Number
    - Student Date of Birth
  - How much your ability to pay tuition for each student annually
  - · Amount of tuition support outside of child support custodial required of non-custodial parent.
- 2. Adjusted Gross Income for Applicant and/or Co applicant from most recent Federal Income tax return.
- 3. Nontaxable Income amount received & frequency of:
  - Child Support
  - Temporary assistance for needy families (TANF)
  - Welfare
  - Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP)
  - Tuition Support from friends/relatives/employers
  - Workers' Compensation
  - Housing Allowance (Military, Religious, Parsonage, etc)
  - Tax-Exempt Interest
  - Social Security (For all household members)
  - Any other Nontaxable income received
- 4. If you expect a decrease in income, you will need to provide reasons why and anticipated income
- 5. Monthly Expenses
  - Rent/Mortgage Payment (include principal, interest, taxes, and home insurance)
  - 2<sup>nd</sup> home Mortgage Payment
  - Monthly Home equity Loan payments
  - Year, make/model and monthly payment for all vehicles leased or owned, including those that don't
    have a monthly payment. Do not include vehicle insurance expense.
  - Total Credit Card Debt & minimum amounts due on statements
  - Student Loan payments for family members no longer attending college
  - · Other monthly loan payments (do not include cell phone, utilities, or other living expenses)
  - Child Support payments
  - Health insurance premiums paid per month, amount and how it is paid (pre-tax payroll, direct to insurance company, etc)
- 6. Annual/Yearly Expenses
  - Vehicle Insurance
    - Out-of-pocket medical expenses not paid by insurance
    - Charitable contributions
    - Number of family members attending college in fall, and your total out of pocket cost
    - Number of children you pay child/day care expenses beginning in fall, and annual expected cost
    - Number of people for whom you pay elder care expenses, and total expected cost

#### 7. Assets

- Value of cash, savings, and/or checking accounts
- Value of stocks, bond investments, mutual funds, and/or certificates of deposit
- Value of all 529 plan accounts and expected annual contribution to 529 plan account
- · Value of all retirement plan assets and expected annual contribution to retirement plan
- Estimated value & amount owed on your home
- · Estimated value & amount owed on your second home

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### **Need A Free Tutor?**



A reminder that the Tutoring Center is open on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays after school. If you need **math or science** tutoring please click the link below to sign up. If you are interested in becoming a Peer Tutor please complete the application form below. Return your completed application to Mrs. Cullen ASAP! <u>Need a Tutor? Click Here</u>

#### Interested in Becoming a PEER TUTOR? Click Here.

Scan this QR code to schedule tutoring



Questions? Email Mrs. Cullen at <u>pcullen@gcchs.org</u> BACK

#### **STEM Opportunities**



## GCC STEM CORNER



## CSI CAMP

Waynesburg University June 10-14, 2024



- $\blacktriangleright$  Attention current 10<sup>th</sup>, 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> graders
- Are you interested in a five-day forensic science/criminal justice camp this summer?
- Come and learn about fingerprints, trace evidence, expert testimony, crime scene processing and more!
- SPACES FILL VERY QUICKLY so if you are interested, please see or email Mrs. Cullen soon!
- (Room 306 or <u>pcullen@gcchs.org</u>)

#### INTERESTED IN THE SKILLED TRADES?

JOB SHADOWING OPPORTUNITIES AVAILABLE!



Spend the day shadowing workers in the following fields:

~Welding~ ~Drafting~ ~CNC Machining (Mills, Lathes, Horizontals)~ ~CNC Fabrication (Lasers and Pressbrakes)~ See Mrs. Cullen for Details or email

#### **UPMC Clinical Laboratory**

#### JOB SHADOW OPPORTUNITY

(current 10<sup>th</sup>- 12<sup>th</sup> graders) Do you like chemistry, microscopes and problem solving?

<u>Medical Lab Scientists</u> conduct lab testing to diagnose, treat and prevent disease.



Come and take advantage of an opportunity to get into the lab and see if this is a potential career opportunity for you!

See Mrs. Cullen for Details.

(Job Shadow involves one day at the UMPC Clinical Laboratory in  $$\operatorname{Oakland}$)$ 

#### **UPMC Sports Medicine**

**Career Day** 

#### Interested in a career in sports medicine? Come and learn about careers in:

~Athletic Training~ ~Sports Psychology~ ~Sports Nutrition~ ~Sports Chiropractic~ ~Physical Therapy~ And more!

February 29, 2024 Periods 2-5 \*Virtual event---in Room 213\* See Mrs. Cullen or email her for details pcullen@gcchs.org



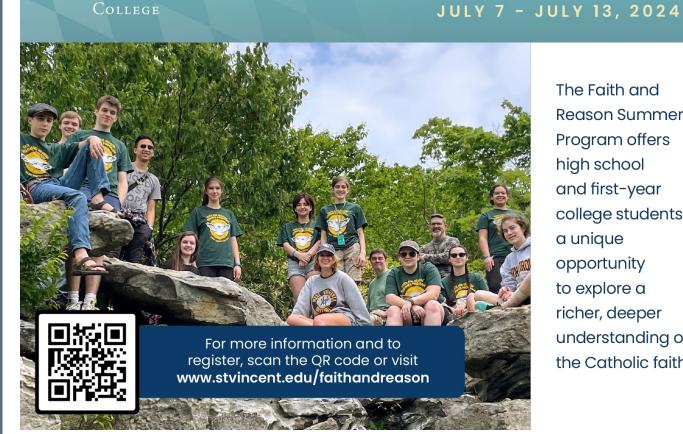
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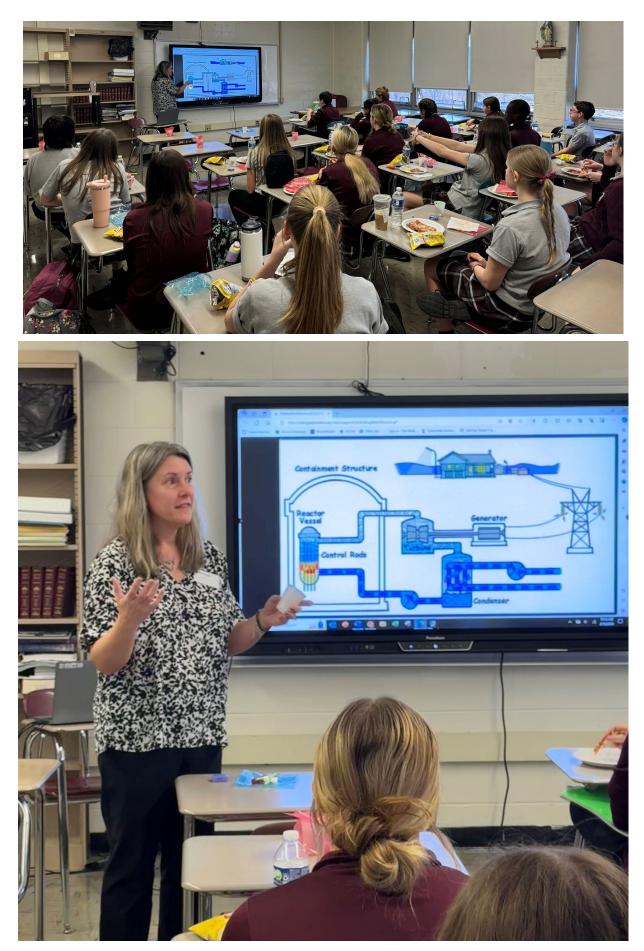
# FAITH AND REASON SUMMER PROGRAM



The Faith and **Reason Summer** Program offers high school and first-year college students a unique opportunity to explore a richer, deeper understanding of the Catholic faith.

#### **Corner of Positivity**

Twenty of our 7th and 8th graders attended the "Lunch and Learn, Jr." today! Thank you to Mrs. Kris Alvarez who spoke to our students about engineering, nuclear power, and radioactive decay. Students even built their own nuclear reactor models out of candy. We appreciate your time and expertise Mrs. Alvarez!



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