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News



National Honors Society

It is time, once again, for the selection process for National Honor Society. After this selection process is completed, the most important ceremony in the life of any chapter of the National Honor Society, the induction ceremony, will be held. At this ceremony, new members of the chapter will be publicly recognized.

It is important to recognize how this selection process takes place:

One or more faculty members (the chapter advisers) are appointed by the principal to administer each chapter. To assist in the selection, discipline, and dismissal of members, the principal also appoints a five-member faculty council. Specific guidelines are provided in the national handbook for the faculty councils to assist them in their duties. According to the society's constitution, the principal reserves authority over all actions of the chapter.

To be eligible for active membership in the Parkersburg Catholic NHS chapter, students must have a cumulative grade

point average of 3.5. National guidelines indicate that students may be considered as candidates in their sophomore, junior, or senior year; however, chapters are given the flexibility to limit candidacy to one or more of these years. Candidates must be enrolled at the school for a minimum of one semester, although exceptions can be made for transfer students.

Once this scholastic eligibility has been determined, candidates are then considered for membership on the basis of their leadership, service, and character. To ascertain how each candidate compares to the chapter standards in these three areas, the selection process recommended in the *National Honor Society Handbook* (1997) indicates that all candidates submit an information sheet detailing their relevant experiences. The local chapter may add additional qualifications or steps in the selection process. Once sufficient information has been gathered and reviewed, the faculty council votes on each candidate. Candidates become members at an induction ceremony.

Yearbook

Congratulations to Sarah Stewart who won the Trick Photo Contest!

View yearbook photos as the year progresses at <http://www.flickr.com/photos/pchsyearbook>.

Yearbook orders must be in before **March 15, 2010**. the cost is \$40.

Yearbook is looking for THEN photos for its *Now and Then* feature. Old photos of current students when they were in grade school, pre-school, pre-pre-school and kindergarten. The photo must have at least two current students. Please look through your archives and send in what you find to Mrs. Powderly or the office. Original photos will be returned almost immediately once they are scanned. Thank you!

Have you got photos to share with the yearbook? Maybe a photo for the Then & Now page or a sports photo? Now you don't have to send the photo to the school. You can upload to a secure site for yearbook use only. go to www.hjshare.com, enter our school code, 9018342, follow the prompts and upload your photo. Yearbook will be notified of any new uploads. The images uploaded are reserved for yearbook use only.

Upcoming Events:

- 3/5– Teens-4-Teens Retreat
 3/9– Mass with Father Campbell at 11:16 A.M.
 3/10– Golden Horseshoe Essay Test
 3/13-3/14– Scrapbooking with Mrs. Parker
 3/14– Daylight Savings Time
 3/19– Grades Close
 3/20– Parkersburg Catholic Schools Spring Party
 3/21– Bishop’s Cross Dinner in Morgantown
 3/23– Mass with Father Hall at 11:16 A.M.
 3/24– Reconciliation with Father Ondeck
 3/25– Bullying Assembly at 10:30 A.M.
 3/26– Golden Horseshoe Online Test, Jean Day (\$1), Report Cards issued, State

Library Corner

Do you want to see more books in our library? Can you spare a few dollars and purchase a book for students’ use? Go to www.amazon.com to see the library wish-list. Click on “wish-list,” type in Yvonne Powderly, and you will see the PCHS list. It is constantly updated.

Thanks to Mr. David Cooper and Theresa Vincent who donated books to your library!



Aquinas Medal

The faculty, staff and students of Parkersburg Catholic High School would like to congratulate Thomas Esker on being the 2010 Aquinas Medal Recipient. Thomas will be presented with the Aquinas Medal on March 21 at the Bishop’s Cross Dinner in Morgantown.



March Masses

The faculty, staff and students of Parkersburg Catholic High School would like to welcome parents, grandparents, friends and neighbors to attend the two Masses that will be celebrated this month. The first will be held Tuesday, March 9 at 11:16 A.M. with Father Ondeck. The second will be held Tuesday, March 23 at 11:16 A.M. with Father Hall. Please come celebrate with us!



Quiz Team

March is a busy month for the quiz team, counting down to the state championship tournament. PCHS and Charleston Catholic are the co-favorites in the Class A Division, but there will be plenty of competition.

There will be tournaments March 6 in Ripley and March 20 in Bridgeport. These will be the final tune-ups before the season closes at Ohio Valley University March 26 with the finals. The team is in its final preparations before the stretch run.

Middle Years: Working together for school success

Test Tips

“Tests are easy,” some middle graders say. “It’s the questions that are hard.” But test questions aren’t so difficult if you child understands how to handle them.

Help your middle schooler tackle tough questions by sharing these strategies.

True or False

As a general rule, a question should be answered false if any part of the statement is untrue. Suggest that your child look for words like *all*, *none*, and *always*. These may be clues that the answer is false. Example: “All the soldiers in the Revolutionary War were American.” at the same time, words like *often* and *may* usually signal that a statement is true.

Multiple Choice

With these questions it’s important that your youngster read every choice before choosing an answer. This allows her to rule out answers she know are wrong. Using this strategy, your child may have two options to pick from instead of five, which increases her chances of selecting the correct answer/

Essay

Encourage you middle grader to read each question at least twice before answering. Making an outline will help her organize her thoughts so her writing is clear and flows smoothly. When she’s finished her essay, she should check her spelling, capitalization, and punctuation.

Short Stops

Listening and Learning

At the library, choose a book on tape or DVD to listen to with your middle grader. Then, when you’re in the car together (going to practice, picking up dinner), pop in the next installment. Talking about what you’ve heard will build your child’s listening and conversation skills– and you’ll enjoy the time together.

Recognize Respect

When your child shows respect, let her know you appreciate it. For example, if she speaks politely to you even though she disagrees with what you say, you might tell her, “Thank you for talking to me with respect.” You’ll encourage more of the same.

Worth Quoting

“The time is always right to do what is right.” *Martin Luther King, Jr.*

Just for Fun

Q: What did one math book say to the other?

A: I have a lot of problems.

Attendance Matters!

Children need to know that attending class each day is a vital part of their education. You can help your child by keeping these tips in mind:

- Ask to be called at home or work if your child isn't in class
- Schedule dentist visits and other appointments after school hours whenever possible.
- Obtain a copy of the school’s absence policy.