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Test Message - New Year Alumni C-Mail

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Good morning,

Social research has found that most American adults take until January 21 to stop putting last year's dates on their checks. Congratulations! We are there; and beyond! So today I can officially say Happy New Year! Here is some news for the New Year.

Haiti:

More reasons to pray and to give. Our students have been following in the wonderful footsteps and heartbeats of Nanette Canniff (AWHS 1955) and Fr. Dick Butler (AWHS Chaplain from 1978 – 1981) by donating almost \$1,000 to the St. Boniface Haiti Society, under the leadership of Mr. Dan Tarpey; and more will come!

As many of you know, Nanette and her family have been making trips to Haiti for years, bringing medical supplies to people in need. Father Dick and his twin brother, Father Robert Butler were in Haiti during the earthquake and continue to hold the spiritual hand of countless people in need and in crisis. ([click here to see a recent article](#))

It has been said that, "The only real power in life is to help someone and the only real honor in life is to save someone." Want to do both? You can! Just give to the St. Boniface Society.

Our Cheerleaders:

As you know (and have heard!) many things about our school and our students make me proud. Nothing about our school makes me more proud than our cheerleaders do.

They are excellent. Always. Excellence is expensive. Our cheerleaders have paid its price. They are champions. They are more than champions.

On March 26 & 27, they will be taking their excellence to Florida to compete for national honors. It has been said, "To be the best, you must beat the best." Our cheerleaders will travel 2,000 miles for a chance to beat the best. We wish them just that; the best.

As they prepare for their trip, the cheerleaders are sponsoring a very special event featuring Hypnotist Frank Santos. Please stop by our auditorium on March 5, 2010 at 6 p.m. Bring your friends and family! For ticket information check our website at <http://www.awhs.org/upcoming-school-events>.

You will have fun. I promise. You will feel proud. I promise.

Appalachian Service Project

Our students and teachers never stop giving. They proudly take part in countless forms of community service. This coming August, ten of our students and four teachers will be traveling to Appalachia to take part in a faith-based, home repair ministry. As if that were not enough, they will be spending their time and talent between now and then to raise the treasure they need to make the trip! Yes, this is a special school.

International Student Initiative:

The world is its own best classroom. Archbishop Williams High School is about to welcome more of the world! Next fall, we hope to welcome six to eight international students into our AWHs family. We are in the process of earning approval to do so "as we speak." An agent from the U.S. Immigrations and Customs Enforcement (ICE) Department visited recently as part of our application process.

We have some additional work to do over the next six to eight weeks. Then, "if the Good Lord is willing and the creek doesn't rise," we hope to hear some good news.

Mia Francis: (speaking of good news!)

Our brave little angel is not only doing better, she is doing better at home! You prayed. God listened. In December 2009 this beautiful, eight month old little daughter of our Joe and Marian Francis, was admitted to the ICU of Children's Hospital with her entire family by her side. She suffered from an aggressive and at that point unidentified respiratory virus that did not leave her little body quietly.

Still, you prayed and God listened. Mia is very much a part of our family, as she is the Francis family. Her dad, Joe, is our Athletic Director. Her grandfather, David, is the Chairman of our Board of Trustees. They were strong; as was Mia.

In Joe's words, "Your prayers and thoughts have gotten us through some tough times."

Thanks for your prayers and thanks for your thoughts.

Alliance:

***"Alone we can do so little.
Together, we can do so much."***

- Helen Keller

Those words will soon grace a large and beautiful wall hanging in the main lobby of our school. The names of twenty feeder elementary schools will grace the hanging, as well. Those schools are located in Quincy, South Boston, Braintree, Brockton, Dorchester, Mattapan, Milton, Abington, Holbrook, Hingham, Canton, Needham, Norwood, Rockland, and Weymouth.

All of that grace will come thanks to the signing ceremony that took place in our Chapel on January 14, 2010 to give birth to

the Archbishop Williams High School Educational Alliance.

Nearly all the schools were present; as was the Superintendent of the Roman Catholic Archdiocese of Boston Schools, her Assistant Superintendent, and her Associate Superintendent. They all celebrated with us. They all signed with us.

As I said at the ceremony,

***“Each school is special.
Each school is different.
Each school is unique.
Together, they are beautiful.
Together, we are beautiful.”***

The Alliance will build shorter and stronger bridges among us all. These bridges will let us share facilities, offer joint Professional Development, attend each others play, sporting events, musicals, and much more.

It has been said that, “To be number one, you must first be one.” The Alliance will make us one.

President’s Blog

I have been blogging! When you have a minute follow this link:

<http://blogs.wickedlocal.com/williams/>

If you would like to help me, send your blog entry to me at cmariano@awhs.org.

Quote of the Month:

“Some people light up a room when they enter.
Others light up a room when they leave.
Be the first kind of person.”

Picture of the Month:



Food is good. Rest is better. So, get some rest!

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