

## **Archbishop Williams High School to work closely with Catholic elementary schools in newly-launched Archbishop Williams Educational Alliance**

BRAINTREE, MA, ISSUED JANUARY 20, 2010...Archbishop Williams High School, a leading Catholic co-educational college preparatory high school located in Braintree, has further strengthened its “team approach” to education with the formation of the Archbishop Williams Educational Alliance, an association that includes AWHs and a number of private Catholic Elementary Schools throughout the region.

In order to build even stronger and shorter bridges between AWHs and its Archdiocesan elementary feeder schools, AWHs hosted an official signing ceremony Thursday, January 14, in the high school’s Chapel.

Representatives from nearly twenty private Catholic Elementary Schools joined AWHs officials at the ceremony. Dr. Carmen Mariano, President of Archbishop Williams, along with school principal Mary Lou Sadowski welcomed Mary Grassa O’Neill, Superintendent of the Archdiocese of Boston, who addressed the importance of the new alliance on behalf of the principals, pastors, and administrators of the area schools. “Once again, Archbishop Williams High School has taken a leadership role in team building and unity,” said Dr. O’Neill. “I celebrate their efforts and encourage all of our schools to come closer together.” Dr. William McKersie and John Sheehan, both Associate Superintendents of the Archdiocese, were also in attendance.

“Today, our Alliance is being born; one school at a time”, said Dr. Mariano, noting that the alliance will benefit all member schools through shared resources and unified effort. He added, “Each school is special. Each school is different. Together they are beautiful. Together, we are beautiful.”

Mary Lou Sadowski added, “In an uncertain world we all need something to steady us. For sixty years, Archbishop Williams has been built on values of unity, quality and responsibility, and this Alliance helps further these values.”

Dr. Mariano ended with, “We are proud to become one with so many of the fine schools who give us the gift of their graduates. Our future will be bright, because our unity will be its sun.” Under the provisions of the Alliance, Archbishop Williams offers its fellow Alliance members:

- (1) Financial support: a partial scholarship under the name of the Alliance will be given to at least one incoming AWHs school student of notable achievement, character and need, from recommendations made from each Alliance principal. This is in addition to current AWHs merit scholarships and financial aid awards.

- (2) Summer Preparatory Courses: All Alliance School graduates accepted into AWHS will be offered summer prep courses in English and math prior to their entrance as an AWHS freshman.
- (3) Professional Development: All Alliance School faculty members will be welcomed as guests at any AWHS seminar, workshop or other professional development activity.
- (4) Blog: Alliance School principals and staff will be invited to share authorship in the ongoing AWHS blogs.
- (5) Tutoring: Programs are established to serve 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup>, and 8<sup>th</sup> grade Alliance School students.
- (6) Complimentary passes for attendance at AWHS related cultural, artistic, and athletic events.
- (7) Access to AWHS facilities (i.e. auditorium, gymnasium, cafeteria) for Alliance member activities

AWHS officials said that the response to the Alliance from the area schools has been overwhelmingly positive. Other AWHS feeder schools are more than welcome to express interest in Alliance membership by contacting Dr. Mariano at [cmariano@awhs.org](mailto:cmariano@awhs.org).

### **About Archbishop Williams High School**

Archbishop Williams High School is a Catholic co-educational high school, which is celebrating its 60<sup>th</sup> year of educating young men and women spiritually, academically, morally and physically. A college-preparatory school, Archbishop Williams High School graduates go on to study at leading colleges and universities across the county. Graduates include leaders in the business world, politics, the arts and theater, the media, education and religious life as well as strong contributors to society. Archbishop Williams High School is part of a Christian community that integrates learning with faith and focuses on developing the whole person. The school derives its name from the Most Reverend John Joseph Williams (1822-1907) fourth Bishop and first Archbishop of Boston. Archbishop Williams High School, which opened its doors in 1949, is located at 80 Independence Avenue, Braintree, MA 02184. For additional information, please call 781-843-6066 or visit [www.awhs.org](http://www.awhs.org).

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