

# ARCHBISHOP WILLIAMS

## PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE *MARY LOU SADOWSKI*

June is here! Spring is in full bloom and long-awaited summer is almost upon us. A little debriefing and some plans for the coming days are in order.

This time of closure is always bitter-sweet. Last week, we bid farewell to the Class of 2010 with their Baccalaureate and Awards Ceremony, followed by Graduation. This class had many interests and talents which they generously shared with the school community. They will be dearly missed. The prayers and blessings of the entire AWHs family go with them as they move on to the next stage of their life journey.

Closing exercises for Grades 9, 10 and 11 involve the end-of-the-year Award Ceremonies for each class, along with a field trip to Georges Island for Freshmen, and more importantly, sitting for Final Exams. Due to the lack of snow days this year, we are moving the calendar up one day. As a result, the exams will move up one day. The last day of classes will be Thursday, June 10th with the first exams beginning on Friday, June 11th.

Please do work with your student on final exams; encourage him/her to take the review period seriously and to give adequate time to study for their exams. We want each of our students to finish their academics

well and have good yearly averages for their transcripts.

The Awards ceremonies will remain as printed on the school calendar. We welcome and encourage parents to come and be present to share and rejoice in the many academic, athletic and extra- and co-curricular accomplishments of our students.

A special thank you to both students and parents is due for the generosity of time, treasure and talent expended this year. Our students were very giving this year, in the many service projects through Campus Ministry and in parishes; also, in giving their change from lunch into the money jars which added up to a surprising amount for a number of charities who sought out help. We have received thank you notes from St. Boniface Haiti, from Cystic Fibrosis, and Coats for Kids just to name of few. It is no coincidence that our parents have been equally giving through the various fundraising activities held throughout this school year. Your commitment and involvement has and will continue to make a difference for our students.

May you all enjoy the beautiful summer months as a time to relax and refresh both body and spirit. God bless and keep you safely in His hands until we have you back in September. ♦



### Up To Date

- **June 5**  
SAT AWHs IS NOT A TEST CENTER
- **June 7**  
Freshman Awards Ceremony
- **June 8**  
Sophomore Awards Ceremony

- **June 9**  
Junior Awards Ceremony
- **June 10**  
Last Day of Classes  
X Day Schedule
- **June 11-16**  
Final Exams
- **June 16**  
Follett book buy back—9-11 AM

- **June 24**  
Report Cards mailed home
- **SUMMER OFFICE HOURS**  
9:00-2:00 PM  
Monday-Thursday

#### PLEASE NOTE:

All financial obligations must be met before a student takes semester examinations.



### CONGRATULATIONS CLASS OF 2010

AWHS congratulates and offers its best wishes to the Class of 2010.

**GUIDANCE NEWS***RON HOMER*

June is here and the seniors have graduated, heading out to use the skills they developed over the past four years. They have been officially welcomed into the ranks of the AWHs Alumni and it is our hope that they will forever maintain contact with the ever broadening Archbishop Williams family. As the year winds down, there is still much to do and among the most important things is test preparation for the final exams. We will continue to share with the now- seniors (Class of 2011) the importance of being diligent in their studies and resolving to end the year in the best possible manner. Each member of the class of 2011 has a prepared list of possible colleges and it is now time to put the college search into high gear. We encourage them and their families to make the all-important college visits during the summer. Younger siblings should be encouraged to join in these trips as they will build impressions that will help them in their future college search.

We offer a special thank you to the parents who attended our Junior Parents Night on May 19 and had the opportunity to hear from Mr. Paul Linsky from MEFA, Massachusetts Educational Financing Authority. He made a special point of explaining the value of registering with MEFA. [www.mefacounselor.org](http://www.mefacounselor.org) By doing so, you will receive biweekly emails that will assist seniors throughout the year as they apply for college and financial aid. As counselors, we earnestly encourage you to have a frank conversation with your son or daughter about the financing their education.

Grade nine and grade ten students, as well as the junior class, would do well by stepping up the study regimen in preparation for final exams. It is important for all students to understand that everything counts: every grade contributes to the GPA and we naturally all want the highest possible scores. One last note: summer is a time for reading. The best possible preparation for upcoming SAT and ACT tests is consistent reading. Specified "Summer Reading Assignments," science fiction, biography, or a page-turner-of-a-mystery, are all valuable exercises. Nothing enhances skills as much as the habit of reading. There is certainly something out there for everyone. We wish everyone a great and restful summer. ♦

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**ATHLETIC NEWS    JOSEPH FRANCIS**

Congratulations to the members of the boys' varsity lacrosse team on being 2010 Co-champions of the Catholic Central League. The boys also qualified for the state tournament along with the girls' varsity lacrosse team and the varsity baseball team. Congratulations also to junior Alex Furtado of the varsity outdoor track team on being named the MVP of the Catholic Central League Meet.

A reminder to fall student-athletes that permission forms and up to date physicals (dated on or after August 23, 2009) must be sent in to the athletic office prior to the start of tryouts in August. Be sure to make your doctor's appointments early if needed. Permission forms may be downloaded off of the athletics webpage at [www.awhs.org](http://www.awhs.org). Information on tryout and practice times will be mailed home this summer, but in general most fall sports will commence tryouts during the week of August 23rd.

While on the subject of fall sports, the boys' and girls' cross country teams need runners! If your son or daughter is not already participating on a fall sports team, please encourage them to join our cross country program. No prior experience is required, and all abilities are welcome. For winter athletes especially, there is not a better way to get in shape for those grueling tryouts than running cross country. Please call the athletic office for more information.

In closing, I wish all our student-athletes a happy and safe summer. Stay in shape! ♦

ACADEMIC DEAN *JANE FUNDERBURK*

**A**s we approach final exams, parents are reminded of the following:

1. Please encourage quiet study time during exam period (June 11, 14, 15, 16). These are important tests that are averaged into the final grade for the year.
2. As per our Parent/Student Handbook, missed exams may only be made up after a doctor's note is submitted to the Dean's Office. Fee for any makeup exam is \$25.00.
3. **Please note:** the order of exams has been reversed from midyears and will be as follows: June 11: Periods 7 and 6; June 14: Periods 5 and 4; June 15: Periods 3 and 2; June 16: Periods 1 and make-ups.

Students should set aside time to study for these exams the weekend of June 4-6 so as to be prepared to clear up any difficulties in the last days of class the following week.

There are still some spaces left in our summer classes for incoming freshmen in Spanish, Algebra I Prep. and English writing and grammar. Please access the registration form below and send immediately to me through the Main Office. Also this summer, there will be an SAT Essay Writing course offered for those students entering junior year. The registration form may be accessed below as well on this web site.

For rising seniors interested in starting the college application process early by completing their college essay and resume, Ms. Habel will be offering one day workshops in June. For more information, please e-mail Ms. Habel directly at [khabelloiter@awhs.org](mailto:khabelloiter@awhs.org)

Summer reading lists will soon be posted on our web site under "Academics"/"Required Books". Help your son or daughter get a great start in September by encouraging them to start their summer reading early. Required note taking forms will also be available on our web site. Incoming freshmen will use the common form for all their required reading. Upperclassmen should check the website to see if a different form is required for the books read. Students must bring the completed forms to their first day of class in September. This is their first assessment of the new school year. Everyone can do well.

In closing, I would like to thank all of you for the support you have given me and the academic program here at Archbishop Williams this past year. I have enjoyed working with you and look forward to continuing this partnership between school and home in school year 2010-2011. My best for a restful summer. ♦

**Registration Forms:**

- [Summer Classes for Incoming Freshmen](#)
- [SAT Essay Writing Prep of entering Juniors](#)

## Parents Support Board Message: Kathy Sullivan

Thanks to the committee chairs and their teams for all their hard work on the Auction/Social and Golf Tournament and to the entire board for another wonderful year.

### PSP Hours

In February all families received a tally of PSP hours worked through December 31, 2009. We are now in the process of tallying all hours through the end of May 2010. Families that did not complete their hour commitment will be notified from the school office on expected payment of \$250 for September 2010.

Thanks to all the families who completed their time commitment and to the many others who far exceeded their 20hrs. Your gift of time is greatly appreciated!

### Summer hours for school year 2011

MI-Miscellaneous/ School Beautification Projects

Chairperson: Dan Dooley

781-843-3636 Ext. 22

DDooley@awhs.org



Description: We are looking for volunteers to help "Beautify" AWHS over the summer vacation. This includes painting, simple carpentry, electrical work, plumbing and technology.

Dates: Summer vacation

### PSB Board Members needed for 2011

The board is looking to replace graduating members, if you are interested in sitting on the PSB for 2010-2011 school year, please contact Leslie MacDonald, Vice President @ 508-224-5803. The board meets the first Wednesday of each month at 7:15 pm 40 Independence Avenue. You receive 2 hrs for each meeting attended towards your PSB commitment, total of eight meetings per school year. This is a great way to meet other parents and keep current on school events.

Congratulations, good luck and farewell to the following board members who had graduating seniors in the class of 2010.

Mr. Kevin Downing, Chair Christmas tree sales

Ms. Nina Flaherty, Chair Publicity committee

Mr. & Mrs. Ron Gaffney, Board Member

Ms. Lisa Guarracino, Bookstore coordinator

Mrs. Jane Haskins, Chair Hospitality committee

Mrs. Katie Heyl, Board Member & past Vice President

Mrs. Wanda Salvatore, Board Member & past President

My time at AWHS has also come to an end; my daughter was in the graduating class of 2010. It has been my pleasure to serve as President of the AWHS Parent Support Board 2009-2010. I have met so many wonderful families, students and faculty over the past four years; I take with me many fond memories.

Sincerely,  
Kathy Sullivan

## campus Ministry *JOSEPH ONDUS*

We are finalizing our list of students who need to complete their service requirement before the end of the year. Students who need to attend the service boot camp the week of June 21st, will be notified with a letter in the mail. Parents are encouraged to make sure their children have this responsibility completed.

Our peer ministers have been selected for next year. We are busy preparing for our retreat in July at Regis College. It is a great opportunity for these students, and we look forward to working with these fine young men and women. It is also a bittersweet time of year as we say goodbye to the peer ministers who worked so hard this past year. These seniors did a fantastic job of putting together "bullying workshops" for the freshmen. This is an example of how our peer ministers always rise to the occasion and needs of the school.

Our Ascension liturgy was celebrated by Bishop Dooher. As always, he provided us with food for thought. We were also joined by some of the residents of Independence Manor. Ms. Dillon and Mrs. O'Brien have done a fantastic job of keeping our students involved in this service project and expanding our alliance with our neighbors.



## Book Buy Back

This year we are adopting a new procedure for the selling of used books. The company that we worked with, known as Varsity Books has changed its name to Follett Books. They will be coming to the school on WEDNESDAY, JUNE 16 from 9:00-11:00 a.m. to buy back books from students who are interested in participating in this program.

Students may bring their used books to the cafeteria AFTER the last exam. The people from Follett Books will be in the cafeteria. Students will fill out their names and addresses on a form. They will proceed to a book representative who will scan and evaluate the textbooks. They will make an offer on the book, or decline, depending on the condition of the books. When all the students' books are checked, they will get a receipt informing them of the amount they will receive from Follett. Follett Books will send parents a check for the amount within two weeks. As was our policy, no workbooks or novels will be eligible for the buy back. Students should make sure their books are free from unnecessary writing and/or stickers. Follett Books will take the books and ship them for free at this time. There is no fee for participating in this program. Students who do not bring their books on June 16, may still sell their books to Follett, but they will have to ship them on their own. We will not be taking used books here at the school. (after the 16th.)

If students do not wish to participate in this, they may choose to sell their books on their own. A copy of the 2010-2011 booklist for next year will be posted on the school web site. Parents may buy used books from Follett at this time. Parents are encouraged to make use of this service since the savings from purchasing used books can be quite substantial.

