

ARCHBISHOP WILLIAMS

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE *MARY LOU SADOWSKI*



During a recent liturgy, our chaplain Fr. Keymont, known affectionately as Fr. Wally to our community, asked us to think about how we defined the word 'success' and further, would God define success in the same way? In our world, success is too often measured by setting out to acquire things and then to pursue more and more of them. We know however that God would never see success in terms of acquisition. God bestowed on us gifts and talents meant to be shared with others, especially with those who do not have what we have. This is a timely thought for this month that marks the beginning of the holiday season. This year, few are unaware of the great and growing need of many hurting families given the slowly-recovering economy and the still-mounting unemployment rate. It is incumbent on those of us who have so much to

share with those families who have so little. In this way, we may fulfill the words of St. Luke: "to those who have been given much, much is expected" and truly experience this beautiful giving and sharing time of the year.

The month of November is jam-packed with activities for all Williams people. For prospective students and their families, there is Open House; for Alumni, there is the 60th Anniversary Gala and Grand Reunion; for Parents, the Craft Fair; for students the Fall Show, Flag Football, a dance, the Calendar drive, and the traditional rivalry football game versus Spellman; and for All, Thanksgiving Day and a day off.

Be sure to keep your school calendar handy and/or access this Parent newsletter for times and dates in the Up-to-date column so as not to miss out. Enjoy! ♦

Up To Date

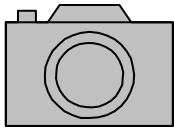
- **Nov. 1**
All Saint's Day—6 PM in Chapel
- **Nov. 4**
1:30 Dismissal Faculty Meeting
Parents Support Board
7:15 PM
- **Nov. 5**
Open House 6—8 PM
- **Nov. 7**
SAT AWHs is a Test Center
- **Nov. 10** Dance 7-10 PM in Gym
- **Nov. 11** Veteran's Day
School Closed
- **Nov. 12**
Kickoff for Calendar Drive
Parent Support Board Mixer
7—9 PM in Gym
- **Nov. 14**
High School Entrance Exam—
8:30 AM
- **Nov. 15** Parents Craft Fair
10:00 AM to 4:00 PM
- **Nov. 18**
1:30 Dismissal Dept. Meetings
Parent/Teacher
Conferences 5 PM - 8 PM
- **Nov. 19-21**
Fall Show 8:00 PM
- **Nov. 24**
Thanksgiving Liturgy
10:00 AM
- **Nov. 25**
11:30 Dismissal
Sports Rally in Gym 6:00 PM
- **Nov. 26**
Thanksgiving
Thanksgiving Football Game
10 AM
- **Nov. 27**
No School
Alumni Tournament/s
- **Nov. 28**
60TH Anniversary Gala
Celebration and Grand Reunion

campus Ministry

JOSEPH ONDUS

After November 3rd, summer service hours will no longer be accepted for credit. We have had numerous students participate in our school's service projects this year. Please encourage your son/daughter to keep up with their service responsibilities. We have been posting service opportunities on the Campus Ministry section of the school website. Please check these for all the exciting and new service projects that happen during the year. Students may also complete service in their own churches and communities. Service reflection sheets may be obtained in the Campus Ministry Office or they may be downloaded from the school website.

Our peer ministers have been busy with our school retreats. The freshman and sophomore retreats were a huge success. The witness talks given by our peer ministers set the tone for the day at each of these retreats. We look forward to the junior retreat on November 6th. This retreat will go deeper into the students' relationship with Jesus and how that manifests itself in how we treat others and how we develop meaningful friendships in our lives. The peer ministers have done an outstanding job in preparing for these retreats, and we thank them for this important service to our school. ♦



[{ Click here to view photo of the Freshman Retreat }](#)

DEAN OF STUDENTS

MERYL BAXTER

REMINDERS:

To report an absence, parents are reminded to call the Dean's Office (781-843-7367), not the Main Office, before 9AM. An absent note is due in the Dean's Office on the day of return. A student is allowed one day's grace period; after that, the student may not be allowed to attend classes until the note is received.

Three or more days absent require a doctor's note.

Parents and students are reminded that the only approved outerwear that can be worn in the buildings is the AWHs sweater (purchased from the uniform company) or the AWHs fleece jacket (purchased from the bookstore).

Finally, at this time of year some seniors begin making plans for trips during April school vacation. These unchaperoned student trips can be potentially harmful and dangerous. It is clearly stated in the Student/Parent Handbook that the Administration strongly urges you to refuse permission to your sons/daughters for these kinds of trips. ♦

FROM THE HEALTH OFFICE—DEBORAH BRANCATO, RN

During the month of November the sophomores students will be participating in our BMI Screening Program during which time they will have their heights and weights taken.

A Body Mass Index(BMI)-for-Age percentile will be calculated and your child's results will be mailed home. If you choose not to have your child participate in this state mandated screening program, we ask that you download the BMI attachment and return it signed to the health office as soon as possible.

[{ Please click this link to Download the BMI Information Form }](#)

Also, it is still our intention to provide both the seasonal flu and the H1N1 vaccines to our students here at AWHs. However, due to the delay of the vaccines production, we are unable to provide a clinic date as of yet. Should an opportunity present itself for your child to receive the vaccines elsewhere sooner, we would certainly encourage that. ♦

ACADEMIC DEAN JANE FUNDERBURK

I am happy to announce that we now have a place for our students to put into action “going green”. At the dedication of Archbishop Williams’ newly constructed green house on October 21, Science Department chairperson Mr. Ray Whitehouse, along with seniors Janine Provenzano and Tyler Gallahue shared their visions for its use. Aside from Biology and Environmental classes using the green house for class projects, other possibilities include students at Archbishop Williams partnering with Broad Meadows Middle School in Quincy to help in their restoration of marsh grass project and forming an extra curricular club appropriately named “Green Club”. We thank Dr. Mariano and his family for their generosity in helping our green house, which is dedicated in memory of his parents Luigi and Helena Mariano, become a reality.

Our second STEM breakfast took place on October 9. Twenty-seven guests, many of whom are graduates of AWHS, met in small groups with our seniors to share their expertise and experience in careers relating to science, technology, engineering, mathematics and business fields. Surveys from the seniors indicated that this was truly a learning experience helping them focus on possible areas of study as they apply to colleges.

Grades close for first quarter on November 3. Report cards are scheduled to be mailed home on November 10. Enclosed with the report cards will be information and an appointment sign up sheet for appointments with teachers during our Parent Conference night on Wednesday, November 18. If you wish to meet with teachers, please send the appointment sheet to school with your son or daughter as soon as you receive. If you are unable to attend parent conference night, I encourage you to contact the teacher either by phone or e-mail with any questions or concerns. As always, I thank you for your support in helping me help your student achieve his or her highest academic performance. ♦

SENIOR PARENTS FOR YEARBOOK:

Show how proud you are of your graduating son or daughter! Send a personal message to your senior with baby pictures or other significant photos in the yearbook. Visit www.jostensadservices.com for step-by-step guidelines. Design your parent ad early! Email Ms Dillon with questions. (tdillon@awhs.org) DUE DATE: Tuesday, December 1

GUIDANCE NEWS LINDSEY MCDONALD

November is a busy time for seniors. After gathering important information at the two college mini fairs in October, the seniors should be starting the application process. Students are responsible for sending out their application and fee, essay and SAT scores. SAT scores can be sent to colleges from the website collegeboard.com. Students are also responsible for submitting to their counselor a transcript request form for each school they are applying to along with three dollars. To help with the college application process students should be using the Naviance website. The family connection website contains a lot of important information regarding schools and deadlines. Scholarship information is also posted on this website. Seniors are reminded to post their college essay and update their resumes on Naviance. Any questions or concerns from students and/or parents about this process are welcome as we realize it can be a stressful time for all involved.

On October 14th we had a successful testing day for the freshmen, sophomores, and juniors. The freshmen took the Explore test and the sophomores and juniors took the PSAT's. Other than that it is business as usual in the guidance office. We continue on with our junior guidance program. First term ends November 3rd, and report cards will be mailed home soon after that date. Please call with any questions or concerns regarding report cards. ♦

School Dance



Student Council is sponsoring a school dance on Tuesday, November 10th from 7 - 10 PM in the school gym. Archbishop Williams students will be allowed to bring ONE guest from outside the school to this dance. The guest will need to complete a permission form and have it signed by the AWHs parents of the student sponsoring the guest and a school administrator where the guest attends school. This form is due in the Dean's office no later than Monday, November 9th. NO EXCEPTIONS.

We want to make it very clear that each student is responsible for the behavior of his/her guest and will suffer the consequences of the guest's inappropriate behavior. For example, if a guest is under the influence of alcohol, the AWHs student will suffer the consequence of a five day suspension from school. We ask for your cooperation in making this a safe and enjoyable evening for all. ♦



Thanksgiving Football Game

Bishops vs. Cardinal Spellman

10:00 AM Memorial Field

ATHLETIC NEWS *JOSEPH FRANCIS*

Signups for winter sports teams will be occurring throughout the month of November. Please ask your son or daughter to pay close attention to the morning and afternoon announcements so that they don't miss these important meetings. In addition try-out/practice schedules will be posted in mid-November.

The first day of practices/tryouts for the winter season will be Monday, November 30th. Just a reminder to parents of student-athletes who plan to compete in a sport during the winter season, a permission form and a copy of a physical (within the last 13 months) must be on file in the Athletic Office for each athlete prior to the first day of practice/tryouts on November 30th. Note: If you have already passed in these forms for a fall or winter sports team, you do not need to submit them again as long as they are up to date.

Congratulations to junior Erica Gagnon of the Girls Cross Country Team and sophomore Brian Sullivan of the Boys Cross Country Team. Both Erica and Brian set the course records at Pond Meadow Park for girls and boys respectively this season. Go Bishops! ♦

Parents Support Board Message: Kathy Sullivan, President

**** PLEASE JOIN US FOR A COCKTAIL MIXER! ****

The A.W.H.S. Parent Support Board cordially invites all parents to a complimentary casual night out!

Thursday, November 12th from 7- 9 p.m.
in the Archbishop Williams Gymnasium.

Please reply by 11/9/09 to: jmccormack@awhs.org.

Come mingle and meet new friends or catch up with old. Looking forward to seeing you!

We have some fabulous fundraising events in November & December. The annual Craft Fair on November 15th is a great way to start your Christmas Shopping and support the school. Did you know that you can earn PSP hours by donating a baked good, food item or a basket to our annual craft fair? Contact Betty McCarthy for more info (617-770-4228).

[\(Link to:CRAFT FAIR TICKETS & \\$500.00 SHOPPING SPREE RAFFLE:\)](#)

At the PSB meeting on December 2nd, we will draw the winner of the Tuition/Cash drawing; this a great opportunity to take a chance on paying ½ tuition for 2010-2011 school year or take the cash pay out. We must sell 300 tickets to have the drawing. Deadline for purchase is Monday November 29, 2009.

[\(Link to raffle ticket\)](#)

Also in late November through December we open our Christmas Tree and Wreath stand in the student parking lot. We count on all of our Parents to get the word out to friends and neighbors to consider purchasing their holiday greens from AWHS.

The Winter Sports season begins November 30th. If you want to assist with a sporting event to earn hours, please contact Sonya Sherman (617-441-5806), she will be coordinating with the Athletic Department the needs for each sport.

All proceeds from PSB events help support tuition costs for our school.

Late Winter: Auction/Social

Early Spring: Parents Golf Tournament
