



John A. Coleman Catholic High School

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October 2011 Newsletter



CALENDAR OF EVENTS:



Mon. Oct. 3, 5:45pm	Board of Trustees Meeting
Tues Oct 4 – Thurs Oct 6	Prattville Community Service Days (<i>See Mr. Tullo's note</i>)
Tues. Oct. 4	Drivers Education begins*
Wed. Oct. 5, 6pm	Senior Parent Meeting
Thurs. Oct. 6	Juniors measured for their class rings**
Fri. Oct. 7***	Full Day of School, no Kingston PM bus
	School pictures
Week of Oct. 10	Progress Reports Mailed
Mon. Oct. 10	No School – Columbus Day
Wed. Oct. 12	PSAT test, 10 th and 11 th grades****
	Freshman in school, Seniors no school
Wed. Oct. 12, 6pm	Junior Parent Meeting
Sat. Oct. 15, 8am – 10am	Pancake Breakfast at Applebees
Tues. Oct. 18	Sr. Portrait Retakes^
Tues. Oct. 18, 6pm	Sophomore Parent Meeting
Thurs. Oct.20, 10:30am	Monthly Mass
Fri. Oct. 21	Spirit Walk
Tues. Oct. 25, 6pm	Freshman Parent Meeting
Fri. Oct. 28	Career Day^^
Fri. Oct. 28, 8pm – 11pm	Harvest Dance^^^

* **DRIVERS EDUCATION:** This fall program begins Tuesday, October 4th with Driving and Lecture. There are still spots available. Contact the office immediately if you are interested.



** **JUNIOR CLASS RING MEASURING DAY:** Jostens will be here on Thursday Oct. 6th to measure the juniors for their class rings. They will receive an informational packet soon to look over and decide which ring they wish to order. In February, a junior ring mass will be held when students are presented with their class rings.

*** **OCTOBER 7TH** is a **full day of school for Coleman students**; however Kingston City Schools will have a ½ day. Any students who ride the Kingston bus and cannot get a ride home at 2:35pm that day will be dismissed at 9:45am.

Lifetouch will be here to take school pictures that day also. Order forms will be sent home with your child the week before. Every student needs to have their picture taken for the yearbook and to get a school I.D., even if you do not wish to purchase any.



**** **PSAT INFORMATION**

The PSAT Test will be administered to the Juniors & Sophomores on Wednesday, October 12th. The test measures critical thinking skills that are important for success in college, including critical reading, math problem solving, and writing skills. Students will receive the Official Student Guide to the PSAT/NMSQT along with an explanation of the test on 10/4-5. This guide contains information about the test as well as sample questions for the students. A complete practice test is also provided. Math & English teachers have been given a copy of the booklet and will go over their

subject with the students. **The cost of the test is \$14. Please send in a check to the main office by Oct. 11th payable to John A. Coleman Catholic High School.**

^SENIOR PICTURE RETAKES: Lifetouch will be here to take senior portraits on Tues. Oct. 18th for all those that haven't had theirs taken yet. You must call Lifetouch (1-800-333-2560) to schedule an appointment. There is NO sitting fee for the yearbook picture.



^^COLEMAN CAREER DAY: We have scheduled our Career Day on Friday Oct. 28th from 12:30-2:30. We are very excited about the presenters who are coming, representing 16 different fields of work. Students will be given the opportunity to choose three areas of interest. We hope to accommodate their preferences.

^^HARVEST DANCE: Friday night, October 29th, from 8:00-11:00pm sponsored by the Senior Class.



FROM PRINCIPAL TULLO:

Each year *Parade* magazine selects an All-America High School Service Team. Fifteen teenagers are chosen for accomplishments for a positive change in America. John A. Coleman Catholic High School is proud to announce that one of our seniors, Evan Ducker, was a selectee for 2011. Evan has written a book about a character with a birthmark and organized an international read-along of that book. The book, *Buddy Booby's Birthmark*, is part of an effort to raise birthmark awareness and increase tolerance in children. Evan has great insights for this; he was born with a facial birthmark. Beyond writing the book and organizing the read-along, Evan has spoken to groups about this issue. Over the summer, *Parade* Magazine and the *Points of Light Institute* honored these fifteen recipients of the award at a special ceremony in Washington D.C. At the ceremony were a number of prestigious speakers including U. S. Secretary of Education Arne Duncan, former Senator Harris Wofford, former Washington Redskins player James Thrash, and CEO of Parade Publications Jack Hare.

This is the latest of Evan's accomplishments. Some of his earlier honors include:

- * Evan was one of the "Top 10 Youth World Changers!" and his picture was placed on the back of 44 million Doritos Bags
- * March 2010 - Evan Ducker and *Buddy Booby's Birthmark* were featured in *Ladies' Home Journal*, March 2010 edition.
- * December - 2009 - Evan Ducker was honored to be interviewed by Senator Bill Bradley for his "American Voices" radio show on XM Satellite Radio.

You can read further about this on the website: www.buddyboobysbirthmark.com

We are proud of Evan for his work. He is an inspiration to our students, faculty, and the entire community.



We have the opportunity as a school to do a good deed for our neighbors. During the week of Oct. 3 – 7, we will send a busload of students each day to Prattsville to help with the cleanup. As you know, many towns north of us were severely damaged by the flood. Prattsville was one of the worst hit. There is a huge cleanup effort in process. We will send the sophomores, juniors, and seniors for a day each to serve this community.

The schedule is as follows:

Tues. Oct. 4 – Seniors Wed. Oct. 5 – Juniors Thurs. Oct. 6 – Sophomores

If there are any adults who would like to come along and help supervise and/or work, please contact us so we can have a count and plan appropriately for transportation. Also, we have had some parents offer to donate money to defray our expenses (bus and lunch) for this activity. If you would like to make a voluntary contribution, please do so. If we receive more in contributions than the actual costs, we will donate the "extra" money to a group that is helping with this relief effort.

SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITY:



The NY Catholic Foundation is offering some Emergency Tuition Assistance for students in Catholic Schools of the Archdiocese of New York who are not served by the Inner-City Scholarship Fund. ETA is awarded to families who need assistance because of changed financial circumstances (i.e. loss of job, loss of spouse, or a major medical emergency). These grants will only be available once to a family and may not exceed \$2,000 per student. In addition, the amount of the award cannot be used to repay tuition that is in arrears for two months.

The application is on our website (colemancatholic.org). Please fill out the parent page of the form and return it to Mr. Tullo. He will fill out the school side of the form and submit it to the Archdiocese office for approval. A check for the award will be issued to the school when the application is approved at the Superintendent's office.

ATHLETICS



FALL SPORTS:

The schedule for October is as follows:

Date	Time	Sport	Away at	Home vs.
Mon 10/03	03:30PM	GOLF	SPACKENKILL	
	04:15PM	VB	MARLBORO	
	04:15PM	GTEN	MARLBORO	
	04:15PM	GSOC		MARGARETVILLE
Tues 10/04	03:30PM	GOLF		RHINEBECK
	04:15PM	BSOC	MILLBROOK	
	04:15PM	GTEN		SPACKENKILL
	04:15PM	CC		SPACKENKILL
Wed 10/05	04:15PM	GSOC		MILLBROOK
	04:15PM	VB		HIGHLAND
	04:15PM	GTEN		RED HOOK
Thurs 10/6	03:30PM	GOLF	SAUGERTIES (At Lazy Swan Golf Course)	
	04:15PM	BSOC	RHINEBECK	
Fri 10/07	04:15PM	GSOC		RHINEBECK
	04:15PM	VB	RONDOUT VALLEY	
	04:15PM	GTEN	SAUGERTIES (At Tennis Courts)	
Tues 10/11	04:15PM	GSOC		ELLENVILLE
	04:15PM	BSOC	WEBUTUCK	
	04:15PM	VB		NEW PALTZ
Wed 10/12	04:15PM	GSOC		WEBUTUCK
	04:15PM	VB	MILLBROOK	
	04:15PM	CC	ONTEORA	
	04:15PM	CC		WALLKILL
Thurs 10/13	01:00PM	GOLF	MHAL	RHINEBECK
	04:15PM	VB		WEBUTUCK

Date	Time	Sport	Away at	Home vs.
	05:00PM	BSOC	MILLBROOK	
	07:00PM	GSOC	MILLBROOK	
Mon 10/17	04:15PM	GSOC	RHINEBECK	
Tues 10/18	04:15PM	BSOC		RHINEBECK
	04:15PM	CC	MILLBROOK	
Thurs 10/20	04:15PM	VB	RHINEBECK	
Fri 10/28	01:00PM	CC	MID-HUDSON CHAMPIONSHIPS	WALLKILL
	01:00PM	CC	MHAL (At Ogden Mills State Park)	RHINEBECK



GUIDANCE NEWS:

Our school Guidance Counselors will be hosting informational meetings regarding your student's success in high school and their post-secondary and college plans. Please see the calendar of events & list below to know what night is for your child. Information material will be handed out to all who attend. Hope to see you there. The Counselors have already met with your children; please ask them for the materials that were handed out to them.

- Wed. Oct. 5 Senior Parent Meeting, 6:00pm
- Wed. Oct. 12 Junior Parent Meeting, 6:00pm
- Tues. Oct. 18 Sophomore Parent Meeting, 6:00pm
- Tues. Oct. 25 Freshman Parent Meeting, 6:00pm

College Visits: We have many colleges coming to visit Coleman. Please encourage your junior or senior to sign up to see the representative. Parents are also welcome to attend.

October

- 4th- SUNY Ulster 9:00, SUNY Geneseo 10:00
- 5th-Eastern University (PA) 10:00
- 11th-LeMoyne College 1:45
- 14th-Western New England University 10:00
- 19th-SUNY Albany 11:15, Siena College 12:30
- 25th-Mount St. Mary College 11:00, University of Scranton 12:30, Johnson State College 1:15, Monmouth University 1:45
- 27th-Plymouth State College 12:30
- 31st- Johnson & Wales University 10:30

November

- 1st -Moravian College 10:00, Southern Vermont College 1:00
- 2nd -Endicott College 8:30, St. John's University 9:00, St. Michael's College (VT) 10:00, Stonehill College 12:30, Castleton State College (VT) 1:30
- 3rd-Bryant University 1:15
- 4th-Five Towns College 1:00
- 7th- SUNY Canton 8:30, SUNY Cobleskill 10:30, St. Thomas Aquinas 1:30

COLEMAN SWEATSHIRTS:



Each new student will receive a Coleman sweatshirt at no charge. Anyone else interested in purchasing one through the school office. They are dark green, \$40.00 each and the due date for orders is Fri. Oct. 7th. Order forms are available in the office.

BACK TO SCHOOL/MEET THE TEACHER NIGHT:

If you did not attend please ask your child for your family's envelope, they were given to them. This contains important information including the school calendar, web site activation code (if you don't already have one) and attendance information.

INSTRUMENTAL LESSONS:

We are offering instrumental lessons again this year to our students. We have the good fortune to find a highly qualified and certified music teacher for this. There will be a \$22.00 per week for the private lessons. Please contact the school office ASAP if you are interested. The program was very successful last year with students being accepted into All County Band & performing at the NYSSMA solo festival.



The, "Coleman Cares," 4-H Club is currently collecting new or used ink cartridges, laser cartridges, cell phones, iPods/mp3 players, laptops, digital cameras, and GPS systems. The 4-H Club is collecting and will be sending these items to fundingfactory.com. The items will be recycled, and the 4-H Club will receive money to donate to a charity or special cause. This not only benefits charities, but, also, helps our planet. Please drop off or bring in your items to school. Your effort is greatly appreciated.

"SHOES FOR AFGHAN CHILDREN"

Coleman student, David Schillinger, began this program over the summer after his uncle, LTC Paul A. Brisson, was deployed to an extremely poverty-stricken area of Afghanistan. As a surgeon, he helps many children in his clinic, most of who are without footwear. The danger of this is not only foot injuries, cuts, and abrasions, but also infection by tapeworm. When asked what could be sent to him, he requested footwear to hand out to the children he treats. So far, David has mailed two large boxes of sandals to him that were enthusiastically and gratefully received by the children and their families.

David would like to send out a box monthly, and is seeking the support of the Coleman community. Items needed this month are children's sandals, tennis shoes, and children's liquid Tylenol. Any monetary donations would also be welcomed to offset the cost of shipping, and to buy extra items. David would also like to pad the boxes with small toys, such as balls, or individual bags of snacks. Of course, letters to the soldiers are always welcome!

A box has been set up in the Coleman office for drop-off of items and donations. Checks can be made out to David Schillinger. David states "I cannot thank you enough for your generosity and for taking these children into your hearts."



SEASONAL FLU INFORMATION:

Flu season is right around the corner. Please check our website (www.colemancatholic.org) under the Nurse's link to read about the symptoms and a seasonal flu guide for parents.

How would you like to receive your Coleman Newsletter?

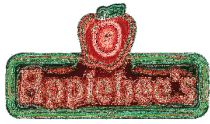
The Coleman newsletter can be sent to you by US Postal mail or by e-mail if you prefer. Please send an e-mail request to Maureen Murphy at sarge31@verizon.net to begin receiving the monthly newsletter and other announcements electronically. You can help us environmentally and economically by going to an e-mail delivery.



Coleman Parents Association News: October 2011



Mark your calendars now:



APPLEBEES PANCAKE BREAKFAST: The date has been set for Saturday October 15th. Tickets are available through the school office or by calling or emailing Diane Saccoman 914-388-2793 or email woodysac@aol.com Special breakfast raffle: Win tickets to the Headless Horseman!

CRAFT FAIR – Saturday November 12th and Sunday November 13th - Volunteers needed for kitchen, food donations, set-up, break-down and general floor help. Students volunteering will receive Coleman service hours



BUILDINGS & GROUNDS: Brian Kuhn, Chairman. Baked good donations are always appreciated for different events such as basketball games, craft fair, and the plays. The committee can always use help - clean-up crews, planting, painting, loan of power tools, skilled plumbers and electricians, etc. Please share your talents with us to make the school and grounds more appealing. Email or phone him with any questions. The committee is very pleased with the help they received during the summer from students and parents for outside clean-up. A special thank-you to Pastor Pete Shults and Cross Point.

WHAT IF JOHN A COLEMAN CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL EARNED A PENNY FOR EVERY TIME YOU SEARCHED THE INTERNET?



SEARCH THE WEB WITH WWW.GOODSEARCH.COM

MONEY FROM YAHOO ADVERTISERS WILL GO TO COLEMAN CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL WITHOUT YOU SPENDING A DIME!

NEXT MEETING: Wednesday, October 19th 6:00 Executive Board /6:30 Parent Reps.

2011 – 2012 PARENTS ASSOCIATION OFFICERS

President Kathleen Sickles	336-7177	kathleen@sickles.net
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Secretary Diane Saccoman	331-5768	woodysac@aol.com
Treasurer Wynne Spano	758-4104	WAS2teach@aol.com

CLASS REPRESENTATIVES:

Class of 2012: Dennis Bressack, Sally Davis, Donna Ducker, Jo Ann Guerin & Sue Mautone

Class of 2013: Donna Fong, Jackie Kahrs, Sara Maliha & Patti Malik

Class of 2014: Tonya Fitzgerald, Bonnie Gilman, Bev Hricisak, Mary Beth Koch, Jodi Markle-Adam & Sandy Terrone

Class of 2015 – Allison Belfance, Myrna Capaldi, Stacy Deneve, Joanne Vallarella & Mary Vasquez



SPIRIT WALK 2011 **A DAY OF FUN, SCHOOL SPIRIT & PRIDE**



On Friday, October 21st, Coleman Catholic H.S. will be conducting their 7th Annual Spirit Walk-a-Thon. It will be held on the school track and is open to all students. Participation is encouraged but not mandatory as this is a fun, community-building event, as well as a fund-raiser.

To be eligible to participate, a minimum of \$60.00 in sponsorships must be collected. After the walk, the Parents Association will serve a complimentary lunch to all participating students* in appreciation of their efforts. Raffle drawings for prizes amongst participating students* will occur immediately following lunch. The afternoon will be a field day of fun activities for all participating students* followed by regular dismissal. This will not interfere with regular bus pick-up.

Please support your student in this fun"d"raiser!

Contact masherman51@gmail.com, 914-388-1779 or the school office for further information

RULES:

-> To participate in this half-day of fun and school pride, individual students must acquire a minimum of \$60 in sponsors.

-> Students who choose not to participate will have a regular school day. They will not receive the free lunch or be eligible for raffle drawings.

GOALS & INCENTIVES:

-> Build school spirit by supporting the growth of Coleman programs & facilities with our goal of \$10,000 in student-collected sponsorships. **Last year we raised \$9100!**

-> Win raffle prizes!

-> A fun event to share with friends while getting out of classes!

-> **FIRST 10 STUDENTS TO TURN IN MONEY AND FORM WIN A \$10 ITUNES CARD.**

RAFFLES! GREAT PRIZES!

-> Each participating* student will earn one raffle ticket for the \$60.00 minimum in sponsorships.

-> Each \$5.00 above the minimum will earn the participating* student one additional raffle ticket.

(EG: \$100 sponsorships = 1 (\$60 minimum) ticket + 8 additional tickets for each additional \$5 (\$40) = 9 raffle tickets)

-> Raffle prizes donated by parents & area businesses



Early Bird Special

EARN DOUBLE RAFFLE TICKETS

-> EVERY PARTICIPATING* STUDENT WHO BRINGS IN THE MINIMUM (or more) BEFORE THE CLOSE OF SCHOOL ON WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 5TH WILL QUALIFY FOR DOUBLE RAFFLE TICKETS!

The minimum of \$60 & every additional \$ 5 donation is now worth 2 raffle tickets!

NEW THIS YEAR - 2 DRAWINGS FOR AWESOME PRIZES for turning in your donation sheets early . . .

Raffle Drawing Oct. 7th for a Toshiba NB505 notebook computer w/full size keyboard & touch pad

Raffle Drawing Oct. 14th for a RCA 22 inch HDTV/DVD combo

****PARTICIPATING STUDENT: A STUDENT WITH THE MINIMUM \$60 IN SPONSORS; PRESENT TO WALK THE TRACK AND LATER PRESENT WHEN RAFFLE DRAWINGS ARE HELD UNLESS PARTICIPATING IN ANOTHER SCHOOL-SPONSORED ACTIVITY (i.e. sports practice, game, etc.)***

