

# *Albertus Magnus High School* *Newsletter*



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## **Feast of Our Lady of the Rosary** **October 7<sup>th</sup>**

Albertus Magnus High School  
founded and administered by the  
Dominican Congregation of Our Lady of the Rosary  
Sparkill, New York

“It could be said that each mystery of the rosary, carefully meditated, sheds light on the mystery of man. ‘Cast your burden on the Lord and he will sustain you’ (Ps 55: 23). To pray the rosary is to hand over our burdens to the merciful hearts of Christ and his Mother. The rosary does indeed ‘mark the rhythm of human life,’ bringing it into harmony with the ‘rhythm’ of God’s own life, in the joyful communion of the Holy Trinity, our life’s destiny and deepest longing. Through the rosary the faithful receive abundant grace, as though from the very hands of the Mother of the Redeemer.” – *Venerable John Paul II*

# National Merit Scholarship Program

A Letter of Commendation has been awarded to

**Joseph H. Inoncillo**

for outstanding performance on the

Preliminary SAT/National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test in 2009.

## Class of 2010

### The College Board Advanced Placement Scholar Awards

The following members of the Albertus Magnus High School Class of 2010 have been recognized by the College Board for achieving excellence on their AP Examinations in May, 2010.

#### AP Scholar with Honor

Awarded to a student who receives an average grade of at least 3.25 on all AP exams taken, and grades of 3 or higher on four or more of these exams on full-year courses (or the equivalent).

#### 2010 Award Recipient:

**Maureen Dougherty**

#### AP Scholar with Distinction

Awarded to a student who receives an average score of at least 3.5 on all AP Exams taken, and scores of 3 or higher on five or more of these exams.

#### 2010 Award Recipients:

**Kimberly Amaba**

**Michael Vercillo**

#### AP Scholar

Awarded to a student who receives grades of 3 or higher on three or more AP Exams on full-year courses (or the equivalent):



#### 2010 Award Recipients:

**Soul Han**

**Ryan Keenan**

**Kyung-Hoon Kim**

**Cara Lane**

**Julianne Mandara**

**Felicia Nicolas**

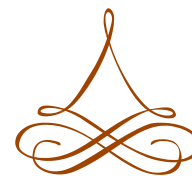
**Madeleine Yakal**



## Albertus Magnus Student Council 2010-2011



**President** – Andrew Festa  
**Vice-President** – Brendan Cummings  
**Secretary** – Ashley Canivel  
**Treasurer** – Deanna Bova



**Junior Class Director** – Arnell Dandridge  
**Sophomore Class Director** – Kimberly Roc  
**Freshman Class Director** – Victor Leeber

### Homeroom Representatives

#### Seniors

Homeroom 101 – TBA  
Homeroom 102 – Kassandra Kayser  
Homeroom 104 – Michael Morano  
Homeroom 106 – Katelyn Spicer

#### Sophomores

Homeroom 207 – Anthony Gemelli  
Homeroom 208 – Corinne Heavner  
Homeroom 210 – Cassie Jacob  
Homeroom 211 – Kimberly Roc

#### Juniors

Homeroom 107 – Tara Condon  
Homeroom 109 – Arnell Dandridge  
Homeroom 111 – Kristen Pelatti  
Homeroom 112 – Anthony Tantillo

#### Freshman

Homeroom 203 – James Arnowich  
Homeroom 204 – Victor Leeber  
Homeroom 205 – Emily Motti  
Homeroom 206 – Jackie Parker

### 2011 Yearbook Reminders!

Keep a lookout for information regarding the yearbook advertisements. They should be in your mailbox by October 22! Photo retakes for underclassmen will be taken on Friday, October 29. Davis Studios will inform you of the schedule.

**Senior Group picture will be taken Wednesday, November 3 at 8:30am.**

Seniors will be asked to submit a baby photo, a current photo, bios, and their last will and testament by mid November. Keep a lookout for when those will be due!

***Submitting photos to the yearbook has just gotten easier!*** To upload pictures from any of the Albertus events, baby pictures, or your senior current photo for the yearbook go to: [images.jostens.com](http://images.jostens.com). Login ID: 400052569

## ALBERTUS MAGNUS OPEN HOUSE

**Sunday, October 24, 2010**

Mass—11:00 AM

Presentation & Tours 12:00 noon—2:00 PM

**Tuesday, October 26, 2010**

7:00 pm – 9:00 pm

Presentations & Tours

For more information please contact:  
Noreen Power, Director of Admissions  
(845) 623-8842 x 206 or visit our website

[www.albertusmagnus.net](http://www.albertusmagnus.net)



# Homecoming 2010 Family Mass and Barbecue

Saturday, October 9, 2010  
Beginning with  
Mass at 4:00 p.m. followed by a  
barbecue.

Please join A.M. families past and present as we celebrate Homecoming 2010.

Please make your reservations by 10/5/10. Cost is \$40 per family or \$10 per student/faculty member.

Family

Name \_\_\_\_\_ #Adults \_\_\_ #Children \_\_\_\_\_

All Albertus Magnus students who attend the Mass and Barbeque with their families will receive a tag day. Admission to the Girls and Boys Varsity Soccer games are also included in the Barbecue price.

Family Tickets will also be sold during the lunch periods beginning 9/20.



# Homecoming Weekend

Friday, October 8 @ 7:00 pm

Albertus Magnus Football vs. Riverside



Saturday, October 9

Mass @ 4:00 pm

Family BBQ @ 4:45 PM

Girls Soccer vs. Tappan Zee @ 6:00 pm

Boys Soccer vs. Tappan Zee @ 8:00 pm



Friday, October 15

Homecoming Dance @ 8:00 pm – 11:00 pm



Welcome to the easiest and most rewarding “fund-raising” program available to your school.

We are pleased to be able to offer parents and other supporters the opportunity to assist your school in fulfilling its educational needs through our A+ BONUS BUCKS Program.

Register your Stop & Shop Card! Enroll on-line at [www.stopandshop.com/aplus](http://www.stopandshop.com/aplus)

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Albertus Magnus High School is holding a

## Used Clothing Collection

Drop off clothing, shoes, belts, handbags, linens & stuffed animals until October 2, 2010.

Our school will receive a donation for the total poundage that we collect.

Please put items into a well tied black plastic garbage bag.

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## AMHS Performing Arts Department Presents:

a Dinner & Show

### “The Man Who Came To Dinner”

George S. Kaufman and Moss Hart



Friday, Saturday & Sunday, November 12, 13, & 14

## **Albertus Magnus High School Opens “New” Chemistry Classroom after 50 Years**

### **Thanks to the Efforts of the Falcon Parents’ Club!**

A “new” chemistry classroom was rebuilt for the students of Albertus Magnus High School over the just concluded summer vacation. The work to give students a state-of-the-art 21<sup>st</sup> Century environment in which to study and experiment was the singular objective of The Falcons Parents’ Club.

The “Lab Rehab” price for the chemistry laboratory was close to \$245,000 and the Falcon Parents’ Club was instrumental in raising over half the monies needed for the first build-out of our suite of science classrooms. The plans for rehabilitating the science facilities will continue with the overhauling of the biology space and physics classroom in the near future – an exercise that will continue to involve the Falcon Parents’ Club, as well as the Development Committee of the AMHS School Board.

The Albertus Magnus High School campus was opened 50 years ago on Route 304 in Bardonia, NY and the rebuilding of the Chemistry space reflects the first major reconstruction of academic facilities during this time frame. The major fundraising event for the reconstruction project has been the Falcon Parents’ Club Annual Spring Dinner/Auction. Last spring over 300 family and friends of Albertus Magnus gathered at the New York Country Club to celebrate this vibrant faith and academic community. This event will continue to serve as the primary source of funding for the reconstruction exercise, as the next Dinner Auction event is scheduled for Saturday, March 19, 2011.





*Albertus Magnus High School  
Second Annual Mothers' Dinner*

*November 10, 2010 @ 7:00pm*



*Romolo's*

*Route 303*

*Congers, NY 10920*

*\$45.00 per Guest*

*Dinner includes:*

*Hors D'oeuvres, Dinner Buffet & Dessert*

*Coffee & Beverages*

*Wine & Beer*

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*Guest Name:* \_\_\_\_\_

*Student's Name & Grade of Guest:* \_\_\_\_\_

*Email:* \_\_\_\_\_

*Phone:* \_\_\_\_\_

*Please make check payable to Albertus Magnus High School and send to the main office by October 27, 2010. If you have any questions call Mrs. Marianne O'Brien at 845-623-8842(ext.200).*

# News from Guidance:

## CALLING ALL PARENTS...

The Guidance Department is hoping to set up a "Career Day" and are looking for parents to volunteer to come in and share their professional work experience with our student body

If interested, please email

vmcghee@albertusmagnus.net and indicate your profession.

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**If you are wondering how you are going to pay for your child's college education.....**

Please join us for an evening of information

On the College Aid System

**Tuesday, November 2nd @ 7pm** in the Rotunda

Presented by Certified Financial Planners

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## **"What are Colleges looking for?..."**

Kevin Cavanagh, Director of Admissions at Iona College will be here on **Tuesday, Oct. 12<sup>th</sup> @ 7pm** in the Rotunda to answer that question and much more on the college admissions process.

We hope you can join us!

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## **Scholarship Opportunities**

The following list represents the most current information received by the AMHS Guidance Office but does not represent all scholarship opportunities available. Students are expected to do their own careful search for scholarships to complement what has been sent to our office. All scholarships are listed with links on the Albertus Magnus web site under Guidance then Scholarships. Click on individual scholarships to view further information and please contact the Guidance Office as soon as possible if you would like to take advantage of these opportunities.

**St. Gregory Barbarigo Home and School Association Scholarship**

**AES Engineers Scholarship**

**Wendy's High School Heisman @ [www.wendysheisman.com](http://www.wendysheisman.com)**

**4th Annual Create-A-Greeting-Card \$10,000 Scholarship Contest.**

**AXA Achievement Scholarship @ [www.axa-achievement.com](http://www.axa-achievement.com)**

**FIRE (Foundation for Individual Rights in Education) Scholarship**

**Elks National Foundation 2011 Most Valuable Student Scholarship Application**

**Coca-Cola Scholars Foundation Scholarship apply at : [www.coca-colaschloars.org](http://www.coca-colaschloars.org)**

## ADAPP - Fact of the Month: What Teens Want to Know

What Teens Want to Know	
<b>Myth:</b> Wine and beer have less alcohol than vodka, gin or whiskey.	<b>Fact:</b> A drink is a drink. A bottle of beer, a glass of wine or a shot of hard liquor has the same alcohol content.
<b>Myth:</b> Marijuana is natural so it cannot hurt you.	<b>Fact:</b> Marijuana can cause short and long term consequences ranging from problems with memory and learning to increased anxiety. Recent studies show that the teenage brain is particularly vulnerable. Just because something is natural doesn't mean it is good for you.
<b>Myth:</b> Underage tobacco use is not a problem.	<b>Fact:</b> More than 3 1/2 million teens between the ages of 12 and 17 use tobacco.
<b>Myth:</b> Using any drug just one time can't hurt you.	<b>Fact:</b> Everyone responds to drugs differently. Although some people can use a drug once or more than once and not experience any negative consequences, for other individual's first time use can be fatal.

## MUSIC NOTES



**Veritas**, Albertus Magnus High School Honor Choir has again been asked to sing at the Rockland Count **Naturalization Ceremony** on Friday, October 1, 2010 at the Pomona Fireman's Training Center in Pomona.



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## ART NEWS

The Art Department is hosting its 2nd Annual Alumni Art Show in September and October. Sixteen artists participated with a showing of over 30 works of art. Seeing the art on display for the first day of school was a great way to start the new school year. The art will remain on display through our two Open House sessions on October 24th and 26th. Congratulations to all!

Elizabeth (Wassmer) Cozens Class of 1976; Jen Wassmer 90; Michael Tedesco 05; Chris Wiley 06; Christine Etienne 07; Caroline Amaba 08; Nicole Caggiano 08; Jessica Deyne 08; Kelsea Dineen 08; Clare Dougherty 08; Cerena Hammond 08; Jamie Nyemchek 08; Caitlin McMenamin 09; Chris Tow 09; Maureen Dougherty 10; Gianluca Pugliese 10

If you are alum and you would like to participate in next year's alumni art show please contact Jen Wassmer at [jwassmer@albertusmagnus.net](mailto:jwassmer@albertusmagnus.net) for forms and information. You do not need to be a professional artist to submit your art.

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### DATES TO REMEMBER

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| Sunday, October 3     | - | Life Chain, Rt. 59, Nanuet—2:00 PM—3:30 PM  |
| Tuesday, October 5    | - | Junior Retreat  |
| Thursday, October 7   | - | College Tables—11:00 AM—1:00 PM   |
| Friday, October 8     | - | Pep Rally—Homecoming Football—7:00 PM<br>Progress Reports Mailed  |
| Saturday, October 9   | - | Homecoming Mass—4:00 PM<br>Homecoming Family BBQ—4:45 PM<br>Girls Soccer—6:00 PM      Boys Soccer—8:00 PM |
| Monday, October 11    | - | No School—Columbus Day<br>Golf Outing—Minisceongo Golf Course—11:00 AM                                    |
| Tuesday, October 12   | - | College Tables—11:00 AM—1:00 PM   |
| Wednesday, October 13 | - | No School— <b>PSAT's—Juniors only</b> —11:30 AM Dismissal   |
| Thursday, October 14  | - | National Honor Society Induction—7:00 PM  |

