

# *Albertus Magnus High School*

## *Newsletter*



**Joseph T. Troy, President/Principal**  
**Carl Locatelli, Assistant Principal**

**November, 2011**  
**Volume 52, Number 2**

### **Feast of St. Albert the Great**

#### **November 15**

Albert was born c. 1200 in Lauingen on the Danube in Germany, where he spent his youth. After his elementary training he studied the “liberal arts” (i.e. language studies and the sciences) in Padua, one of the main academic centers of this time. He would have become a physician, except that he got to know Jordan of Saxony, who was a member of a group known as the Friars Preachers. The group soon became known as “Dominicans” after their founder, St. Dominic. Albert was so impressed by this group and the preaching of Jordan, that he joined this new and striving order, known for its zeal for study, preaching and poverty.

As soon as he was ordained he was sent to teach in the Dominican houses in Hildesheim, Friburg, Ratisbon, Strasburg and Cologne. Albert also taught at the University of Paris where he taught St. Thomas Aquinas in whom he recognized superior intelligence and holiness. When Albert returned to Cologne he was elected Provincial of Germany, which included all the territory where German was spoken. He was appointed Bishop of Ratisbon and inherited a completely depleted, bankrupt bishopric. He paid off all the debts, and at the same time was kind and generous to the poor. He worked all over Germany to ordain priests, consecrate churches, and settle disputes. Albert was a tireless peacemaker. He resigned as Bishop in order to return to the University of Cologne as a simple friar where he engaged in teaching, writing and preaching until his death.

Albert studied Aristotle, but did not follow all of his philosophy. Rather, Albert thought for himself, and observed for himself. Albert studied and described the whole universe from the stones to the stars. His writings include works on astronomy, meteorology, physics, mechanics, chemistry, mineralogy, anthropology, zoology, botany and climate. His writings attest to his extraordinary powers of observation. His natural interest in creation was ruled by an unlimited and intense desire to know and serve God, the Creator.

Albert has been called the “Fathers of the Natural Sciences”. It was his contemporaries who called him “The Great”, because of the scope and depth of his learning. In his own lifetime and for centuries later, he was considered an authority on physics, geography, mineralogy, chemistry and biology. Students flocked to his classes. He proposed that the earth is a sphere, not flat, as people of his day believed. He is said to have built a seismograph and invested the first greenhouse.

As well as being a scientist, Albert was also a philosopher, a theologian and a spiritual writer. He ardently believed that everything in the natural world is not only a reflection of God, but also hallowed by the presence of God Who preserves it and directs it to its end.



Albert the Great, in Latin “Albertus Magnus”, was declared a Saint and Doctor of the Church on December 16, 1931. His feast is celebrated November 15.

# NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY

Shawnette Afriyie  
Tara Condon  
Chloe DeEntremont  
Denise DeRosa  
Tashnee Desrivieres  
Mairead Fallon  
Joseph Hennessy  
Conor Horan  
James Huber  
Alexis Jimenez  
Nathaniel Lecorps  
Steven Leo  
James Mackey  
Ashley Mosquea  
Sabyne Nicolas  
Alex Pavon  
Charlotte Rodriguez  
Casey Silvestri  
Victoria Slowik  
Ryan Smith  
Jonathan Soriano  
Sri Stewart  
Kaitlyn Sullivan  
Anthony Tantillo  
Rachel Thanasoulis  
Michael Tiongson

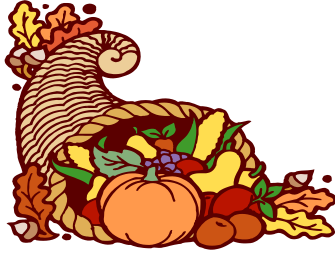


\*\*\*\*\*



## National Achievement Scholarship Program

**Nathaniel Lecorps** scored in the top 3 percent of more than 160,000 Black Americans who requested consideration in the 2012 National Achievement Program when they took the 2010 Preliminary SAT/National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test (PSAT/NMSQT®).



***Annual  
Mass of Thanksgiving  
Honoring Grandparents***

*Wednesday, November 23<sup>rd</sup>  
8:45 AM  
Tom Collins Gymnasium*

Please join us for our seventh annual Thanksgiving Mass honoring the contributions and love grandparents provide for our students and families. Grandparents are most welcome and we hope that all will be able to attend! Mass will begin at 8:45AM and will be followed by a continental breakfast in the rotunda. Please complete intentions for our living and deceased grandparents and return as soon as possible.

*Celebrate the joy of the Thanksgiving season by coming together as a community and giving thanks for those we love!*

**Grandparents Names**

Living

Deceased

---

---

---

---

---

---

---

---

# of outside guests attending: \_\_\_\_\_

## Homecoming Weekend '11

We continue to host larger and more festive homecomings with each passing year, as this celebration brought together another 600 plus individuals (students, parents, alumni and faculty) to attend a Saturday Vigil Mass, enjoy a barbecue feast in the Locust Grove and cheer on our varsity soccer teams as they competed under the lights in a double-header versus Burke Catholic (we won both Boys' & Girls' contests!). The success of this "fund & friend-raiser" is a school-wide effort, but certainly wouldn't happen to the level of accomplishment we now realize without the focused aim of the Falcon Parents' Club. Leadership there came from Mrs. **Mary Jane Michalak**, Mrs. **Kim Gruffi**, Mrs. **Cheryl Ward**, Mrs. **Deb Marinucci**, Mrs. **Neka Russell**, Mrs. **Barbara Condon**, Mrs. **Ellen Huber**, Mrs. **Amy DeEntremont**, Mrs. **Joanne Sullivan**, Mrs. **Barb McConnell** and our fearless Admissions Director, Mrs. **Noreen Power**. The Club's Dads helped as well with grilling and food serving: **Joe Michalak**, **Glenn Widmer**, **Josh DeEntremont**, **Bill Bartholomew**, **Hal Schweitzer** and **Dennis O'Keeffe** were some of the fathers who stepped forward.

Homecoming activities continued on to Sunday evening of the three-day holiday weekend as the Falcons Football Squad hosted perennial Westchester County powerhouse, the Bronxville High Broncos, in another "under the lights" athletic contest. The game went down to the last minute of play with the Broncos finally sealing the win over the Falcons, but the spirit and "electricity in the air" of this great night of high school football was felt by everyone in the overflow crowd.

A special thanks goes out to Mr. **Robert Lagana** P'13 & P'14 for both the artistic and commercial success of the interscholastic night games over the Homecoming Weekend. Mr. Lagana was responsible for all expenses and activity in delivering and setting up the temporary light stanchions for these contests. His tremendously generous support means that we have both a memorable and profitable weekend of Falcon fun & fellowship...thanks goes to all volunteers and participants who made this Homecoming, 2011 such a great success!! Thank you and God bless you!

\*\*\*\*\*

## Albertus Magnus Golf Classic



The culminating event to our Homecoming Weekend Celebration of 2011 was the AM Golf Classic, our annual fund-raiser to benefit Falcon Athletics, held on Monday afternoon, October 10, 2011 (Columbus Day) at a new venue, the Paramount Country Club (formerly Dellwood CC) in New City, NY. The tournament hosted 104 golfers and provided another \$13,000 to the AMHS Athletic Department.

The spectacular surroundings of Paramount CC and the beautiful weather we experienced on that afternoon made this event truly unforgettable. We are most grateful to all the golfers and Tee Sponsors who were so generous with their support on the golf course. However, we do wish to formally acknowledge those individuals or businesses who participated as Tournament Sponsors with exceptional benevolence to help our student-athletes.

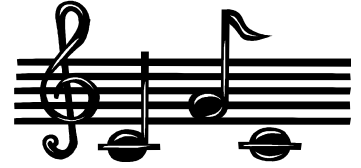
**Joseph DeJulia Memorial Foundation**  
**Fairway Testing** (Mr. Pat Aguanno)  
**IPG Group, LLC** (Alton Hillis, Jr. & Brian Curley)  
**John McLaughlin '74**  
**Deb & Paul Paciello P'10 & P'13**  
**Joseph T. Troy**, President/Principal, AMHS

**Tom & Marianne Downes**  
**Greg Hayden & Mark Hayden'76**  
**Kim Kingsbury P'13 & P'15**  
**Christine McGuinness, ESQ '81**  
**STAC** (Kevin Duignan, Sr. VP-Advancement)

We also thank members of the Falcon Parents' Club, **Pat Lennon** '80 & P'12, **Deb Marinucci** P'12 and Charlene McLaughlin P'10 & P'14 for their very effective work as Tournament Staffers and recognize **Sr. Ann Eigenbauer, OP**, **Sr. Margaret Flaherty, OP** and **Sr. Renee Asmar, OP** for their wonderful help during the Awards Dinner.

This sporting event has become another important date on our academic calendar due in great measure to the commitment and leadership of the Classic's co-chairs, Head Golf Coach, **John DeJulia** '80 and Mr. **Joe Michalak** P '09 & P'11 & P'15---thank you, gentlemen and thank you Albertus Magnus Golfers!!

## MUSIC NOTES



Congratulations to **James Mackey** who was chosen to represent Albertus Magnus High School in an area all-state choir – and **Stephanie Ruppen** who was chosen as an alternate for area all-state chorus.

\*\*\*\*\*

### Attention Seniors

**Senior Submissions** deadline has been extended to 11/15/11.

**Yearbook Ad** deadline has been extended to 11/15/11.

**Class of 2012  
The Gauntlet**

\*\*\*\*\*

## PLACE YOUR YEARBOOK ORDER NOW!

Yearbook orders are being taken as we speak! This year we are offering a special addition for each class. Each class will receive a special 8 page candid photo section of only students in their class. For example if your student is a sophomore he/she will receive an 8 page candid section featuring only students from the sophomore class! This is a huge bonus and included in the price!

Place your orders today at [www.jostensyearbooks.com](http://www.jostensyearbooks.com) or pick up and order form in the main office.

If you have any questions please contact Lea Greene, the yearbook adviser, at [lgreene@albertusmagnus.net](mailto:lgreene@albertusmagnus.net) or 914-282-3150.

\*\*\*\*\*

## ALBERTUS MAGNUS H.S. HALL OF FAME INVITES 4 NEW MEMBERS & THE 1982 BOYS BASKETBALL TEAM FOR FALL 2011 INDUCTION

The Albertus Magnus High School Hall of Fame will welcome a new class of inductees on Saturday evening, November 19, 2011, which includes two long-time AM “care-givers” who will be recognized as MVP Contributors to the AM Community. Mrs. **Mary Novotny** and Mrs. **Mary Holmes** ’65 gave over four decades of service to the students of Albertus as the School Nurse (Novotny) and as teacher/administrator (Holmes).

Along with these two exceptional school managers, the AM Hall of Fame will hail two former student-athletes for their accomplishments, primarily those on the hard-court and the baseball diamond. Ms. **Margaret Feerick** ’92 and Captain (NYPD) **Pete Fortune**’93 will be inducted into the AM Hall of Fame as top athletes for the Class of 2011.

The 2011 Albertus Magnus Hall of Fame Class will also induct the **Varsity Boys Basketball Team of 1982**, the last squad of legendary Hall of Fame Falcons’ Coach Tom Collins ’64 to win the Section 9 Title and qualify for the New York State Class B Final Four.

The AMHS Hall of Fame Induction Ceremony will take place in the Tom Collins Gymnasium at the school, on Saturday eve, November 19, 2011, with a ticket price of \$50 per guest. This gathering is open to the public. For more information, please contact the AMHS Alumni Office at (845)623-8842, X229 or via email: [alumni@albertusmagnus.net](mailto:alumni@albertusmagnus.net) or go to the Albertus Magnus High School Home Page for details and online ticket purchases.

**Albertus Magnus  
High School**

798 Route 304  
Bardonia, NY  
10954

---

**Albertus Magnus High School 2011  
McNichols Christmas Tournament**

Tues, Dec 27                      **GIRLS JV TOURNAMENT**  
10:00AM                      TBA vs Burke Catholic  
12:00pm                      Albertus Magnus vs Maria Regina

Tues, Dec 27                      **GIRLS VARSITY TOURNAMENT**  
2:00pm                      Albertus Magnus vs Maria Regina  
4:00pm                      Notre Dame(Utica) vs Burke Catholic

Wed, Dec 28                      **GIRLS JV TOURNAMENT**  
10:00am                      Consolation Game (Loser of 12/29 12pm game in white uniforms)  
12:00pm                      Championship (Winner of 12/29 12pm game in white uniforms)

Wed, Dec 28                      **GIRLS VARSITY TOURNAMENT**  
2:00pm                      Consolation (Loser of 12/29 4pm game in white uniforms)  
4:00pm                      Championship (Winner of 12/29 4pm game in white uniforms)

There is a \$225 entry Fee; Please make checks payable to Albertus Magnus HS

Championship T-Shirts to winning team  
Championship & Runner up Team trophies  
All Tournament & MVP Trophies

## A Note from the Falcon Parents' Club

Our **Christmas Boutique** is scheduled for **Saturday, December 3, 2011**.

We are also incorporating a Bake Sale into the Christmas Boutique. We are asking all families to **donate a home baked good** (your favorite family recipe cake, pie, bread or Christmas cookies) to be sold at the Boutique. One hour of community service will be given to each student who contributes a **home baked good** to the sale. Your donation can be brought in with your student on Friday 12/2 or Saturday between 8:00am -10:00am. The clubs and sports teams have been contacted to help with this event as well. Please let your children know they can also get community service hours for helping with the event. Our plans include photos

with Santa, craft activities for the children and childcare while parents do their Christmas shopping. We are still looking for vendors to showcase their wares at this event. If you are interested in helping with the boutique, or are know of an interested vendor, please contact us at [FalconParentsClub@albertusmagnus.net](mailto:FalconParentsClub@albertusmagnus.net).



**Homecoming Weekend** was great success. We had over 500 attendees at the Mass and Barbecue. Thank you all who so generously donated your fine side dishes and desserts to the sharing table at the barbecue. Our Falcon boys and girls soccer teams both won and the Football game was thrilling down to the last minute although the Falcons did not take the victory. Thank you Falcons and fans who came out to support all our teams.

Our Falcon Parents Club meeting "**Nurturing the Catholic Parent**" was very informative. **Sr. Renee Asmar** gave us simple insightful guidance on how to take care of "ourselves " by taking time to create space for God and us as parents. We will be looking into the near future to have another open meeting with Sr. Renee. If anyone has a suggestion for a topic we welcome all ideas.

\*\*\*\*\*

### **SAVE THE DATES!**

#### **Albertus Magnus High School Annual Mothers' Dinner**

Thursday, November 10, 2011  
The Nyack Seaport  
Nyack, NY 10960

#### **Hall of Fame Induction Ceremony**

Saturday, November 19, 2011  
Albertus Magnus High School

#### **Christmas Boutique**

Saturday, December 3, 2011  
Albertus Magnus High School

#### **2012 Falcon Parents' Club Dinner Auction**

Saturday, April 14, 2012  
New York Country Club  
New Hempstead, NY 10977

[ADVANCEMENT@ALBERTUSMAGNUS.NET](mailto:ADVANCEMENT@ALBERTUSMAGNUS.NET) or call (845)623-8842 x229

***GO FALCON PARENTS' CLUB!!!***

ALBERTUS MAGNUS  
HIGH SCHOOL  
798 Route 304  
Bardonia, NY 10954  
www.albertusmagnus.net

Non-Profit Org.  
U.S. Postage PAID  
Monsey, NY  
NO. 56122

*Return Service Requested*



### DATES TO REMEMBER

- |                        |   |   |
|------------------------|---|---|
| Thursday, November 10  | - | Annual Mothers Dinner   |
| Friday, November 11    | - | Veterans Day—School Closed<br>COOP Exam—8:00 AM                                     |
| Monday, November 14    | - | Winter Sports Begin   |
| Tuesday, November 15   | - | Feast of St. Albert the Great<br>Fall Sports Awards Ceremony<br>Report Cards Mailed |
| Saturday, November 19  | - | Hall of Fame Awards Dinner  |
| Wednesday, November 23 | - | Grandparent's Mass—Thanksgiving Liturgy<br>10:00 AM Dismissal                       |
| November 24-25         | - | Thanksgiving Recess—School Closed   |
| Saturday, December 3   | - | Falcon Parents Club Christmas Boutique  |
| Thursday, December 8   | - | Immaculate Conception—Mass Schedule   |

