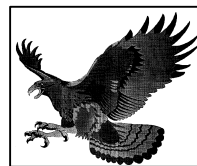


# *Albertus Magnus High School*

## *Newsletter*



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

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### Waiting in Joyful Hope

In the book of Hebrews we read, "...persevere in running the race that lies before us while keeping our eyes fixed on Jesus, the leader and perfecter of faith: (12:1b-2a). What great Advent advice! We are to fix our eyes on Jesus, the one who inspires and perfects the great gift of faith. It is Jesus who is coming again in new ways to call us to be disciples and stewards of God's many gifts.

Yet, we struggle to keep focused. So many distractions bombard our lives to such an extent that we become disoriented, yes, even lost in the cosmos. Even though Jesus comes in Scripture and sacraments, in community and in the poor, in the stirrings of our hearts, we often fail to register and respond to these many "advents."

We need not despair nor be discouraged. Each day is a new beginning; each liturgical season is another invitation to encounter God's grace made present and manifest in the miracle of the Incarnation. Humbly we invoke the guidance of the Holy Spirit, a Spirit that enlightens us to see, a Spirit that enkindles us to love, and a Spirit that empowers us to hear and follow the voice of the Good Shepherd. We are not alone on this perilous journey. We travel together as a faith community and we have been promised the gift of the Lord's presence.

A prayerful pondering of the daily readings of Advent is one way of keeping our eyes fixed on Jesus. Sacred Scripture, God's glorious revelation, is a gateway into the mind and heart of our Creator, Redeemer, and Sanctifier. Through gentle contemplations we "see" God's providential love and mercy revealed in the person of Jesus. It is his coming for which we prepare with wonder and awe. Hospitality is the grace needed; a warm and gracious welcome is our gift to the newborn King.

Mary kept her eyes fixed on Jesus. It was her faith, obedience, and love that so influenced salvation history. Mary's *fiat*, her graced yes to the angel Gabriel, models for us Advent people the disposition necessary for our participation in the paschal mystery. So many have emulated Mary in her obedience: the great St. Paul, St. Therese of Lisieux, Blessed Teresa of Calcutta, St. Ignatius of Loyola. They all fixed their eyes on Jesus and followed in his way of love, compassion, and forgiveness.

As we attempt to keep our eyes fixed on Jesus, let us never forget that God's gaze is always upon us. As St. John of the Cross reminds us, when God looks, God loves and gives life. During Advent we are first seen and, because of that, we are enabled to fix our eyes on the great miracle of the Incarnation.



*Introduction – Bishop Robert F. Morneau*

## HONOR ROLL

**FIRST HONORS** is awarded to a student who achieves an average of 95% with no failing grade.

### **FRESHMAN**

Kristin Burns  
Annemarie Hahnenfeld  
Hailey Hoffman  
Jessie Kay  
Megan Mearian  
Maureen O'Dowd  
Brian Reardon  
Megan Townend

### **SOPHOMORE**

Jennifer Bases  
Monica Branca  
Jessica Dominianni  
Salvatore Florio  
Lauren Gruffi  
Casey O'Brien  
Stephanie Ruppen  
Jack Sullivan

### **JUNIOR**

Chloe DeEntremont  
Alexis Jiminez  
James Mackey  
Ashley Mosquea  
Alex Pavon  
Ryan M. Smith  
Kaitlyn Sullivan  
Anthony Tantillo  
Michael Tiongson

### **SENIOR**

Deanna Bova  
Brooke Castiglione  
Shanice Dessources  
Clarissa Flores  
Joseph Inoncillo  
Jong Hoon (Chris) Kim  
Kyung Hoon (Rob) Kim  
Shin Jung (Sophie) Kim  
Brenna Mackey  
Andrew Muckell  
Jessica Muttitt  
Anna Maria Wlodarczyk  
Christine Zemsky

**SECOND HONORS** is awarded to a student who achieves an average of 90% with no failing grade.

### **FRESHMAN**

Zachary Agosto  
Terence Amonica  
James Arnowich  
Anthony Colucci  
Megan Confrey  
Mikaela Connell  
Michelle Coppola  
Anthony Cotaj  
Mary Czerwinski  
Fiona Egan  
Kristen Fahey  
Brianna Flores  
Bridget Gallione  
Charles Giordano  
Madison Kandoth  
Janine Kennelly  
Cristina Magistro  
Daniel Miller  
Emily Minkowitz  
Raymond Mosquea  
Jacqueline Parker  
James Place  
Matthew Raggi  
Katie Solesky  
Brianna Untener  
Patrick Ward  
Allison White  
Kiana White  
Tracy Xiao

### **SOPHOMORE**

Callie Bailey-Wickins  
James Brooks  
Michael Catania  
Gabriel Chalco  
Sara Chivelly  
Ashley Columbia  
Stephanie DeCoro  
Shannon Donohue  
Richard Gedeon  
Marissa Grieco  
Conor Houlihan  
Cassie Jacob  
Shannon Keown  
Jeewon Khil  
Thomas McConnell  
Kelly Mickler  
Heather Murray  
Jessica Paciello  
Karn Pandya  
Hae Wan Park  
Meghan Reilly  
Giselle Rodriguez  
Jessica Silva  
Michael Strack  
Chrystal Thomas

### **JUNIOR**

Shawnette Afriyie  
Matthew Brenner  
Tara Condon  
Jonah DeLucia  
Denise DeRosa  
Tashnee Desrivieres  
Eugene Fallon  
Joseph Hennessy  
Jourdan Henry  
James Huber  
Bridget Humphrey  
Brianna Keahon  
Hye Won Khil  
Nathaniel Lecorps  
Steven Leo  
James McEntee  
Michael Montenegro  
Christian Musngi  
Sabyne Nicolas  
Kristin Pelatti  
Brielle Pereira  
Julianne Rogers  
Tyler Sayre  
Delia Shankey  
Victoria Slowik  
Jonathan Soriano  
Arianna Sotos  
Sri Stewart  
Thomas Taylor  
Rachel Thanasoulis  
Ashley Ward



### **SENIOR**

Faith Alacar  
Joy Alacar  
Anthony Arcangel  
Carissa Aurellano  
Briella Bartholomew  
Antonella Cotaj  
Brendan Cummings  
Felicia Dacruz  
Shane Durkin  
Sean Egan  
Andrew Festa  
Kassandra Flores  
Patricia Horan  
Kassandra Kayser  
Shannon Kilbride  
Daphne Leger  
Michael Morano  
Alison Murphy  
Megahn Perez  
Melissa Place  
Matthew Rubino  
Brandon Shadood  
Brielle Smith  
Alexa Sousa  
Kyle Sullivan  
Dana Todd



# SECTION ONE—ALL LEAGUE AWARDS

## Boys Soccer

### All League

Martin Cummings  
James Huber  
Timmy Kelly  
Denis Michalak  
Tim Morris



## Girls Soccer

### All League

Kassandra Flores  
Lauren Gruffi  
Katelyn Spicer



## Volleyball

### All League

Kerri McFadden  
Mallory McFadden  
Vicky Slowik

## Football

### All League

Ryan Condon  
Andrew Festa  
Michael Louis  
Jeremy Sosa



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## Fall 2010 Varsity Awards

## Volleyball

### MVP

Mallory McFadden

### MIP

Vicky Slowik

### Coach's Award

Gabby Joseph



## Boys Soccer

### MVP

Denis Michalak

### MIP

James Huber

### Coach's Award

Brendan Cummings  
Tim Morris



## Tennis

### MVP

Jessica Muttitt

### MIP

Chloe DeEntremont

### Coach's Award

Deanna Bova

## Football

### MVP's

Michael Louis (Offensive)

Jeremy Sosa (Defensive)

### MIP

Ryan Condon

### Coach's Award

Andrew Festa



## Girls Soccer

### MVP Defense

Tara Condon

Briana Flores

Kassandra Flores

Lauren Gruffi

Maddy List

Katelyn Spicer

Christine Zemsky

### MIP

Taylor Jarrett

Casey Silvestri

### Coach's Award

Clarissa Flores



## Cross Country

### Girls

### MVP

Casey O'Brien

### MIP

Grace Ostolozaga

### Coach's Award

Sri Stewart

## Cheerleading

### MVP

Christina Nguyen

### MIP

Abriana Innocent

### Coach's Award

Melissa Duluc



## Cross Country

### Boys

### MVP

Sean McNiff

### MIP

Mike Sarvis

### Coach's Award

Matt Brenner



## Teacher Christmas Gifts



A long standing Falcons Parents' Club tradition at Albertus Magnus High School is to provide our faculty and staff with a Christmas gift to recognize their hard work and efforts. Donations may be sent directly to the business office to Sr. Rita's attention until December 21<sup>st</sup>. Thank you for your continued generosity and support of Albertus Magnus High School.

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## Christmas Concert

Thursday, December 16, 2010  
7:00 PM



*Performances by Chorus, Band, Veritas, and Phenomenon.  
All are invited!!*



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## Save the Date

March 25, 26, 27, 2011

AMHS Drama Department presents

*Bye Bye Birdie*



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## Fall Drama Production

*The Man Who Came To Dinner*

On November 12<sup>th</sup>, 13<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup>, students at Albertus Magnus put on a dinner fall production of **The Man Who Came To Dinner**. Well attended, all the students involved with the play did an outstanding job and must be commended.

*Alexis Jimenez, Brenna Mackey, Ryan Olori, Kimberly Diaz, James Mackey, Cathleen Kenney, Emma Gavin, Alexis Garafola, Andrew Muckell, Taylor Golden, Hailey Hoffman, Sean Egan, Rachel Thanasoulis, Anthony Tantillo, Anthony Mauro, Faith Alacar, Katherine Bonikos, Stephanie Ruppen, Ashley Columbia, Alyson Benoit, Colleen Galvin, Scarlett Moore, Peter Duffy, Chrystal Thomas, Conor Horan, Shannon Keown, Jean Corbett, Jena Corbett, Michelle Bonikos, Stephanie DeCoro, Fiona Egan, Joy Alacar, Kathleen Dougherty, Kelly Clinton, Alessandra Garcia, Abriana Innocent, Elizabeth Czerninski, Sabrina Francois, Jessica Silva, Kristin Pelatti, Zachary Agosto, James Brooks, Jonah Delucia, Patrick Hoblin, Rebecca Honor, Bridget Humphrey, Alexandra Lane, Brianne Keabon, Nathaniel Lecorps, Julia McClarnon, John Nyemchek, Josh Nyemchek, Charlotte Rodriguez, Michael Strack, Abyssa Wilson, Pat Scanlon, Jessica Muttitt, Sophie Kim.*

Mrs. Nadia Rizzo and Mr. Dan Valentin must also be congratulated for directing this superb production. The Albertus Magnus High School community looks forward to the Spring Production of *Bye Bye Birdie* on March 25, 26, 27, 2011.

## Yearbook

The deadline for the Yearbook Ads has been extended to December 15<sup>th</sup>! You still have a chance to congratulate your son or daughter in your own personal way! Go to [albertusmagnus.net](http://albertusmagnus.net), click on Clubs & Activities, and then click on Yearbook. You will find a link labeled SENIOR YEARBOOK AD ORDER FORM & INFO. Click on that link for your order forms! If you have any questions please email Lea Greene, the yearbook advisor, at [lgreene@albertusmagnus.net](mailto:lgreene@albertusmagnus.net) or give her a call at 914-282-3150.

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### Girl's Lacrosse Kickboxing Fund Raiser

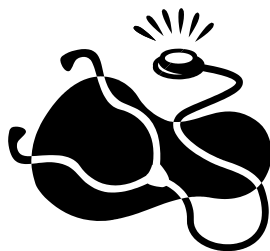
Students and Parents Welcome  
Come join the fun and get a great workout with  
Kickboxing Expert Anna Marie Ottaviano.  
Only \$5.00 per class



Check the daily bulletin on the Albertus website for the weekly schedule

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### Future Health Care Professionals Club



The **Future Health Care Professionals Club** visited Helen Hayes Hospital on November 1, 2010. Club members were given the opportunity to hear presentations from many different health care professionals including a physical therapist, speech therapist, recreational therapist and orthotist/prosthetist. Members of the FHCP Club also donated twenty-five care packages to the patients on the Sub acute Nursing Facility. Albertus Magnus received several thank you letters from patients and the Helen Hayes Administrative staff recognizing the kind efforts of our club members.

"On behalf of our patients, their families, our staff and volunteers, I would like to thank you for choosing Helen Hayes Hospital as the recipient of your project work. Your effort on behalf of our patients is most appreciated. Our patients are recovering from serious illnesses and injuries and the rehabilitation program is challenging. They were very surprised and very grateful to receive the gifts you made especially for them. Everyone did a fantastic job picking perfect items and gift-wrapping the boxes! It really helped make his or her day and everyone was impressed. The club's community service idea was fantastic and I'm sure all your students are on their way to a very successful future I send many thanks to you and all the students in your club."

*~Letter sent by Eileen Andreassi, Director of Recreational Therapy and Volunteers*

"One day your colorful boxes arrived, to the joy of the recuperating patients. I was very touched by the carefully, thoughtfully packed boxes and enjoyed the contents of mine! Thank you for your kindness! Keep up the good work, the idealism. God bless you all.

*~Letter sent by a patient*

"Everyone at Helen Hayes is so appreciative of your thoughtfulness in giving us these gifts to brighten our days during our recovery from our operations. Good luck in your futures as Health Care Professionals."

*~Letter sent by a patient*

## Second Annual Albertus Magnus HS Mother's Dinner



Thank you to all the A.M. Mother's for supporting the "Second Annual Albertus Magnus High School Mother's Dinner". We had over 90 women attend this special event. Once again, the proceeds will benefit our 2011 Auction on March 19<sup>th</sup>. Last year we donated a 42" wide screen television. This year we will donate another Grand Prize gift in the amount of \$1000.00 due to your generosity and support.

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### ACADEMIC CHALLENGE TEAM

On November 15<sup>th</sup>, Albertus Magnus High School's 2010-2011 Academic Challenge Team traveled to New York City to compete against Hastings High School on MSG Varsity's award winning high school quiz show, "The Challenge." The Challenge team brought their Falcon spirit with over 30 students, administrators and parents in attendance cheering them on! Freddie the Falcon made an appearance as well. It was a very exciting and closely played match, with Albertus losing in the final round. The team included Sean Egan, Jessica Muttitt, Christine Zemsky, Anthony Tantillo, and Lauren Gruffi. The team was coached by Mr. Peter Greene and moderated by Mrs. Noreen Power. The students did an outstanding job and represented Albertus Magnus in true AM fashion. This competition will air on Wednesday, January 5, 2011 at 5:30 p.m. on MSG Varsity – IO TV, Channel 14. Please be sure to tune in!

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### 2011 Parents' Club Gala Dinner Auction

Please note that our 2011 major fundraiser, The Parents' Club Gala Dinner/Auction, is scheduled for Saturday evening, **March 19, 2011** at the New York Country Club in New Hempstead, NY. We ask all our families to participate in this very special event, where monies raised will benefit the continued rehabilitation of our suite of science classrooms.

This celebration has become one of our annual "signature events" that brings together current parents, faculty, administrators, students, alumni and friends for an evening of fellowship and fun. Its success is critical to the work of rebuilding the Biology Classroom next summer---just as the Chemistry Lab was "remade" this past vacation season and is now making a real difference in the education of our young people.

We welcome your time and talents at our next Auction Meeting, **Thursday, December 9, 2010, 7:30pm in the AMHS Library**. Please consider joining us by donating a gift or service, or by asking others to donate funds, sponsorships or gifts-in-kind---come to the meeting and learn how you can help! Please call Marty Moran in the AM Alumni Office (845)623-8842 x229 with any questions or contact him by email at: [mmoran@albertusmagnus.net](mailto:mmoran@albertusmagnus.net).



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**Check out the new face and additions to the Albertus Magnus High School website at <http://www.albertusmagnus.net>**



## Helpful Tips from the Athletic Office...

To access Game and Practice schedules follow these directions:

- ◇ Go to [www.albertusmagnus.net](http://www.albertusmagnus.net)
- ◇ Click on “Athletics”
- ◇ For composite game schedule click on “Master Schedule”
- ◇ For individual Game Schedule click on “Boys” or “Girls” Sports
- ◇ Then click on the sport you want; then click on the team i.e. Fresh, JV, Varsity
- ◇ For practice schedules click on “Practice Schedule” then click on the red “practice or gym schedule” and the schedule will come up.

To access Directions to the games follow these directions

- ◇ Go to [www.swboces.org/athletics](http://www.swboces.org/athletics)
- ◇ On the left hand side of the screen under Resources click on “Games”
- ◇ On the upper right hand side of the screen click on “school info”
- ◇ Scroll down to the school district we are visiting and you will find directions to the schools and sites of the sport that is being played.

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November 22, 2010

Dear Mr. Troy,

On behalf of the Hudson Valley Rockland/Westchester, NY Chapter of the Alzheimer’s Association, I’d like to thank you, Coach Crapanzano and the girl’s varsity soccer team for all their hard work and effort put forth for The Alzheimer’s Association Memory Walk held on October 10, 2010

Coach Crapanzano and the girls always are so helpful at the walk. They do an excellent job setting up and helping direct the hundreds of walkers that show up to the walk! Each year I can always count on the girls to help me. They are always the first ones to arrive with their smiles and eagerness to help wherever they are needed.

This past year we raised over \$61,000 which will be used for research and education to work towards the vision of a “World without Alzheimer’s”.

Thanks again for your continued support and participation in the Alzheimer’s Association’s Memory Walk. It’s always a pleasure to have Coach John Crapanzano and the girls at the event.

Sincerely yours,

Maria L. Paliotta  
Regional Office Administrator  
Alzheimer’s Association  
Hudson Valley/Rockland/  
Westchester, NY Chapter

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### DATES TO REMEMBER

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| Wednesday, December 8   | - | Immaculate Conception—School in Session—Mass 9:45 AM  |
| Friday, December 10     | - | Freshman/Sophomore Christmas Dance—8:00 PM-11:00 PM   |
| Wednesday, December 15  | - | Progress Reports Mailed   |
| Thursday, December 16   | - | Christmas Concert—7:00 PM  |
| Friday, December 17     | - | Winter Pep Rally<br>Junior/Senior Christmas Dance—8:00 PM-12:00PM   |
| Thursday, December 23   | - | 10:00 AM Dismissal         |
| December 24-December 31 | - | Christmas Recess—No School  |
| Tuesday, December 28    | - | 2010 Richard McNichol's Christmas Tournament  |
| Wednesday, December 29  | - | 2010 Richard McNichol's Christmas Tournament  |
| Monday, January 3       | - | Classes Resume  |
| Monday, January 17      | - | Martin Luther King Day—No School  |