

Albertus Magnus High School

Newsletter



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ADVENT

Even though Advent comes but once a year in the liturgical calendar, the older I get, the more I'm convinced that life is all about *Advent*:

- She awaits word from her physician on the results of the biopsy of the "growth" taken from her body, fearful "it" has come back....That's *Advent*.
- He watches daily for the mail, looking for word from the university where he applied, wondering if he has been accepted....That's *Advent*.
- They sit helpless next to their two-year-old's bed, wondering if and when the child will regain consciousness after his fall down the basement steps....They're in *Advent*.
- She watches CNN on the hour for the latest word from Iraq, apprehensive that sooner or later she'll get the dreaded word that he's been killed in action, and scared to tell the kids....She's in *Advent*.
- He sits in the confessional Saturday after Saturday, wondering if anyone will ever come and experience the renewal and mercy of the Sacrament of Reconciliation...He is in *Advent*.
- She has invited her husband to sit down and talk, realizing that their marriage is in peril, and she paces the floor asking herself if he will come back after he stormed out the door....She's in *Advent*.
- He's exhausted from praying for a job, having begged God hour after hour, day after day, these past four months of unemployment, as he replies to the most recent want ad, knowing his savings and benefits are almost gone, reluctant to admit failure again to his wife and kids....He's in *Advent*.
- She's at the end of the long line, all her belongings in two plastic garbage bags, and she is fearful that the beds will all be taken on this freezing night by the time she gets to the door of the shelter....She's in *Advent*.
- It's now 3:00 a.m., and he's been the only one in the Eucharistic Chapel of Adoration since midnight, but he will not leave; he will wait until someone else shows up to pray before the Blessed Sacrament....He's in *Advent*.

Waiting, longing, hoping, watching, yearning, expecting...seems like that's what life is all about. Life is *Advent*.

- He kisses her gently on the forehead, as the hospice caregivers have told him it's over, and he realizes her nine years of Alzheimer's have come to the end. His waiting, and hers, is finally over.

Her *Advent* is over; his will continue, and so does ours.

ADVENT REFLECTIONS

Come, Lord Jesus!

by Archbishop Timothy M. Dolan

HONOR ROLL

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

FRESHMAN

Maxx Annunziata
Ronald Arvanites
Griffin Favre
Allison Fisher
Samantha Giuliano
Jacqueline Hennelly
Kelly Houlihan
Kevin Leddy
Madison McGrath
Elisabeth Pappalardo
Matthew Peterson
Kiera Townsend
Gabrielle Valdez
Michael Waldron

SOPHOMORE

Terence Amonica
Caroline Bartholomew
Kristin Burns
Fiona Egan
Bridget Gallione
Annemarie Hahnenfeld
Hailey Hoffmann
Madison Kandoth
Jessie Kay
Luke Kern
Megan Mearian
Raymond Mosquea
Maureen O'Dowd
Courtney Olsen
Grace Ostolozaga
Matthew Raggi
Brian Reardon
Katie Solesky
Megan Townsend
Kiana White
Tracy Xiao

JUNIOR

Callie Bailey-Wickins
Jennifer Bases
Monica Branca
Sara Chivelly
Ashley Columbia
Jessica Dominianni
Shannon Donohue
Salvatore Florio
Lauren Gruffi
Brian McFadden
Jack Sullivan

SENIOR

Chloe DeEntremont
Eugene Fallon
Alexis Jiminez
Nathaniel Lecorps
Christian Musngi
Victoria Slowik
Ryan M. Smith
Jonathan Soriano
Sri Stewart
Anthony Tantillo
Rachel Thanasoulis



News from the Office of Campus Ministry

On November 7th, our Senior Class traveled to Dominican Convent in Sparkill for a day of reflection with Fr. Jerry Boulanger, M.S. At the end of the day, Fr. Jerry celebrated a beautiful Mass which ended with a special blessing and commissioning of each senior to go forth and bring the light of Jesus to wherever the future leads them.

On Wednesday, November 9th the Archdiocese of New York sponsored a Pro-Life Leadership Day for high school students. Ten students who serve as Theology Class representatives to the Campus Ministry Office attended this event which included workshops designed to equip and motivate high school youth to spread the message of the Gospel of life. At day's end our Albertus students were enthused at what they heard and are planning to bring a follow-up event to their fellow students.

The senior class will participate on a **Midnight Run** on Friday, December 9th. Donations of men's warm clothing will be accepted. Please bring them to the main office.

HONOR ROLL

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

FRESHMAN

Edward Amaba
Catherine Cain
Christian Conklin
Thomas Crowley
Joseph Denise
Andrew Discenza
Emily Ferretti
Carli Festa
Andrew Gallagher
Leanna Gallagher
Michael Goff
Claire Hatala
Kevin Hayes
Sean Healey
Daniela Herrera
Kaitlyn Joong
Kelly Kozar
Michael Lang
Ashley Lara
Anthony Lettieri
Maria Maguire
Shayna Meehan
Maylan Nguyen
Anita Oolut
Jade Ortiz
Shyanne Ottosi
Amber Pandya
Anthony Parisi, Jr.
Gianna Pisano
Honora Reilly
Emily Roff
Emily Ryan
Kimberly Sano
Arianna Simon
Sean Teneyck
Allyson Tierney
Joanna Todd
Brendan Valentine
Feda Yacoub
Caroline Zemsky

SOPHOMORE

Georgette Afriyie
Zachary Agosto
Michel Aurellano
Marisa Blanco
Jenna Braca
Laura Clinton
Anthony Colucci
Megan Confrey
Mikaela Connell
Michelle Coppola
Mary Czerwinski
Bridget Dineen
Ryan Doherty
Heather Durkin
Bailey Fiscus
Brianna Flores
Sabrina Francois
Brianna Gallagher
Alessandra Garcia
Charles Giordano
James Gizzi
Connor Hayes
Janine Kennelly
Felicia Long
Cristina Magistra
Dana McLaughlin
Kaitlyn McNamara
Emily Minkowitz
Savannah Moore
Brendan Nolan
Ryan O'Grady
Christine O'Riordan
Jacqueline Parker
Tabitha Salci
Sania Solon
Brianna Untener
Patrick Ward
Allison White
Carter Whitmore

JUNIOR

Alyson Benoit
Michael Catania
Elizabeth Czerwinski
Stephanie DeCoro
LeslieAnne Des-
sources
Dylan Discenza
Jordan Galindo
Marissa Grieco
Cassie Jacob
Shannon Kiown
Jeewon Khil
Thomas McConnell
John Nyemchek
Casey O'Brien
Christine Ottaviano
Jessica Paciello
Karn Pandya
Meghan Reilly
Giselle Rodriguez
Stephanie Ruppen
Andrew Schweitzer
Jessica Silva
Michael Strack
Chrystal Thomas
Daniel VanHise

SENIOR

Shawnette Afriyie
Kaylin Brady
Matthew Brenner
Alejandra Chalco
Tara Condon
Jonah DeLucia
Denise DeRosa
Tashnee Desrivieres
Jessica Fallon
Mairead Fallon
Emma Gavin
Ashley Gorman
Erin Hanley
Joseph Hennessy
Jourdan Henry
Conor Horan
James Huber
Bridget Humphrey
Amanda Jaen
Hye Won Khil
Rivkha Laguerre
Steven Leo
Katlynn Ludwig
James Mackey
Joseph Marinucci
Julia McClarnon
James McEntee
Michael Montengro
Ashley Mosquea
Alex Pavon
Kristin Pelatti
Brielle Pereira
Colleen Power
Charlotte Rodriguez
Tyler Sayre
Delia Shankey
Diana Siclari
Casey Silvestri
Arianna Sotos
Kaitlyn Sullivan
James Tafuri
Michael Tionson
Limer Vieluf
Ashley Ward
Glynnis Widmer
Dong Jun Woo
Kimberly Yano



SECTION ONE—ALL LEAGUE WINNERS



Boys Soccer

All Section

James Huber

Honorable Mention All Section

Tim Kelly

Volleyball

All Section

Mallary McFadden

All County

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Honorable Mention All County

Vicki Slowik

All League

Mallary McFadden

Vicki Slowik

Brianne Gallagher

Madison Kandoth

League Player of the Year



Girls Soccer

Honorable Mention All Section

Kaitlyn McNamara

All League

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Brianna Flores

Lauren Gruffi

Honorable Mention All League

Kerry Mulcahy

Marissa Blanco

Julia McGowan

Tara Condon

Kristin Lynch

Brianne Untener

Tennis

All League

Erin Hanley

Katie Solesky



Football

All Section

Jeremy Sosa

Honorable Mention All Section

Mike Mihovics

All County

1st Team: Jeremy Sosa

2nd Team: Mike Mihovics

Honorable Mention All County

Luke Kern, Brandon Evasco

Eugene Fallon, Nico Denise

All League

Jeremy Sosa

Mike Mihovics

Eugene Fallon

Brandon Evasco

FALL 2011 VARSITY AWARDS

Volleyball

MVP

Mallary McFadden & Brianne Gallagher

MIP

Dana McLaughlin

Coach's Award

Julia McClarnon



Boys Soccer

MVP

James Huber

MIP

Tim Kelly & Matt Dale

Coach's Award

Ryan Smith

Girls Soccer

MVP

Kaitlyn McNamara

MIP

Kerry Mulcahy & Tara Condon

Coach's Award

Brianna Untener & Kristin Lynch



Tennis

MVP

Erin Hanley

MIP

Taylor Mormile

Coach's Award

Diana Siclari

Football

MVP

Jeremy Sosa

MIP

Brandon Evasco

Coach's Award

Casey Kern



Cheerleading

MVP

Sabyne Nicholas & Shawnette Afriyie

MIP

Tashnee Desrivieres

Coach's Award

Bridget Mena & Maggie Bifulco

Cross Country

Boys

MVP

Sean McNiff

MIP

Mike Sarvis

Coach's Award

Thomas Taylor

Dick Teetsil Award

Cross Country

Girls

MVP

Jessica Dominiani

MIP

Grace Ostolozaga

Coach's Award

Casey O'Brien &

Sri Stewart



**The Albertus Magnus Guidance Department
Invites You to an Important Workshop:**

Homework: A Parent's Survival Guide

A practical workshop offering parents the advice they need to tackle common homework problems.

**Tuesday, December 13, 2011 at 7:00 p.m.
in the AMHS Library**

Topics to be discussed:

9th Period

Peer Tutoring

Teachers Extra Help

Agenda

Homework Websites

Huntington Learning Center will also be providing additional strategies and step by step solutions you can incorporate into your daily routine to help you and your child deal with homework and related issues.

*"Students need to know how to study and
parents need to learn how to help."*

Huntington Learning Center

Thank you

Thank you to all the A.M. Mother's for supporting "The Third Annual Albertus Magnus High School Mother's Dinner". We had over 100 women attend this special event. Once again, the proceeds will benefit our 2012 Auction on April 14th. Last year we donated a 46" wide screen television and Blue Ray Player. This year we will donate another Grand Prize gift due to your generosity and support.



2012 Parents' Club Dinner/Auction Fundraiser

Please note that our 2012 major fundraiser, The Parents' Club Dinner/Auction, is scheduled for Saturday evening, April 14, 2012, 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 our science laboratories/classrooms, with the Biology Classroom scheduled next on the reconstruction agenda.

We welcome your time and talents at our next Auction Meeting, **Tuesday, December 13, 2011, 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



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 Irene Cossa's attention until December 21st. Thank you for your continued generosity and support of Albertus Magnus High School.



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798 Route 304
Bardonia, NY
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**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

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DATES TO REMEMBER

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| Saturday, December 3 | - | Falcon Parents Club Christmas Boutique |
| Thursday, December 8 | - | Immaculate Conception—Mass Schedule |
| Friday, December 9 | - | Midnight Run—Senior Class |
| Wednesday, December 14 | - | Progress Reports Mailed |
| Thursday, December 15 | - | Christmas Concert—7:00 pm |
| Friday, December 16 | - | Junior-Senior Class Christmas Dance 8:00 pm—12:00 am |
| Wednesday, December 21 | - | Winter Sports Pep Rally |
| Thursday, December 22 | - | Christmas Liturgy—10:00 am Dismissal |
| December 23-January 2 | - | Christmas Recess |
| December 27, 28 | - | McNichols Christmas Tournament |
| Tuesday, January 3 | - | Classes Resume |

