

CHESTERTON ACADEMY OF ROCHESTER

January 23, 2024

A Bi-weekly Newsletter



Dear scholars and families, faculty and staff:

Praise God for such a grace-filled and smooth trip down to DC last week. Many thanks to the following individuals for making the trip a success: Miss Shine, for your metropolitan guidance and connection for providing us a tour of the Capitol; Mrs. DiRisio, for your prayerful and motherly presence; Mr. Meritt, for your calm and steadfast vigilance; Mr. Pelletier, for your prudent and militaristic voice; and Mrs. DiTucci, for all of the time you spent preparing the trip. It was a great squad of chaperones.

During the 8 AM Mass, which was the closing Mass of the overnight vigil for life, the celebrant, Bishop Fernandes of Columbus, OH, gave an incredible homily ([click here for the full homily](#), and see if you can find the clip of our semi-slumbering students). During his homily, I was reminded of what should be the real goal of the pro-life movement which simultaneously reminded me of the importance of what we do here at Chesterton Academy. Bishop Fernandes spoke about how all of the political maneuvering can be a distraction from the fear in our hearts of proclaiming the message of Christ everywhere, in our words and actions. The goal is to get to Heaven and to bring as many people there as we can (including the babies!). But how easy it is to look outward and criticize those who are promulgating a culture of death without looking inside at our own lives to see how we are living a culture of life and grace. "For what shall it profit a man, if he gain the whole world, and suffer the loss of his soul?"

Let us keep each other in prayer so that this continues to be our goal. We need prayer, opportunities to receive the sacraments, and growth in virtue. In history, theology, and literature classes, our students are exposed to the lives and examples of good people who lived a good and holy life. And if their lives are any indication, we don't need to go looking for ways to change the world; God will make those ways clear to us in his own time.

God bless,
Mr. Klosterman

UPCOMING DATES

Jan 23-26: Mid-Terms

Jan 26: End of 2nd Quarter

Jan 29-Feb 2: Winter Spirit Week

Feb 2: Half-day; NO PM SCHOOL

Feb 2: Winter Dance, 6-9 PM



CHESTERTON CORNER

Chesterton doesn't seem to write often about babies, but this chapter is a gem and very appropriate for the Month of Life. Thank you, Mr. Berryment, for the suggestion!

*"A Defence of Baby Worship", from
The Defendant, Chapter 14.*

Prayer Intentions

Please keep these following intentions in your prayers:

Mary Sarah Hanna, junior at Mercy High School, who had a seizure Sunday morning and is currently in critical condition in the hospital. Our juniors were classmates of hers when they were all at St. John Bosco Schools. Please pray for a speedy recovery and for her family.

Mr. Richard Kunz, long time teacher at St. John Bosco Schools, who had a heart attack last week and is currently in hospice care. He has been battling cancer for over six years. Please pray for his health and his family.

Please keep Meghan Murphy '21 in your prayers as she will be undergoing back surgery tomorrow to correct scoliosis. Please pray for a successful surgery and smooth recovery.

Pray for the repose of the soul of Rockwood Chambers, father-in-law of Mr. Griffen. If you would like to contribute to Griffen's meal train, you can do so here (<https://mealtrain.com/6rl76k>).

The priests who are actively supporting our school this school year: Fr. Peter VanLieshout, Fr. Peter Mottola, Fr. Vince Gonyo, Fr. Joe DeMaio, Fr. Michael Meyer, Fr. Michael Copenhagen, Fr. Antinarelli, and Fr. David Tedesche. Please keep them as well as their parishes, ministries, and intentions in your prayers.

Congratulations, Aileen Murphy!

Congratulations to Aileen Murphy '24 for being accepted early to Mercyhurst for their nursing program with a \$24,000 scholarship due to her SAT and GPA scores.



“And he came to the disciples and found them sleeping; and he said to Peter, ‘So, could you not watch with me one hour? Watch and pray that you may not enter into temptation; the spirit indeed is willing, but the flesh is weak.’”
(Matthew 26:40-41, RSVCE)

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Dr. Ray Guarendi Event

Mark your calendars! On March 7 at 7:30 PM, Dr. Ray Guarendi will be giving a talk at St. John Bosco Schools. Dr. Ray is an excellent author and speaker on parenting, family life, and child development. Stay tuned for information about how and when to RSVP for this event.



MARCH FOR LIFE - WASHINGTON, DC - JANUARY 19, 2024

Our itinerary was pretty simple: overnight bus down to DC (no one really slept); Mass at the National Shrine; time to walk through the National Shrine and grab breakfast; metro trip to the Capitol for a tour of the Capitol; walk to the Natural History Museum to look around and grab lunch; the March for Life itself; time at Union Station to explore and rest; and the late-night bus back to Rochester (again, no one really slept). Can't wait for next year!



