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ANTONIAN- A PLACE OF JOY AND HOSPITALITY

By Principal Gilbert Saenz

Over the next few weeks, you will be visiting schools and making decisions about which school to attend. Your parents will also talk with you about the choices available to you and their preferences. Over the years, I have seen that most families share in the discussion; therefore, the decision is made together, rather than parents simply making the choice for you. However, other parents have made the choice themselves or even allowed student to make the choice alone. I really believe that the best way to do this is for parents to consider their son's/daughter's perspective and then decide.

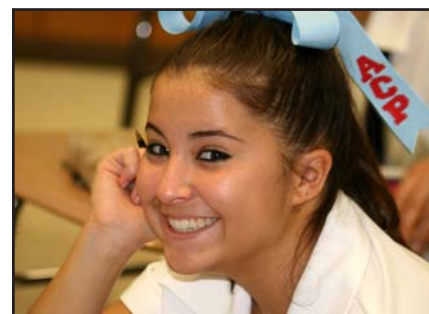
What should you look for in a school? This question has too many answers to list here. Suffice it to say, each student is an individual; what may fit for one may not fit for the other. Years ago I thought that my children would attend a single-gender school because my wife attended a single-gender school and felt very comfortable with that decision. As time went on we changed our thinking and really came to believe that a co-educational school experience better reflected real life. Then, my

experience as a school principal allowed me to gain an added advantage – to see young people interact, grow and mature, and prosper academically within a co-educational environment. And, by the way, being the Antonian principal sure made it easy to pick the school of choice.

What was it about Antonian that convinced me that they should attend? I wanted a place where they would be respected and where they could mature and become what was within their ability and desire. I wanted a place that was focused on the faith of our forefathers and where their spiritual life would be strengthened. I wanted a place where teachers would respect their personalities while assisting my wife and me with their formation. I wanted a place that was going to give them every advantage to attend the college of their choice. I wanted a place where friends would not be large numbers of nameless acquaintances, but close relationships with lifelong friends. The decision we made was confirmed from day one, and our hopes realized at the end of four years.

The compliment most often heard at Antonian, by those who visit, is that our school is a place of hospitality – one with a welcoming nature and joyful students. We agree with this compliment because that is something that we work hard to nurture in our students.

We invite you and your parents to join the Antonian family. May you be blessed with the decision that you and your parents are about to make. Please call me at 210-344-9265, ext 104, e-mail me at glsaenz@aol.com, or visit with me at Antonian if I can be of any help with the decision that is about to be made.



NATIONAL MERIT RECOGNITIONS

Seventeen Senior Students Honored

The National Merit Corporation has announced winners of its program competitions and has named seventeen Antonian seniors for its top honors. Congratulations are in order for National Merit Semifinalist Adam Richter, National Merit Commended Scholars Patrick Grayson, Jacob Guerra, Jose Lago, Adam Vaclavik, and National Merit Hispanic Scholars Joseph Contreras, Laura Elizondo, Laura Gibson, Jacob Guerra, Tiffany Jensen, Charles Johnson, Ashley Koebke, Jose Lago, Lauren Monsivais, Kyle Morrison, Steven Ramirez, Nicholas Ruiz, Christina Sciaraffa and Christian Weise. Congratulations to these seniors and their families for a job well done!



INDUCTION CEREMONY A SUCCESS

114 Members Inducted

The William C. Buell V. Chapter inducted 114 new members on September 29, 2008 at 7:00 pm in the Steve A. Hernandez auditorium. The ceremony began with a beautiful liturgy which included over 500 parents and students. Father Mark Clarke, CMF presided and Deacon Joseph Hilbert assisted the Mass. The readings were presented by NHS officers Breanna Contreras and Sydney Guillaume. The Mass was a beautiful occasion which offered an opportunity for all family members to gather together along with their students to celebrate their academic accomplishments and hard work.

New members were officially inducted with the NHS Pledge and lighting of their candle. The candle is a symbol of scholarship, service, leadership, and character, all values of the NHS. The ceremony ended with Principal Gilbert Saenz presenting each new member with their NHS stole and Vice-Principal and Dean of Academics Steven Hayward's congratulatory speech. Congratulations to all NHS members for your dedication, hard-work, and service to Antonian and your families.



APACHE NEWS

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ANTONIAN'S MUSIC By Thomas Boroweic

The Antonian Apache Band is a large part of the school. They play at key events, like the first day when the Freshmen came marching in, and at any football and volleyball games they can. The Antonian Band can be seen practicing 1st period in the mornings, 2nd period for Drum Line, (Band and Drum Line take the place of Physical Education for Freshmen/Sophmores and elective for Junior/Seniors) and also in the afternoons from 4-6pm. The main focus of these practices is primarily the half time show performed at the football games. Though they play at school events, there are contests that the band enters into in the spirit of inter-school competition. The TAPPS or Texas Association of Private and Parochial Schools holds many competitions every year, whether they be for math, general academics, or even in music, such as the one that the Antonian Band regularly attends at the Regional and State levels. For three years in a row now the Antonian Band has placed 3rd overall in state. There are actually two parts of the band which compete in these competitions : the Jazz Band and the Concert Band. The main differences between these two Bands is the style of music they play; the Jazz Band plays, obviously, jazz music while the Concert Band plays more classical kinds of music. Both perform well at regionals and help the Band advance to State, along with the various soloists. One of the most important members of Band is the Drum Major, who this year is Kevin Sievers of the Junior class. To be awarded this position in Band, Sievers and various other members had to try out just before school ended last year. Joseph Contreras, a Senior in Band, was given the position of Assisstant Drum Major and Angelie Phillips was elected as Drum Captain, leader of the Drum Line. They have to keep time with the music to make sure the Band performs satisfactorily. In addition to this, there was marching instruction this summer for the rest of Band and, though voluntary, has helped to make them march even better than last year to make the half time show all it can be.

EARTH TO APACHES

By Alanna O'Connell

In recent days I have walked down the street and thought "Huh, there is a lot of garbage around". Truth be told, there are a lot of causes that are worth taking part in, but few equal the Earth Club in its ability to just make everything better in our community. They clean, recycle, and make the world a little less trash-filled one project at a time. Sponsored by Mr. Derbonne, the Earth Club has set its collective sights high for this year, coming soon to a lunchroom near you, there is a project that will seem like a cross between Earth Club and Med Team: Paper Shoes. This may require some further explanation for those not in the Earth Club. The Earth Club will soon be selling paper shoes, or rather paper shoe outlines, in an effort to raise money for Juvenile Diabetes Research. It will be a race to donate, an ironic thing considering that the items being sold are shoes! Whichever class raises the most money for this worthy cause will get a reward, so if you ever feel cramped by the uniform fear not! The reward will be one day of Antonian t-shirts, so any Antonian t-shirt that the administration approves of can be worn on the day of victory for the winning class. The President of the Earth Club is Taylor Foody, also a Junior at Antonian. The Earth Club usually holds meetings on Thursday, though every now and then they change around. One thing that is set in stone is the ultimate goal for this year, and a good one it is. Through the endeavors of our own Earth Club, we may have the blessing of a recycle bin in every room, which will in all likelihood eliminate most trash since, to be honest, most of what any student throws away is recyclable. This is probably the biggest step the school can take to be 'green', a term referring to environmentally friendly institutions. The advent of recycle bins around the school will provide a home for the thousands of sheets of paper that we throw away daily, and waste daily as well. It is probable that the recycle dumpsters will be more full than the trash dumpsters by the end of the year!

APACHE LIFE

By Meagan Dellert

Apache Life, though not many people are aware of it outside of Ms. Copfer's Theology class, does not sound all that bad. The name might be simple but it explains about the true organization. In a brief explanation of the club, Ms. Copfer said, "I know you guys have a lot of homework Thursdays, but it is a nice place to relax and hang out with friends." For those who have ever been on a retreat or want to attend one, the club functions like a retreat but every other Thursday. They play the same kind of ice-breaker games that people have done since the dawn of time, like the one where everyone links arms with two other people and try to disentangle themselves. In this way people make friends with others in the group. However, there is also a spiritual side. The members pray, and through prayer and group activities get to be more in community with God. Its pretty much like Youth Group at a parish, but at our school, which has the dual advantage of being more convenient as well as being a great way to meet new friends at Antonian. There are community service aspects, and during the interview Ms. Copfer had a little brain wave and created the community building idea to end all: board games. While we all know that monopoly can get hectic as well as violent, try also appreciating how it would allow us to interact with others in a group, when ripping them off royally on wholesales of fake property for example. So, to make a long story short, every other Thursday the Apache Life group meets from 6:30-8:00 to play games, do spiritual activities and also just so if anyone is interested, go to room 102 for more information on meetings and the like.

ANTONIAN ORGANIZATIONS

- ACTS
- Africa Awareness
- Apache Life
- Band
- Bowling Club & Team
- Campus Ministry
- Chess Club
- Debate and Special Programs
- Drama Society
- Earth Club
- Film Club
- Herald's of Christ's Love
- Latin Junior Classic League
- Math Team
- Matthew's Closet
- Medical Club
- Mu Alpha Theta
- NHS
- Ping Pong Club
- Prom Committee
- Renaissance
- School Newspaper-Smoke Signal
- School Yearbook-Warrior
- Spanish Club
- Spirit Club
- Student Council
- Writing Club
- Youth Awareness Committee



THE FRESHMAN SURVIVAL GUIDE

By Gayle Bustamante

We all remember the year that marked the beginning, the year our nerves overtook our confidence, the year commonly known as freshmen year. Recently, the Antonian community introduced new guidelines for school life, but the basics continue to stay the same. Going into high school, many students have no clear vision of what to expect. Any new additions to our high school would surely appreciate a few tips, so to the Freshman Class of 2012 I give the following advice. First, DON'T BE NERVOUS! Typically the stories people hear and tell about the first year of high school are extremely over exaggerated, causing newcomers to fear the worst, which leads to the second piece of advice: don't panic. Get into the routine of your classes, find some sort of balance between work and relaxation, and never slack off. Good study habits and hard work will pay off in the end. If you feel overwhelmed in class, just ask your teachers or other students for extra help. Your teachers have all the answers so do not be afraid to go to them. Naturally, all Antonian students remember their Turner days and will give you the same advice: go to her study sessions! Senior Jordan Cole emphasizes this with his statement, "Listen to everything Mrs. Turner says because it is all golden" Also, to be successful in Coach Anno's class, pay attention during Quizdom games and print out your tests online for when finals come around. In addition to this, keep with grammar in English and equations in Algebra or Geometry as these two topics will carry onto the next three years. Become involved in whatever interests you. Freshmen year, as busy as it seems now, is one of the slowest years. If you hear of an extracurriculars you think you might enjoy, go for it. Make plenty of friends and participate in classroom activities. Fall at Antonian is infamous for spirit week, so ignore the upperclassmen when they say you will get last every other year. Go out and have fun anyway. Lastly, just enjoy the year! Though freshmen year is expected to be a year of torture and hazing, it is ironically remembered as the best school year for many students. Make the most out of your year, and be prepared to walk into a new world of education for the next three years. In other words, do as Evan Howard says and "enjoy it while it lasts". Most importantly, make sure not to take this year for granted, because in a year or two you will be missing the good old freshmen days. As Manolo Lago says, "Don't care so much that you don't have fun!" Good Luck to you Class of 2012, and have a memorable one.



Are you feeling stressed about where you want to go to college? Are you asking yourself what you want to do with the rest of your lives? Well do not fret, because you are not alone. I would like to give a few helpful hints for you to keep in mind this year as you frantically fill out college and scholarship applications:

1. Remember, you are an individual, do not feel pressured by your friends to go to the same college that they are going to. (That college may not offer the programs that you want.)
2. You do not have to go to Rice, Harvard, Brown, or Yale to get a good education. There are plenty of Universities that specialize in certain areas and that offer amazing programs. Even here in town, there is St. Mary's University, offering a great law school; Incarnate Word University offers an extensive nursing program; as well as Trinity University with strong liberal arts and science courses.
3. Expect the most out of yourself. Do not limit yourself on what you think you can or can't do. Never think that you are not good enough to get in to a certain college that you have always wanted to get into. Try!
4. When looking into a college, take in mind:
 - The majors and minors they offer and make sure that the program is accredited.
 - The honors college (it may be rigorous so take a look at the required courses).
 - The campus activities and recreation (intramural sports, gym facilities, clubs).

College Corner

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- The setup of the dorm rooms (co-ed, single/double rooms, how many bathrooms?)
- The city or town that the University is surrounded by or close to (Washington D.C or New York Universities may have closer ties and offer internships with the News Media and politicians, for example)
- The cost, in general (housing, courses, daily food, etc.)
- How you will feel being either close by or far away from your family and home.

Seniors, deadlines for most colleges is November 1, 2008. Pay attention to scholarship deadlines as well! Juniors, I advise that y'all too start looking into colleges because this year will go by fast, so be prepared.

By Nicole Flores

College and Universities That Accepted Members of the Antonian Class of 2008 \$12.8 million in scholarships and grants.

Abilene Christian University
Amherst College
Angelo State University
Arizona State University
Austin College
Ball State University
Baylor University
Belhaven College
Blinn College
Boston University
Brandeis University
Brown University
Butler University
California State University,
Bakersfield
California State University, Fullerton
Carnegie Mellon University
Colgate University
College of Santa Fe
College of the Holy Cross
Colorado School of Mines
Colorado State University
Cornell University
Dallas Baptist University
Eastern New Mexico University
Eckerd College
Emerson College
Fordham University
George Washington University
Georgia Institute of Technology
Gonzaga University
Harding University
Hendrix College
Hiram College
Holy Cross College
Kansas Wesleyan University
Liberty University
Loyola College in Maryland
Loyola Marymount University
Loyola University, Chicago
Loyola University, New Orleans
Manhattan College
Marquette University
Mary Baldwin College
Massachusetts Institute of Technology
Middlebury College
Missouri State University

Newman University
New Mexico State University
New York University
Northwest Vista College
Northwestern Preparatory School
Northwestern University
Ohio Dominican University
Oklahoma State University
Our Lady of the Lake University
Prairie View A&M University
Princeton University
Purdue University
Regis University
Rhodes College
Rice University
St. Ambrose University
St. Edward's University
St. John's University
St. Louis University
St. Mary's University
Santa Clara University
Schreiner University
Scripps College
Seattle University
South Plains College
Southern California University
Southern Methodist University
Southwestern University
Springhill College
Stanford University
Stephen F. Austin University
Swarthmore College
Syracuse University
Texas A&M International University
Texas A&M University, College Station
Texas A&M University, Corpus Christi
Texas A&M University, Galveston
Texas A&M University, Kingsville
Texas Christian University
Texas Lutheran University
Texas State University
Texas Tech University
Trinity University
Tufts University
Tulane University

United States Air Force Academy
United States Military Academy
United States Naval Academy
University of Alabama
University of Arizona
University of Arkansas
University of California, Los Angeles
University of California, Santa Barbara
University of Central Florida
University of Dallas
University of Hartford
University of Houston
University of Illinois, Urbana- Champaign
University of Kentucky
University of Mary Hardin-Baylor
University of Massachusetts, Dartmouth
University of Miami
University of Michigan
University of Minnesota
University of Nebraska, Lincoln
University of Nevada, Las Vegas
University of North Texas
University of Notre Dame
University of Pennsylvania
University of Redlands
University of Richmond
University of Rochester
University of Saint Mary
University of St. Thomas
University of San Diego
University of Scranton
University of Southern California
University of Texas, Arlington
University of Texas, Austin
University of Texas, Dallas
University of Texas, San Antonio
University of the Incarnate Word
Valparaiso University
Wake Forest University
Washington & Lee University
Washington University in St. Louis
Wellesley College
Westminster College

Sports

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ON THE ROAD AGAIN

By Mark Stenberg

The Lady Apache Volleyball Team has made an outstanding beginning this year with a 24-6 record defeating teams such as Alamo Heights, New Braunfels Canyon, and highly ranked JJ Pearce. They are ranked in the San Antonio Express News Top Ten Teams of the City and have many players who are in the top of individual skills. Coach McLure, also known as Coach Mac, has to say, "This season can be described as memorable because I am watching my team grow up. Our success is based on the fact we have our entire team contributing including the underclassmen." The varsity continues to push into the second round of their district with their goal still being a repeat State Championship, "I do not expect the girls to settle with District; I expect them to win State." Their next match is against St. Anthony on Wednesday October 8 and, of course, the ultimate showdown between the Apaches and the Shamrocks on October 11. "Come out and continue to cheer on the girls!"

DEFENDING THE TITLE

By Alexandra Zepeda

Last year's National Champions are back for the 2008-2009 school year and they brought along something new, a Junior Varsity Cheer Squad. Both teams work extremely hard and take pride in what they do. Maybe the "real" life of a cheerleader has not been put out for the "real" world to see. They strive to achieve their goals and push themselves to the limit each and every day. Cheerleading is a year-round commitment. At practice, the girls are expected to give 100%, just as any other physical activity requires. They spend a minimum of two hours at practice running, conditioning, stunting, tumbling, and jumping. They take advantage of the time they have and know that they have none to waste. The varsity team is getting their routine together and counting down the days when they will bring home the national title for the second year in a row. They have also been following the varsity football and volleyball teams and showing their support by cheering them on at games. The junior varsity squad follows the junior varsity football and volleyball teams and gives them just as much encouragement. Their plans for the year is to continue cheering at the seasonal games and go out to represent the school within the community. Competition is a huge part for them as well. All of these girls have so much talent and are thankful for it all the time. They do not forget to include God in everything that they accomplish. The two squads have highly improved since try-outs and will keep working to improve even more as a squad and as individuals.



Photos by Emily Lyssy & Ms. Gutierrez

Just Getting Started

By Alejandro Salazar

Two weeks ago the Apaches played their last pre-district game against the Harlandale Indians. The game went down to the wire with the Indians getting the best of the Apaches in an overtime victory. With that loss, the Apaches fell to 1-3. It's not the ideal start for a team looking to make a run for the playoffs, but 1-3 was the pre-district record. District play started last Saturday against the St. Joseph Bloodhounds of Brownsville, and the Bloodhounds found out what Apache football was all about when we demolished them by a score of 35-0. The Apaches are now 2-3 and undefeated in district.

After the Harlandale game the team was disappointed and a little frustrated at dropping three straight games, but they were not ready to hang up their pads just yet. As a matter of fact they were just getting started. The Apaches came into Brownsville hungry for a victory but most of all they came ready to take out their frustrations on the Bloodhounds.

In each of the four pre-district games the Apaches learned two things about themselves: the offense can put a lot of points on the board and the defense is a force to be reckoned with. "Our team is well balanced and ready to make some exciting things happen." Says team captain Chris Crane when asked about how the team was looking this season. That proved to be right last Saturday.

The defense looked very solid in the last three games, and put a hurting on the Bloodhounds by effectively stopping the passing game. The offense struggled in the previous games but seemed to find their rhythm at the expense of the Bloodhounds. So all you "die hard" fans, do not take this win as a one time thing because the offense is ready to score, the defense is ready to wreck, but most of all, as center Ivan Nayfeh said, "The pain train's next stop is St. Anthony!"



STRETCHIN' YOUR LEGS

By Will Fagan

Matt Gazda, along with a handful of other upperclassmen, have begun what seems to be a very promising cross country season. Dedication is held by both the runners and the coaching staff. Practice takes place at 5:30 A.M., where you can see the team, along with the coaches, run up to 9 miles before school. Dedication is only one of the many important qualities this team holds. Another important aspect of this team is leadership, which is present in both the guy's and girl's team. Taking on the leadership roles are Bernardo Lopez, Matt Gazda and for the girls, Paige Bishop. When being asked about the team this year, senior leader Bernardo Lopez says, "I expect our team to be number one in state. I believe all of our hard work will pay off." The coaching staff, led by Coach Level, Coach Anno and Coach Marcus have committed a big part of their lives too the cross country team, they too are expecting big results.

The team competes in a meet every weekend. When asked about the how the team will perform in these upcoming meets, junior Kenny Cortez says, "Were going to dominate." Their next meet is October 4th, at McNeil. There, they will look to continue their dominating performance.

ANTIONIAN ATHLETICS

Cross Country
 Football
 Volleyball
 Basketball
 Soccer
 Swimming
 Baseball

Softball
 Golf
 Tennis
 Track and Field
 Cheerleading
 Dance Team

