

Dear Cardinal Shehan School Family.

February is Black History Month! This month has been designated nationally to underscore the contributions of Black Americans and we champion this acknowledgment. But, at Cardinal Shehan we celebrate black history throughout the year and are always attentive to the role that Black Americans and their ancestors have



played to improve our world. During this month, we have many activities planned at every grade level for our students and school-wide we join together for a Black History Month Celebration. Additionally, teachers in each wing have prepared activities so please be looking for details and ask your children about special events! Our culminating Assembly is scheduled for February 22 at 1:30 p.m. Ms. Yolanda Winkler, our HSA secretary and mother of Kristiana Dyson, has arranged for Del. Curt Anderson to speak!

*Monday, February 1 is our
Liturgy at 8:30 a.m. at
Tuesday we celebrate
Wednesday is our
– please tell family and
Thursday is
Day with special activities and a special lunch.
Friday is a Professional Day so school is closed to students.*

CATHOLIC SCHOOLS



DIVIDENDS FOR LIFE

*Catholic Schools Week
St. Matthews.
our families!
OPEN HOUSE
friends about CSS!
*Student Appreciation**

2010-2011 Tuition and Re-Registration: Students who re-register during February or March, do so for the reduced rate of \$125.00. After March 31, the fee for re-registration and new registration will be \$225.00. As you know, the Archdiocese is reorganizing schools, so at every elementary school in the AoB, parents are being guaranteed a refund of their registration fee. For 2010-2011, **tuition will be \$4,990, which is an increase of \$24 a month over 10 months.** Information about Cardinal Shehan School's tuition assistance will be sent home in April. Please be advised that only families who are registered may apply for tuition assistance. For information regarding the Children's Scholarship Fund, call 410-243-2510 and for Kids are VIPs, call 410-332-4171. If you are a parishioner of St. Thomas More or St. Matthew, please contact those parish offices directly. **Please remember that we will begin new registration on March 1. If you have not re-registered, your student's place will not be held, fyi.**

On Wednesday, February 17, we will celebrate the beginning of the Lenten Season with our Ash Wednesday Liturgy



at 8:30 a.m. at St. Matthew. Lent is the 40 day season of fasting and prayer in preparation for the death, on Good Friday, and resurrection, on Easter, of Our Lord, Jesus Christ. This is the highest holy day of our liturgical year.

New Student Testing

February 27 is our New Student Testing Date. Please tell friends and acquaintances to call our office to schedule testing. Remember there is a \$200 incentive available to current families who refer new families to CSS. The new family must register and there is a section on the registration form to indicate which CSS family referred them.

For our 3rd fundraiser, Perry Raffle (which replaces the Holiday Raffle) tickets will go home during the



first week in February. Each family will receive 75 tickets and the drawing will be at the Perry Concert on March 5, 2010.

SAVE THE DATE

The Tenth Annual Faye Wilkes Perry Concert is scheduled for Friday, March 5, 2010, 7 p.m. at Goucher College's Kraushaar Auditorium! This event, featuring our celebrated choir (including Tiny Tots!) as well as our dance ensembles, is an evening of pure joy and entertainment. The Concert this year is more eagerly anticipated than ever because it is part of our 20th **Anniversary celebration!** Remember that the Perry Concert supports endowment at Cardinal Shehan, which provides tuition assistance for our families. **All proceeds from the concert go directly to our scholarship endowment fund, giving back to families.**

HOME SCHOOL ASSOCIATION NEWS:

- **ON FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 12 THE HSA IS SPONSORING A VALENTINE'S ACTIVITY NIGHT FOR ALL STUDENTS. PreK-3 through Grade 3 attend from 4:00 – 5:30 p.m. [PreK-2nd students must be accompanied by a non-paying adult] Grades 4-8 attend**

from 6:00 – 8:00 p.m.

There will be a *D.J., Refreshments, Hokey Pokey, Musical Chairs, Karaoke, Line Dancing.*

TICKETS FOR HSA MEMBERS: \$1.00 (limit 4)

TICKETS FOR NON-HAS MEMBERS: \$5.00

**BE SURE TO SEND YOUR ORDER INTO
THE SCHOOL OFFICE!**

School Consultant's Corner

At the start of this year, Cardinal Shehan embarked on a journey to improve the way in which our students interact with each other. Through the use of the Ester Williams' book "The Bully, the Bullied and Beyond" and the SkillsStreaming curriculum, students have gone through the process of learning to identify acts of bullying, practiced seeking adult assistance, and learned ways to stand up for themselves by rehearsing responses that diffuse bullying situations. In addition, various grade levels have benefited from learning to identify and express their feelings, conflict resolution skills, healthy relationship boundaries, goal setting, and decision making skills. These skills have been selected for students to enhance their self confidence, in turn, lessening their vulnerability to being bullied, becoming a bully themselves, and empowering them to stand up for others when they witness unkind actions. The bullying activities offered by the school consultant will continue throughout the remainder of the year and will include the administering of an electronic survey on school wide bullying, classroom activities and a school wide assembly. Stay tuned for announcements on a guest speaker that will address bullying through the use of technology.

Parent Resources:

www.StopBullyingNow.hrsa.gov

US Department of Health and Human Services: Stop Bullying Now

<http://www.safeyouth.org/scripts/topics/bullying.asp>

National Youth Violence Prevention Resource Center

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Congratulations to the

STUDENTS OF THE MONTH FOR JANUARY!

PK3: Kim Abdalla

PK4A: Gabrielle Paulson

KA: Varia Alston

KB: Aaron Jacobs

1: Nimesha Dean

2: D'Asia Solomon

3: Tyleshia Garnett

4: Dominique Nessler

5: Kayla Pyles

6: Kenn King

7: BreAona Smith

8: Kori James

Please take note of the upcoming February dates:

- January 31 – February 5 – Catholic Schools Week.
- February 3 – OPEN HOUSE, 9-Noon.
- February 4 – Mandatory Middle School Parent Meeting, 6 p.m.
- February 5 – Professional Day - School closed to students.
- February 9 – 5th Grade trip to the White House.
- February 10 – PreK – 1st to Sankofa Dancers
- February 12 – HSA Valentine’s Activity Night.
- February 15 – President’s Day – school closed.
- February 17 – Ash Wednesday Liturgy, 8:30 a.m.
- February 18 – 4th Gr. to *Harriet*
- February 22 – Black History Month Assembly, 1:30 p.m.
- February 25 – T2 Ends.
- February 26 – Stations of the Cross.
- February 27 – New Student Testing at CSS, 8:30 a.m.

See the Face of God in everyone.
- St.Catherine L’aboure

With the Peace of Christ
Paula Redman