



HAWK PRIDE

Santa Fe Catholic High School

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Preparing Students for College and the World

WITH GREAT PRIDE WE HONOR OUR STUDENTS' ACHIEVEMENTS AND TALENTS.

Silver Garland Award Nominees

Please congratulate these students on their commitment to service in the school, civic and international community. They have used their talents and gifts to provide significant service in the areas in which they have been nominated. These five nominees will represent our school in the Lakeland Ledger's Annual Silver Garland Award Ceremony in the spring of 2012. They will attend an interview and compete with students from over 20 high schools in Polk County.



Benjamin Knauf
Athletics

- * provided outstanding service in physical education, student team management or leadership.
- * contributed to the welfare of others through athletic activities.
- * displayed emotional sportsmanship, fair play and unselfish service.
- * donated time and talent to teach, coach or lead those less fortunate.



Ragan Jones
Citizenship

- * provided outstanding service in any academic field.
- * shown an overall willingness to accept and carry out special assignments and projects within the school or community.
- * displayed exemplary leadership, dependability, civic consciousness and spirit of helpfulness.



Kiersten Cash
Science

- * provided outstanding service by advanced work, investments or application of the principles of chemistry, physics, biology, earth science, physiology, electronics or computer science.
- * worked for a cleaner environment in the area of ecology.
- * led others to the advantages of science through field trips, science projects or technical demonstrations.
- * inspired other students to choose an area of science as a continuing education or career path.



Jeffrey Uy
Mathematics

- * provided outstanding service through endeavors to contribute to mathematical knowledge.
- * led individual or group research projects using mathematical abilities.
- * tutored students and/or adults using mathematical skills.



Nikki Wang
Art

- * provided outstanding service through creative ability in drawing, painting, sculpture, photography, architecture or in any visual arts medium.
- * sparked school or community projects or inspired, encouraged or taught others through practical application of creative abilities.
- * donated creative talents to serve an organization or event which exists to help others.

Mark Your Calendars

- ♦ **January 18**, Renaissance Meeting, 6:30pm, in Eaglebrooke 584 Whisperwoods Dr., Lakeland **All are invited.** Come and learn how you can help.
- ♦ **January 19**, Girls District Soccer Tournament, 5:00pm and 7:00pm, SFC. 6th, 7th & 8th graders receive free admission and free hotdog combo meal.
- ♦ **January 21**, Freshman Placement Test, 8:00 -12:00pm - Open House, 12:00 -2:00pm, SFC **Win \$1,000** credit toward your 2012-2013 tuition. Call SFC for details.
- ♦ **January 21-22**, Santa Fe Sunday, Saint Joseph Winter Haven
- ♦ **January 24**, Girls Basketball, LCS vs. ASA, 6:00pm, SFC. 6th, 7th & 8th graders receive free admission and free hotdog combo meal.
- ♦ **January 27**, Junior Retreat
- ♦ **January 28**, SAT Test
- ♦ **January 28**, Crimsonette Dance Camp, Age 3 - 5th grade, 9:00 - 11:30am, SFC gym
- ♦ **January 28 - 29**, Santa Fe Sunday, Saint Matthew Catholic Church
- ♦ **January 29 - February 4**, Catholic Schools Week
- ♦ **January 31** - Grandparents Mass & Luncheon, 10:28am, SFC gym
- ♦ **February 1**, Spirit Night at Beef 'O' Brady's, Lake Miriam Plaza, 11:00am -11:00pm. Write SFC on your receipt and we receive 10% of the proceeds.
- ♦ **February 2**, Honor Roll Breakfast, 7:30 - 9:00am, MPC
- ♦ **February 2**, Crimsonette Dance Camp Performance, 6:45pm, SFC gym
- ♦ **February 4 - 5**, Santa Fe Sunday, Saint John Neumann
- ♦ **February 6**, Registration for the 2012 -2013 school year begins.
- ♦ **February 6**, Market Day Pickup, 1:00-3:00pm, MPC

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Santa Fe Catholic's Art Department Shines Bright in December



Award Winning Float

Some exciting things happened with our art students in the past two months, and we hope more with the many competitions coming in the near future.

Everyone loves a parade, especially **Mrs. Lucille Pfund, Mrs. Ann Sims, Mr. Bill Tenpenny**, and of course the **National Art Honor Society** students who helped design and build the winning float in the 2011 Lakeland Christmas Parade. Santa Fe Catholic won the award for the Best Representation of the Theme, "All I want for Christmas is...." Santa Fe decided to do "All I want for Christmas is Peace on Earth." Our float featured a huge white and gold globe surrounded by eight students all dressed in gold and white costumes representing different countries. All the magnificent costumes were designed and sewn by **Mrs. Teri Gondouin**. We even had an unexpected and very welcomed replacement to ride the float at the last minute because a student couldn't make it. **Mrs. Teresa Salamanca** graciously accepted to ride the float and looked fantastic in her costume.



Artwork by Chelsea DeMoya

Congratulations and thank you to all the students, **Mrs. Mary Redman**, staff, parents and **Mr. Pfund** who contributed so many hours of their time and talent to help create our winning float. A special thanks to **Mr. Tenpenny** who always arrives at the parade grounds with his toolbox in hand, quickly puts it to use and stays until the end of the parade. We also thank **Mr. Glen Sims** who tows our float with his truck that always gets rave reviews from the crowd.

Those students who helped design and build the float: **Candice Helvick** (President), **Nikki Wang** (Vice-President), **Siye Bian** (Parliamentarian of NAHS) and members **Maria Salamanca, Emilie Johnston, Willson Ma, Coco Wu, Tony Wu, Hannah Zhang, Keke Wang** and **Sydney Griffith**, are to be commended for their super efforts, as well as those students who helped the day of the parade: **Jessica Martinez, Chris Nattania, Katelyn Swallow, Sam McNally, Michael Prisbe, Sam Hernan, DeVonte Drisdorn, Vi Tran, MaryHelen Friel, Morgan Richards** and **Jake Dotson**.



Ms. Karla Wean and Megan Yates

In December Santa Fe Catholic took all the awards in the high school division for the annual Carols in the Park poster contest. The first place ribbon went to **Megan Yates** in Ms. Karla Wean's AP Art class. From Mrs. Pfund's Art 2-D class, the second place ribbon was awarded to **Chelsea DeMoya** and honorable mention went to **Samantha Finley**. Congratulations to all!

Crimson Hawks Athletes Make Fall 2011 All-County First Team



L-R: BJ, Margaret, Rachel

The Polkprep.com Fall 2011 All-County Selections have been made. Three of our SFC athletes made First Team. Congratulations, **BJ, Margaret** and **Rachel**. Go Hawks!

Visit the links next to the athlete's name to view the corresponding article:

B.J. Knauf - Football - <http://polkpreps.com/news/article/28860/football-all-county-offense/>

Margaret Ross - Golf - <http://polkpreps.com/news/article/28903/all-county-golf-girls-golfer-of-the-year/>

Rachel Ringley - Swimming - <http://polkpreps.com/news/article/28900/all-county-swimming-girls-swimmer-of-the-year/>

NHS & MHS Make Christmas Special for Many Children



Santa Fe Catholic High School's National Honor Society and Math Honor Society organized a Toy Drive to benefit the children of Peace River Community Health Organization and Redlands Christian Migrant Associations. The Toy Drive was a huge success! Over 265 gifts were received and delivered before Christmas. **Thank you to all who supported this cause!**



History in the Making - Coach Jeff Mosher Court Dedication

After months of renovating the gymnasium with fresh paint on the walls and bleachers, refinishing and painting the basketball court with our new athletic Hawk and updating the Home of the Santa Fe Catholic Hawks mural; adding electrical updates, new wall signage, wall pad and trophy cases, the gymnasium looked amazing and worthy of dedicating the court in honor of Santa Fe's beloved Coach Jeff Mosher.

SFC alumni, friends and family gathered for a meet-and-greet, enjoyed a walk down memory lane slideshow and an authentic Mexican dinner catered by Moreno Amigos and our SFC cheerleaders. Geoffrey Mosher, also known as Coach Jeff Mosher to his close friends and the Santa Fe Catholic Community, humbly stated, "Everything was perfect. I will never forget this night."

A perfect ending to a perfect night, the boys varsity basketball team defeated LCS by a score of 42/41. As you see from the photo on the left, the crowd went wild... **Forever Hawk Pride!!!**



New wall signage and wall pad



New mural and painted bleachers



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Ms. Gwen Coté and Coach Jeff Mosher



DeVonte Drisdom



And the crowd goes wild!!!

Mamma Mia! A Night on Broadway - Musical Revue & Dinner were Spectacular!

The audience was swept away to the sounds of Broadway while enjoying a delicious catered dinner buffet and lively musical entertainment provided by Santa Fe Catholic students: **Chelsea DeMoya, Brooke Garringer, Emilie Johnston, Maria Marconi, Samantha Motherway, Kevin Mulligan and Maria Salamanca**; Santa Fe alumni: **Alexander Pilka, Joseph Pilka, Christopher Tebo Hardin and Jonathan Tebo Hardin**; and Santa Fe Friends: **Colleen Doherty and Chelsea Canestraro**. Thank you, Mrs. Cindy Hardin-Pilka, Mrs. Tina Tebo Hardin, as well as the entire production staff and actors, for all your hard work and many, many hours of practice. We are so blessed to have you share your talent with the Santa Fe Catholic Community!



Meet Br. Paul Santoro, OFM, Campus Minister



I am a Franciscan Friar of the Order of Friars Minor, Holy Name Province, headquartered in midtown Manhattan, and am in my third year as Campus Minister. I earned the BA in Religion and Religious Education from The Catholic University of America, Washington, DC and the MS in Religion and Religious Education from Fordham University, Rose Hill Campus, Bronx, NY. Before coming to SFC, I taught in Buffalo and Bronx, NY and Paterson, NJ. I also served as a Director of Religious Education in Triangle, VA and have worked as a substance abuse counselor in Paterson, NJ and Boston, MA specializing in treatment of teens dealing with addiction and with adults struggling with opiate dependence.

The Campus Ministry Office is responsible for assuring that the Catholic Christian traditions of our Church and faith are cultivated and nurtured. One of the most important aspects of campus ministry is to provide liturgical services. The office is also responsible for providing the annual all-school retreat, the retreat for each grade level, providing community service opportunities and preparing and directing students to serve as peer ministers.

Mass is celebrated most Tuesdays throughout the year with our school chaplain, Fr. Ramon Bolatete, residing. Occasionally, priests from the local parishes will offer Mass. The students serve as acolytes, lectors and Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion at the Masses. We celebrate the sacrament of Reconciliation at least twice annually and celebrate all of the major Church feasts as well as pray the Rosary and the Stations of the Cross at least annually.

Community service is a vital part of what we do. All students are expected to complete 100 hours of service before graduating. Local agencies often request volunteers and those requests are passed on to the students by broadcast announcements and flyers. There are several opportunities for communal service as well; for example, home building for Habitat for Humanity. Annually we participate in Catholic Heart Work Camp, a week long home mission trip to an impoverished area to work at rehabilitating homes or parks, doing child care or working with the elderly. Past trips have taken us to South Carolina, Illinois and Mississippi, and this year we will travel to Virginia. We have also participated in a foreign mission trip to Nicaragua several times in cooperation with the North Country Mission of Hope out of Plattsburg, NY.

The peer ministers are trained each spring so as to be prepared to assist the new students with their adjustment to high school. Peer ministers meet with their group once each week during lunch to discuss adjustment issues and to make new friends. They also assist at the school retreats and other events throughout the year.

Students, staff, family are always welcome to the Campus Ministry Office at any time. When on campus one can readily see students (and sometimes staff) foraging around the Jolly Ranger bowl or Skittles dispenser throughout the day. There one finds an atmosphere of acceptance and friendship.

Campus ministry also provides spiritual guidance as well as “a listening ear” to those who need one. Please know that you may stop by at any time. All are welcome!

Wishing you peace and all good things,

Br. Paul Santoro, OFM

Check out our photo gallery a/k/a **Hawk Shots** on the home page of our website, www.SantaFeCatholic.org

Development News



Thank you to all who purchased Carrabba's luncheon tickets in November. Everyone enjoyed a delicious lunch while helping SFC's Parent Guild make a profit of **\$1,744**.



Ms. Coté and Br. Paul prepared a delicious appreciation dinner, Italiano style, for the Knights of Columbus and their guests in December. Over 80 guests attended the feast. **Santa Fe Catholic appreciates the Knights of Columbus!**



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