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Front Cover: Senior Connor Thompson was recognized by the East Salem Rotary on December 13 for his contributions in leadership and drama. Connor had one of the lead roles in *It's a Wonderful Life*, a Live Radio Play and never missed a rehearsal. He was commended for his excellent work ethic and leadership with the cast, helping to keep everyone energized and focused.

Left: The Cavalier greets students as they arrive to school on Cav Pride Day in October. Students were invited to sign their names in chalk on the sidewalk.

FROM THE PRESIDENT

Dear Blanchet Catholic Families and Friends,

Happy New Year to all of you, and may it be a year of God's continued blessings for each of you and for Blanchet Catholic School!

As I write this, I am compelled to reflect in gratitude for the many ways our school community has been richly blessed during the past year. In these pages you will read stories of student achievement and service, faculty successes and alumni accomplishments. There is so much for which to be grateful, and I offer my heartfelt thank you to all of you for your support, encouragement, participation and generosity in our shared mission to advance Blanchet Catholic School.

Now we have one more person to help us in our efforts toward making Blanchet the very best it can be...Brian Heinze, our new principal. Please read the feature about him in this edition. You will find him to be a person of vast and broad experience committed to Catholic education who is prepared to help lead our school. I know he is looking forward to meeting as many members of our school community as soon as possible. Please join me in welcoming Mr. Heinze when he takes the helm on January 6th.

The year 2014 promises to be a dynamic and engaging one as, together, we all work in support of our students. This year we will participate in

a process of self-study and critical analysis in preparation for an accreditation visit during the spring of 2015. We will also conduct a full survey and review of our site master plan in preparation for future physical improvements and athletic facility upgrades. Most importantly, we will continue

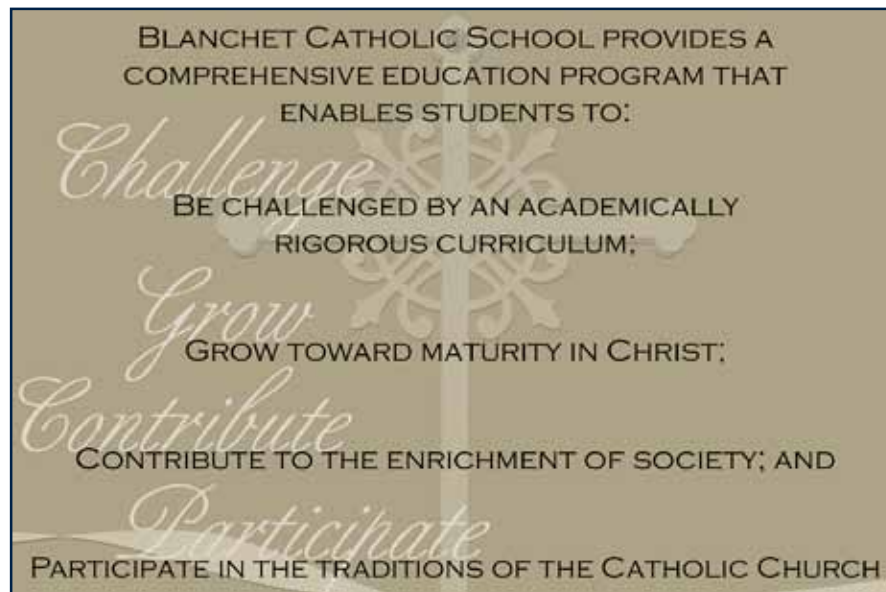
to monitor and implement course offerings, curriculum and best practices in an effort to ensure that our students have the very best Catholic college preparatory program we can offer which, at the same time, promotes their spiritual growth and development.

We aim to achieve all these things with your continuing support and God's abundant grace.

By Courage and Faith!



Anthony Guevara, President



WELCOME

INTRODUCING OUR NEW PRINC



Blanchet Catholic School is very pleased to announce that Mr. Brian Heinze has been hired as the school's new principal. Mr. Heinze will join the Blanchet administration in early January.

Mr. Heinze has over 25 years of teaching, administration and leadership experience. This includes 18 years as an educator and coach for Lincoln, Grant, Tigard and Tualatin high schools as well as for ARAMCO in Saudi Arabia. For seven years, Mr. Heinze served as the vice principal and athletic director for Lake Oswego High School, two years as principal of St. Helens High School and two years as principal of Sandy High School.

Mr. Heinze holds a Bachelor of Science degree in pre-med-biology and health and physical education and a Master of Science in teaching/education and exercise physiology from Portland State University. He attained his Initial and Continued Administrator/Superintendent in Education licensure from Lewis and Clark College. He is an active member of several professional associations including the Confederation of Oregon School Administrators, the Association for Supervision and Curriculum Development, and the Northwest Association of Accredited Schools where he was formerly a member of the state accreditation committee. Mr. Heinze also volunteers extensively for Medical Teams International.

A Pacific Northwest native, Mr. Heinze was born in Seattle, but grew up in Portland where he attended Jesuit High School. His wife, Mary, attended St. Mary's Academy, is a University of Oregon graduate and is a marketing art director and designer. Their twin daughters, Laura and Emily, are juniors at Jesuit High School and are active athletes in cross country, basketball and track and field. Their entire family, including Mary's seven siblings and Brian's two and their families, all live in the Portland area.

When asked how and when he decided to pursue a career in education, Mr. Heinze answers, "Initially I was in the pre-med program in college, where I also played football. My passion for athletics and the connections with players, students and teachers drew me toward education. During my student teaching, it became very evident that teaching and coaching were rewarding and fulfilling to me."

The opportunity to engage his passion for education in a community that shares his commitment to his faith provides the perfect work setting for Mr. Heinze. "My Catholic education has played a significant role in my life and is the cornerstone to many of the values I hold constant. Given the impact it has had, I feel drawn to be part of its rigorous academics, athletics, clubs and activities. I am proud to play a part in helping students think on their own, take their gifts to a higher level through service for others, and become our future leaders. I strongly believe in and support the mission of Blanchet Catholic School and I look forward to returning to a Catholic education environment - where my roots took hold."

Mr. Heinze adds that he is extremely excited to begin his journey with the Blanchet community. He looks forward to personally getting to know the staff, students, families and community members, and is enthusiastic about all that we will create together.



Mr. Guevara has been serving as both the president and principal of Blanchet since July when former president of 16 years, Charles Lee, announced he was stepping down. Mr. Guevara will continue in his role as president of Blanchet Catholic School when Mr. Heinze takes over as principal.

Mr. Guevara comments, “Brian is a man of tremendous integrity and faith. He is well armed with rich administrative leadership experience and skills, ensuring a smooth transition in our continuing tradition of excellent Catholic college preparatory education.”

Mr. Brian Heinze, Principal

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JOHN ANDREAS



The Crystal Apple Awards gives Salem's business community the opportunity to honor area educators for making significant contributions in the lives of children. This year Blanchet was proud to select Mr. John Andreas as their nominee for this prestigious award.

Blanchet Catholic School has been blessed to have Mr. Andreas as a teacher and coach for the past 16 years. Mr. "A", as all his students call him, is a rare individual who can inspire and motivate his students both in the classroom and on the basketball court. His unique teaching style engages students and elicits participation from even the shyest individuals. Mr. Andreas is keenly aware of the unique social and developmental growth rate of middle school students and has created a physical environment in his classroom that relates to the interests of middle school students and helps to make his room a fun place to be. Former student Tori Hittner commented, "Mr. A's door is always open, no matter the hour, for students to stop in for

help with homework or just for a visit. He fills his classroom with posters of Elvis and Forrest Gump while handmade trinkets and silly photos clutter



his desk. No matter the quality of the gifts, he never fails to proudly display them for all to see. Very few teachers exist who so

willingly offer so much time and consideration to their pupils."

For fifteen years, Mr. Andreas provided support and enthusiasm as the girls varsity basketball coach. He led his team to two league championships and numerous games at the state level. He focused on each player's strengths and strived to teach them not

just the game of basketball but also valuable lifetime skills. Former players remark that Mr. Andreas showed them how to make a profound positive impact on others' lives by employing compassion, understanding, determination and empathy.

President Anthony Guevara comments, "John is dedicated to his students in all ways and at all times. They recognize this in him and it enables John to motivate and teach them toward reaching his high expectations. He is an excellent example of what it means to be a distinguished educator."

John Andreas was born and raised in Garden Home, a small community in the Beaverton area. He lived with his parents and five sisters on a small farm where they raised their own cattle and other animals.

After completing grade school at St. Anthony's in Tigard, Mr. Andreas went on to attend and graduate from Jesuit High School. "It was because of the great teachers and coaches I had there that I decided I wanted to be a teacher and to coach as well."

Mr. Andreas took nine years to complete his college degree in history from Portland State University while also working full time at a grocery warehouse. "I think that was important because I can relate better to the 'real world' than most people in education today," he comments.

His first three years of teaching was as a substitute in several school districts. "I hoped to get a job in Beaverton, but in those three years the district never hired a social studies teacher." Feeling frustrated, Mr. Andreas was thinking of leaving the teaching profession when he was finally offered a position as a 7th grade teacher at Our Lady of Sorrows in SE Portland. During this time, he was also coaching boys and girls basketball at Oregon Episcopal School.

While teaching at Our Lady of Sorrows, Mr. Andreas met Chuck Lee, who was then the principal at St. Cecilia, where the Andreas children attended school. Later, Mr. Lee became the principal of Valley Catholic and hired Mr. Andreas to teach and coach there. After eight years at Valley Catholic, Mr. Andreas accepted a position at Barlow High School. One year later, he jumped at the opportunity to come to Blanchet Catholic

School along with Chuck Lee and Bob Weber. "I only missed Barlow one day a month – payday!" he jokes.

The Andreas family includes three children: two sons and a daughter. His oldest son teaches history and coaches football at Jesuit High School, his daughter is a social worker at Oregon Health Sciences University and his youngest son is at Portland State studying to become a history teacher as well.

It's the students that drive and motivate Mr. Andreas as an educator. "I have high expectations for all of them, so I need to bring energy and enthusiasm to the classroom. We seem to feed off of each other. I was taught at a young age by my parents to always work hard and be responsible. When I went to Jesuit, we were taught to not only do that, but to have fun doing it. I try to get my students to work hard, be responsible and have fun.

"I try to make a connection with each of my students, especially the shy kids, because I was one of them." Mr. Andreas makes it a point to say hi and check in with kids in the halls. "They need to know that someone cares about them outside of the classroom too," he says.

Mr. Andreas' goal as an educator is to help students be successful at whatever they do. "The school year, just like life, is a marathon and there will be the good, the bad and the ugly times, but you just need to keep working.

"This is my 33rd year of teaching, and I have been blessed to have taught so many great young people," comments Mr. Andreas. "The same can be said for my 31 years of coaching. It is always about the kids, and I think some teachers forget that."

Mr. Andreas' favorite moment as a teacher and coach is when kids work hard and improve at whatever they are doing. "There is nothing like seeing smiles on the kids' faces when they win the big game or ace the big test. It's very special!"

Mr. Andreas says he has many more years of teaching ahead of him and may even coach again. "No matter what happens, I am truly blessed to have been able to teach and coach at Blanchet Catholic School."

Serving Others

CAMERON ELMORE



Cameron Elmore joined Blanchet Catholic School as a sixth grader after transferring from Whiteaker Middle School in Keizer. Now a freshman, Cameron continues to be an all-around excellent student and stand-out athlete. However, it is in serving others that Cameron truly shines and finds his inspiration.

A couple of years ago, Cameron decided to get involved with the Missions and Outreach Ministry Team of his church, Court Street Christian. At first he stayed local, spending spring break week of seventh grade putting down new bark dust and filling in an old pond at Waldo Middle School.

Two or three times each year, this same Missions & Outreach Ministry Team sends work groups to Mexico to the small town of El Porvenir, north of Ensenada. There they sponsor an orphanage, Casa de Paz, where Christ's love is shared with over 60 abandoned and orphaned children. Casa de Paz is the only orphanage in the area that houses children with special needs.

The first mission trip Cameron took was during spring break last year when he decided, last minute, to join the work group heading south to Casa de Paz. At that time, the orphanage was working to make their olive grove more productive, thus providing extra fruit to sell while also teaching the children to manage the farmland and to eventually become self-sufficient. Cameron's work group dug reservoirs around each of 210 olive trees so that water could easily get to the roots. In addition, the orphanage has no garbage service, but discards their trash in open pits where it is later burned. Cameron helped to build a safety fence around their new pit.



That spring trip inspired Cameron to return during the following July. The goal of the second trip - paint the orphanage's school and weed their crops.



The second trip has Cameron planning a third, possibly next spring break.

Cameron is not your typical teenage boy. Not only is he willing to give up his vacation time to travel a far distance to help children he does not know, but he pays his own way to do so by working odd jobs for friends, neighbors and family members. When asked what drives him to want to help others in such a significant way, he answers simply, "Because God tells me to."

Chris Bartmess is Cameron's youth pastor at Court Street Christian. "Cameron was one of the first students I met when I began to serve in the youth group at Court Street Christian Church, and his kind spirit and fun attitude made him easy to love. I got to lead Cameron as we went to Mexico during spring break 2013. It was great to see his heart for the orphans there and to see the change in him as he



continues to grow with the Lord. He is a strong leader in the youth group, and I am excited to see how he matures in ways that are like Jesus. I am very proud of him," says Chris.

Cameron's proud mom, Heather, says that service is important to their whole family, but Cameron has a unique drive to help others. "Cameron has such a kind and giving heart. Since he was little he has begged me to volunteer at the mission or this or that. He often volunteers to set up and tear down events at the church and has volunteered at the harvest party overseeing games and helping the kids find their way around. Last year he joined a group at the church doing what they call a "rake and run." They all went through the neighborhood by our church and surprised people by raking up their leaves. I'm pretty sure they got every house in a four-block radius! More recently Cameron helped a neighbor clean her mother's very messy yard, which helped her avoid a large fine from the city."

Cameron is an extraordinary young man who seeks opportunities to help others and who serves as an excellent role model for students and adults alike. He inspires us all to be better, to focus not on what we can gain for ourselves, but how we can serve others. He reminds us of what is truly important: to live as Christ lived and to allow Christ to shine through us in everything that we do.

WAYS TO GIVE

Did you know?

Blanchet receives no financial support from an archdiocese, parish or religious order.

The actual cost of a Blanchet education is over \$8,000 per student, although we charge parents only \$6,150 - \$7,675.

One-third of all Blanchet families receive tuition assistance. Over \$300,000 annually is distributed to qualifying families.

Tuition payments cover the cost of staff and faculty salaries, nothing else.

Our Board is committed to keeping tuition affordable for Mid Valley families. In order to ensure that Blanchet remains accessible to families from all financial backgrounds, it is vital to continually fund raise to meet this important need.

Ways to Give

■ Annual Fundraisers

Blanchet asks parents to participate in three annual fundraisers, which include our annual auction (October), student fundraiser (a raffle that is held in the winter), and annual fund (spring). These activities are important school activities that support our operating budget and bridge the gap between the amount of tuition charged and the actual cost of a Blanchet education. Blanchet welcomes community support of these fundraisers.

■ Archbishop Blanchet Society

The Archbishop Blanchet Society is a giving society whose members contribute a minimum of \$1,000 annually for at least five years. We currently have over 40 members whose gifts help support our operating budget and allow us to provide tuition assistance to qualifying families.

Archbishop Blanchet Society members are invited to Society events, which include a holiday reception and spring social. They also receive special updates about school programs. In 2012-13, Archbishop Blanchet Society members donated \$211,330.

■ Planned Giving and the Legacy Society

Blanchet wants to ensure that the school serves many future generations of Mid Valley youth. To safeguard Blanchet's legacy, the school has established a Foundation and an endowment and actively promotes planned giving opportunities. Planned giving allows donors the opportunity to help secure the school's future, while also obtaining some or all of the following benefits:

- Fulfillment of your philanthropic goals
- Income-tax savings through charitable deductions for the value of your gifts
- Avoidance of capital gain tax on contributions of long-term capital gain property
- Income for life for yourself and/or for other beneficiaries
- Increased spendable income
- Elimination of federal estate tax on the value of the interest in the property eventually passing to charity
- Reduced costs and time in estate planning.

One of the simplest ways to benefit Blanchet is to name the school in your will with a general bequest. All donors who have named Blanchet Catholic School in their will or estate plan are considered members of the school's Legacy Society. Please consult your tax advisors about becoming a planned giving donor.

■ Unrestricted Gifts

Unrestricted gifts are always needed and greatly appreciated. General donations allow us to earmark funds to the area of greatest need.

■ Sponsorship

Becoming a Blanchet business partner is an excellent way for businesses to promote their product while also supporting our school. Cavalier families are loyal consumers who appreciate doing business with companies who partner with our school. Many advertising and sponsorship opportunities are available.

A few options include:

- Purchasing an ad in our auction catalog
- Purchasing a table sponsorship at our auction
- Becoming a sponsor at our annual golf tournament, the Cavalier Classic
- Buying an ad in our sports program, drama programs, biannual magazine or yearbook
- Supporting the athletic program by buying a sign in our school gymnasium or on our school bus

Please contact President Anthony Guevara or Development Coordinator Toni Nanneman if you would like more information about giving to Blanchet.

Auction Update ~ *Moroccan Sunset*



Blanchet's 17th Annual Benefit Auction, "Moroccan Sunset," was held on October 12, 2013. We raised over **\$108,000** for Blanchet Catholic School students and programs including **\$45,000** for the fund-a-need item to purchase

a new bus. We would like to thank our generous donors, sponsors, volunteers and guests, without whom this event would not be possible.



Attention BCS students! Join in the "Cavalier Games" by selling 10 or more tickets during our annual raffle fundraiser!

Who will move the block that topples the life-size Jenga tower? Who will be the champion of the giant-sized Ker-Plunk competition? It could be you! The more tickets you sell, the more you get to play!

Each winter Blanchet students are asked to sell a minimum of ten \$10 raffle tickets to friends and family members. Our goal is to raise \$55,000 for Blanchet students and programs!

The "Cavalier Games" raffle fundraiser kicks off on January 31 with an exciting lineup of games and competitions. Raffle winners will be announced at our annual Founders Day celebration on February 27.

Founder's Day Celebration

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				Please join us! Thursday, February 27 at 6:00 p.m. Raffle drawings, Student Entertainment & Award Presentations		1
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BCS Alumni

David Angyal, '03 graduated from the University of Miami with degrees in Communications and Political Science and then went on to complete his law degree at the University of Oregon. In 2012 David moved to the Federated States of Micronesia, where he works as an attorney for the Supreme Court of the state of Pohnpei. Micronesia is located in the western Pacific Ocean about 2,500



miles southwest of Hawaii. At left, David is pictured with Supreme Court Justice Nickontro Johnny and below, with two supreme court staff members.



Matthew Creagan, '12 is a sophomore at the University of Portland where he is an accounting major and music minor. Recently he had the opportunity to sing for Supreme Court Justice Member Clarence Thomas. Matthew is very active in music at UP.

Tevin Gianella, '11 is a physical education major at Gonzaga University and was selected this year to receive a Mary Stuart Rogers Scholarship, an award given to students most committed to serving others.

Tevin serves by hosting one to two prospective GU students each week, showing them the campus, residence hall life and the Gonzaga atmosphere. He also served during Gonzaga Experience Live

Weekend the past two years, hosting five high school students who came for an extended campus experience. Additionally, Tevin has volunteered to teach physical education at three Spokane schools and, when he's back home, he serves at the Brother Andre' Homeless Shelter in downtown Portland, providing home-cooked meals.



"I serve to better my community, the individuals in my community and to serve a greater good. Through serving others, I hope to inspire and improve the lives of others," says Tevin. His mom Page adds, "God gave Tevin the gift to be able to talk with anyone anywhere and a passion to serve and comfort others."



Ryan Haselton, '11 has joined the ranks of America's finest. He departed from Portland International Airport on May 5 for Marine Corps Recruit Depot, San Diego and three months later graduated along with 328 other Marines aboard MCRD San Diego on August 2, having earned the Eagle, Globe and Anchor and the title of United States Marine. He completed MCT training aboard Camp Pendleton on October 7 and is currently stationed at Camp Lejeune in North Carolina, where he is training as a combat engineer. He was promoted to Private First Class on November 1.

Clarissa Hayes, '12 was selected by Santa Clara University's Leavey School of Business to participate in the Leavey Scholars Program.

This program is open to students who earned a cumulative SCU GPA in the top 10% of first-year business students. Clarissa is also on the Pan-Hellenic Honor Society and the Dean's List for the 2012-2013 academic year. She is a member of Delta Gamma sorority and was recently named Vice President of Finance.



Nicholas Herb, '10 is a University of Portland senior majoring in secondary education and English with a minor in drama. He is on the dean's list, a member of both the ALD and KDP honor societies and is completing his student teaching at Cathedral Catholic School and LaSalle. Nicholas also works as one of the University of Portland's mascots.

Ryan Herb, '10 is currently a senior at the University of Portland majoring in accounting and finance. He spent last summer as an intern at Walker and Dunlop and plans to take the CPA exam after graduation.

Shannon Ritter, '00 is a graduate of the University of Oregon with a Master's Degree in teaching and curricula. He teaches English at Dallas High School and is happily married to a fellow Blanchet graduate, Jessica Weaver. The couple have a beautiful daughter.

Jennifer Seaman '99 has a wonderful 12 year old son, Kyle, who is a Blanchet 7th grader. She works at Salem Hospital in orthopedic surgery and is engaged to be married next year.

Blanchet Alumni Association Hosts BCS Social

Blanchet held an alumni social at the October 18 homecoming football game. Nearly twenty alums representing several class years were in attendance and enjoyed a meal and social time. The group was invited onto the field and were introduced during half-time.



Blanchet's alumni association is on Facebook! Look there for news, upcoming events and to reconnect with old friends.

Blanchet Catholic School Alumni Association

NEWSBRIEFS

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR 2014 NATIONAL MERIT SCHOLARS



Blanchet Catholic School is proud to announce that senior Colleen Coen is a Semifinalist in the 2014 National Merit Scholarship Program. To reach the semifinalist level, a student must test in the top 16,000 of the more than 1.5 million high school juniors that take the qualifying exam (PSAT). Colleen will now have the opportunity to advance to the Finalist level of competition for one of 8,000 National Merit Scholarships worth more than \$35 million.



Sarah Kim and Malvika Ramesh were also recognized by the National Merit Program when they were named Commended Students by scoring among the top 50,000 of over 1.5 million students who entered the 2014 National Merit Program.



Congratulations to all three of

these remarkable students!

Blanchet now counts twenty-eight students honored by this prestigious program since 1998.

THREE BCS STUDENTS ATTEND NFCYM CONFERENCE

Sophomore Diego Leon Patino, junior Jaci Schnurbusch and senior Matthew Schnurbusch attended the National Catholic Youth Conference held in Indianapolis this past November. The conference, developed and organized by the National Federation for Catholic Youth Ministry, is the premier national gathering of Catholic high school age youth, drawing more than 23,000 attendees from around the country. The event includes three days of prayer, catechesis, service and workshops, and is a unique opportunity for

young people to gather together to strengthen their Catholic identity. To be selected to attend, each student must have served many volunteer hours, participated in reflection activities and helped with fundraising projects.

Diego Leon Patino and his brother Amadeo are new to Blanchet this year after transferring from Albany. Diego has been active since middle school in the St. Mary's Church youth group. He attended the National Catholic Youth Conference with 19 other youth from his parish. Diego loves to travel and says that he especially enjoyed being in Lucas Oil Stadium, home of the Colts football team.

Jaci and Matthew Schnurbusch are active in the youth program at St. Edward's Parish in Keizer. Their youth group held fundraising activities to help pay for five students to attend the conference. With 23,000 youth in attendance, Jaci and Matthew especially enjoyed meeting so many people from all over the country.



Above left: Jaci with a life-sized cutout of Pope Francis. Above right: Matthew with Fr. Tony Ricard from the Archdiocese of New Orleans. Below: Diego and St. Mary's youth group members with Fr. Thomas in Indianapolis.



FIVE TEACHERS AWARDED GRANTS

Congratulations to Mrs. Halsey Randall and fellow teachers Mrs. Armstrong, Mrs. Menke and Ms. Razmus who were awarded a Diack Ecology Education Grant. These teachers have partnered this year to continue Mrs. Halsey Randall's field-based inquiry project for mid high students.

In 2012, Diack awarded Mrs. Halsey Randall's 8th grade science classes their first ecology education grant to investigate the on-campus stream system and native plant garden. As a result, her students have discovered what it means to do science. They are out in the field, investigating their own questions, researching what is already known, gathering real data in a natural setting, and presenting their findings to a panel of adults.

The expansion of this program means the inclusion of additional students, teachers and subject areas including math and language arts.

Mrs. Armstrong is encompassing field-based science inquiry into the 6th and 7th grade science curricula. One of the first activities was a weed identification and location investigation. Students identified existing weeds by name and location, plotted the information using GPS, determined the best course of action for eradicating that specific type of weed, and then returned to the site later to plot which weeds had returned.

In language arts, mid high students are developing research skills as they discover and write background information for their investigations. Each part of the lab report is an opportunity to develop technical writing skills and allows students to see the cross-curricular connections between subjects.

Similarly, mathematics skills are being utilized in data collection, graphing and analyzing results.

This second Diack grant has enabled the school to purchase better equipment to aid in data collection and connection to practiced science at the professional level. New graphing calculators, microscopes that connect directly to the iPad, digital pH probes, a soil moisture sensor, a CO₂ gas sensor and a GPS unit have proved invaluable to this expanding program.

Congratulations to all four of these outstanding teachers! Their grant proposal for \$5,500 was unanimously selected for funding by the Diack Selection Committee.



Eighth grader Katie Ruiz measures pH and conductivity of water using a digital probe.

Similarly, Mrs. Wise was awarded a \$500 SELCO Mini-Grant that will fund a unique service learning opportunity for Blanchet students as well as elementary students from a neighboring school.

Northeast Salem area grade schools struggle with lack of funds and have had their budgets, particularly their field trip budgets, cut over the years. Mrs. Wise's program would, essentially, bring a "field trip" to one of these schools.

Through the use of creative demonstrations and creative lesson planning, Mrs. Wise's high school anatomy and physiology students will develop and create their own unique lesson plan on the bones of the human body and will teach a mini anatomy unit to 5th graders at a nearby elementary school. Not only will this design allow them to better understand and connect with the material they are teaching, it will also allow them the advantage of relating to and connecting with younger students. "It will provide an arena in which the high school student becomes the teacher. The chance to provide the opportunity for older students to inspire younger students would be a great gift for both sets of learners," Mrs. Wise comments. "True learning occurs when one actually has the opportunity to teach, and true connections with humanity occur when one has the opportunity to serve. Through this high school anatomy and physiology class 'service learning synthesis,' I hope to be able to provide my high school students with the opportunity to be able to do both!"



FALL WRAP-UP



GIRLS VARSITY SOCCER

5th Place ~ Special District 3 / Record: 6 - 9

All-Conference Teams:

Annie Ruef ~ 1st Team

Maddie Moz ~ 2nd Team

Sierra Bassett ~ HM

Alicia Romero ~ HM

BOYS VARSITY SOCCER

Special District 3 Champions

Record: 11 - 2 - 4

*OSAA State Championship
Quarterfinals*

All Conference Teams:

Matthew Beskow ~ 1st Team

Ryan Orlandini ~ 1st Team

Edwin Solis ~ 1st Team

Diego Leon-Patino ~ 2nd Team

Lucas Muller ~ 2nd Team

Ryan Orlandini ~ Soccer Athlete

of the Year, All-Mid-Valley,

Nominated for USA Today's Ultimate Athlete Award

Robin Smith ~ Coach of the Year



CROSS COUNTRY

Boys: 4th Place ~ Special District 3

Wolf Seifer ~ 43rd at OSAA State Championships

Girls: 5th Place ~ Special District 3

All-Conference Teams:

Wolf Seifer ~ 1st Team

VARSITY VOLLEYBALL

4th Place ~ Pac West Conference

Record: 14 - 14

1st Round State Championships

All-Conference Teams:

Sheila Limas-De La Cruz ~ 1st Team

Taylor Wolf ~ 2nd Team

Bretton Ostby ~ HM

*Sheila Limas-De La Cruz ~ All-Mid-
Valley, 3rd Team All-State*

JV VOLLEYBALL Record: 11 - 9

JV 2 VOLLEYBALL Record: 10 - 3



VARSITY FOOTBALL

3rd Place ~ Pac West Conference / Record: 8 - 4

OSAA State Championship quarterfinals

All Conference Team:

Jeff Lieder ~ 1st Team (OL, DL)

Kyle Ruiz ~ 1st Team (RB, DB)

Jacob Bartholomew ~ 2nd Team (K, P)

Trent Gianella ~ 2nd Team (DB)

Jake Handran ~ 2nd Team (LB)

Nick Orlandini ~ 2nd Team (R)

Robert Willburn ~ 2nd Team (OL), HM (DL)

Saul Lopez ~ HM (LB)

Michael Tuttle ~ HM (OL)

*Jeff Lieder ~ Offensive Lineman of the Year, All-
Mid-Valley (OL), 2nd Team All-State (OL), HM
All-State (DL)*

*Kyle Ruiz ~ All-Mid-Valley (DB), 2nd Team
All-State (DB)*



FIND ADDITIONAL ATHLETIC & FINE ARTS COVERAGE & PHOTOS ON BLANCHET

FIVE OF SIX FALL TEAMS EARN ACADEMIC ALL-STATE RECOGNITION

The OSAA's Academic All-State program, sponsored by the Dairy Farmers of Oregon, recognizes outstanding achievement in the classroom. Five of Blanchet's six fall varsity sports teams earned a 3.0 team GPA or higher. Teams that earn a 3.0 GPA or higher will receive 25 points for their school in the Oregonian Cup standings, and members of top ten schools in each activity at each classification are also recognized with a commemorative pin by the Dairy Farmers of Oregon and the OSAA. Three of the fall Cavalier teams were honored with top 10 finishes. Girls varsity soccer took seventh place overall at the 3A/2A/1A classification with a team GPA of 3.58. Boys varsity soccer finished in third place in the 3A/2A/1A classification with a team GPA of 3.69. The varsity football team took first place overall in the 3A classification with a combined team GPA of 3.60. Because the football team finished with the highest team grade point average in their classification, they earned the Academic All-State Award. Each member of the team will receive a much-coveted "got milk?" sweatshirt, commemorative pin and a certificate. Blanchet will receive a plaque in honor of the team's achievement.

Blanchet Catholic Fall Sports Academic All-State

Football ~ 1st Place 3.60 GPA

Boys Soccer ~ 3rd Place 3.69 GPA

Girls Soccer ~ 7th Place 3.58 GPA

Volleyball ~ 14th Place 3.53 GPA

Boys Cross Country ~ 22nd Place 3.37 GPA

Girls Cross Country ~ 3.25 GPA



Thank you to our outstanding fall season cheerleaders ~ Kara Van Zandt (Captain), Miranda Glennie, Jaci Schnurbusch, Hailey Stuart and Nicole Worden!



VOLLEYBALL 8 ~ Record: 7 - 7



VOLLEYBALL 6/7 ~ Record: 3 - 11

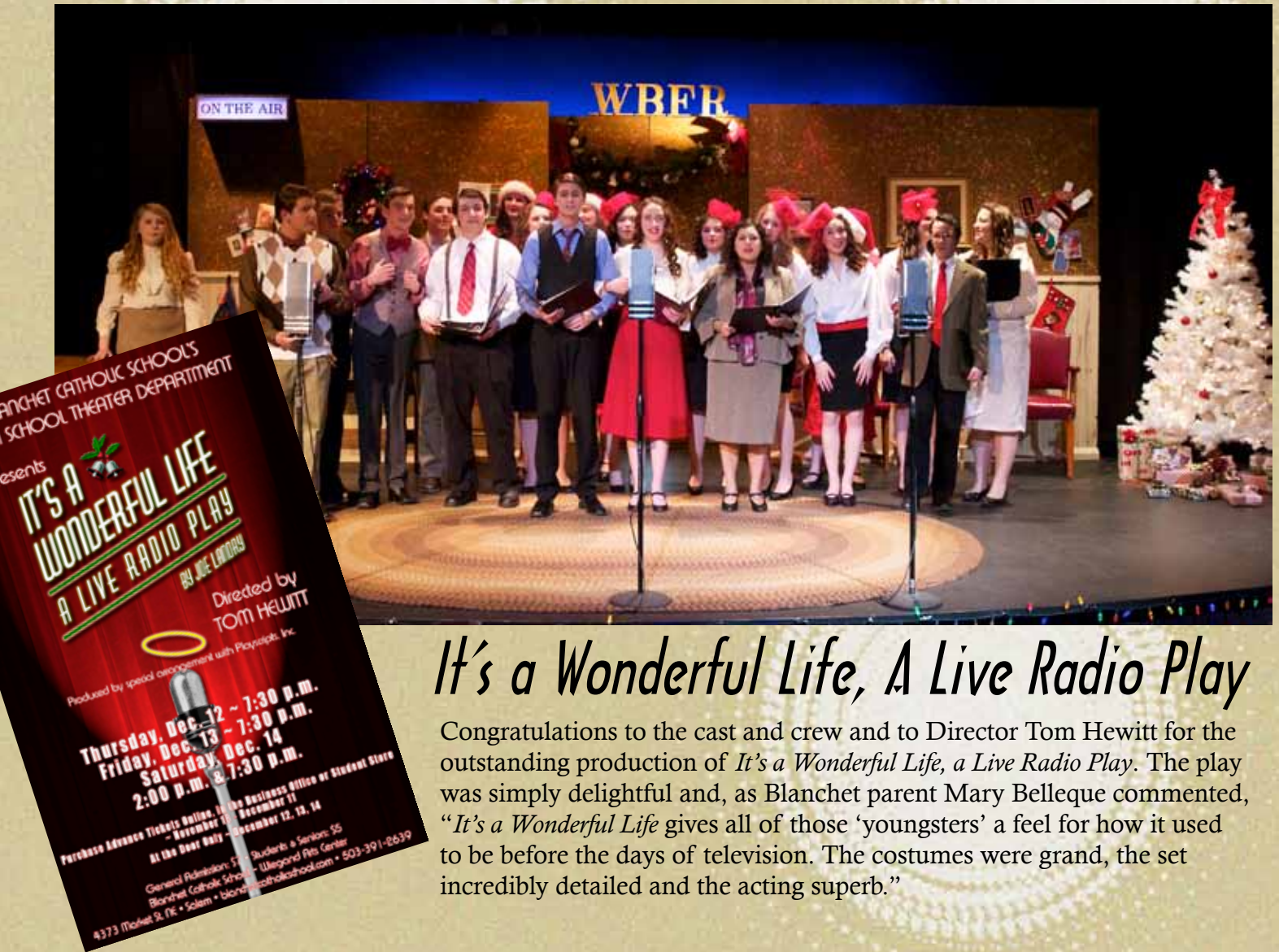


MID HIGH FOOTBALL ~ Record: 2 - 4



MID HIGH SOCCER ~ Record: 6 - 3

Fine Arts



It's a Wonderful Life, A Live Radio Play

Congratulations to the cast and crew and to Director Tom Hewitt for the outstanding production of *It's a Wonderful Life, a Live Radio Play*. The play was simply delightful and, as Blanchet parent Mary Belleque commented, “*It's a Wonderful Life* gives all of those ‘youngsters’ a feel for how it used to be before the days of television. The costumes were grand, the set incredibly detailed and the acting superb.”

Coming Soon - *Under Pressure*

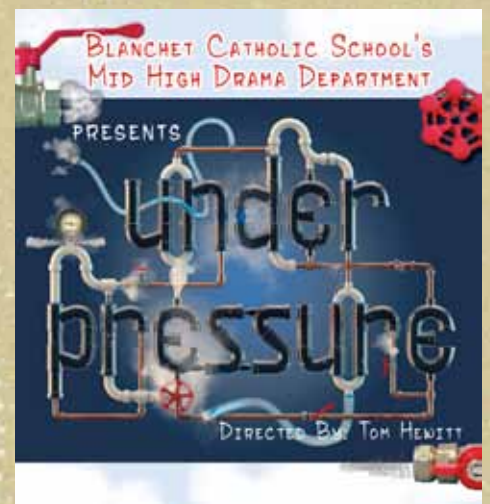
“Under Pressure” features scenes and monologues about kids dealing with daily stress with school, family, and peers. They are the collected works of playwrights Rob Frankel, Jessica Donze, Mary Hall Surface, and Dr. Bob Moorehead. Presented by Blanchet’s Mid High Drama Department and directed by Tom Hewitt.

Thursday, January 16 ~ 7:00 p.m.

Friday, January 17 ~ 7:00 p.m.

Saturday, January 18 ~ 2:00 p.m.

Tickets available at the door.



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Christmas Concert

Blanchet musicians directed by Mrs. Hettwer and Mrs. Barth presented a Christmas holiday music concert on December 5. This wonderful concert featured the sixth grade choir, string orchestra, concert choir and concert band performing several Christmas classics. The concert concluded with a grand "Christmas Finale" featuring all of the ensembles in an audience sing-along

Two Honored at Artwalk

Congratulations to junior Brooklyn Vandehey and freshman Sawyer Hemstreet who entered artwork into the 2013 Something Red Artwalk and Exhibit in downtown Salem. Brooklyn's "Dahlia" won second place youth and Sawyer took third in the youth division for his art "Georgia O'Keefe Red Canvas."



Brooklyn Vandehey
"Dahlia"



Sawyer Hemstreet
"Georgia O'Keefe Red Canvas"



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Santa looks on as the entire student body folds origami paper cranes for their schoolmate Aaron Deeney who is battling cancer. According to Japanese legend, the thousand paper cranes, when strung together, grant a wish to the recipient.

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