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Closing Out 2008-2009

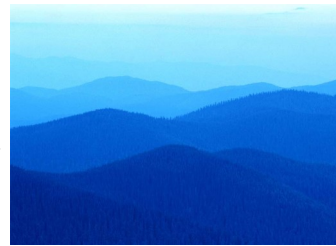
Gary J. Catalano

Another school year is coming to a close as we ready our seniors for graduation as well as make necessary adjustments to keep our school up to speed in the ever changing educational world.

Since the start of our second semester we have continually moved forward in developing our Academy program and taken measures to assist and educate our students in the best means possible. We are in the process of developing assistance for students who may need some extra help in academics and training our staff to better understand and work with all students from all academic backgrounds.

Not to be content to rely on techniques and programs that we have con-

tinually utilized in the past, we are making strides in taking innovative measures to recruit students, enhance our educational pro-



grams and explore new methods promoting our school.

We realize that we are not the only choice parents have for educating their sons, but we are the only choice when you offer a program that gives a young man an academic

diploma coupled with training in a technology. Parents and Alums can be confident that we continue to offer the same rigors at DBTI that we always have and that we are doing so in keeping up with current educational practices and standards.

We continue to evolve our school as the world evolves around us. We also subscribe to the maxim that if "You always do what you have always done, you will always get what you have always gotten". Change is inevitable as change is an important concept to embrace as we march forward into the 21st Century.

At the "Tech", we believe in change as we believe in providing the best for all those associated with us.

Open House 2009

On April 25, Don Bosco will be hosting its Spring Open House. The main goal of the Open House is to welcome our incoming Freshmen class, the Class of 2013, to the Tech.

- Open House will take place from 11:00a.m. through 2:00p.m. on our campus grounds.

- We will have our Technology Information Sessions for students beginning at 9:00a.m. run by Mr. Scodellaro.

- Math Counts will take place for students throughout the San Gabriel Valley area from 8:00a.m.-11:00 a.m. This is a "Math

Olympics" event. Please contact Mr. DeSousa at 626-940-2123 for more information.

- All students will be required to attend Open House on Saturday and will be compensated with a day off from school on Monday, April 27.



**Don Bosco Tech:
An elite "Band of
Brothers" for life.**

" The Don Bosco Academy is ready to go and will provide students with Tech based academic skills for college and beyond...The Tradition Continues"



"Techman look after each other during their four years on campus and throughout their lives"

Don Bosco Academy: 2009

Bosco Tech is preparing for a change in its history. Change is inevitable and may be difficult, but we must change and adapt to meet the ever changing needs of our global economy and expanding technology.

Our Faculty & Staff have been working tirelessly on the Academy Model format and are very excited about the new potentials in the cross curricular educational package that we are about to provide.

This was not an easy undertaking, however the benefits for our students and the Don

Bosco community will be immense. Here is a quick snapshot as to what you will see in the Fall of 2009:

Beginning with the class of 2013, all students will undertake a rigorous college prep based academic program including options for honors courses & the strengthening of academic concepts by incorporating how the various academic disciplines are applied through technology.

Students will rotate through 4 of the 5 technology programs choosing from: Computers & Electronics, Media & Digital Communications, Materials

Science, Engineering & Technology, Architecture & Construction, and Design. These rotations will last for 9 weeks and alternate with four "soft skills components to include:

Student Success, Computer Applications, Colleges & Careers and Fundamentals of Visual Communications. During this time, students will be able to sample each technology which will enable them to choose their academy during their sophomore year. We will continue providing the academic rigors we always have and welcome this change for the future.

Important Dates/School Closings

Here are some important dates for your information:

-April 10-April 19, Easter Break, Easter Mass, DBTI Chapel on Easter Sunday.
School Offices Closed.

April -21-24, Kairos Retreat.

-April 25, Open House, Saturday, 11:00a.m.-2:00a.m.

-April 27, Monday, No School for students. **School Offices Closed**

-May 8, Prom, Omni Hotel,

Downtown LA, 7-11p.m. formal Dress required.

-May 19, mandatory meeting for Senior Grad Night after school. Time and place TBA.

-May 21-22, Senior Grad Night at Disneyland, Bus departs from Don Bosco at 9:00p.m. Tickets go on sale on May 11.

-May 22, Underclassmen Awards Ceremony, DBTI Gym.

-May 25, Memorial Day,
School Offices Closed..

-May 26-28, (Tue-Thu) Senior Exams, Special Schedule.

-May 29, Baccalaureate Mass, 6:00p.m.

-May 30, Graduation, Class of 2009 On the Mall, 9:00 a.m.

-June 3-5 Final exams. Grades 9-11

-June 5, Last Day of School

-June 1, Summer School Registration

-June 22-July 31, 2009 Summer School Session

Youth Ministry: Fr. Jose Lucero (CYM)

Many thanks to the parents for their help in assisting their sons in completing their service hours. Service hours, as you know are important as they allow your sons the opportunity to give back to their communities. As members of the Body of Christ, it is our task to serve those in need, and your sons have done that with your help. For this I am sincerely grateful and thank you all.

Senior Parents: If your son has not attended his Retreat this year through the Kairos Program, he must attend his senior retreat that will take place on Tuesday, May 5, 2009. Be expecting a permission slip to be sent home with him shortly. (Parents can receive service hours if they assist at this Retreat.)

Departure for the May 5 Retreat will be at 7a.m. from the Don Bosco Campus with a projected return time of

4:30p.m. We will depart and return from the South Parking Lot. Please call or e-mail me for any questions or concerns.

Big Brother Program: The Big Brother Program is looking for upperclassmen and parents to help sign up for next year's Freshman Salesian Experience (Freshman Retreat). Please see Fr. Jose for more information and details. His direct line is: 626-940-2088.

Band Notes: Mr. Nunez, Christian Service Awards: Fr. Jose Parents' Association: Jacque Collier

The Don Bosco Tech Concert Band will be featured at a student rally on Wednesday, May 13 at 11:05 a.m. The Band will perform Gershwin's "Rhapsody in Blue", featuring our own calculus professor, Mr. Terrance DeSousa on piano.

The Band will present its Annual Spring Concert on Friday, May 15 at 7:00p.m.

The Jazz Band Ensemble will compete in the "Play Days Jazz Festival" on Saturday afternoon, May 16, at the Barnes Park Amphitheater in Monterey Park. The "Play

Days Festival" operates under the aegis of the City of Monterey Park's "Play Days".

Christian Service Awards

On behalf of the entire Don Bosco community, I would like to congratulate two of our seniors for earning the Los Angeles Archdiocese High School Christian Service Award.

These awards were presented to seniors, Arthur Luna and Horacio Ortiz. Both gentlemen were presented their awards by Bishop Clark at a special liturgy held at the Cathedral of Our Lady of the

Angels in downtown LA. Mr. Luna & Mr. Ortiz were nominated for these awards by Fr. Jose, our CYM, for their numerous service hours & number of opportunities they completed.

Parents' Association: Recently, the Father & Son Breakfast was held at the Tech and attended by over 500 participants. The Parents Association spent numerous hours in planning, hosting and running this very successful event. Their next fundraiser is getting underway via the PA's Candle Sales program.



The "Tech", Home of "The Techmen"

The Tech Gets Greener Spanish Club Travels

Recycling Goes Green

If you ever wondered what happened to all those old cell phones, DVD players, video monitors and computer parts, DBTI has done its part in collecting and recycling these items. On Saturday, March 28, under the guidance of Mr. Scodellaro, he and students from DBTI collected over 8,000 pounds of recyclable E-Waste. This not only helped out our school with our E-Waste, but also

provided us with additional funding for our Tech Departments. Well done to Mr. S and Tech students..

Spanish Club:

The Spanish Club, under the guidance of Mrs. Antonia Elenes, is presently enjoying the European Experience as they travel through Spain, Italy and France.

Leaving on Apr 8, Mrs. Elenes and 14 of her students will be visiting Europe during

Easter Break. They will be accompanied by Mr. Jimenez and Ms. Rayas from DBTI.

In 2010, trips will take place in April and June. The April trip will last 12 days and take students to Spain, Portugal and Morocco. The June trip will last 11 days and taking students to cities in Japan to include: Hiroshima, Tokyo, Nagasaki and Osaka and Kyoto. Contact Mrs. Elenes for more information (626-940-2124).

Commentary:

The Best of Times, The Worst of Times

It is no secret that we are facing some petty tough economic times and that almost every one is affected in some way.

Our seniors have many questions regarding their future and what will happen to them after graduation and how the economy will affect their future.

We see and hear doom and gloom every day as we watch prices rise in the grocery

stores and at the gas pumps. Some people have taken decreases in their salaries, had their working hours reduced or lost their jobs.

No matter who we are, what we do or where we are, we all share the problems that affect us as a whole.

Some experts have indicated that times are bad these days and things can never get better. We have an unpopular war going on, high unem-

ployment, problems in government and rising prices in food and energy.

If I didn't know better, I would think that you were talking about the early '70's when gas prices soared overnight, we were in Viet Nam and we were barely entering into the Watergate Era. Times were tough then also, but we survived. This leads me to continually believe that tough times never last, but tough people always do.

"Outstanding

Service:

Horacio Ortiz and Arthur Luna".

"Parents'

Association

meets the first Tuesday of the month, All are welcome"

Contact

626-940-2000

for more

information.

"The Band Plays On"