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*Bishop
Alemany
High School*

"Jesus Is The Reason For The Season!"

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Alemany Football Sweeps Mission League Championships

December, 2008

The Alemany Football Program finishes the 2008 Mission League Regular Season with a combined record of 9-0. **ALL three levels are Mission League Champions!**

X-Country In CIF Finals!



Charlene Flores qualified for the next round of C.I.F. competition by taking 4th place overall with All Mission League Honors! The Boys Varsity Team also qualified for C.I.F. Prelims on November 15th.: **Amrah Hubbard - Justin Talavera - Christian Estrada - Brian Wisdom - Matt Clutario - Andrew Noyes - and Marcelo Rosales**



Warriors Sign Athletic Scholarships

There was a special presentation on Wednesday, November 18th (at lunch) to acknowledge and congratulate some of our *Spring Sport Athletes*:

- ⇒ **Erin Manke** - Girls' Water Polo - LMU
- ⇒ **Tony Cox** - Swimming - Auburn
- ⇒ **Adrianna Sanchez** - Softball - Northern Illinois
- ⇒ **Stephanie Cuevas** - Softball - Illinois



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Legal Warriors Rock...Again!



Congratulations to Alemany's **Mock Trial** team on their victory at the Los Angeles County Mock Trial competition held at the Superior Courthouse in Los Angeles on November 13th. The prosecution team was off to a great start when **Daniel Patterson** won the pretrial motion. They continued their winning streak when attorneys **Chris Barlog, James Roberts, and Erica Cruz** together with witnesses **Jesus Garcia, Lissette Lopez, Alina Garza, and Wendy Lozano** secured a guilty verdict against the defendant Leslie Lane on all counts. Courtroom artist **Lissette Lopez**, courtroom journalist **Valerie Orijel**, court clerk **Nick Barrile** and courtroom observer **Tatiana Rivas** were there to record the events. **Frankie Ceglia**, who is also a witness on the prosecution team was not able to attend the competition due to illness, but helped prep the team with his outstanding witness performance at all practices. Alemany's defense team consisting of pretrial attorney **Chris Barlog**, attorneys **Daniel Patterson, Matt Riek, and Nicole Montes** and witnesses consisting of **Michelle Vidal, Zaira Pasco, Nancy Juarez, and Madeleine Misquez**, along with bailiff **Pascal Varni**, were highly praised for their performance at the November 3rd competition by the presiding judge and scoring attorneys. **Great job Legal Warriors! You did a outstanding job representing Alemany!**

Alemany Marching Band Wins Competition!!

Alemany Marching Band won 1st Place and the Drum Line Percussionists placed 3rd at the November 8, 2008 - Granada Hills 26th Annual Field Competition.
Musicians, way to ROCK!

2008-2009 Annual Appeals Campaign

Parent Volunteers: Mark your calendars now for the 2008-2009 Annual Appeals Campaign! This year we kick off on Thursday, February 26th with dinner in the Alumni Hall!

The Annual Appeals Campaign is our annual fundraising campaign committed to supporting the mission of the school. Why do we need your help? The Annual Campaign strives to provide funding for many significant projects that would not be affordable through tuition alone. We also work hard to offer financial assistance to those families that could not afford to pay the full tuition fees. What does it mean to volunteer? We meet four weeks in a row to have dinner and celebrate as we spread awareness and raise money. New to fundraising? Perfect! We would love the opportunity to get to know you as we train so please do not hesitate to join us in this school-wide effort!



Please contact Katye Castan in the Fundraising Office with any questions or concerns: (818)365-3925 ext. 5375 or at kcastan@alemany.org

2009 Bishop Alemany High School Annual Golf Tournament



The 2009 B.A.H.S Golf Tournament Needs Donations and Volunteers: We are looking for volunteers to assist with the 2009 Golf Tournament (2009 Golf Tournament on Tuesday, April 21, 2009 at Robinson Ranch Golf Course in Canyon Country (SCV)). Do you have experience in graphics, printing, accounting, marketing or computers? If so we need you! Or would you just like to be a part of a great event? This is it! And it's a great way to earn your service hours.

This event needs product and service donations for our silent auction and raffles. You can purchase a tee and/or hole sign or buy an ad in our program. If you own a business, perform a service or have a friend or family member who might like to help please let us know. There are so many ways you can help. Please contact us by sending an e-mail to golf@alemany.org

THE GREAT WINE EVENT!

Alemany Alumni Association

On Saturday night, December 13th, the Alemany Alumni Association welcomes Alemany Alumnae and Teacher, Ms. Bonnie Segraves, who will share tons of information about the world of wine and wine tasting in a casual, non-intimidating atmosphere. She will explain the terminology used with wine, where wine comes from, how to taste it, different wine styles, and other characteristics that you might like to learn. Bring your friends (adults only please) and form a new fun hobby. With a little extra knowledge, anyone can become a true "wine aficionado".



Time: 5-7PM (Christmas Play 7:30pm) Where: Alemany Alumni Hall

Price Includes: The "flights" include 6 pairings of wine and a matching food item, Yummy Hors d'oeuvres – [Bourbon Street Catering](#), a Silent Auction with goods and services from the Alemany Community, Raffle for a Cruise Vacation, Wine Taste Test Contest, and Tickets to the Alemany Players presentation of the Christmas Play (optional)

Single Flight-\$50

Couple Flight-\$85 (\$15 discount)

Table of 6 Flights-\$275 (\$25 discount)

For more information, check out our website at www.alemany.org or email the Alumni Director, CJ Kruska, at cjkruska@alemany.org

Alemany Players' News Flash



Thanks to all those who were able to see our Fall Production Steel Magnolias. Now mark your calendars for the upcoming Christmas Production – The Man Who Came To Dinner! Opening night is Friday 12/5. Show times are Dec. 5, 6, 7, 11, 12, & 14th. Sunday Matinees at 2:00 & all other performances at 7:30. Bring the entire family. Check out our Theatre Web page for more information found under Activities Link. See our fabulous fundraisers below.

- ⇒ Alemany Players Presents a Mystery Dinner Theatre – Mark your calendars for Saturday evening, January 31st. We are still in the planning stages, but Alumni Hall has been reserved and we hope that all students, families, friends, and Alumni will come to see some of their favorite teachers perform and enjoy a nice dinner. Who will be the victim, the suspect? What will be the motive? Watch for information on the web site. Reservations are required.
- ⇒ Alemany Players want to help you "go green" - so for the very first time we will be offering for an Alemany Shopping Bag - \$5. Students can come to E3 with exact change or check to Bishop Alemany High School.

Thanks, Ms. Madeleine Espinosa – Drama Booster Club Vice President.

College Financial Aid Night

The College Financial Aid information meeting will take place on Tuesday, December 9th at 7:00 p.m. in Alumni Hall at Bishop Alemany High School. All parents are invited, but parents of seniors, in particular, are encouraged to attend and learn about financing your student in college.

Fr. Norn's Nook



Dear family and friends of Bp. Alemany:

We come to the Christmas season with a lot of financial problems. I think that we can make this difficult time an opportunity to try to catch the true meaning of Christmas. The true meaning comes from the tremendous love of God who sends his only Son to live with us as his gift of love. We are called to give gifts of love to one another. Too often we measure the love by the cost of the gift. God's gift did not cost money, but is a gift beyond measure in value. Perhaps we can look at this opportunity to give gifts that are a sign of our love instead of costly gifts which are easy to give but use little of our imagination.

Your Chaplain—
Fr. Norman Supancheck

Casino Night

Save the date for Casino Night: **Saturday, February 21, 2009.** More information to follow-Any question please contact Angela Vitalis at 818-618-

Ms. Wagner Earns Honors

Ms. Wagner's video production class at her former school (Daniel Murphy HS) won first place in its category at the 2008 Oxnard Youth Digital Film Festival.

Catholic Education Foundation (CEF) Tuition Awards Program

The CEF Tuition Awards Program gives \$2,000 per year to students with financial needs. The application process begins now and goes through January 21st 2009. The family must meet strict income criteria.

Catholic Education Foundation Tuition Award Description: This is a direct grant of \$2,000 from the Tuition Awards program of the Los Angeles Archdiocese Education Foundation. It is awarded based solely on a committee's evaluation of family need. The information and application forms are available now through January 21st 2009 and must include a verification of income from your 2007 1040 tax form. The award may be combined with other assistance from the school to a maximum of 50% of tuition, but not with awards from any other CEF program, such as the Children's Scholarship Fund or SOS Program.

Criteria:

- Application to CEF, obtained from the website or the Tuition Office and returned there with the 2007 tax form or other verification of income no later than January 21st 2009
- Income must be at or below prescribed limits following the Income Guidelines;
- The Principal completes a recommendation form that accompanies the application.

RoboWarriors win \$6000 Grant



Alemany's Bishop Alemany Robotics team has been awarded a six thousand dollar grant from NASA to compete in the 2009 FIRST Robotics Competition. The funds cover the entry costs, shipping of the robot, and kit of parts...

ExxonMobil donates \$500 grant

Thanks to the efforts of *Gus Chahayed* of **Gus' Auto Service Center** (at 16958 Nordhoff Street), Bishop Alemany High school has been awarded a \$500 ExxonMobil Educational Alliance grant to support the school's programs.



Attendance/ Leave before School Dismissal Procedures

- **Parent must notify the Attendance Office if student will be absent @ (818) 837-5202.
- **When a student returns from an absence they need to bring a note signed by the parent/ guardian explaining the reason to the Attendance Office.
- **Permission to leave school before the time of dismissal requires a written request from parent or guardian which is presented to Attendance Office before first period of the day.
- **The student will be released only after the written request is authorized.
- **Parent/guardians or authorized persons who come to pick up student must produce proper picture identification.
- **Upon students return they must come to the Attendance office to be readmitted.
- **For Attendance Policies in detail please reference your Parent-Student Handbook Section V Attendance Policies pages 34-35 or www.Alemany.org

ALL ALEMANY FAMILIES—COME JOIN US!!!

On Sunday January 25th, 2009 for Alemany's 10th Communion Breakfast. Your Parent Association will sponsor this event. Mass will start at 9:30 in the Chapel followed by breakfast in the Alumni Hall. The cost is \$5.00 per person and all are welcome. Donations of food are appreciated. Plan on being here. We look forward to seeing you. this will be the kick off for Catholic Schools week For Questions, call 818-365-3925 and ask for Judith Hicks.

Attention Senior Families: A Note From Your Yearbook Staff

This 2008-2009 year has been moving along fairly quickly. With so many things occupying our attention, it can be easy to forget to reserve a page for your child's Senior Tribute page in the yearbook. Fortunately, space remains available, but they are going quickly. Ensure your page today! With our deadlines approaching we will need 50% of the payment along with the photos, your written message and any special instructions. This way our staff can begin crafting your Senior's special page and be able to invite you to spend some time with us in adding the final touches before we go to print. For further information on sizes, designs and number of permitted photos, please visit the Yearbook Senior Salutations page at www.alemany.org If you have questions or special requests, e-mail your information to Katie Barlog, BAHS Yearbook Business Manager or Mr. Apolinario, BAHS Yearbook Director at yearbook@alemany.org

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"THE GREAT WINE EVENT"
DEC 13th

Mark Your Calendars With These Important Dates

December

- 1st— Adopt a Family (through 12/10)
- 2nd— Kairos Senior Retreat (through 12/5)
- 3rd— Schola Christmas Tour
- 4th— Parent Association Meeting (7pm)
- Winter Sports Rally
- 5th— Christmas Play Opens (through 12/14)
- 6th— SAT Test Date
- 7th— Band in Granada Hills Christmas Parade
- 8th— School Mass—Immaculate Conception
- Financial Aid Workshop (7pm)
- 10th— Advent Reconciliation Services (through 12/11)
- 13th— THE GREAT WINE EVENT (5-7pm)
- ACT Test Date
- 16th— Semester Exams (periods 6 & 5)
- Semester Exams (periods 4 & 3)
- 18th— Semester Exams (periods 2 & 1)
- FIRST SEMESTER ENDS
- Faculty/Staff Christmas Luncheon
- 22nd— Christmas Break (thorough 1/9/09)
- 25th— Merry Christmas!
- (All Offices Closed through 12/28)

January

- 1st— Happy New Year (All Office Closed until 1/4)
- 6th— ACT Test Registration Deadline
- 7th— Final Exam Make-up Dates (periods 1, 2, & 3)
- 8th— Final Exam Make-up Dates (periods 4, 5, & 6)
- 12th— School Resumes
- 14th— Special Schedule (IOWA Testing though 1/15)
- Parent Association Meeting (7pm)
- 17th— "Close-up" Trip to Washington, DC (through 1/23)
- Alemany Amigos (9-1:30pm)
- 19th— NO SCHOOL—Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Day
- 20th— Kairos Senior Retreat (through 1/23)
- 24th— Placement Exam Workshop (9-Noon)
- SAT Test Date
- 17th— 25th— Catholic Schools Week (through 1/30)
- Parent Association Communion Breakfast/Mass (9:30A)
- 31st— High School Placement Exam
- Mystery Dinner Theatre (Drama Club)
- 19th—
- ***Advent Service at the San Fernando Mission on December 4 from 9:00 AM to 1:30 PM.
- The cost is \$5 and includes lunch. RSVP (818) 365-5123