

THE ALEMANYAN

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**Bishop
Alemany
High School**

Warrior Football Honors

"For I was hungry, and you gave me food..."

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2007 ALL CIF - Southern Section

First Team: Brooks Porter (12) - Kyle Strazzeri (12) - Leandro Quesada (12)

Second Team: Jon Mesa (12)

2007 ALL-Mission League

Co-MVP --> Brooks Porter (12)

1st Team Offense

Receiver: Leandro Quesada (12) & Chris Gant (11)
Kicker: Kyle Strazzeri (12)

2nd Team Offense

O-Line: Ian Abot (11)
Running Back: Malcolm Marable (10)

1st Team Defense

Defensive Back: Jon Mesa (12)

2nd Team Defense

D-Line: KC Obi (11)
Linebacker: Jeremiah Shea (12)
Defensive Back: Nick Cook (11) & David Metcalf (11)

Honorable Mention:

Mike Millard (12) & Antonio Brea (10)

As part of the Bishop Alemany students' celebration of Catholic School Week theme, **"Catholic Schools Light the Way,"** the junior Social Justice classes will be providing and serving a lunch and a dinner for the residents of the **Sylmar Emergency Family Shelter**. Indeed, Alemany Warriors light the way to Christ most effectively when we carry out our school mission of service to others.

As a follow-up to this project, during the Season of Lent, Service Coordinator **Bob Warren**, and teachers **Don Levan Shannon Little** and **Sr. Sara** are organizing students to prepare and serve a meal at the homeless shelter on a weekly basis.

The Gift of Fun-Alemany Amigos

On Saturday, January 19, 45 Alemany students with support from Parent Association Volunteers, hosted 73 young people from **Guardian Angel** and **Casa Esperanza** in the day of play (soccer, kickball, jump-rope) , crafts, (including making necklaces to wear and to eat!) food, contests and--best--prizes for everyone. This bi-monthly event has become a much anticipated event for young people who delight in the magnificent Alemany campus and, more, in the attention and care shown by the Alemany students. Alemany Service Director **Bob Warren** coordinates this event.

February 2008

Special points of interest:

- ALL CIF Honors
- C.E.F. Tuition Awards
- Alemany Amigos Program is FUN!
- Lenten Projects

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JV G-Basketball Wins Tourney

Catholic Education Foundation

Alemany's Girls JV Basketball team came in First place at the Reseda Shootout Tournament on 12/19/07. Tournament MVP was **Jackie Cortez**.

Application forms for the Catholic Education Foundation Tuition Awards Program are available in the Tuition Office. This program is worth \$2,000 to each awardee. Applicants must meet financial criteria and provide proof of income for 2007. Completed applications are due no later than February 29th, 2008.

Attention: Seniors

Attention: Juniors

Now is the time to fill out all necessary financial aid forms for college! The due date for the 2008-2009 Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) and the Cal Grant G.P.A. Verification Form is **March 2nd**.

Cal Grant GPA Verification: Seniors can find Cal Grant GPA Verification release forms in the counseling office. Parents and students must sign the form giving Bishop Alemany High School permission to release GPA for verification to the California Commission.

FAFSA: The FAFSA can be filled out online at www.fafsa.ed.gov and worksheets are available in the counseling office. Paper applications can be requested from the website. Since most people are using estimated tax information, people are encouraged to fill out the FAFSA online where changes are easier and faster to make.

CSS Profile: Some private schools (i.e. Loyola Marymount University and USC) ask for the CSS profile as part of the financial aid application process. Students should check to see if this deadline is earlier than March 2nd. The CSS profile can be filled out online at www.collegeboard.com



Come have your morning coffee with us! Parents of juniors are invited to a college coffee hour. Meet with counselors over coffee and bagels to ask questions and learn a little more about the college search and application process.

The coffee hour begins at 7:30 a.m. Please make sure to RSVP to reserve a space for one of the following dates.

- Friday, February 22nd
- Friday, April 18th
- Friday, March 14th
- Friday, May 16th

To reserve your space, please contact

Ms. Garcia Word

(818) 365-3925 ext. 5285 or pgarcia@alemany.org



“ N E W ” EXPECTED SCHOOL WIDE LEARNING RESULTS (ESLRs)

THE GRADUATE OF BISHOP ALEMANY HIGH SCHOOL WILL BE:

I. ENRICHED BY FAITH, THROUGH

A. Instruction in Catholic Doctrine and Practice

1. Each student will take a Religion course each semester and pass it with a grade of D or higher, demonstrating a basic knowledge of Catholic Doctrine and Religious practice.
2. The student will know the parts of the Mass and the proper responses from ASB and individual Religion class masses.

B. Experiences of Worship

1. The student will attend all ASB and class liturgies and participate by saying the responses and joining in the singing of praise.
2. The student will attend and participate in Advent and Lenten reconciliation services
3. The Students respectfully participate in daily prayers.

C. Participation in a Faith Community based on Gospel Values

1. Students will practice the Golden Rule and demonstrate love and support for one another.
2. The student will show proper respect for adults on campus.
3. Each student will make good ethical and moral decisions based on Christian values.

II. PREPARED INTELLECTUALLY, FOLLOWING A PROGRAM OF STUDIES THAT PROMOTES:

A. Critical Thinking Skills

1. The student will employ a thought process system that includes identifying, analyzing and synthesizing once essential information has been acquired.
2. The student will be aware of current events, will analyze various viewpoints and establish a position on the issues
3. The student will participate in classroom discussions.

B. Problem Solving Skills

1. The student will apply deductive and inductive reasoning processes to evaluating academic and life challenges and developing potential solutions.
2. The student will transfer skills learned in one discipline to finding solutions in other disciplines.

C. Written, Verbal and Non-Verbal Communication

1. The student will employ correct written expression and usage.
2. The student will be able to express thoughts and feelings clearly in written and oral form.
3. The student will express ideas, thoughts and feelings in an artistic form, through art, music, dance or theatre.
4. The students will speak persuasively before an audience, articulating research, evidence and conclusions.

D. Core Academic Knowledge

1. Students will pass required and elective courses necessary for graduation.
2. The student will acquire study skills that will apply to academic, co-curricular and real world situations.
3. Each student will have essential knowledge of Catholic religion, English, a foreign language, mathematics, science, social studies, visual and performing arts and physical education.
4. Each student will know the merits of leading a healthy and financially sound lifestyle.
5. The student will acquire a knowledge of how Federal, State and local governments function.

E. The Functional Use of Technology

1. The student will have hands-on experience with technology in projects across the curriculum.
2. The student will be able to use computer hardware and software to assist in research and in completing curricular projects.

III. COMMITTED TO PROMOTING JUSTICE AND PEACE BY ADVOCATING:

A. Key Principles of Human Dignity

1. The student will know the key principles of Catholic social teaching.

B. Social Justice Grounded in Teaching of the Catholic Church

1. The student will practice Catholic Christian values in daily life.
2. The student will pass the required Religion course in Social Justice and develop a foundation on which to analyze any problem regarding living in society and form a reasoned judgment.

C. Respect for Diversity

1. The student will exhibit justice, charity and kindness in daily interactions with each person.
2. The student will participate in school activities that recognize the contribution of various cultures and ethnicities.

IV. CHARACTERIZED BY MORAL COURAGE AND CONSCIENTIOUS LEADERSHIP BY MANIFESTING:

A. Respect for Self and Others

1. The student will follow the school norms of modesty and cleanliness.
2. The students will respect the personal rights of other students and adults.
3. The student will respect the rights of others to hold different opinions or points of view.

B. Responsible Citizenship

1. The student will make positive ethical choices that benefit themselves and the community.
2. The student will set goals for the year and a plan to achieve them
3. The student will conduct themselves with dignity and courtesy in a variety of social and academic settings.
4. The student will follow the Alemany Honor Code and Academic Integrity Policy.

C. Personal and Civic Integrity

1. The student will strive to be a person of integrity and honesty.
2. The student will observe and cooperate with school and community rules.
3. The student will participate in character building activities, such as 'Character Counts!' and 'Victory with Honor'.
4. Having reached the legal age, the student will exercise the right to vote and be an active member of their community.

V. DISTINGUISHED BY CONCERN FOR OTHERS AS DEMONSTRATED BY

A. Giving Christian Service

1. The student will participate in service projects of school and class.
2. The student will engage in other acts of service to the school community through school agencies
3. The student will give volunteer service time to one or more charitable agencies each year.

B. Preferential Options for the Poor

1. The student will share resources with the poor by participating in school and class collections.

12-05-07

Fr. Norm's Nook



Dear Alemany family: I pray that 2008 has begun well for you and that this will be a wonderful year. We start our Lent early this year in February. When we started our new year in January, perhaps we made some resolutions that will help us to become a better person. Now, with Lent here we can put some of those resolutions in practice or renew them. The most important resolutions often are ones that deal with relationships, especially family. Lent is a great time to examine our relationships and work to make them better, stronger. For me, I have found that making one-on-one time with each member of the family builds a stronger bond between us. Too often our home becomes like ships passing each other in the night. We acknowledge each other, but miss out the important bonding we need.

— **Fr. Norm Supancheck, Chaplain**

The Annual Alemany Golf Tournament

On **Monday April 14th, 2008** Bishop Alemany will host its annual Golf Tournament. The event will be held at Braemar Country Club in Tarzana, CA. Proceeds from the tournament will be donated to the school scholarship fund.



Once again the day will be filled with great activities including golf, refreshments, snacks, raffles and a silent/live auction. The evening will include a no-host bar and delectable dinner. Registration forms will be available in January.



Century West BMW who was last year's Hole-In-One sponsor has returned to sponsor the entire tournament this year. We can't thank Milo Rosas enough. He is a true Alemany supporter.

If golf is not your thing, please join us for the raffles, auctions and dinner.

We are still in need of volunteers to assist in numerous ways both on the day of the tournament and before. For more information please contact us at golf@alemany.org or call Debbie at 661-297-4307.

Placement Tests for 2008-2009

The Community Outreach Office extends a warm invitation to all incoming 9th and 10th grade students to register for our Placement Test on February 9, 2008. The Placement Test will be held from 8:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. The Campus will be open at 8:00 a.m. Seating begins at 8:15 a.m. Testing fee is \$70.00 on testing day. If you need further information please call (818) 837-5222 or 837-5224.

Respect for Life

Freshman parent, Patti Flores invites the Alemany community to participate in the national 40 Days for Life effort during this Lenten Season (Feb. 6 through Mar. 16). In addition to the 40 days of prayer and fasting for an end to abortion in America, all are invited to consider volunteer to pray and witness outside a local Planned Parenthood facility. For more information, contact Patti Flores, 818-349-3147 or PFlores4Life@aol.com

Lenten Projects

Alemany students will be asked to participate in the almsgiving aspect of Lent in two specific ways. Through religion classes, students will be asked to donate to the Catholic Relief Services sponsored project: Rice Bowl. The goal is for students to give up something (e.g. a movie) and use the money they would otherwise spend as a gift to our brothers and sisters in need. 75% of the funds donated go to the CRS organization; 25% are used to meet the needs of our local community. Also during Lent, Alemany will have a Jacket, Coat, and Blanket Drive. Students will be asked to donate gently-used or new items. For more information on these Lenten projects, contact Mr. Bob Warren.

Alemany's Casino Night/Silent Auction

It is scheduled for **Saturday, February 9, 2008** from 6:30 to 11:30 p.m. Tickets are \$25 and \$35. Mark your calendar and look for upcoming information on the website, on campus and by mail. Proceeds from the event fund the Post Prom Party providing a safe, fun and alcohol/drug free environment for our children and only possible with the support of the funds raised by Casino Night and Silent Auction.

We are in need of donations for the Silent Auction.



If you have any items you would like to donate, a business or service that could help, fillers, stuffers, ribbons and/or baskets to help build the baskets, please contact casino@alemany.org or parents@alemany.org or 365-3925, ext 5237. Donations can be dropped off at the Main Office clearly marked with your name and "Casino Night."

Parent Association Update

- Parents, please return the Enrollment Agreement to the Front Office. It was sent home with the Parent-Student Handbook at the beginning of the school year.
- Post Prom Committee is looking for Enthusiastic Parents to be part of creating a drug and alcohol free alternative evening after Prom. We need new parents in all grades to keep the tradition going, this will be our 13th year, keeping our students safe. Do you like to be creative while meeting other parents and doing something for our student? We can use you as part of our committee, and mentor you for future Post Proms. Please contact Lori Brown at 837-5237 or lbrown@alemany.org for more information.

Drama Club Movie Night!



On **Saturday, January 19th**, the **Drama Club** will be hosting a fundraiser. Saturday evening the theatre will be turned into a movie theatre. Bring your Alemany ID and \$5 which will buy you candy or popcorn and a drink. More info—Activities—Drama Club's web site.

eScrip Information

SIGN UP YOUR VONS AND RALPHS MARKET CARDS TO contribute a percentage of your purchases to Alemany. No extra cost to you. For VONS go to www.escrip.com and register Alemany with your card, or if you don't have your number call 818-877-SAFEWAY to get your number.

For RALPHS, go to their site RALPHS.com and click on community contributions. If you don't know your number call 800-660-9003 for your number.

You can also contact Lori Brown at 818-837-2537 or Lbrown@alemany.org for help. Check the website for more information and other merchants available. Go to Alemany.org under Parents, click *Parent Association*.

Alemany Students and Galpin Ford Help Local Community

Nicolette Barajas and **Stephen Quijada** helped Galpin Ford handout toys, food and clothing at the Fred Jordan Mission in Downtown Los Angeles.

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Mark Your Calendars With These Important Dates

February

1st— **Minimum Day Schedule** — Teacher/Staff Luncheon
2nd— Academic Decathlon Wr. League Finals @ Crespi
4th— Sophomore Retreat
6th— **ASH WEDNESDAY MASS**
8th— *Snowfest '08* sponsored by ASB
9th— Placement Test (#2) for Incoming Freshmen
Casino Night
ACT Test
10th— CLOSE-UP Trip to Washington, D.C. (through 2/16)
Academic Decathlon Competition
13th— Valyermo Retreat (through 2/15)
Parent Board Meeting w/ Speaker
18th— **NO SCHOOL**—President's Day
19th— ASVAB Registration Opens for Juniors
20th— Parent Volunteer Recognition Breakfast
School Council Meeting
21st— 3.0/Perfect Attendance Assembly (during school hours)
22nd— One Act Plays (through 3/1)
23rd— Hall Of Honor Ceremony and Dinner

25th— Sophomore Retreat
27th— Emergency Preparedness Drill
28th— Youth Day
Alemany Fund Campaign Dinner

March

3rd— **NO SCHOOL**—Faculty In-service
FAFSA/GPA Verification Deadline
5th— Parent Association Meeting
7th— ASVAB Test for Juniors
"Night Of Entertainment"
10th— Sophomore Retreat
Kairos Retreat (through 3/14)
13th— Alemany Fund Campaign *Victory Dinner*
15th— Band Spaghetti Dinner
Incoming Freshmen Registration
17th— **SPECIAL SCHEDULE** (through 3/19)
IOWA Testing (through 3/18)
20th— **HOLY THURSDAY—NO SCHOOL** (through 4/1)
21st— **GOOD FRIDAY**—ALL OFFICES CLOSED
28th— Spring Band Tour