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High School**

HAPPY NEW YEAR!!

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Boys Basketball Wins Tourney And Sets A New School Record

January 2008



Alemany Warriors B-Basketball won the AV Christian Tournament. **Jordan Qualls(12)** led the way with 19 pts. **Matt Hernandez(12)** and **Nick Ariagada(12)** had 17pts each in the Championship game and were both named to the all-tournament team. **Chris Gant(11)** was named tournament MVP. They remain *undefeated!*



New School Record—Alemany Warriors Varsity Basketball team also set a new school record for the highest point total in school history and 8th highest all time in the state of California with 146 points in their first win of the Antelope Valley Christian Tournament.

Special points of interest:

- Thanksgiving Food Drive
- Alemany's Equestrian Team Competes
- 2007 Open House is a Huge Success!

2007 Thanksgiving Food Drive

A big thank you to parents, students, faculty, staff and the **Parent Association**... for your generous support of our Thanksgiving Food Drive. We were able to deliver food for Thanksgiving dinner and also provide one week's provision of food for 61 needy families in the San Fernando Valley. The families were most grateful for our kindness. 354 students from **Haddon Elementary School** in Pacoima received special Christmas gifts from generous Alemany Students. The gifts were delivered by 22 Alemany student "elves." For many of the Haddon children this was the only Christmas gift they received. Nine families were adopted this Christmas. These needy families from the San Fernando Valley received food, clothing, blankets and gifts for their children. Students provided soldiers with holiday gifts through **Operation Gratitude**. Last, but not least, 255 boys at the **Sylmar Juvenile Detention Center** each received the book "Chicken Soup for the Teenage Soul" along with toiletries and greeting cards in gift bags.



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Alemany Student Earns Airplay on Local Radio Station



Devon Steelman (12) Devon and his band perform on radio station **KPFK 90.7 FM** (Los Angeles) and 98.7 (Santa Barbara) We were able to listen live online on November 30 from 4-5pm. Devon has played at the Roxy Hollywood, the Whisky a Go Go Hollywood, The Gibson Center in Beverly Hills, most recently at the Crash Mansion LA. This past summer he traveled to Portland, Oregon to play the drums in the Portland Festival and also played at the Hawthorne Theater in Portland. He has made some charitable contributions such as performing for the Aids Crisis Center For Children in Pasadena. Devon will be touring this

coming summer to play in Ashbury Park Theater in June, and traveling to Germany from there to play in the Zappa Concert Festival. He was asked to Audition for a lead part for a major motion picture for his drumming skills on 11/28/07. Devon will also be at The Musicians Institute for summer shot this summer and plans to attend MI in the fall. Devon's current musician coaches' are Carl Restivo of Satellite Party for guitar and Jordon Plosky also of Satellite Party for drums, and Carl Restivo for vocals as well. For those that would like to see Devon play in some music videos, you can do that by logging on to youtube.com and typing Devon Steelman into the search box.

Spanish Honor Society Helps Community



The **Spanish Honor Society** on December 1st visited the **West Valley Animal Shelter**. The entire society contributed various items to be donated to the shelter as part of a community outreach project. The **West Valley Animal Shelter** has an adoption program that is very successful. On a daily basis, about 10-20 animals are given new homes. Upon entering the shelter, many murals and professional photographs of the animals can be seen throughout the shelter. The shelter holds different animals, and surprisingly houses chickens, iguanas, and animals other than cats and dogs. The shelter also welcomes any volunteers willing to assist in the caretaking of the animals, including grooming, feeding and playtime.

The *next project* the society will be involved in is the "**Adopt-A-Family Program**". The society is proud to take part in the project, since it is their first time supporting a family in need from the community. The goal is to give the family a blessed and joyful Christmas holiday, through the donation of gifts and household items. These two projects are just one of the many projects that the society will eagerly participate in throughout the year.



Fr. Norm's Nook



Dear Alemany family:

We have celebrated many family events in the last couple of months: Thanksgiving, Christmas and some vacation time. Now it is important to keep up making the family strong. One way is to watch the words we use with family and friends. Fr. Paul always mentions that we never say "Thank you" enough. He also mentions that for some it is difficult to say: "I am sorry, please forgive me." Sometimes we wait for the other person to say it first instead of humbling our self. The third thing we need to say more often is: "I love you." What a wonderful world it would be if we could use words that build up more often. In a study by family counselors families used many more negative sayings than positive sayings in their conversation with each other. Can we change that?

Fr. Norm Supancheck—Chaplain

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 Saturday January 26, 2008 or 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 \$60.00 before January 26th (\$70.00 on testing day and thereafter pending space availability). If you need further information please call (818) 837-5222 or 837-5224.

Alemany's Equestrian Team Competes

Alyssa Grimes (10) participated in the Interscholastic Equestrian Team Horse Show on December 2. This was the first competition for the new Bishop Alemany Equestrian team and Alyssa earned top awards in Equitation Flat, Handy Hunters and Equitation over Fences. The next IEL competition will be held on Saturday, January 12 at Hansen Dam Equestrian Center.

Attention Parents—Your Opinion Is Needed

The Deans Of Discipline are currently reviewing the dress code items for the 2008/2009 school year, specifically the girls' skort. The number of dress code violations resulting from improper wearing of the girls' skort is a major concern for both the administration and the faculty and there is a possibility that we will discontinue the use of the skort as a uniform item in the future.

This is where we need your help. If you are a current parent of a female student at Bishop Alemany High School, we would appreciate your input on this matter. If we were to change our policy regarding the skort, please tell us how it would affect you and your family. Please take a moment to e-mail durbach@alemany.org and give us your input on whether we should keep the skort or remove it for the 2009/2010 school year. Skorts would also be unavailable for purchase for the 2008/2009 school year.

If you would like, you may also drop me a line, leave it in my mailbox in the front office, or mail it to me at:

Dean D. Urbach

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Attention: Dress Code

NOTE: Please leave your name and a phone number to insure accurate representation. Your information is also needed in case we have any questions. We greatly value your input and need it by February 4th, 2008.

Speech and Debate Team Goes To San Diego

The speech and debate team consists of students who enjoy giving speeches and arguing about controversial political topics. Occasionally the team has the opportunity to test its oratorical skills against other schools. On the first weekend of November this year students from all over the country came to La Costa Canyon High School in San Diego for the first big speech tournament of the year. The Bishop Alemany team participated in this tournament and represented our school like the true warriors that we are. The participating members were **Julia Walther, Mike Ferral, Andrew Rivera, Kevin Willis, Matt Javid, Lynda Correa, and Daniel Ramirez**. Andrew gave a riveting speech about saving the environment by eliminating plastic bags. The other members gave impromptu speeches. In the impromptu event students are given a topic for a speech. They then have only 2 minutes to prepare a five minute entertaining speech which they must give right away. Our impromptu speakers are experts at speaking on any topic, at any time, for as long as they want. All of the team members made it to the advanced rounds at the end of the day. In addition to competing, the students got to spend the weekend at the luxurious Marriott Suites and celebrated their success with a team party at the California Pizza Kitchen in Solana Beach. The team looks forward to several more competitions before the state finals in San Francisco in February.

Go Warrior Speech and Debaters !

Save the Date Fore! 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.

Alemany Helps Community



Update: Southern California Wildfires

The past few months have been pretty shaky for California firefighters. When the fires in Santa Clarita happened, Alemany was quick to react and started collecting monetary donations for the victims. We want to thank all our Alemany parents and students who contributed to our Santa Clarita Wildfire Relief Fund. We collected donations in fireman boots at two of our home football games and had a restaurant fundraiser at BJs Restaurant & Brewhouse in Valencia. Thank you to Firehouse 74, BJs Restaurant & Brewhouse in Valencia, and the Alemany community for all your support. We are so proud to know that our Alemany family cares about those in our surrounding communities. — Kristelle Padilla (12)

Alemany's Walk-A-Thon

During the week of January 28-February 1, Alemany will host a Walk-A-Thon at the Fr. Milbauer Stadium. It will be an afternoon of fun for faculty, students and their families. The afternoon will be filled with fun, food, music, games, and of course the walk. All proceeds made at this event will go to a local charity. Please check the Alemany website for updates and information concerning Alemany's 1st Walk-A-Thon. — Kristelle Padilla (12)



Warrior Boys Golf Tryouts



Alemany Boys Golf try-outs will begin on Monday, January 28th and will continue to Thursday, February 7. The schedule is currently under construction and will be posted on the Alemany website after the New Year. Any questions please contact the Athletics Office at 365-3925 x 5254 or Coach Keller at 365-3925 x5371.

Mock Trial News

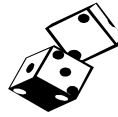
Congratulations to Mock Trial team members **Jenna Jordan ('08)** and **Amanda Chacon ('09)** for their outstanding achievements at the 2007 Los Angeles County Mock Trial competition. Among over 500 students who participate in this competition organized by **Constitutional Rights Foundation**, Jenna and Amanda gave memorable performances that earned them Honorable Mention. *Go Legal Warriors!*



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 details will be posted in January on the Alemany web site under Activities/Drama Club.

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 parentservice@alemany.org or casino@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 participation from all Alemany parents is welcome!*

Important Parent Association Information

Communion Breakfast is Sunday, January 27th, 2008 starting @ 9:30am. We will start with Mass in School Chapel then breakfast to follow in the dining hall. Come spend a Sunday morning with our community of students and families. Proceeds will go towards helping the Costi family of Bishop Alemany.

Catholic School Week is January 28th - Feb 1, 2008. We will be thanking different groups on different days with the Teacher/Staff Appreciation Luncheon on Friday Feb.1st. If you would like to help out please contact any P.A. Board member or the parent service office at school.

Parent Meeting Wednesday, Jan. 16th, 2008 at 7:00 pm in the dining hall. "Town Hall meeting with Frank Ferry". Start the new semester with updates on your school and be ready to ask questions

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. Thank you...

Alemany Students In CSUN Art Show

For the past eleven years the Visual Arts Department has selected their best students artwork for the CSUN High School Art Invitational.

Under the direction of Visual and Performing Arts Department Chairman, **Charlotte Mullich**, this year Advanced Art students entries include "The Purple Man", a color pencil drawing by senior **Adrian Clutario**, "The Bumble Bee" by **Ziggy Catindig**, a portrait by **Irene O'Connell** and a self portrait by junior **Marie Pascual**.

Ceramic teacher **Julie Butkovic** students entries, include ceramic sculpture "Skull with Butterflies" by **Ramona Warren** and Japanese inspired vase "Cherry Blossom" by **Lee Ann Santos**. The Visual Arts Department is proud of each these students for their creativity and success.

The CSUN Gallery is open from December 7, 2007 - January 12, 2008. The Instructional Related Activities Committee, The CSUN Associated Students, the Arts Council, and the CSUN Department of Art fund this exhibit.

2007 Open House is a Huge Success!



November 18th once again provided an opportunity for prospective Bishop Alemany students and their families to visit our beautiful campus. Our students, faculty and staff treated over 500 interested students, plus families and friends, to an incredible presentation. The rallies were well attended and included our Pep Squads, Band, Dance Team and a welcome by our principal, **Frank Ferry**. The Drama Department performed as well as our Schola and classroom teachers

welcomed many visitors with outstanding art, science and classroom displays. The tours concluded in the Dining Hall where parents could meet with coaches, clubs, administrators, and Bishop Alemany parents and get academic and other questions answered.

All in all it was a great day for the Warriors of Bishop Alemany as we put our best foot forward.

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Mark Your Calendars With These Important Dates

January Dates

1st— **Happy New Year!!**
4th— February ACT Deadline
12th— Placement Exam Workshop
14th— **Second Semester Begins**
15th— Kairos Retreat (through 1/18)
16th— Parent Association meeting w/ Speaker
19th— Alemany Amigos
21st— **NO SCHOOL**—Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Day
26th— SAT Test
Placement Test (#1) for Incoming Freshmen
27th— **Catholic Schools Week & Communion Breakfast**
29th— March SAT Registration Deadline

February Dates

1st— Teacher/Staff Appreciation 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
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**