

Winter 2007 WESTCHESTER



A Quarterly Newsletter

Published by the Village of Westchester

From your Village President

Best wishes to everyone!



Village President
Paul Gattuso

I want to take this opportunity to extend my warmest thoughts and best wishes to everyone for a wonderful Holiday Season and a happy, healthy and prosperous New Year!

Congratulations to Megan Novak on receiving the Cook County Sheriff's Youth Medal of Honor. This award is given to Cook County high school students who have volunteered 100 or more hours of service to their community. Megan was honored on November 13th and we are honored to have her in our Village.

The Village of Westchester congratulates

On Saturday, December 2nd, St. Joseph High School Dance Team took first place in the Chicago Bulls Dance and Cheer Classic held at the United Center. In their first competition since the team's creation in 2005, the girls danced in an exciting championship round and became winners of the large varsity Hip Hop division. "It was an amazing experience for our young team," stated Head Coach Sara Easton. "I was so happy to see our girls win the division outright." Assistant coach Stacy Sotiropoulos mentioned that the 22 girls each bring their own particular style and level of experience to competitions. Two members of the team are residents of Westchester: Bianca Howard and Nina Hernandez. Congratulations girls on a job well done!

Westchester has a very big heart...

the following boys on taking first place in the Lisle and Elk Grove Baseball Tourney: Patrick Brown, Justin Chenski, Sam Citro, Sammy Corsino, Nick Genova, Sean Holas, Carl Jackson, Zachary Laszkiewicz, Mike Pagliueo, Kyle Piotrowski, James Sheldon, Jeff Vitek.

We are working very hard on economic development. Hopefully things will keep moving forward as they are now and you will be seeing changes in the near future.

Our new telephone system is up and running. The system is providing easier access to key departments and personnel and we now have voice mail capabilities.

Did you know that Proviso Township provides free rides to senior citizens? A trained staff drives residents who are otherwise unable to get to and from doctors and hospitals. They will take you to the post office, grocery store or to do your banking. For more information, call the Township Office at 708-344-7430 or log on to provisotownship.illinois.gov for a complete list of services.



Thank you, Westchester community!

Thank you to all who contributed to the most successful November 18th Scouting for Food Drive. Boy Scouts from Troop #73 and Cub

Scouts from Pack #73, both chartered by the Westchester Community Church, and Cub Scouts from Pack #172, chartered by Divine Infant Church, collected over 12,500 pounds of food and paper products. Horst Kniesel, food drive coordinator, heard a Scout remark, "Westchester is a generous community." Food will be distributed between the food pantries at the Westchester Village Hall, Grace Lutheran Church, Divine Infant Church and the Westchester Community Church. We are most grateful to the great response from all contributors in Westchester. The Scouts heard many repeated expressions of gratitude such as "God bless you and you and you." One thing I know for sure: Westchester has a very big heart.

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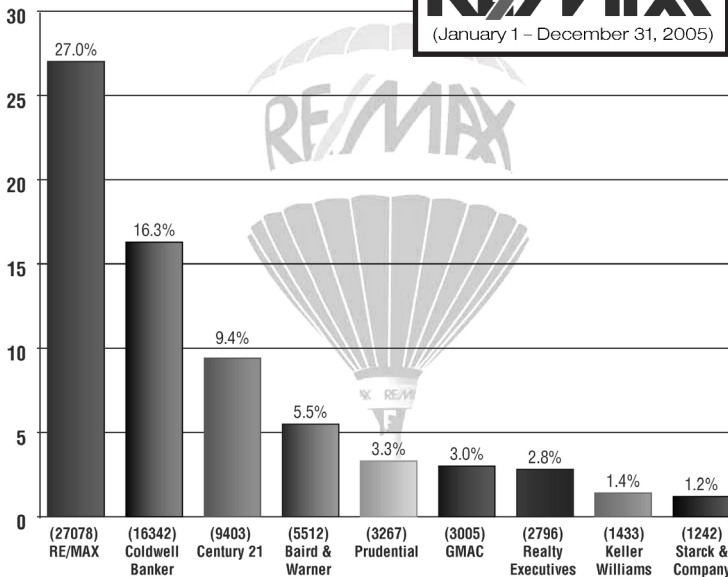


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calendar

JANUARY 2007

TUESDAY, JANUARY 9: Divine Providence History and Science Fairs-McInerney Center, 6:30 pm.

FRIDAY, JANUARY 12: Westchester Community Image Council, Candlelight Bowl Fundraiser; for more info, call Alice at 708-409-0508

SATURDAY, JANUARY 13: St. Joseph High School Entrance Exam, 7:45 am. Call 708-562-4433 if you have any questions or would like to enroll a student.

MONDAY, JANUARY 15: Martin Luther King, Jr. Day observed. Village Hall closed. Regular garbage scheduled.

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 17: Westchester's American Cancer Society Relay for Life kick-off meeting. All interested parties welcome! Paul's Pizza at 7 pm.

SUNDAY, JANUARY 21: "Glaciers and Changing Climate" by Gregory Kientop, Engineering Geologist, at the Prairie House from 2-4 pm.

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 24: Divine Providence Story Time (every fourth Wednesday). All ages welcome. 2500 Mayfair from 2-2:45 pm.

THURSDAY, JANUARY 25: Guild for the Blind's New Visions—intro session to program and workshops—Westchester Library, 10 am

FRIDAY, JANUARY 26: St. Joseph Basketball Hall of Fame Game vs. Marian Catholic at 7:30 pm.

TUESDAY, JANUARY 30: Early Childhood Screening for all preschool aged children, Westchester Primary School. For appointment call 708-450-2700 x649.

FEBRUARY 2007

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 1: 10 Simple Ways to Improve your Heart Health by Dr. Daniel Sullivan, 7 pm, Westchester Public Library.

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 3: Village Hall open for vehicle sticker sales, 9 am until Noon.

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 4: Meet Janis Kearney, author *Conversations: William Jefferson Clinton: from Hope to Harlem*, at the Westchester Library, 2 pm

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 4: Divine Providence Pancake Breakfast, 8 am until 2 pm.

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 5: Westchester Public Schools Kindergarten Registration. See p.13 in this issue.

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 10: Village Hall open for vehicle sticker sales 9 am until Noon.

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 15: Last day to buy vehicle stickers; prices double February 16th.

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 17: Chamber Installation Dinner Dance at The Carlisle; awards ceremony, live music. For reservations, call Kathy Sheldon 630-709-4161

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 18: "In Search of Woolly Mammoths," Jack MacRae, Naturalist with the DuPage Forest Preserve District. At the Prairie House, 2-4 pm.

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TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 20: Early Childhood Screening for all preschool aged children, Westchester Primary School. For appointment call 708-450-2700 x649.

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 28: Divine Providence Story Time. All ages welcome. 2500 Mayfair, 2-2:45 pm.

MARCH 2007

Be sure to check for information on registration deadlines, early voting, and absentee voting for the upcoming election on April 17, 2007.

SUNDAY, MARCH 10: Divine Providence Spring Clothing Resale from 8 am to 3 pm.

SUNDAY, MARCH 11: Meet Jeff Libman, author of *An Immigrant Class: An Oral History from Chicago's Newest Immigrants*, at Westchester Public Library, 2 pm

SUNDAY, MARCH 11: Daylight Saving Time begins. Set your clocks and change your smoke detector batteries.

SATURDAY, MARCH 24: Divine Providence Spring Fling, Dinner Dance & Auction, 6 pm to 11 pm.

SUNDAY, MARCH 25: "Amphibians in Peril" by Bob Lacy and Kevin Zippel of the Chicago Zoological Society and Conservation Breeding Specialist Group. At the Prairie House from 2-4 pm.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 28: Divine Providence Story Time. All ages welcome. 2500 Mayfair Avenue, 2-2:45 pm.

news briefs

MESSAGE FROM THE SUPERINTENDENT

Welcome to the 2006-07 academic year. It is an honor for me to serve the school community as the Superintendent of Proviso Township High Schools. Since my first day on the job, August 23rd, 2006, we have worked diligently to provide successful experiences for our students while exercising responsibility with your financial resources.

Over the past few months, two critical priorities have been identified for this fiscal year. First, District 209 must get its financial house in order. For the past several years we have consistently spent more money than we have taken in. And just like your budget, such practice cannot continue without dire consequences. To that end, the Board of Education passed a balanced budget resolution on October 23, 2006. Through tight internal controls and sound business practices, we will restore the community's trust in our ability to manage the District's resources in a responsible manner.

Second, District 209 must establish a crystal clear focus and purpose, as well as specific objectives to measure our progress. There appears to be little



relationship between the District's goals, plans and programs currently in place. At the November 20, 2006 Board meeting, the results of an Education Quality Audit (EQA) will be presented, along with a strategic planning framework and calendar. For the last two months, we have examined every aspect of the District's plans, programs, policies, and procedures in relation to our stated mission, vision, and objectives—very similar to an annual checkup or physical. And for the next several months, District 209 will clearly identify its mission, vision, and

objectives, along with plans, programs, policies, and procedures to achieve such. It is critically important for all members of the school community to be focused on the same goal and plan to meet or exceed expectations.

If you have any questions or suggestions, or would like to be included in this important planning effort, please contact the District Director of Communications, Angela McDaniel, at amcdaniel@pths209.org or myself at sfields@pths209.org.

Sincerely,
Stanley S. Fields, Ph.D.
Superintendent
Proviso Township
High Schools



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A Heartfelt Thank You!

Our Holiday Food Baskets were overfilled with generous amounts of food due to all who donated. Thank you to Girl Scout Troop #4631, Old Glory Lodge #141, Divine Providence students, Westchester Middle School students, Westchester Boy Scouts and Horst Kneisel, MacNeal students and Mr. Matt Kuhn, Sylvan Learning Center, the Drent family, Shikara and Tia. Also, for the help and support of my husband, Lloyd, my sons, Paul, Parker and Tyler, my family, friends and neighbors (Andrew).

God bless you,
Judy Saraceno-Swenson

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On Saturday, January 20, another year of saving lives will kick off for the Westchester Blood Program. On that day, one of the state's most productive community blood-collection groups will hold its first drive of 2007 in the Mayfair Room of Divine Providence School from 8:15 a.m. to 3 p.m.

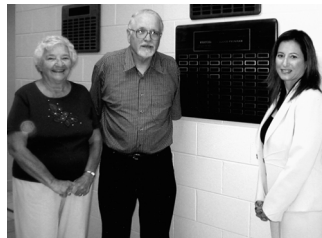
Over the past 12 months, the organization collected 497 units for distribution to dozens of Chicago area hospitals. That is enough donated blood to save up to 1,500 lives. The downside was that 2006 was the first year since its founding in 1974 that the Blood Program failed to collect at least 500 units.

So the Blood Program is issuing a special appeal for healthy adults to consider the importance and benefits of donating a pint of blood. Especially for middle-aged men and post-menopausal women, the risk of cancer or heart attack is lessened by ridding the body of excess iron.

The only "Gift Of Life" requirements are that the donor is at least 17 years old (no age ceiling) and 110 pounds. Except for blood thinners and antibiotics, most medications are not disqualifiers. Also, the entire procedure takes less than 45 minutes.

In its nearly 33 years, the Blood Program has received nearly 21,000 units. In October, it was honored by Life-Source Blood Services as one of its "Top 20" blood groups. It was one of only three Chicago area community-affiliated groups to be cited; the other 17 were industrial or government organizations.

Recently, it unveiled two plaques at the Community Center that salute its many volunteers who have given time and energy since the birth of the group. That includes the far-sighted and selfless men and women who founded the program. And last month, it honored eight more blood donors who reached the five-gallon plateau by adding their names to the Donor Honors Plaques in the lobby of Mid-America Bank: Dawn Belluomini, Robert Brown, Vincent Formanek, Lois Rotunno, Charles Rummel, Michael Scherer, Michael Weber and George Zaroni.



2007 "Gift Of Life" drives:

January 20th, 8:15 a.m. to 3 p.m., Divine Providence School; April 28th, 8:15 a.m. to 3 p.m., Community Center; July 21st, 8:15 a.m. to 3 p.m., Divine Providence School; and October 13th, 8:15 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Community Center.

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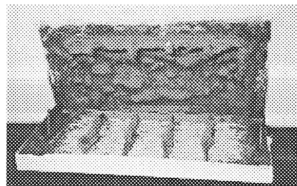
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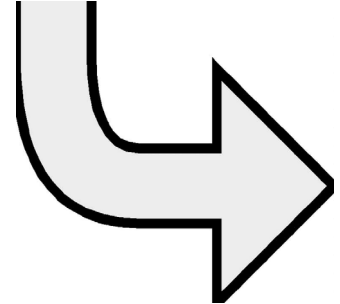
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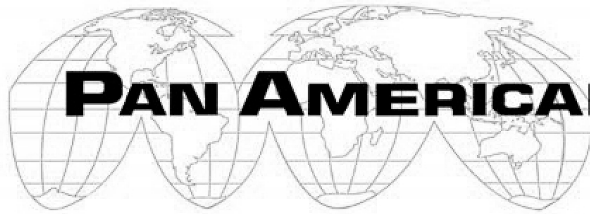
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APRIL

Watch for details and a schedule in the spring issue of the Village newsletter.

Restoration of parkways that have been damaged by Village crews will resume this spring, as weather permits.

Register now for the Village's shared-cost sidewalk program. Send an e-mail to pwrequest@westchester-il.org or call Public Works at 708/345-0041. The Village also offers a shared-cost parkway tree program. Planting will begin in April 2007. If you're interested in a new parkway tree, call Public Works at 708/345-0041 or send an e-mail to pwrequest@westchester-il.org

WATER DEPARTMENT

From John Fecarotta, Superintendent

The cold weather has arrived so please note these winter warnings:

Make sure the outside water spickets are turned off in the basement during the winter months to prevent pipes from freezing or cracking. If you are leaving town for warmer weather, please inform the Water Department so crews can shut off the water at the Buffalo Box while you are away.



Residents, this winter season please adopt a fire hydrant! Help keep the hydrant clear and clean of snow so that snow plow drivers and the Fire Department can easily

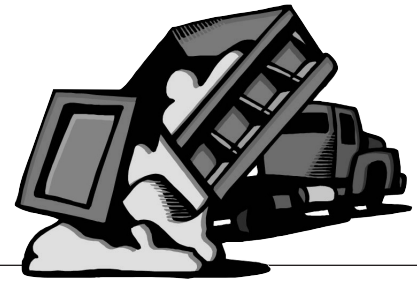
identify and quickly recognize the fire hydrant.

As usual, if residents see an unusual or extreme amount of water in the streets or parkways—a possible main break—please call the water department at 708-345-0041 or 708-345-0060 (after hours police non-emergency number) immediately.

Residents are advised to contact the water department at 708-345-0041 before signing a contract with a plumber to rod the sanitary line. Our department will check to make sure the problem is not in our sanitary lines.

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STREET DEPARTMENT

Dale Bogda, Superintendent

The Street Department Snow Plan is in effect and plows and spreaders are ready to go on a moment's notice. Please assist crews by observing these ordinances:

- Place garbage cans and bins behind the curb line not in the street.
- Observe "NO PARKING" and "SNOW ROUTE" signs.
- Do not throw or blow snow back into the cleared streets.



The following parking restrictions WILL be enforced:

- After a two-inch snowfall and except as otherwise posted, it is unlawful to park any vehicle, or to permit any vehicle to remain parked, between the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m., on odd-numbered sides (south and east sides of streets) on Tuesdays and Thursdays, and on even-numbered sides of the street (north and west sides of streets) on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays. Odd sides of the street are defined as the south side of east and west streets, and the east side of north and south streets. Even sides of the street are defined as the north side of east and west streets and the west side of north and south streets. See page 12 for more from the Police Chief.

The Street Department works long and hard to keep the Village streets clear and safe. We need and appreciate your cooperation. Please drive carefully—and hope for an early spring.

BESAFE fire department news

'Tis the season for celebrations, snowball fights and sitting near a warm cozy fire. All very fun and pleasant images, but the unfortunate truth is that with the cold, comes many hazards. Winter now has a firm hold on the area, furnaces and other heating devices are getting their seasonal workout. When these appliances are used without being properly serviced and cleaned, carbon monoxide can be released. Carbon Monoxide is known as the silent killer; it's an odorless, tasteless, invisible gas that is produced when fossil fuels, such as natural gas, gasoline, wood, coal, propane, oil and methane, are burned incompletely. Heating equipment, such as furnaces and hot water heaters, stoves and fossil-fueled space heaters are among the potential indoor sources of carbon monoxide. In addition, homes with attached garages can allow carbon monoxide into the home when vehicles or generators are left running inside.

Under Illinois' new carbon monoxide detector law, beginning Jan. 1, 2007, all buildings that use fossil fuel and have sleeping rooms or have an attached garage must have an approved, operating carbon monoxide detector installed within 15 feet of any sleeping area. Homes that have all electric appliances and do not have a fireplace or an attached garage will be exempt from the requirements.

According to the National Safety Council, approximately 200-300 people die each year in the U.S. from carbon monoxide poisoning, while thousands more are sickened by the gas. Many victims are overcome in their sleep, unaware of the elevated carbon monoxide levels in their homes. Symptoms of carbon monoxide poisoning vary with the concentration and time of exposure to the dangerous gas. Oftentimes, the poisoning is mistaken for other illnesses, such as influenza, food poisoning or other ailments that share the symptoms of dizziness, nausea, headache, coughing, irregular heartbeat, and pale skin with cherry red lips and ear tips. If for any reason you suspect that your symptoms of an illness are related to carbon monoxide, immediately call 9-1-1 for fire department and ambulance response.

Carbon monoxide detectors are available in most home improvement and general merchandise stores. Prices depend on features, but can range from approximately \$20-50. The detector should be listed by an independent testing laboratory. Remember, carbon monoxide is heavier than air, so locating the detector low on the wall will give a faster response. Some models may be plugged directly into a wall outlet, which is a good height to mount them.

In addition to installing carbon monoxide detectors and testing them monthly, there are several steps to take to prevent carbon monoxide buildup in their homes, including:

- Have your fuel-burning heating equipment (furnaces, fireplaces, water heaters, wood and coal stoves, space or portable heaters and chimneys) inspected by a professional every year before cold weather arrives.
- When using a fireplace, open the flue for adequate ventilation.
- Never use your oven to heat your home.
- Never leave a vehicle running in an attached garage, even if the garage doors are open.
- Never use a barbecue grill indoors.

If you would like further clarification or information on the new Illinois Carbon Monoxide Detector Law, please feel free to contact the Westchester Fire Department, Bureau of Fire Prevention.

Finally, a few words about the use of candles. Over the past few years, candles have become an increasingly popular way to provide a sense of warmth and comfort. Not surprisingly the numbers of home candle fires have tripled over the past ten years.

According to the National Fire Protection Agency, in 2001 the United States experienced nearly 200 deaths, 1,400 injuries and approximately \$265 million dollars in property loss. Extinguish all candles when leaving the room or going to sleep; keep candles away from combustible items, such as paper, wood and plastic; place candles on a sturdy, uncluttered surface; never use a candle when checking a pilot light or fueling equipment as they may ignite the fumes.

Happy New Year!



Under Illinois' new carbon monoxide detector law, beginning January 1, 2007 all buildings that use fossil fuel and have sleeping rooms or have an attached garage must have an approved, operating carbon monoxide detector...

From the Front Office

IMPORTANT INFORMATION!

Vehicle Stickers On Sale

Newly-acquired vehicles must be licensed within thirty (30) days of purchase. If vehicle stickers are not properly displayed by February 15, 2007, the owner is subject to a fine, in addition to fees being doubled.

<u>VEHICLE</u>	<u>FEE (2/15)</u>	<u>FEE (2/16)</u>
Auto	\$35.00	\$70.00
Motorcycle	\$32.00	\$64.00
Truck (B Plate)	\$60.00	\$120.00
Truck (C Plate)	\$70.00	\$140.00
IL Disabled Plate	\$10.00	\$20.00

Seniors: \$20 to residents age 65 by 2/15/07.
One per person.

Dog tags are \$3 until February 28, 2007 and \$4 beginning March 1. Cat tags are \$4. Newly-acquired dogs and cats must be licensed within 30 days after receiving their first rabies vaccine. Rabies certification must be presented upon registration.

The Village Hall will be open for your convenience on Saturdays, February 3 and 10, 9 am to noon. Village Hall office hours are Monday through Friday are 8:30 am to 5 pm.

After-hours Payments.

Use the drop box in the lobby of the Village Hall, located in the main lobby just to the left of the doorway into the Village offices after hours.

Billing and Late Fees.

Water and garbage fees are billed quarterly by section. If you do not receive the bill because of a post office error, you are still subject to late fees.

Bills not paid by 5 pm on the due date will be charged a late fee.



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POLICE DEPARTMENT

From Chief Robert Smith

Snow emergency routes for the Village prohibit parking at any time after accumulation of two or more inches of snow and until said snow has been removed. Snow emergency routes are posted with signage. Owners and operators of vehicles in violation are responsible for towing expenses, and vehicles violating the provisions of this ordinance may be towed from the public streets and property within the Village. In the event of the absence of the Public Works director, the Chief of Police shall have the authority to determine when vehicles and parking constitute an immediate and imminent danger to life and property within the Village and pursuant to law.

Residents should refer to Dale Bogda's column on page 10 of this issue for ordinance requirements for on-street parking after a two-inch snowfall. Determination of odd and even for cul-de-sac parking and other similar circumstances shall be made by reference to house numbers.

BUILDING DEPARTMENT

From Dennis DiPasquale

What's new?

We are no longer just residential. As of October 2006 all commercial construction projects are now handled by the Building Department as well.

The Building Department handles all new construction and remodeling along with a variety of other services including: Home Compliance Checks, Building Permits, Sign Permits, Plan Reviews, Contractor's License and Registration, Zoning Questions, Flood Plain Questions and Code Enforcement.

Planning an addition? Or remodeling?

Winter months are typically slow periods for construction. That makes this the perfect time to submit plans for your upcoming projects. Review time for plans submitted during this period typically are about half compared to plans submitted during prime construction season. So, get those plans turned in, reviewed and obtain your permits in advance and you will be set and ready to start as soon as spring weather arrives.

Selling your home?

If you are considering selling your home, please contact the Building Department to arrange a home inspection. Call at least 48 hours in advance to schedule the inspection.

If any corrections are required, a list of violations will be mailed to you the following business day. Upon correction of any violations, call at least 48 hours in advance to schedule a re-inspection. Once your home is in compliance, a compliance letter will be available to you at the front office of Village Hall after the final water bill has been paid.

Please allow at least two weeks prior to your closing date for this entire process.

THE FUTURE OF WESTCHESTER

Nazareth "A" Honor Roll students

Westchester students on the "A" honor roll at Nazareth Academy for the 1st Quarter:

Tessa Battaglia, Leah Booth, Mark Brozyna, Mary Elizabeth Calabrese, Karen Cynkar, Stephen Falakos, Jessica Grilli, Rachel Grogan, Sara Hawkins, Stefanie Hiebel, Timothy Hopkins, Megan Novak, Amber O'Leary, Roberto Paniagua, Katerina Patselli, Philip Pedota, Daiva Ragas, Brian Sapp, Michael Giannelli, Laura Barnes, Ariel Brenits, Tito Catuncan Jr., Marissa Dellacroce, Holly Eisenhart, Kristen Farmer, Garrett Griffith, Lindsay Noesen, Jean Nicole Quintal, Dominic Rocco, Erin Rossi, Andrea Sforza, Daniel Smith, Margaret Xenakis, Abigail Ernst, Maria Theresa Catuncan, Margaret Daly, Allison Hawkins, Lydia Hosek, Julia Jekli, Ryan Jordan, Jessica Kania, Anna Kristie, Jessica Robbins, Jeffrey Stanislaw, Christopher White, Deanna Williams, Colleen Casey, Erin Goode, Natalie Haraus, Maxwell Houdek, Dawn Mitchell, Joseph Parenti, Michael Saraceno, Danae Scheuing, Stephanie Suchy, Krizia Vance, Matthew Duff III.

Divine Providence 1st Quarter Honor Roll

Divine Providence is proud to announce the following honor roll students for the first quarter of the 2006-07 school year: 6th grade: Gabriella Aguilera, Kathleen Benz, Tiffani Brescia, Sean Brogan, Matthew Fleming, Kyle Wilson, Holly Haberkorn, Nicole Moore, Sergio Navar, Jacqueline Nowicki; 7th grade: Anthony Lodico, Bridget Brogan, Andrew Rizzi, Michael Brogan, Inan Torres, Ryan Callahan, Rebecca Watson, Ashley Grengs; 8th grade: Kimberly Castellanos, Abigail Lodico and Ashley Santore.

Proviso West 1st Quarter Rolls

High Honors: Judith Kaufman, Lanequa Lewis, Cesar Mendoza, Kelsea Mills, Samantha Sances, Tyara Simpson, Nina Walters; "A" Honors: Dawn Bacon, Felisha Burns, Shikara Collins, Jessica Cox, Brianna Davis, Vicente Del Real, Julie Deptner, Brian Ernst, Joyce Famakinwa, Kevin McAlpine, Sana Naeem, Wisdom Nwafor, Monica Pidu, Latrice Trammell, Jessica Wachholz, Arlene Westmoreland, Rebecca Bernhard.

Early Childhood Screening

Westchester Public Schools District 92-1/2 will conduct a FREE screening for children 3, 4 and 5 years of age. The screening will take place at Westchester Primary School, 2400 Downing Avenue, Westchester, on Tuesday, January 30, 2007 and Tuesday, February 20, 2007. Children will be screened by professionals in the areas of vision, hearing, speech, language, fine motor, gross motor and cognitive ability. The results of these assessments will provide an indication of the child's level of development. Appointments will be taken from Monday, January 8th through Monday, January 22nd by calling Kathy Kaiser at 450-2700, extension 649. All district 92-1/2 parents of preschool-aged children are encouraged to participate. Resource info to Child and Family Connections for DuPage and Cook County will also be available for parents knowing of a child with Special Needs under the age of 3.

If you have a question about your child's development, and your child is under 2 years, 9 months, contact your School District or Child and Family Connections at 1-888-KONTACT (566-8228). **NOTE:** This screening is only for children residing within District 92-1/2.

92-1/2 Kindergarten Registration

Kindergarten registration for the 2007-2008 school year will be on Monday, February 5, 2007. Doors open at 3:30 p.m.; registration begins at 6:30 p.m. at Westchester Primary School, 2400 South Downing. Registration ends at 7:30 p.m. Packets will be available for pick up in the WPS School Office beginning Thursday, January 11th from 8 a.m. until 4 p.m. It is not necessary to bring the child to registration. Requests for morning or afternoon kindergarten sessions will be honored on a first-come, first-served basis. Numbers will be passed out at registration. If you are unable to pick up a packet in the School Office, one will be available for you to complete on February 5th. **Please have the following:**

Completed registration packet-Certificate of Residence notarized; proof of residency in District 92-1/2; official birth certificate (child must be 5 on or before September 1, 2007); child's social security number; if the child resides with a divorced parent, a copy of the custody/parenting portions of the official divorce or separation decree must be provided.

Forms for required school physicals and dental exams will be included in the packets. For more details, call the School Office at 562-1509.

ST. JOSEPH buys 'new' school

The list of advances at St. Joseph High school just keeps growing. An academic transformation at St. Joseph began just two years ago with a stronger curriculum and a prestigious accreditation. The school then joined a select number of others in the nation when it became "all laptop" and converted to a wireless campus. Now, every student and teacher at St. Joseph has an IBM/Lenovo ThinkPad laptop computer and ACT scores are on the rise. Last year, the former all-boys school opened its doors to girls and enrollment spiked. St. Joseph accommodated this change with exciting, new academic developments. Now, St. Joseph has purchased a "new" school. The first public announcement of the decision was made to the St. Joseph students on September 8, 2006



St. Joseph's "all laptop" students

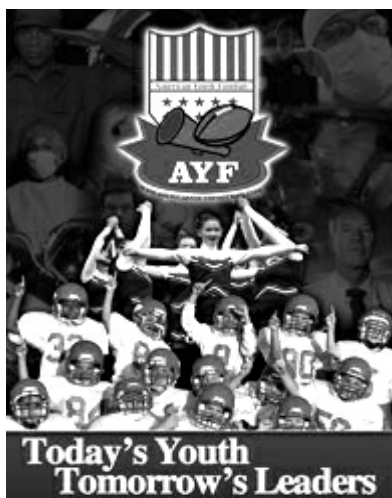
with a letter sent home to parents the same day. David McCreery, President of St. Joseph High School, announced at a school-wide assembly that the high school had acquired the former Immaculate Heart of Mary building and property which is adjacent to the St. Joseph campus. The site is located at 10900 W. Cermak and St. Joseph's plan is to convert the "new" building into a state-of-the-art academic campus, while continuing to use the St. Joseph gymnasium, related facilities, parking lot and athletic fields. "The working plan is to move classes into the remodeled structure in mid-January for the beginning of St. Joseph's second semester," said Principal Donna Kiel. "We want our young men and women to have every advantage and we can do so sooner by moving forward with these exciting plans."

St. Joseph High School "A" honor roll

These students from Westchester have earned A Honors—Dustin Baldassari, Joseph Battaglia, Spencer Battersby, Dominic Belluomini, Jeremy Bertosa, Ryan Blase, Michael Boemo, Christina Cabrera, Angelo Calcagno, Rachel Castro, Martin Chlapecka, Ryan Cole, Kevin Creed, Kevin Dawid, Collin Dent, Elizabeth DiZenzo, Joseph DiZenzo, William Dulik, Casundria Fair, Vincent Fratantion, Hazel Gonzalez, Alex Gowgiel, Teresa Herman, Grace Hermanowski, Nina Hernandez, Jade Keel, Ashley Khumalo, Steven Kvasnicka, John LaPaglia, Kimberly Larsen, Timothy Lee, Ashley Lewis, Anne Liotine, Anthony Longano, Maribel Magallanes, Bryttini McKenzie, William Milleville, Peggy Mueller, Patrick Murray, John Olson, Julio Ortiz, Vicki Ortiz, Samantha Paasman, Victoria Pantoja, Marina Patselli, Michael Pehanich, Laura Peters, Kristen Petkevich, Chad Polak, Gianna Pollastrini, Phillip Rieck, Marissa Roberson, Brittany Scannicchio, Kevin Schmitz, Kelly Schreiber, Malcolm Smith II, Nicholas Sourbis, Parker Swenson, William Thoms, Peter Waller, Jaime Williamson, Sajid Yousuf and Miriam Zuniga.

High Honors students at Montini High School

From Westchester: Dominic LoBello, Gianna Mandarino, Shane Tierney, Dominica Cassata, Gintare Cepukaite, Jacquelyn Glowinski, Emilie Kopija, Erica Luciano, Alyssa Montalto, Desiree Morales, Sophia Tamvakis, Bryan Wisniewski, Joseph Adolfo, Danielle Archiello, Mary Pyle, Patrick Weber, Kimberly Bajzek, Stephen Drent, Briana Gonzalez, Kelley Kanak, Robert Moore, Phillip Schroeder, Theresa Weber.



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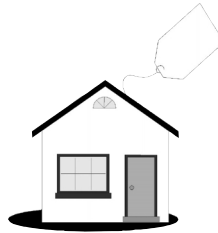


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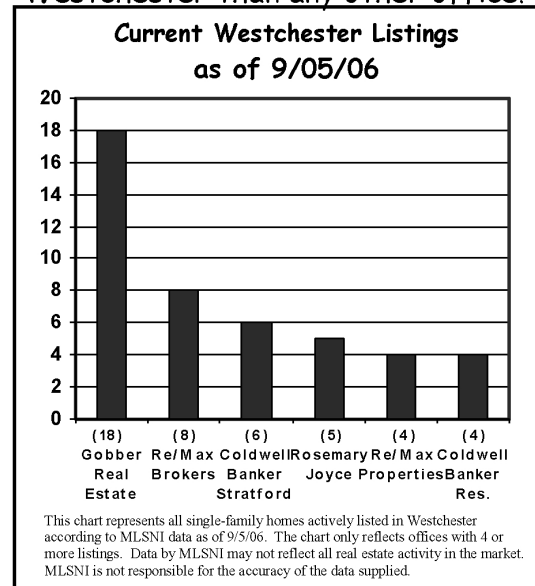
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