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Molloy celebrates 50th B-day

By Olivia Antosiewicz '08

Archbishop Molloy High School will celebrate the 50th anniversary of its establishment in Briarwood, Queens by holding a "Family Day" on the school grounds rain or shine on Saturday, Oct. 6 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

The 50th Anniversary celebration has been in the works for "more than a year," said Mr. John Sherry, President of Archbishop Molloy.

The date of Oct. 6 was chosen mostly by default since it was one of the only warm weather days available to host this outdoor event due to scheduling conflicts with other school events.

Molloy, formerly known as St. Ann's Academy for the 65 years it was situated in Manhattan at the corner of E. 76th St. and Lexington Ave., was built when St. Ann's overpopulated halls and deteriorating structural conditions required a replacement.

Archbishop Thomas Molloy offered the Marist Brothers a six acre site in Briarwood for their new school and in 1957 the school moved to its new site in Queens and was renamed in honor of Archbishop Molloy.

The expanded facilities at the new Queens site allowed the school to nearly double its enrollment. Despite the move, students were still known as Stanners (St. Anners).

In 2000, Molloy, once an all-boys



The chem lab hasn't changed much from 1958 when these Stanners fulfilled their lab requirements. (Photo courtesy of The Blue & White)

school, began to enroll girls as well.

The Family Day begins at 9 a.m. with the Andrew Harvey Fun Run, followed at 11 a.m. by the 50th Anniversary Mass in the Theater.

The day will continue from noon to 3 p.m. with a variety of events including a bar-b-que lunch of hamburgers, hot dogs and salad. Kiddie activities, free throw and hula hoop contests, a Frisbee golf tournament and a DJ in the Jack Curran Gym will be among the day's events.

A short film about the Esopus Summer Camp by Brian Harrison will be screened in the theater.

Mr. Sherry expects approximately 1,000 people to attend, with 200 to 300 competing in the Andrew Harvey Fun Run alone.

Mr. Sherry described the celebration as, "an event for everyone." The school invited via mail or e-mail all Molloy students, parents, alumni, former and current faculty members, and all Marist Brothers to the day's festivities.

Registration to participate in Family Day can be done either online, at www.molloyhs.org, or at the door.

On-line registration fees are \$5 for students, \$10 for adults, and \$25 for families.

Fees for registering at the door are \$5 for students, \$15 for adults, and \$30 for families.

Extreme makeover: Stanner edition

By Jaclyn Spezzano '08

Molloy conducted major renovations throughout the school building and on its running track over the summer to help improve the high school environment and educational experience for its students, said school President Mr. John Sherry.

Molloy spent \$800,000 on the

improvements and Mr. Sherry believes that, as a result, the building looks "fantastic."

Mr. Sherry said Molloy went through a series of procedures to tidy up the cosmetic appearance of both the interior and exterior of the Molloy property.

New windows were installed

throughout the building to replace the original windows installed at Molloy 50 years ago.

The windows, which were the main focus of this summer's project, cost \$600,000 but Mr. Sherry said, "Molloy is expecting to achieve substantial savings because the windows are thermal and energy efficient."

In addition, the outside of the building was completely power washed.

Other touch-ups included several freshly painted classrooms, new classroom floor tiles, new staircase radiators, the repair of several leaks around the building and the installation of a few new air conditioners in places such as the teachers' cafeteria.

The track was resurfaced at a cost of \$70,000 to prevent water build up around deep banks of the surface.

Reports of lake-sized puddles on the track after heavy rains throughout the last seven years caused Mr. Sherry to expedite his decision to fix the track as the first in a series of steps in the coming years to improve Molloy's athletic facilities.

Track team veteran, senior Laura Mansour, said, "The new installation is really nice and makes us feel happy that the track team is that important to the school."



Molloy spent \$70,000 to resurface its running track.



New windows, like the ones here in Room 130, were the major part of Archbishop Molloy's \$800,000 summer improvements.

Why can't Molloy be cooler?

Ah, the first days of September: long days, warm weather, and classrooms that feel like saunas.

Nothing better, right?

High temperatures and humidity might encourage Stanners to hit the beach, stroll in the park, or chill poolside but sitting in a 90-degree classroom sure isn't as appealing an option.

Most students and teachers would prefer to be able to learn and teach comfortably in a cool, climate-controlled environment.

So what would it take to install air conditioning in every classroom?

The concept of putting air conditioners into Archbishop Molloy High School classrooms has been looked into before, said school President Mr. John Sherry.

While Mr. Sherry is not against the installation of air conditioning in classrooms, he said it is not currently being viewed as a top priority.

The expense of installing air conditioning, be it central air or window units, would be unlike anything Molloy has ever seen. Although events like the Walk-a-thon bring in tens of thousands of dollars, Mr. Sherry says the amount raised in one year by the Walk-a-thon wouldn't even begin to cover the cost. Moreover, Molloy's building is over

50 years old and a lot of electrical re-wiring would need to be done to prevent fuses from being blown.

"I look into [air conditioning] all the time, but I can't do everything at once," said Mr. Sherry.

Ms. Mary Pat Gannon realizes that installing air conditioning in classrooms would be a tremendous expense, but she also pointed out that the Molloy Administration works, "in air-conditioned offices, not upstairs in the classrooms."

According to Ms. Gannon, teaching is especially difficult during the hot

weather spells of September and June.

Teachers expend even more energy than students during hot, humid days in order to keep their classes focused.

Ms. Gannon said central air would be the best system since individual air conditioners would consume a lot of electricity, and maintenance expenses would add up.

The main reason Ms. Gannon feels Molloy should get air conditioning - aside from making the learning environment more comfortable - would be so that Molloy could also offer summer school and other summer

programs. The only classrooms currently air conditioned are the computer and bio labs and Room 206.

"If computers can have air conditioners, why can't we?" said Ms. Gannon.

Stanners agree that the heat makes class uncomfortable and, at times, difficult to concentrate.

But Senior Hunter Lydon feels that, although air conditioning would make sitting in class more pleasant, it would be a waste of money because it's only really hot a few days each year.

However, junior Sarah Mauro thinks it would be a logical investment.

"I feel that on hot days we lose critical learning time, especially before the Regents. We become distracted and therefore, do not focus as well," said Mauro.

She also feels that money being spent on new computers or athletic equipment is better off being spent on air conditioning.

"Athletic equipment is only used by certain students and doesn't benefit everyone. That isn't fair to the students who don't participate in sports. Buying AC's would benefit everyone, students and faculty alike."

-- Emily Tansey '09 and Carol Leong '09



Frosh freak out over strict dress code

"Students not properly dressed for school will not, at the discretion of the administration, be permitted to attend class and will be sent home immediately to get properly dressed."

This is the law according to the 2007-2008 Student-Parent Handbook, which contains the numerous dress code rules enforced here at Archbishop Molloy High School.

However, most incoming frosh have never experienced this kind of discipline in their grammar schools' dress code.

Nevertheless, as shocking as these rules are for frosh, Assistant Principal for Students, Mr. James Lembo, said that for every rule there is a reason.

The school uniform is said to help students to prepare for the business world and gives them discipline.

The dress code is enforced even outside the school building because it sets us apart from students at other schools and shows Molloy students represent excellence.

Mr. Lembo said that, as far as the school's policy of strictly enforcing the dress code rules is concerned, "if you make rules, you should enforce them."

But many frosh like us feel differently.

Back in grade school — ah, those were the days — skirts could be as long or as short as we wanted them to be and we wore 100% cotton shirts as God had intended. And as long as our shoes were black, we were within the rules.

We loved the fact that we weren't

persecuted for "inappropriate" uniform outside the school and that we were encouraged to change out of uniform if we had a club activity.

Now, sadly, we find ourselves in a new school, times have changed, and the school dress code has gone to the Dark Side.

Now we struggle to find the right pair of shoes, must wear khaki, grey, or blue skirts which have the texture of cardboard, and put on shirts that seem three sizes too big.

Looking on the bright side, at least we Stanners can express ourselves with a bag, as long as there's absolutely no personal expression written on it.

Several frosh girls from St. Bartholomew in Elmhurst and St. Joan of Arc in Jackson Heights said that the

skirts, "make me look like a nun," which, of course, is not exactly a bad thing. It's just not a popular look.

A Northside Catholic Academy grad said her previous school didn't care about skirt length or the types of shoes they wore. However, the frosh guys' attitudes are completely different.

They like the oversize shirts, long pants and the freedom of choice for a tie, something they didn't have in grade school. So overall, the frosh boys approve of the Molloy dress code.

The Archbishop Molloy uniform is a change from most every frosh's previous uniform, but whether we see it as good or bad, we'll just have to live with it for the next four years.

— Eleni Kavvadias '11 and, Carolina Ortiz '11

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Corrections:

Please note the following corrections to errors made in Vol. 50, No. 9:

The article on Molloy's Easter trip to Spain and Morocco stated that four Stanners were pick-pocketed during the trip. One student and three chaperones were pick-pocketed, not four students. In addition, Molloy's travel party visited Morocco for only four hours and didn't tour the country.

The byline of Tara Gildea was misspelled.

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Frosh hazing at Molloy is rare but can still happen

By **Melanie Dostis '10** and **Amanda Demenescu '10**

The first month of the Class of 2011's frosh year is over and hopefully, along with it the fear of being late, getting lost, or having a locker that just won't seem to open.

By now the frosh have mastered the skill of getting to their classes without carrying their schedule in one hand and looking up at room numbers while going from door to door.

Most frosh, however, might still share one fear: How are the seniors going to act toward us?

All Stanners have grown up hearing stories about how upperclass students in high school sometimes harass frosh.

But what about here at Molloy?

Are seniors something to be feared or is frosh hazing just a myth?

"I once saw a frosh with a large book bag get shoved very hard into a nearby locker and the senior who did it walked away laughing," said junior Julie Keyes.

However, junior Alyssa Lebron said that while frosh hazing occasionally occurs at Molloy, it usually isn't harmful.

She said her fellow juniors' attitude toward frosh hazing is: "We wouldn't want that done to us. We were them a few years ago. It's just messed up [to harass frosh for no reason]."

While most students agree that pranks such as a frosh being thrown into a garbage can by a senior just don't happen here at Molloy, sophomore Camille Dwyer said verbal harassment sometimes does occur.

Both she and Lebron mentioned a common senior trick is to give wrong directions to a classroom or lab to confused frosh.

Junior Jeanna Dalvano said impatient seniors moving through the hallways and can say some offensive things to frosh but that, "in other schools, they mistreat the frosh and feel so superior, whereas at Molloy, the upperclassmen are kinder and we have things like Freshmen Field Day to make freshmen feel more comfortable."

However, opinions vary as to who are seen as the bullies in the school.

Sophomore Michael Carraher said, "I think there is more harassment

between sophomores and freshmen because some sophomores were treated badly last year, so they treat the frosh the same as a way to get even."

The problem isn't limited to upperclass students picking on frosh. It is more often frosh against frosh.

"I think the frosh pick on the frosh more because they are together all the time," said Dwyer.

Assistant Principal Mr. James Lembo said incidents of upperclass students being sent to his office for harassing frosh are rare.

He said that if a frosh has a problem, it's more likely to be with a classmate.

"If any bullying happens, it usually is within the grade," said Mr. Lembo, due to the fact that all frosh have lunch together so it makes it easier for them to pick on their classmates.

"Harassment comes in many forms. It can happen over the telephone or while a student takes the bus home, but that kind of harassment makes it harder for us to do anything about it," Mr. Lembo said.

The frosh who harass classmates

usually want to look cool in front of their friends. But that can also be a motivation for upperclass students to do it, too.

Mr. Lembo said students on all grade levels can get in trouble for harassing others, not just ninth graders.

"We aren't like other schools who have different colored shirts so it is easier to see the freshmen and single them out," he said.

Mr. Lembo warned anyone who might want to harass another student that, "we will give more than just detention to the student responsible."

Mr. Lembo worried that frosh might not come to him to complain because they don't know him very well.

"We do know that the older students will come and talk to us, since they have been here longer and have more confidence in talking with me about these matters so that we can work together and help," he said.

Mr. Lembo's advice is for any frosh who feels he or she is being picked on to come in to see him and complain.

"If not to me, then a teacher you can trust or a guidance counselor," he said.

Counselors, frosh both enjoy Esopus summer camp

By **Jacqueline Cosse '10**

Lost in Connecticut!

That was how one bus load of incoming frosh started out this year's Freshmen Camp, which was held July 8-14 at the Marist Retreat Center in Esopus, N.Y.

The start of camp was delayed six hours for about 35 of the 110 frosh campers when their bus broke down and then got lost far from its final destination on the west side of the Hudson River.

Yet those who experienced that wild ride said the inconvenience turned into an adventure and added excitement to their camp experience.

"The purpose of the camp is to ease the students' transition when they start school in September," said Principal Bro. Roy George.

In addition to giving them a chance

to meet the 33 juniors and seniors and the 31 sophomores who worked at there, camp provided the incoming frosh

with some incredibly fun memories.

Along with playing Flag, ultimate Frisbee, football, and softball, or going



Junior Ariel Maffei, far left, and the rest of the upperclass counselors enjoy lunch during Freshmen Camp. (Photo by Bro. Roy George)

swimming and tubing down the Esopus River, for the first time this year the incoming frosh had a cookout along the banks of the Hudson River.

"It was awesome to tube down the rapids," said frosh Thomas Connolly, who attended the camp.

The frosh weren't the only ones who enjoyed the experience.

"I had so much fun working with new people and meeting the new friends that joined us at Molloy," said sophomore Marissa Larsen, who worked in the camp kitchen. "I would love to do it again next year."

Like Larsen, many of the other upperclass students who volunteered to work at camp attended the camp as frosh themselves.

Their experience was so pleasant that they would like to return, and don't even mind washing dishes to do so.

Large frosh class packs the hallways

By **Faith Conlon '08**

If the Molloy hallways seem a little more crowded this year, it might be because this year's frosh class is slightly larger than in past years.

The Class of 2011 had 408 members when school opened. Only the junior class, with 419 members, is larger.

Mrs. Joan Porcella, head of admissions at Molloy, and the school administrators did not intend for the Class of 2011 to be so large.

In January when acceptance letters were mailed, the Admissions Department estimates how many students it needs to accept to replace the number of graduating seniors.

Every January, Molloy sends out more acceptance letters to eighth graders than it hopes to enroll because

it assumes that several students whom Molloy accepted will choose to go elsewhere by the time September arrives.

"The number that say yes [to Molloy's offer of admission] is bigger than the number who will actually come," said Sister Elizabeth Bickar, Assistant Principal for Academics and Scheduling.

In March, when Molloy holds its Registration Day, some eighth graders who said they would attend Molloy do not show up.

In September, when school opens, some of the eighth graders who registered don't arrive.

Many don't come to Molloy because they have chosen to go to specialized public high schools, or have moved, or

have discovered they cannot afford the tuition.

Even though 10 registered frosh did not show up for school on Sept. 4, the Class of 2011 is still larger than expected due to the fact that a smaller percentage of eighth graders last year declined their offer of admission than had in past years.

"Even though the [frosh] class is larger, it is a manageable number," said Sister Elizabeth, who added that "only about a hand-full" of additional students arrived at Molloy this September than was expected.

The vast majority of this year's frosh class comes from Queens and from Catholic grammar schools. But some frosh travel to Briarwood from Nassau County and Brooklyn and a few come

from public schools because they feel Molloy has a nicer atmosphere, Sister Elizabeth said.

Frosh Noel Bello and Joshua Kuppamala, both from nearby Saint Nicholas of Tolentine grammar school, are impressed with their new school.

Kuppamala said she chose to come to Molloy to gain a better education.

Bello said, "I like my teachers and the atmosphere of the school."

Sister Elizabeth finds the Class of 2011 so far to be very cooperative, intelligent, and mature.

Her hopes for the frosh are to achieve academic excellence, to get involved in school service activities, to show a lot of school spirit, and to have, "four years of fun, growth, and knowledge about God."

Clubs & activities open to all

Anime Club

Moderator: Mr. Chris Dougherty
Meeting Site: Room 304 or 308 or theater
Members watch Anime screenings, take day trips to Manhattan to Anime stores with Japanese lunch, and attend a yearly convention in New England in the spring.

Art Club

Moderator: Mrs. Terri Burke
Meeting site: Room 206
Members develop art techniques and creativity with hands on projects.



Asian Club

Moderator: Mr. Brian Kelly
Meeting site: TBA
The Club focuses on specific interests and issues that concern the Asian community as a whole.

Biology Club

Moderator: Mr. Mark Lombardi
Meeting site: Biology lab
Members engage in experiments and activities not available in regular course work such as forensic experiments, isolating DNA, growing cultures, maintaining a contained ecosystem and dissections.

Book Club

Moderator: Ms. Mary Pat Gannon
Meeting site: Room 318
Members select recent or current best sellers and discuss their literary and social merits in a relaxed atmosphere.

Blue & White Yearbook

Moderator: Ms. Kathleen Loughran
Meeting site: Room 221
Members of the staff meet every day after school from Sept. to March to put together the yearbook using the school's computers. Staff positions include: photographers, artists, writers, editors and lay-out artists.

Briarwood Shelter Volunteers

Moderator: Mr. Mike Germano
Meeting Site: Briarwood Shelter run by the Salvation Army
Frosh can not join until the third marking period. Members serve as tutors and mentors for the children living in the shelter and run several holiday parties for them during the school year.

Campus Ministry

Moderator: Mr. Mike Germano
Meeting site: Campus Ministry Office
This group helps with Mission collections, organizes the annual Coat and Toy Drives and the Fast-a-thon and homeroom Mission collections.

Chess Club

Moderator: Mr. Mike Harrison
Meeting Site: Room 316
Opens to beginner, intermediate and advanced players, members meet twice a week and are expected to spend at least two hours a week playing chess. A club competition runs from Nov. through April.



Computer Club

Moderator: Mr. C.J. Mallia
Meeting Site: Computer Lab
The club designs, updates and programs its own website. Students create their own programs and design graphics.

Concert Band

Moderator: Mr. Gregory Leonardo
Meeting site: The Music Room
Admission to the band is by audition. Once a student is accepted, band is added to his or her academic schedule since a grade and one half credit is given for band.

Dance Club

Moderator: Ms. Elizabeth Murdocca
Meeting site: TBA
Open to all students who share an interest in dance. No experience necessary. Meetings will be used to learn different dance styles and to prepare for in-school performances.

Drama Club

Moderator: Mr. Kevin Schwab
Meeting site: Theater
Drama club is geared toward helping students develop an interest in theater performance and theatrical production. The club stages two plays a year with the cast determined by auditions open to all students.



Eastern European Club

Moderator: Mr. Ted McGuinness
Meeting site: Room 302
The club's purpose is to foster interest in eastern-European culture. Members

participate in International Day and take cultural trips to New York City.



Ebony Club

Moderator: Mrs. Anne Lonergan
Meeting site: Room 324
The club attempt to learn more about Black History and contribute to International Day. There are also activities for Martin Luther King Day and Black History Month.

Environment Club

Moderator: Mr. Chris Dougherty
Meeting site: TBA
The club advocates a pro-conservation position and works with various organizations in the New York City area to further environmental causes such as recycling.

French Club

Moderator: Ms. Dorothy DeNoto
Meeting site: The Library
This club plays host to a multi-cultural Christmas Tree trimming party, participates in International Day and studies French culture. Students also view movies in French in the theater.

Guitar Ensemble

Moderator: Mr. Glenn DaGrossa
Meeting site: The Music Room
For beginning and advanced guitar players, members develop their guitar playing, knowledge of theory, scale, and chord structure and learn skills in classical, jazz and contemporary styles of playing.

Irish Club

Moderator: Mr. Patrick Flynn
Meeting site: Room 322
The club's purpose is to study Irish culture through movies, books and lectures and to participate in International Day.

International Day

Moderator: Kathy Loughran
Meeting site: Room 221
Student volunteers coordinate all facets of this extremely popular celebration of all the ethnic groups that comprise the Molloy community and assist in the publication of the annual International Day Cook Book.



Italian Club

Moderator: Mr. Mark Verdi
Meeting site: Room 233
Yearly activities include two or more competitive sports games with other Molloy clubs, two or three Italian film shows, one club program at International Day, one field trip to Manhattan.

The Lantern

Moderator: Bro. John Raehle
Meeting site: The Chapel
Lantern is a student organized prayer time that meet every Wednesday at 2:15 p.m.

Literary Magazine

Moderator: Mr. Matt Kilkelly
Meeting site: Room 303
Student writers, editors and artists come together to publish "Out of the Box," which features short stories, poems, essays and art work.

Liturgy Committee

Moderator: Ms. Mary Pat Gannon and Mr. Mike Germano
Meeting site: Office on second floor balcony overlooking gym.
Students with graphic arts, performance and organizational skills come together to help plan and execute each Molloy liturgy throughout the year.

Martial Arts Club

Moderator: Mr. Jason Mallia
Meeting site: Room 225
Open to beginners and experts, the club helps members learn and improve their skills.

Photography Club

Moderator: Ms. Kathy Loughran
Meeting site: Room 221
Members are sent to photograph all school functions and sports activities as well as executing photo assignment for The Blue & White yearbook and The Stanner school newspaper.

Pipe & Drum Band

Moderator: Mr. Ed Cameron
Meeting site: Third floor and gym
Students learn to read bagpipe music and play either the pipes or drums. The band marches in many events including the St. Patrick's Day Parade.



Right to Life Club

Moderator: Mr. Mike Germano
Meeting site: Theater
This club aims to both educate and invigorate students about the need to create a society in which all life is valued.
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Science Fiction/Fantasy Club

Moderator: Mr. Chris Dougherty

Meeting site: Room 308

Members go on field trips to Queens/Manhattan movie theaters to see newly released Sci-Fi/Anime movies, to museums and to video game tournaments, and to the school theater to watch classic films.

S.M.I.L.E.

Moderator: Mr. Chris Dougherty

Meeting site: Room 304 or 210A

“Something More In Life’s Experience” invites all students to get involved in a variety of peer group discussions dealing with personal or family issues.

Spanish Club

Moderator: Ms. Maria Hernandez

Meeting site: TBA

Members participate in International Day, the Adopt a Child program, food drives, prayer service, athletic contests vs. other clubs, hear guest speakers and go on restaurant-museum expeditions.

The Stanner

Moderator: Mr. Charley McKenna

Meeting site: Room 217 and The Stanner office

Molloy’s school newspaper offers all students the opportunity to write news and sports articles and editorials on school-related issues. Reporters, editors, photographers, and computer production staffers are needed to publish the monthly paper.



Stanner Film Society

Moderator: Mr. Ted McGuinness

Meeting site: Theater

The club creates a forum for students to discuss movies by screening various films selected by club members and their moderator in the theater. The screenings are open to all students. Club members also make and show their own short films.

Student Activities Committee

Moderator: Mr. Ken Auer

Meeting site: Room 123

SAC plans and runs many of the school’s social events for students, such as dances, concerts, and the Junior and Senior Proms.

Student Council

Moderator: Ms. Kathy Loughran

Meeting site: Room 221

Elected representatives from each grade level serve as spokespersons for students to the Administration and organize many school activities such as the Molloy’s annual Spirit Week.

Competitive clubs at AM

Dance Team

Moderator: Ms. Elizabeth Murdocca

Meeting Site: Theater

The dance team holds auditions for all students in Sept. The team performs at interscholastic competitions, dance conferences, and at school events.

Integrated Science Association

Moderator: Ms. Mary Mallia

Meeting site: Room 333

Members work on projects and research for competition such as the Intel, St. John’s Symposium, NY Expo, Bridge & Tower competitions.

Intramural Sports

Moderators: Mr. Mark Lipset, Mr. Brian Kelly, Mr. Mark Verdi, and Mrs. Maureen Rosenbaum

Meeting Sites: Football and Softball in Manton St. Park; Basketball and Volleyball in the gyms.

Intramurals are open to both homeroom and independent teams. Winning teams receive trophies. Members of the Referees Association officiate at intramural games.

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Investment Club

Moderator: Ms. Mary Pat Gannon

Meeting site: Room 318

Students learn the skills of investing to compete in various stock tournaments/games during the school year.

Math League

Moderator: Mrs. Adele Solari

Meeting site: Room 327

The team competes four times a year against other NYC area Catholic schools. The JV team is for frosh, sophs and juniors. Varsity for seniors.

Mock Trial Team

Moderator: Mr. Lou Barbera

Meeting site: Room 321

The team participates in trial simulation competitions at the Queens County Supreme Court against other public and private schools. No experience is necessary to join.

Model United Nations

Moderator: Mr. Bill Flemen

Meeting site: TBA

Model UN team allows students to step into the shoes of the United Nations member states and plot strategy, draft resolutions and resolve conflicts in an annual competition held each spring at the UN itself.

Science Olympiad

Moderators: Mr. Mike DeMarco and Mr. Jason Mallia

Meeting site: Biology Lab

The 15-member team, chosen by tryout in the Fall, competes in the NYC competition in 18 events involving biology, chemistry, earth science, physics and other disciplines. The top 3 NYC teams qualify for the state championship, which Molloy has done in 17 of the last 20 years.

Upperclass students offer tips for frosh

By Amanda Marsico '09

Most frosh are anxious when they arrive at Archbishop Molloy High School for the first day of school and usually don’t lose their jitters until a couple of weeks later.

“I can honestly say it took me a couple of months, but I may adjust a little slower than others,” said junior Miriam Mendoza.

Ask upperclass students and they will tell you of the many tribulations they had upon arrival at Molloy, such as mistakenly venturing up to the fourth floor, being late to class, or trying to stuff half the contents of their lockers into their jumbo Jansports.

Most Stanners said they began to fit in just shortly after their arrival.

“I soon felt comfortable because Molloy made it clear right away that we were part of a family now,” said junior Regine Marquez, “and that we would be making lifelong friends here.”

Yet when most students look back on their ninth grade experience, they wish they had possessed the knowledge of Stanner High that they have now.

Upperclass students can always pick out the ninth graders because of their “Freshmen Backpacks.”

“You have lockers, so use them,” said junior Kim Kiernan. “You don’t have to carry your life on your back.”

Most students eventually figure out ways to visit their lockers in between some classes in order to cut down on what they have to carry.

Another rookie mistake is bringing home books you don’t need that night.

“Just clear out your bag at the end of the day and take time to check that you only have what you need to have,” said junior Katie McCague.

Sophomore Priscilla Velazquez said that as a frosh she wished, “I knew to keep my phone in my bag. I would have avoided a few detentions. And now, since cell phone rules are even stricter, it’s a good idea to keep them tucked away.”

To the frosh facing the promise of two hours of homework every week night for the first time in their lives, sophomore Adam Roman said, “Don’t procrastinate. Just get done what you have to get done and it’s easy. But don’t put it off until the last minute.”

Joining school clubs and teams is an important part of the Molloy experience and it gives frosh the best chance to meet older students.

Junior Philip DeSena’s tip to frosh who want to be accepted by their older peers is, “Just relax and be yourself. Don’t put on a fake persona to impress us.”

Senior Christian “Ace” Ventura said that frosh need not be afraid of seniors when they go to their lockers.

“Freshmen always look petrified but most of us are really not that bad,” he said. “Just tell us when you need to get to your locker. Don’t just stand there. Speak up.”

The most frequent advice upper class students offered frosh was to enjoy themselves.

“Relax and have fun,” said junior Dylan Pleva. “It’s just high school.”

33 juniors picked to join Junior-Senior Chorus

Thirty-three juniors passed the auditions last spring to earn the right to join returning 28 seniors to form Molloy’s Junior-Senior Chorus this year under the direction of Mr. Jim Sheehan.

Junior altos: Elizabeth Abikaram; Janelle Boyd; Marije Jauregui; Christina Loccisano; Nicolette Vairo.

Senior altos: Evelyn Alcove; Nicole Bagatta; Stacey DeRosier; Ndome Essoka; Karen Fuertez; Mary Ruth Govindavari; Christina Hernandez; Alexandra Jean-Joseph; Vanessa Meyerhoefer; Elyssa Noblesala; Sofia Oluwole; Isabelle Parzygnat; Beth Terranova; Sheina Theodore; Caitlin Winkler.

Junior baritones: Joshua Boyd; Ivan Collado; Connor Hubbard; Yo Kim; Everard

Lopez; Jonathan Mangar; Jesse Poganik.
Senior baritones: Jeremy Gonzalez; Matthew Nicolas; Robert O’Boyle; Aaron Woods.

Junior sopranos: Kimberly Bernard; Cailin Chang; Sarina Chao; Kerin Daly; Angela Dumlaio; Melanie Duran; Jacqueline Ehrhardt; Michelle Eichorst; Kimberly Falco; Jessica Gavilan; Elizabeth Hardy; Kristen Himmelberg; Jade Johnson; Julia Karsten; Ariel Maffei; Katrinne Mariano; Regine Marquez; Katherine Mendez; Adriana Pena; Dominique Ruggiero; Sandra Zawadka.

Senior sopranos: Alyson Cadena; Angela Cerbone; Arianna Dussie; Catherine Flanagan; Laura Fontanills; Nicole Forte; Chloe Meli; Brianna Rosa; Lily Schaumburg.

Internships can impress top colleges

By Daniel Girdusky '08

In addition to a perfect transcript that reflects great grades, an extensive involvement in extracurricular and volunteer activities, plus perfect attendance, Molloy's College Guidance Counselor Mr. Kerry Hughes says that top rated colleges also like to see that the students applying to their schools have used their summers productively.

As a result, many Molloy students have held an internship, taken extra classes, or completed programs at a city institution over the summer.

By sacrificing part of their leisure time, they gained valuable knowledge in an area they would like to pursue later as a career or in an area of academic interest they will study in college.

But where do they find these internships?

The school receives word of a few

internships for high school students either through the college guidance office or alumni office.

These internships found through Molloy are limited, however, so the best way to search for an internship or summer program is to use the internet.

Manhattan, only a train ride away, offers many internship opportunities if you look hard enough for them.

Of course, Stanners also have the unique chance to go to Esopus in the summer and volunteer at a special camp where they have the chance to gain experience with special needs children.

One internship which the Alumni Office made available to juniors last spring for the fifth year in a row was at the Medicare Rights Center.

Many juniors wrote essays to compete for the two available spots and after the follow up interviews, Kirklyn

Escondo and Michelle Vasquez won the positions.

During their six week internship, in addition to doing clerical work, they gained all the knowledge necessary to assist in the guiding people through appeals cases. Escondo said, "I got to witness first-hand how people, specifically the elderly, suffer under our private healthcare system.

"This encouraged me to be more passionate about one day being a doctor and even becoming a health care advocate," Escondo said.

Ahana Sen, another senior, searched for her own summer program and found it in the Film Division of MoMa, the Museum of Modern Art in Manhattan.

She not only learned about film in a free course, but met directors, actors, and created her own film.

Ahana says, "I learned a lot and

would recommend this course to other students interested in film."

This whole program culminated in a final screening of student films at the MoMa Theater.

For students interested in applying for an internship for the summer of 2008, the advice is to start researching early.

Many deadlines end as early as December, while a few internships accept applications as late as March and April.

You should apply to more than one internship to increase your odds of being accepted.

The downside of many internships is that they are unpaid and this is one reason summer jobs can be more alluring.

But most colleges put more value in internships because they reflect a student's career interests.

Lack of numbers results in only two Encounters

By Gia Russo '08

The Class of 2008, due to its smaller than usual size, will have only two Senior Encounters to attend this school year instead of the three that the Class of 2007 had because not enough seniors signed up to go this year.

Every year, Archbishop Molloy High School offers its seniors the opportunity to attend a Senior Encounter at the Marist Retreat House in Esopus, N.Y.

Molloy usually offered only two Encounters annually, but due to popular demand from the 2007 graduating class, Campus Ministry Director Mr. Michael

Germano added a third encounter to last year's schedule.

This year, despite Mr. Germano's desire to again have three Senior Encounters, only two will be held because not enough seniors signed up to warrant having three again this year.

So Campus Ministry decided to eliminate the April Encounter, leaving only the September and January Encounters available to the Class of 2008.

Mr. Germano repeatedly encouraged students to sign up for the retreats by extending the deadline for turning in the

applications, as well as making announcements during lunch time. But not enough students signed up to meet the 210-student minimum needed to have three Encounters.

The April and September Encounters each had only 40 students apply to go, whereas January had the required 70.

So the April date was canceled and the students who had signed up for that Encounter were given the opportunity to sign up for either the September or the January Encounter.

"We never turn anyone away," said Mr. Germano.

Fifteen seniors who signed up for the April Encounter were not able to attend either the January or September ones.

Senior Charlie Gotard, one of the students who had signed up for the April Encounter, could not attend a different session and so won't be going at all.

"I am sure I am going to miss a good time, but it conflicts with my hockey schedule," said Gotard.

In the future, seniors-to-be will still be given the opportunity to have three Encounters, but the choice will be up to them whether or not it happens, said Mr. Germano.

3 European trips open to Stanners:

Seniors go to Italy

By Kathryn Ornellas '09

A group of 42 Molloy seniors will take a trip to Italy with Mr. Chris Dougherty and six other chaperones during the Presidents' Week vacation.

This marks the first time Molloy has sponsored a European trip in the month of February.

The trip is also the first "seniors only" trip Molloy has sponsored in many years.

The seniors will spend two nights Rome, two nights in Sorrento, one in Taormina, and one in Palermo.

They will also visit the ancient city of Pompeii, and the Isle of Capri as well as tour the Blue Grotto.

The trip will cost each senior around \$2,500.

Molloy's other European trips have included visits to Italy, France and England, to Greece and Turkey, and last year to Spain and Morocco. But these trips have always taken place during Easter vacations.

This trip to Italy was moved to February after Mrs. Kasey DiPasquale proposed sponsoring a school trip to Austria, Hungary and the Czech Republic that would be open to all

Molloy students and not just seniors.

Mrs. DiPasquale and Mr. Dougherty decided that because Austria, Hungary and the Czech Republic are both north-central European countries with colder temperatures than southern Italy, the Italian trip should be switched to February when the high temperatures there will be over 50 degrees.

Mr. Dougherty said most seniors want to have a good time as well see the great sights Italy has to offer.

"This trip is a time seniors can really bond right before they're sent off to college," said senior Heather Laurenzano, who will go on this trip after having gone to Spain last year.

Laurenzano said she loves these trips because she believes that traveling the world helps her to be more cultured.

"I'm excited to see Italy in the winter, but I hope the cold won't get to us," said Laurenzano, who is happy the trip is scheduled for February.

"Although celebrating Easter in Spain [last year] with Mr. Dougherty, the other chaperones and other students was a great experience, I'm excited I'll be able to be with my family at Easter this year, which is a perk."

Others off to UK or Central Europe

By Tara Gildea '09

Stanners of all grade levels will have a chance to experience a new culture, broaden their horizons, and perhaps have the adventure of a lifetime thanks to the fact that Molloy is sponsoring two European trips during Easter vacation.

Mr. Jim Sheldon will lead students on a trip to England and Scotland, while Mrs. Kasey DiPasquale will lead a trip to Austria, Hungary, and the Czech Republic.

Students will visit the ancient Royal Mile, Edinburgh Palace, Arthur's Seat, go on a ghost tour and see a Shakespearean play during the nine-day trip to Scotland and England, beginning March 19 and costing about \$2,500.

Other students will visit Vienna, Schonbrunn Palace, Spilberk Castle, and see a magic lantern performance during the 10-day trip to Central Europe, which begins March 19 and costs \$2,259.

Mrs. DiPasquale said she expects that the students' visiting the Dachau concentration camp will be the most memorable part of her trip.

Mr. Sheldon, who might be joined as a chaperone by Mr. Ed Cameron, Mr.

Brian Kelly, Mrs. Maureen Kelly, and Bro. John Raeihle, depending on the number of students who sign up to go, hopes students learn that, "The world is not the same everywhere. People have different views and ideologies. The world is not America-centric."

Mrs. DiPasquale, accompanied by Ms. Elizabeth Murdocca, will take about 25 students with her to Central Europe.

"I love to travel," said Mrs. DiPasquale, who has accompanied Mr. Chris Dougherty on previous Molloy trips. "I have been to 25 countries on five continents. I hope those who accompany me will develop a love for traveling as well."

Junior Lais Santos is very excited about her trip. "I've never been to Europe," she said. "England and Scotland are a good place to start."

Senior in NMS semis

Senior Jenny Kochupurackal is a semifinalist in the 2008 National Merit Scholarship Competition.

She is one of 16,000 semifinalists selected from the over 1.4 million students who took the 2006 PSAT/NMSQT exam.

Stanner sports seeking frosh athletes

Boys Teams

JV Soccer (Fall)

Head Coach Mr. Adam Lipsky
Does the team make cuts?: Yes
How to try out: Letter was sent to frosh in June announcing tryout date, time, and location.

Frosh Cross Country (Fall)

Coach Mr. Frank Gambino
Does the team make cuts?: No
How to join: Attend Sept. meeting announced in homeroom.

JV Baseball (Fall and Spring)

Head Coach Mr. Chris DeSarno
Assist. Coach: Mr. Pat Flynn
Does the team make cuts?: Yes
How to try out: Attend Sept. meeting announced in homeroom.

Frosh Swimming (Fall)

Head Coach Mr. Dennis Wresch
Assist. Coach Mr. Stephen DiLorenzo
Does the team make cuts?: No
How to join: Attend Sept. meeting announced in homeroom.

Step Team (Fall to Spring)

Coach Mrs. Anne Lonergan
Does the team make cuts?: Yes
How to try out: Attend Sept. meeting announced in homeroom.



How to join: Attend Oct. meeting announced in homeroom. Practice starts first Saturday in Nov.

Boys Varsity Tennis (Spring)

Coach Mr. Matt Hunter
Does the team make cuts?: Yes
How to try out: Attend March meeting announced in homeroom.

Girls Teams

JV Soccer (Fall)

Coach Ms. Judy Zink
Does the team make cuts?: Yes
How to try out: Letter was sent to frosh in June announcing tryout date, time, and location.

Frosh Cross Country (Fall)

Coach Mr. Austin Power
Does the team make cuts?: No
How to join: Attend Sept. meeting announced in homeroom.

JV Softball (Spring)

Head Coach Mr. Luis Santos
Assist. Coach Mr. Ed Cameron
Does the team make cuts?: Yes
How to try out: Attend Sept. meeting announced in homeroom.

Varsity Tennis (Fall)

Head Coach Mr. Matt Hunter
Does the team make cuts?: Yes
How to try out: Attend Sept. meeting announced in homeroom.

JV Volleyball (Fall)

Head Coach Mr. Steve Leoutsakos
Assist. Coach Ms. Elizabeth Young
Does the team make cuts?: Yes



Frosh Basketball (Winter)

Coach Mr. Chris DeSarno
Does the team make cuts?: Yes
How to try out: Attend Oct. meeting announced in homeroom. Tryouts are held first Saturday in Nov.

Frosh Track & Field (Winter to Spring)

Coach Mr. Frank Gambino
Does the team make cuts?: No

Frosh Track & Field (Winter to Spring)

Coach Mr. Austin Power
Does the team make cuts?: No
How to join: Attend Oct. meeting when announced in homeroom. Practice starts first Saturday in Nov.

Step Team (Fall to Spring)

Coach Mrs. Anne Lonergan
Does the team make cuts?: Yes
How to try out: Attend Sept. meeting announced in homeroom.

Boys Teams Open to Girls

JV Bowling (Fall to Winter)

Coach Mr. Vinny Leonardo
Does the team make cuts?: Yes
How to try out: Attend Sept. meeting announced in homeroom.

Hockey (Winter)

Head Coach Mr. James Sheldon
Assist. Coach Mr. Matthew Lavanco
Does the team make cuts?: Yes
How to try out: Attend Sept. meeting announced in homeroom.

Golf (Spring)

Coach Mr. Bill Niklaus
Does the team make cuts?: Yes
How to try out: Attend Sept. meeting announced in homeroom.

JV Handball (Spring)

Head Coach Mr. Vinny Leonardo
Assist. Coach Mr. Lou Barbera
Does the team make cuts?: Yes
How to try out: Attend Feb. meeting announced in homeroom. Practice starts first Saturday in March.

JV Basketball (Winter)

Head Coach Mr. John McGlynn
Does the team make cuts?: Yes
How to try out: Attend Oct. meeting announced in homeroom. Tryouts held first Saturday in Nov.

JV Swimming (Winter)

Coach Mr. Dennis Wresch
Does the team make cuts?: No
How to join: Attend meeting announced in homeroom.



Winkler wins swim MVP award again

Senior swimmer Caitlin Winkler won her second consecutive team MVP award at Archbishop Molloy's annual Sports Awards Night last May.

The MVP Award is given to a team's top performer and a Coach's Award is given for leadership, team spirit and performance.

Many award winners from the varsity teams were from the graduating Class of 2007. The following is a list of current Molloy students who were award winners:

Boys JV Baseball: Pat Brown was the MVP; Anthony Infante won the Coach's Award.

Boys Freshmen Basketball: Reynaldo Walters was the MVP. Ernest Rouse won the Coach's Award.

Girls JV Basketball: Kelly Guerriero was the MVP; Shannon McLaughlin won the Coach's Award.

Boys JV Basketball: Ryan Dillon was the MVP; LeBrandon Smith won the Coach's Award.

Boys JV Bowling: Jonathan Menna



Senior Caitlin Winkler is a star distance swimmer for Molloy.

was the MVP; Nick Galli won the Coach's Award.

Girls Frosh Cross Country: Rovena Pjetergjoka was the MVP; Teresa Governale won the Coach's Award.

Boys Frosh Cross Country: Devin Chowske was the MVP; Ernest

D'Ambrose won the Coach's Award.

Girls Soph Cross Country: Catherine Morreale was the MVP; Adriana Rannazzisi won the Coach's Award.

Boys Soph Cross Country: Conor Cunnane was the MVP; Joseph Mayer won the Coach's Award.

Varsity "B" Golf: Andrew Christ was the MVP; Joseph Wick won the Coach's Award.

Boys JV Handball: Stephen Tanico was the MVP; Robert Costello won the Coach's Award.

Boys Varsity Handball: Christian Ventura was the MVP; Christian Francipane won the Coach's Award.

Girls JV Soccer: Brittany Dombrowski was the MVP; Valerie Sarnataro won the Coach's Award.

Boys JV Soccer: James Moncino was the MVP; Frank Izzo won the Coach's Award.

JV Softball: Adara Simonelli was the MVP; Julie Keyes won the Coach's Award.

Girls Step Squad: Malika Lagaigne won the Coach's Award.

Girls Varsity Swimming: Caitlin Winkler was the MVP; Suzanna Michalak won the Coach's Award.

Boys Frosh Swimming: Dennis O'Connor was the MVP; Eric von Tresckow won the Coach's Award.

Girls Frosh Track: Andrea Martinez was the MVP; Gabrielle Rosato won the Coach's Award.

Boys Frosh Track: Luke Kuna was the MVP; Michael Reed won the Coach's Award.

Girls Soph Track: Monica Martinez was the MVP; Stephanie Halvax won the Coach's Award.

Boys Soph Track: Daniel Waters was the MVP; Matthew Letellier won the Coach's Award.

Girls Varsity Track: Rebecca Power was the MVP; Jessica Conter won the Coach's Award.

Girls JV Volleyball: Brigid Carragee was the MVP. Michelle Eichorst won the Coach's Award.

Power, Dombrowski medal at the Empire State Games

Senior Rebecca Power and junior Brittany Dombrowski were the only medal winners from Archbishop Molloy at the Empire State Games track and field meet held from July 26-28 at Mount Vernon High School in Westchester, N.Y.

Power finished second in the javelin in the state-wide competition with a throw of 34.04-meters and Dombrowski finished third with a toss of 32.40-meters.

Power also finished fourth in the shot

put with a toss of 10.64-meters and Dombrowski was 13th in the discus with a throw of 24.38 meters.

Senior Beth Terranova finished 10th in the pole vault with a jump of 2.28-meters.

In the boys events, senior Sean Ginter finished eighth in the pole vault by clearing 3.50-meters.

Junior Dan Waters (1,365 points) and sophomore Matt Catera (1,350 points) finished 11th and 12th respectively in the decathlon.

Stanner Calendar Chaos

By Claudia Goncalves '09 and Dana Giuntini '09

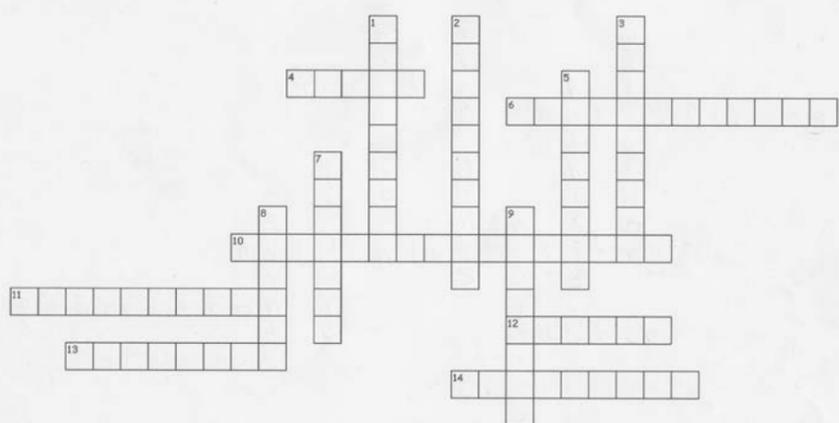
Down

1. Candy, candy, candy
2. Honest Abe and George Week
3. Just keep walking; we're almost done
5. Whose parade has shamrocks and often a cold rain?
7. Frantic about one's appearance day
8. When the ___ go marching in
9. Making resolutions we rarely keep

Across

4. Day of frosh friendly competition
6. Made nice with the natives day
10. Fell asleep and had a dream day
11. Hello, would you like to make a donation to Molloy? Hello?
12. Our Lord is risen
13. Got lost and called it a discovery day
14. Birth of a King

Answers in next month's issue



Senior second baseman Ryan Kearney bats during Molloy's 5-4 loss to St. Peter's last week. The Stanners started the fall exhibition baseball season with a 2-2 record. (Photo by Sydney Umana)

Chess Club is back in business

By Jennifer McCabe '09

After a one-year hiatus, Molloy's Chess Club is back in business.

Last year, after almost 20 years on the job, Mr. Mike Harrison retired as Chess Club moderator and Chess Team coach. Now he's back.

"One of the reasons was because all the former members [of the club] used to come to my classroom after school asking me to revive the club," he said. "So I wound up spending as much time talking about the club as I did actually

running the club."

While the club has returned, the Chess Team has not.

Mr. Harrison said the time demands of running the club are not as great as that of running the team. Taking the team to tournaments and dual meets took up much more of his time than running the club did.

Mr. Harrison will organize tournaments here at Molloy so club members can play against each other during the year.