

Monarchs tackle World Youth Day

By Valeria Whitmore

Two million people gathered for a Papal Mass to conclude the 2016 World Youth Day (WYD). Aquinas faculty, alumni, and students attended the event in Krakow, Poland.

The WYD celebrations entailed many activities. Senior Lizzie DeWispelare made the pilgrimage. DeWispelare said, "We traveled to different places and saw different churches. We spent a week with host families and had going away parties. We had catechesis sessions, went to Auschwitz, took tours of the cities and had Mass, vigil and stations of the cross with the Pope."

In addition to the various activities connected to World Youth Day, the diocesan group traveled to other sites. In Poland, the group went to Warsaw, Czestochowa, Wadowice, Zakopane, Krakow, Auschwitz I and Auschwitz II (Birkenau), Legnica, Krzescow, Wroclaw, and Krakow a second



time for the WYD festivities. The group also visited Bruno and Prague in the Czech Republic.

Aquinas senior religion teacher Fr. Ben Holdren also attended World Youth Day. "I was invited, and at first I didn't want to go because two million people is a lot of people, but there is nothing else that can compare with walking through the streets of a different country," Holdren said. DeWispelare decided to join WYD because "everybody in my family has gone to one World Youth

Day and we would do a reunion WYD." DeWispelare also attended WYD in Rio de Janeiro in summer, 2013.

The Aquinas participants at WYD were staff bookkeeper Mrs. Sharon DeWispelare, sophomore religion teacher Fr. Ronald Homes, alumni Marissa DeWispelare '13, Jenna Eller '16, Makayla Kadlec '15, Allison Pokorny '16 and seniors Lizzie DeWispelare, Kaitlyn Eller, Cami Klement and Jack Witter. Holdren said, "I went with a group from St. Michael's in Lincoln, but [that group] did a lot of stuff with the group from the Lincoln Diocese."

The concluding activity at WYD was the Papal Mass. "It's hard to describe two million people, and everyone was camping in sleeping bags in the open air. The Irish were playing rugby, the French were singing songs and the Africans were drumming. It was amazing to see all these countries gathered to celebrate the Eucharist together," Holdren said.

The pilgrims made preparations for WYD a year in advance. Holdren said he prepared by "thinking about Divine Mercy and that message given to St. Faustina and made famous by St. John Paul II." The year of preparation allowed time for Holdren to learn all he could about this message.

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TOP: Senior Kaitlyn Eller passes time with fellow pilgrim Sr. Mary Faustina, C.K. Many students made rosaries while waiting at their campground before the papal Mass. Senior Lizzie DeWispelare, bookkeeper Mrs. Sharon DeWispelare (right) and senior Cami Klement (above) pray a Divine Mercy chaplet at the WYD papal vigil. Photos courtesy of K. Clark.





Holdren and alumni take mission trip to Denver

By Ryan Nemece

Aquinas religion teacher Father Ben Holdren and several Aquinas alumni made a mission trip to Denver in early July. The missionaries greeted the homeless of the city to give them kindness and help.

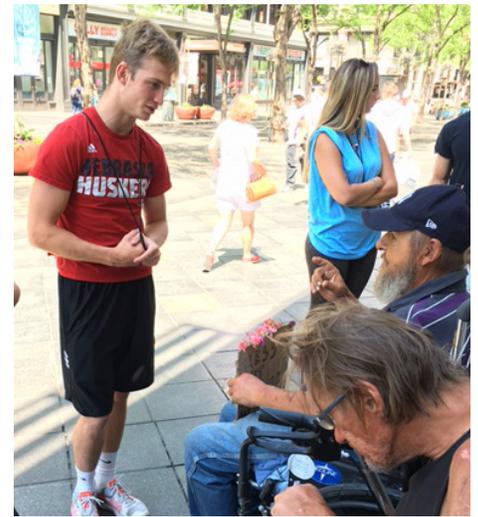
During the trip to Denver the missionaries had many new experiences. “[Going on the mission trip] was good to get out of our normal life, see real problems, and learn how to love better”, Holdren

said. Holdren and the others got to hear stories of the lives of some homeless.

The Nebraska missionaries treated the homeless with great kindness. “Many homeless were in tears because we cared enough to listen to them,” Holdren said. Although many of the homeless felt great kindness, the missionaries got more out of the trip than the homeless they went to help according to Holdren.

Aquinas alumni Emily Byers ’16, Connor Kranda ’16, and Trent Smith ’15 made the mission trip with Holdren. They also met up with a couple of other groups of missionaries from different states while in Denver.

Holdren plans to continue his missionary work in the future. “I am planning on making yearly trips”. Holdren also invites all of the seniors to join him on the mission trip next year.



Alumni Connor Kranda listens to a story from a homeless man. A friend of Fr. Ben Holdren’s from Lincoln also joined the Aquinas alumnus missionaries. Photo courtesy of Fr. B. Holdren.

In January 2015, 564,708 people were homeless in the United States, according to the National Alliance to End Homelessness.

School makes improvements over the summer

By Sarah Burwell

This past summer three noticeable improvements occurred on the Aquinas Catholic School’s campus. Students now enjoy improved restroom facilities, use of the school’s choir loft, and a cement driveway on the property.

Planning for the improvements began in various stages. Chief administrative officer Fr. Sean Timmerman said development of the boys’ restroom renovation began over three years ago. With the larger needs of the Aquinas’ facility under control, the administration felt it was a good time to address smaller concerns.

Additionally, for the first time students enjoy the use of the Aquinas choir loft. Previously, the fire marshal deemed the choir loft unfit for students because of access and exit concerns. With the addition of an exterior staircase, students are now allowed to enter the choir loft. Timmerman hopes that the choir loft will encourage students to become involved with the liturgy.

The students, faculty, and visitors of Aquinas also enjoy a new driveway around the property. The new paved drive spans from the entrance of school to the St. Joseph’s Building, along with added cement parking spaces around the campus. Senior student council president Anthony Eickmeier

said, “Students appreciate their car not falling apart when they drive behind school.”

The funds for the \$126,000 improvements came through the Goldrush Blue Sky Fundraiser. Development coordinator Mrs. Deb Svec said, “[An anonymous donor] matched the funds raised to pave the road.” Svec plays a key role as organizer of the Goldrush Blue Sky Fundraiser.

Many people worked in making the improvements to campus. Timmerman was the main coordinator for the projects, getting bids and even choosing paint colors for the boys’ bathroom. “I hope the boys like the [paint color]!” Timmerman said.

Having a student-free campus during the summer months was an advantage for the contractors. Timmerman said all of the improvements made were started and completed this summer.

All of the improvements made to the Aquinas campus were implemented by Aquinas alumni. “That’s pretty impressive. We have alumni that are willing to come back and improve our school,” Timmerman said.

Timmerman provided insight into the future plans for improvement. “Eventually we’d love to pave the entire parking lot, but that would cost nearly 1,000,000 dollars.”

Eickmeier said the student council also

has several improvements in the works for the Aquinas body. “We are working on a commons area for the students, also possibly getting another ice machine for the athletes to use before practice,” Eickmeier said.



Senior members of the Mass choir sit on the new stairs that lead to the choir loft. The previous indoor staircase did not meet fire code standards. Photo courtesy of T. Pokorny.



'02 alumnus Emory returns to Aquinas

By Madison Kozisek

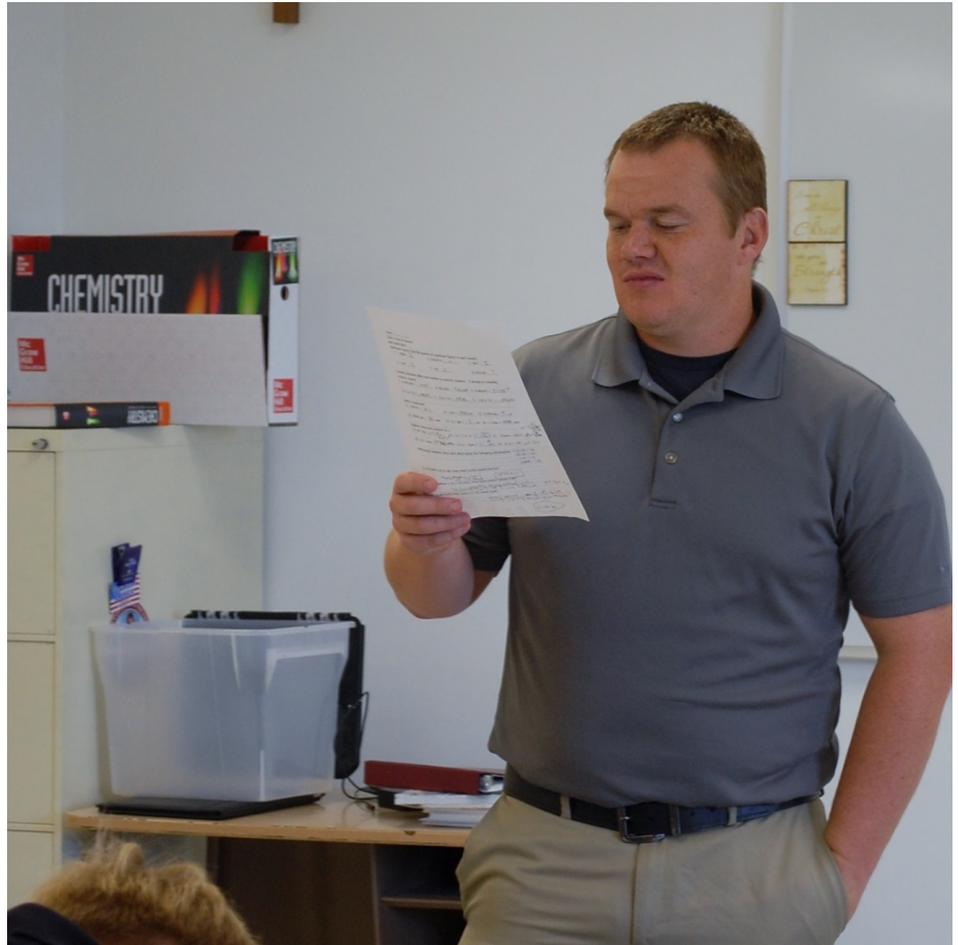
Mr. Roy Emory recently began the position as the high school science teacher at Aquinas Catholic Schools. Emory replaced Miss Elissa Gilger who resigned in spring, 2016.

According to Emory, "I heard of this job opportunity through my friend Andrew Daro." Daro is a 2006 alumni. Emory's last teaching position was at Grand Island Central Catholic. Emory taught chemistry, advanced chemistry, physics, seventh, eighth and ninth grade science at GICC. Emory's teaching load at Aquinas includes chemistry, physics, science research, and physical science. Emory is also an assistant coach for the football team and co-head coach for the wrestling team.

Emory found several reasons to accept the position of the science teacher. "One thing that appealed to me about working at Aquinas was that I graduated from Aquinas in 2002," Emory said. For Emory this new job was more of an opportunity rather than a new start.

Emory is looking forward to getting past the reviewing portions of his classes this year and getting into new lessons. Emory said, "So far everything has gone well, and the people are good to me here."

Emory currently resides in David City, having moved here over the summer. Emory is married to Jenesis Emory. They have three children: Madeline, Carter, and Camden.



Mr. Roy Emory reviews answers with his period six chemistry class. Emory graduated from the University of Nebraska in Kearney in 2006. Photo by L. DeWispelare.

Boss cooks up fresh start in the Aquinas cafeteria

By Brooklyn Stara

Aquinas Catholic schools gained a new cook for the 2016-17 school year. Students can see new face Mrs. Kathy Boss in the cafeteria during lunch.

Boss said her favorite part of working at Aquinas is the friendliness of everyone. "[The job] has been very easy to adjust to," Boss said. Like most jobs, the learning process consisted of learning the routine and discovering where everything is.

When Boss grew up, she cooked with her grandmother, who influenced her to love cooking. The first thing her grandmother taught her to bake was cookies.

Boss currently lives in Bellwood. "I

grew up in Hastings. I lived in Columbus, where my daughters graduated from Columbus High," Boss said. Boss is married to Mr. Glen Boss, and they have four children: Cari Wright, Christi Wren, Cassandra Lopez, and Clinton Boss.

Boss worked at Bellwood Ampride prior to working at Aquinas.

World Youth Day

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From the various places visited, both Holdren and DeWispelare thought Wadowice

(the birth place of Pope St. John Paul II) was one of their favorites. DeWispelare also said that she liked the vigil of the Papal Mass and the Czech Republic. "I liked [Czech Republic] because it's my heritage, there were many beautiful aspects, and it reminded me of Nebraska," DeWispelare said.

DeWispelare recommends World Youth Day as a "really great opportunity to grow in faith with people from all over the world." DeWispelare added, "It is fun to see the universality of the Church." Holdren also added if he were to choose where to go for WYD, "I would love to go to Australia, but after being in Poland, I wouldn't trade it; it was incredible." Holdren also said that Europe has an amazing Catholic culture, and everyone needs to go there at least once.

The next World Youth Day will take place in Panama in 2019.



Softball faces tough competition

By Ivy Schmid

The Aquinas Catholic Schools softball team started the 2016 season with a record of 8-6. Veteran seniors lead the team with support of returning underclassmen and several new faces.

The team recently played at the Ashland-Greenwood Invite defeating Ashland-Greenwood 6-5, and losing to Ralston 4-8. The Monarchs also played at the Guardian Angels Central Catholic (GACC) Triangular, winning against Logan View/Scribner-Snyder 9-2 and GACC 10-2. The team played Twin River losing 3-4. They also played in the Freeman Triangular winning 4-2 against Freeman, and losing to Raymond Central 0-11.

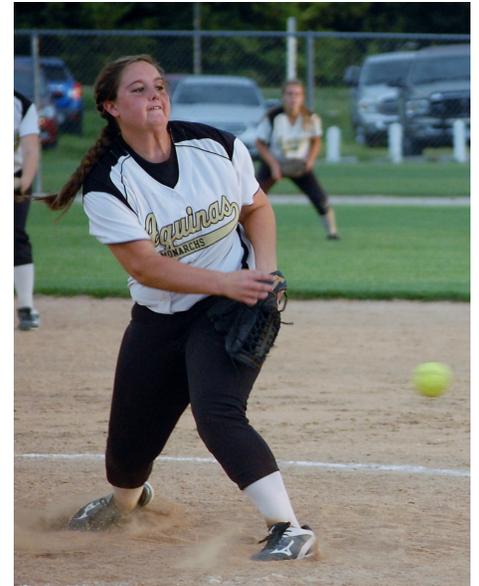
The Monarchs played at the GACC Invite winning against South Sioux City 11-1 and losing to GACC 10-11 in extra innings. Sophomore varsity third basemen Vanessa Bohuslavsky said, "The GACC game was one of the most memorable because Kelsey (Baer) and Valerie (Bohuslavsky)

hit back-to-back homeruns, and later Chloe (Miller) hit a grand slam." The Monarchs also lost to Tekamah-Herman 2-7.

The Monarchs defeated the Wahoo Bishop Neumann Cavaliers for the first time in the program's history, with a score of 7-0. They defeated Schuyler 16-1 and Wymore Southern 3-2.

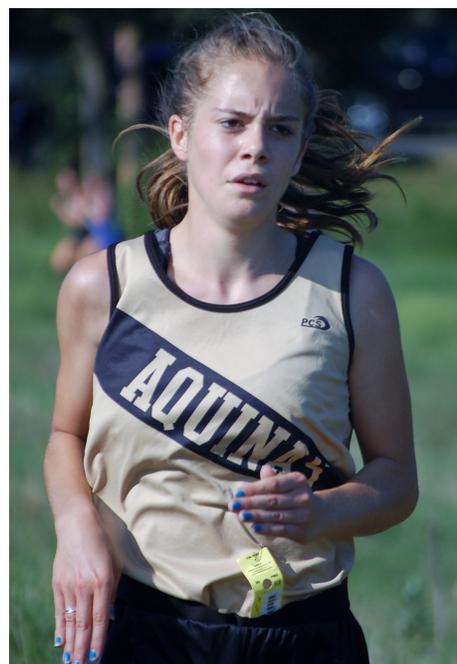
The girls lost the season opener against Wilber-Clatonia on Aug. 18 with a score of 0-1. Senior varsity left fielder Cami Klement said, "We are doing well against tough teams: our batting average is good, and we continue to improve our fielding with every practice."

Klement said, "We all have our little areas where we can improve, with some one-on-one time with the coaches, we can be a really strong team. As long as we focus on our fundamentals." The team looks forward to playing Raymond Central, GACC, and Wilber-Clatonia. The softball team will compete for a spot at the state tournament at districts on Oct. 6 and 7.



Junior Kelsey Baer pitches during the game against Wahoo Bishop Neumann. Baer hopes to break the school record for most homeruns hit in a season. Baer hit 5 homeruns early in the season. Photo by H. Schawang.

Cross country runs in Charlie Thorell Invitational



LEFT: Junior Eli Frasher sprints to the finish line at the invitational meet. Frasher finished the 5 kilometer race in 17 minutes, earning a fourth place medal. MIDDLE: Junior Mary Fiala makes strides toward the finish line. Fiala placed thirty-sixth in the womens division. RIGHT: Junior Sarah Burwell battles up a steep hill. Burwell crossed the finish line in forty-first place. The Monarchs aced the first test of the season with a championship in the girls C and D division and a third place rank in the boys C and D division. The invitational was the biggest meet the Monarchs encountered during their regular season with 236 runners in the women's race and 319 runners in the men's. Photos by R. Nemecc.



Sixth grade begins musical adventure

By Sarah Juranek

Blats and sharp rat-a-tat-tats fill the ears of excited Aquinas sixth graders. In late August, the sixth grade band students attended an open house to choose their instruments.

The twenty member band began practicing the first week of September. “[The sixth grade band members] are required to practice an hour a week at home and one lesson a week in school,” Aquinas band director

Mrs. Helen Ostdiek said.

Sixth graders Claire Wisnieski and Josh Palik attended the open house and expressed excitement about learning their instrument of choice, the alto saxophone. Palik believes learning the keys of his instrument will be the most difficult because there is a lot to memorize.

Ostdiek has taught beginning band for thirty-six years. Ostdiek believes students benefit from studying music because “it enhances the brain” and makes a student smarter all around.

For Ostdiek’s favorite instruments to teach/play are the baritone and trumpet, but the most challenging, in her opinion, is the flute because it is difficult to start. As for the upcoming band season, Ostdiek said, “I’m excited about this year, I think it’s going to be a good year.”



LEFT: Mrs. Helen Ostdiek shows sixth grader A.J. Breiner how to properly hold a flute. Currently 20 students joined the beginning sixth grade band. Photo by S. Burwell.

Running away from a dream

By Brandon Timoney

Florence Foster Jenkins (2016)

Cast: Meryl Streep, Hugh Grant, Simon Helberg, Rebecca Ferguson, Nina Arianda, Stanley Townsend, Allan Corduner, Christian McKay

Director: Stephen Frears

Synopsis: In the 1940s New York socialite Florence Foster Jenkins (Meryl Streep) dreams of becoming a great opera singer. Unfortunately, her ambition far exceeds her talent. The voice Florence hears in her head is beautiful, but to everyone else her voice is quite lousy. Her husband St. Clair goes to extreme lengths to make sure his wife never finds out how awful she truly is. When Florence announces her plans for a concert at Carnegie Hall, St. Clair soon realizes he is facing his greatest challenge yet.

Review:

Director Stephen Frears brings true events to life in this thoughtful story. The viewer sees familiar and unfamiliar faces in this 1940’s film. The story is about a wom-

an who dreams of being an opera singer, but she has no musical talent whatsoever.

When Florence Foster Jenkins sets out to become an opera singer, she hires Cosme McGoon as her pianist. McGoon is played by Simon Helberg. Helberg is best known for his role as Howard Wolowitz on the hit television sitcom *The Big Bang Theory*. McGoon notices right away that Jenkins has no musical talent and tries to get out of being her pianist. McGoon is then faced with a very tough decision to either play at Carnegie Hall or run away and not be embarrassed by Jenkin’s singing.

This film was a good representation of how good hopes and dreams might not turn out well in real life. However, the movie is directed towards an audience of people age fifty and older. The story will appeal to this audience because of the elevated vocabulary and because of the setting. Nonetheless, this reviewer enjoyed the film and fans of music and comedy will enjoy it, too.





Monarchs kick off season at exhibition event

By Jenna Kobza

The varsity volleyball team began their season at the Wisner-Pilger exhibition. The exhibition was a new event for the players and was a chance to play an unofficial game before the first official game.

The exhibition match took place a week before regulation play started. This is the first year the Nebraska Schools Activities Association allowed the event and the exhibition event will continue every year. The Monarchs played Battle Creek, Guardian Angel Central Catholic (GACC) and Winnebago at the exhibition.

“We went to the exhibition match to get a look at our weaknesses and get rid of

any first game jitters,” senior outside hitter Madison Kozisek said. The idea behind the exhibition match is to help teams practice before the season started. Head coach Mrs. Jody Pelan said, “The money that is earned from the exhibition gets donated to the NSAA for scholarships.”

In the exhibition match, the Monarchs split sets with GACC and lost both sets to Battle Creek. Junior setter Veronica Kobza said, “I learned that communication is very important, especially between setters while running a 6-2.” A 6-2 is when two setters play at all times with five hitting options every time. Kozisek added,

“We learned our weaknesses; the team had bad communication and inconsistency.”

“The team went to the exhibition match for some extra practice before our first game,” Kobza said. The exhibition match helped the volleyball team find out where the team needed the most work. After that exhibition, the players went to work on fixing coverage and setter communication.

“All around I feel we played very well as a team, but everyone was very inconsistent that night,” Kozisek said. “If I could have improved one thing the girls did was to better our communication and consistency,” Pelan added.



Opponent	Set Scores	Win/Loss
Yutan	25-11	Win
	25-14	
	25-21	
Shelby	27-25	Win
	25-23	
	26-28	
	25-21	
Exeter-Miligan	23-25	Loss
	18-25	
Freeman	25-18	Loss
	13-25	
	17-25	
Scotus	23-25	Loss
	12-25	
	19-25	

LEFT: Juniors Regan Pelan and Jenna Kobza prepare to serve receive against Shelby-Rising City. Pelan is the team's libero for the 2016 season. Photo by B. Timoney. TOP: Seniors participate in the volleyball dress up theme of “ER Doctor/Injured Person”. The Senior Class often chooses dress-up themes for students to raise spirit. Photo by S. Burwell.



Pokémon GO craze sweeps the nation

By Hayden Schawang

Gotta catch 'em all! People from around the world play the latest Niantic creation Pokémon GO. (This trendy sensation creates much fun, but the game also creates much controversy.)

Pokémon GO became the #1 most downloaded application on the App Store during the first five hours of release. The app did not stop its ever increasing popularity there. According to junior Isaac Archuleta, "I downloaded it the day after it came out." The game came out on July 6, 2016.

Pokémon GO uses real-world locations a player must travel to in order to do battles, collect items from Poke Stops, and catch Pokémon themselves, all via the use of a smart phone. The player has the opportunity to join one of three teams after a short time. These teams give perks to members and allow people to defend gyms for a team.

As the game's popularity grew, so did the number of motor-vehicle homicides in larger cities. Unaware players have driven through public areas, or walked directly into oncoming traffic, as they

search for a Pokémon on their phone. Many victims were critically injured or killed. There have been multiple reports of Pokémon GO players falling victim to robberies and assaults, because of being inattentive to their surroundings.

According to Listverse.com because of Pokémon GO, Americans are becoming more familiar with the metric system. Google Trends shows searches for kilometer-mile conversions in various distances spiked considerably during the first few days of usage.

The game is somewhat dangerous itself, "Pokémon GO is not like your average video-game, because it requires you

to do physical activity," Archuleta said. Players must travel to different places on foot in order to catch Pokémon. Driving a car to different locations does not work, as the game senses speed, and does not allow Pokémon to be captured when the player travels over 20 mph.

"The park is the best place here in David City to catch Pokémon," Archuleta said. According to senior Amanda Stuhr, the Columbus Park is a great place as well. There are several species of Pokémon in these areas are Pidgey, Rattata, Drowzee, Oddish, Beedrill, Weedle, Magikarp, Tentacool, Caterpie, Eevee, Krabby, Poliwhg, Zubat, and many more.

Many relationships are formed during the player's adventures. "I have met residents of David City, as well as students who go to David City Public," Archuleta said. Creating connections actually completes the dream of the original Pokémon creator, Satoshi Tajiri, who wanted to draw people closer together.

The evolution of Pokémon

by Madelaine Comte



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Sleep necessary for success

By Lizzie DeWispelare

Wake up early in the morning. Get ready for an early morning activity. Go to nine different classes. Stay after school for a practice of some sort. Off to another practice. Go home and study. WAIT! It's already past eleven o'clock? Go to bed. Wake up early the next morning and do it all again.

Schedules like this make it tough for students to study for all their classes and get enough sleep. According to www.sleepfoundation.org, "Adolescents require at least as much sleep as they did as children, generally eight and a half to nine and one fourth hours each night." Many times, students only get between six and seven hours of sleep before starting their routine over the next day. That much sleep makes for tired, unfocused students and sometimes, frustrated teachers.

How does an over-scheduled student fix this dilemma? What if school started later?

Recent studies have shown that schools with later start times have a higher success rate among students. According to www.cdc.gov, "Students who get about eight and a half to nine and a half hours of sleep each night can improve their health, safety, academic performance, and quality of life."

The average start time for these schools is nine o'clock. This offers students an extra hour of sleep in the morning or an earlier trip to bed at night. A later start time also gives an extra hour to do homework. Starting the school day later has proved to raise test scores, too. According to www.educationnext.org, "Since the effect of later start times is stronger for the lower end of the distribution of test scores, later start times may be particularly effective in meeting accountability standards that require a minimum level of competency."

This editor believes that if schools had later start times, students and teachers would be happier and more ready to tackle their long days. Schools could see improved scores in both daily homework and tests. Even if the school day starts half an hour later than normal, that is half an hour more of precious time that could be used to improve the wellbeing of each student.



Upcoming Events

- 9-20 5:00 PM MS**
FB Lincoln Lutheran
Financial Aid Night @DCHS
- 9-21 Class Retreats**
- 9-22 4:30 PM CC @ North Bend**
5:00 PM JV, V SB North Bend (Senior Night) 6:00 PM JV, V VB East Butler
- 9-23 Mid Quarter**
- 9-24 9:00 AM V SB @ Central City Tourney**
11:00 AM V VB @ DCHS Invite
1:00 PM V FB Bishop Neumann
- 9-25 St. Francis Center Spaghetti Dinner**
- 9-26 4:30 PM MS VB Bishop Neumann**
6:30 JV FB @ Shelby
- 9-27 5:00 PM JV, V SB Polk County @ Cross County**
- 9-28 Faculty Meeting, 1:37 dismissal**
- 9-29 4:30 PM CC Aquinas Invite**
5:00 PM Res, JV, V VB @ Wahoo Bishop Neumann
- 9-30 7:00 PM V FB @ DCHS**



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