



HAPPY HOLIDAYS



STUDENTS AID AT CHRISTMAS



Katie Ottaviani and Logan Mathews help separate donations.

Operation Santa is a cause that Bishop Walsh helps with every year. The school is assigned families that need extra help at Christmas. The classes bring food and toiletries from home into their homerooms. Bishop Walsh is helping families in the school, rather than the community. The money the classes raise will be given to Sister Phyllis and she will shop for the families. Bishop Walsh is keeping it very private so the school does not know for whom the classes are providing. Your contributions to Operation Santa will help make a family have a memorial Christmas this year.

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Garrett and Alex perform their duties as senior auction servants.

SENIOR AUCTION ADDS TO OPERATION SANTA

Did you buy your senior? This year the senior class had nineteen seniors being auctioned off to underclassmen to act as helpers, for the day. All the money that the seniors raised at the auction went toward Operation Santa. This senior class tradition has been a highlight of the fundraising for several years. The senior class ended up raising over 400 dollars for the Operation Santa families.

BURGUNDY BALL ATTRACTS ENTHUSIASTIC CROWD

On November 8, 2008, the Burgundy Ball was host to 170 students and their guests. Homecoming queen, Jenna Strem and her attendants Morgan Evans, Catie Taylor, Katie Shippee and Cassie Murphy were presented. Organized by the Student Council, the entrance to Bishop Walsh and the courtyard were transformed into a sparkling white wonderland. Students enjoyed a night of dancing.



MOCK TRIAL ADDS FIVE TO TEAM

New members of the 2008 Mock Trial team have been announced. They are sophomores Dylan Dunn, Erin Giles, Isaac Strauss, Ashley Turnbull, and Ian Welch.



Alex, Lucas, and Josh doing the "Thriller" dance.

"KEEP CHRIST IN CHRISTMAS" By: Ian Stanley

It's not just an old phrase grandma repeats year after year in December. Well, maybe right now it is; but seriously, keeping Christ in Christmas is actually something we should all strive to achieve as we begin this holiday season. Christians need to realize the true spirit of the holiday and what it once was. I won't mention any names (WALMART) but the now standard extreme buying craze of the Christmas season has become ridiculous. Gifts and possessions are fine, but we should realize what Christmas is actually about.

It is simple. We are celebrating Jesus' birth. It is a time for family and religion in balance with the modern traditions. The nativity scene, Midnight Mass, Christmas cookies, and gifts can all live in harmony this season. The key is a balance between the consumerism and commercialization that has become Christmas and the customary values of and reasons for the holiday. Enjoy your new iPhone (or that Hannah Montana stuff you will never tell anyone about...you know who you are...) or whatever else it is you want this Christmas, but please remember to keep Christ in Christmas.

FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK...

Take time this Christmas season to reflect on the Christmas story. In the quiet of the snows or the still of the night give thanks for all that you have been given.

"This is how the birth of Jesus Christ came about. When his mother Mary was betrothed to Joseph, but before they lived together, she was found with child through the Holy Spirit. Joseph her husband, since he was a righteous man, yet unwilling to expose her to shame, decided to divorce her quietly. Such was his intention when, behold, the angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream and said, "Joseph, son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary your wife into your home. For it is through the Holy Spirit that this child has been conceived in her. She will bear a son and you are to name him Jesus, because he will save his people from their sins." All this took place to fulfill what the Lord had said through the prophet: **Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and they shall name him Emmanuel**, which means "God is with us." When Joseph awoke, he did as the angel of the Lord had commanded him and took his wife into his home. He had no relations with her until she bore a son, and he named him Jesus."



Gospel of Matthew

STAFF SPOTS SENIOR STARS



MARIE TURNBULL

Marie has participated in a variety of activities throughout her high school career. Captain of the volleyball team, co-editor of the yearbook and newspaper, and student council secretary, this girl does it all. She also takes part in mock trial, Burgundy Brigade, COP, and Campus Ministry. Marie has proven herself academically as a member of the NHS and Spanish Honor Society. Her plans for college involve attending a four-year university with a major in Law, Justice, and Society. Whatever path she chooses, Marie will surely succeed!



LUCAS BEHRENS

Lucas is one outstanding senior. Not only does he succeed academically, but he also finds time to partake of extracurricular activities. At Bishop Walsh, Lucas is a member of the bowling and cross country teams, and also participates in Model UN. Last spring, he was inducted into the National Honor Society and Art Honor Society. Lucas was voted "Most Dependable" by his senior classmates. Outside of school, he is a Boy Scout and practices martial arts. Next fall, Lucas plans to attend Virginia Tech or WVU to major in aerospace engineering, with a possible double major with oceanic engineering. Good luck Lucas!

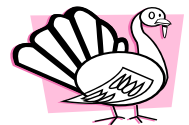
THANKSGIVING FOOD FAVORITES

Thanksgiving is the time of year where family and friends gather to enjoy each other, but mostly, it's all because of the food. Here is the top favorite Thanksgiving side for 2008.



The Winner is:

Stuffing!



Thank you for all your votes and participation! ©

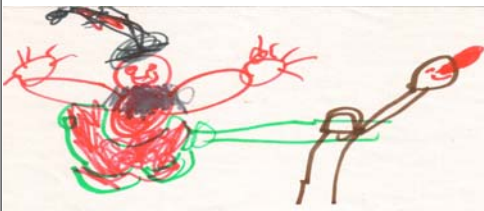
WHAT IS THE MOST POPULAR GIFT AMONGST TEENS?

- 1. New Cellphone
 - 2. Clothes
 - 3. Ipod
 - 4. Xboxes, Wii, etc.
 - 5. Pets
- The winner is 4!!!! Xboxes, Wii, etc.
You game players, you.



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Dear Santa
I like you
I would like a new DS game
Love Cameron



Dear Santa.
I like you.
I would like
a snowglobe that sees
everything.
Love Taylor

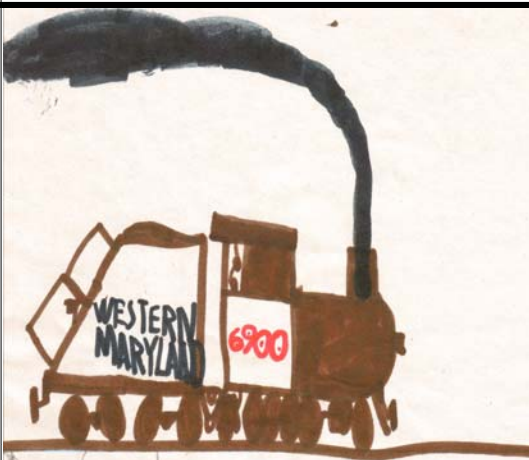


Dear Santa
I like you
I would like a brown bear.
Love Eslick



Dear Santa
I like you.
I would like a guitar hero.
Love Brandon

HERE COMES SANTA CLAUS...



Dear Santa
I like you
I would like a Hess truck.
Love Michael



DEAR SANTA
I like You
I would like a surprise.
Love CARINA



Dear Santa
I like you
I would like the Playmobile
Batman
Love LUCAS

THE WAY I SEE IT

By: Jason Hartman

Scott Wagner had a dream of founding a middle school football team program at Bishop Walsh. He confided this dream to his friend, Ray Digilarmo, and in the months of June to July of 2003 the middle school Spartans coached by Bruce Widdows, John Mullan, Mike Digilarmo, Tom Lipold, Wagner and Ray Digilarmo made their first appearance. What they lacked in experience, they made up for with enthusiasm.

That first year Jason Hartman, James Loffert, Jamie Nolan, Ryan Ross, Tyler Kelly, Matt Rollins, and Mickey Burkett represented the sixth grade. Robby Lehmann, Jonathan Cullen, and Spencer Wine were part of the seventh grade group. Alex McGlynn, Zac Hare, and David Gorgol represented the eighth grade athletes.

Five years after that first June and July, Bishop Walsh fielded a team that was a result of Scott Wagner's dream and Ray Digilarmo's hope for a team that could compete. These men, much like Branch Rickey who first founded the farm club teams in baseball, gave the Spartans the manpower with experience to produce a winning season.

Proof of the middle school program can be found when one looks at the roster of this season's record setting team---Jason Hartman, James Loffert, Jamie Nolan, Ryan Ross, Tyler Kelly, Matt Rollins, Mick Burkett, Spencer Wine, Robby Lehmann, Jon Cullen and Dylan D'Atri. 9 and 1, Scoring Record -the fruits of middle school effort and the forging of a winning tradition in high school. Vince Lombardi put it together when he said, "Winning isn't everything, but the will to win is everything."



2008-2009 Bishop Walsh Varsity Boys Basketball Team

STAFF SPOTS SR. ATHLETES



ERIC DIAMOND

Eric Diamond is a senior planning on attending Frostburg State University majoring in engineering. He was the captain this year for the varsity soccer team. Eric plays basketball for the Spartans, and will be playing baseball as the catcher. Aside from sports, Eric enjoys working on cars.



CHLOÉ DETRICK

Chloe Detrick is a senior planning on attending WVU to major in Speech Pathology. She played varsity volleyball, and is currently on the basketball team. In the spring, she will play softball. She has previously been a member of the cheerleading squad and soccer team. Chloe enjoys cheering on the Spartans as part of the Burgundy Brigade.

LADY SPARTANS OPEN SEASON

The Lady Spartans opened their season with two wins. They defeated Maryland School of the deaf and Hancock by only a couple points. They defeated Hancock in a thrilling overtime win. Since then, they have had some struggles with other teams such as Allegany, Fort Hill, and Frankfort. We hope they get back on a winning streak soon. Come out and support the Lady Spartans. Their next home game is Monday December 22 at 7. Hope to see you there!



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