

MESSAGE FROM HEAD OF SCHOOL.....

March, 2010

Dear Rice High School Family Members,

We are now into the 6th month of the school year and would like to acknowledge those students whose behavior is impeccable; grades are good to excellent; attendance is regular (including punctuality); and whose tuition as well as contact information is up to date. If only this were a majority of our students! One can dream.

We are also well into the Lenten season, a time for atonement and penance as we anticipate the most important part of the church year the passion, death and resurrection of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. School will dismiss for Easter Vacation after a school prayer service on Wednesday, March 31st. We will return to school on Monday, April 12th at 8 AM.

Rice High School is planning for 2010-2011 and when plans are as complete as possible, we will inform you as to when school will open for 2010-2011. Tuition for the next school year has not been set as yet. This year tuition is \$5,750 with a \$500 registration fee. You can expect that it will be at least that amount for 2010-2011 and possibly more (tuition, that is). Senior graduation fee which includes yearbook, graduation gown, diplomas, etc., is currently only \$100 which barely covers the yearbook alone... Senior parents of the class of 2011 should be prepared to pay \$250-300. Forewarned is forearmed. Also, the school will no longer pay for postage for transcripts mailed to various colleges and universities—that will be the responsibility of the senior applicant.

Among the attributes of private, Catholic education in the tradition of the Edmund Rice Christian Brothers are academics, athletics, and discipline. At times the accomplishments of our athletic program, particularly our basketball team (s) seems to outshine the academic and disciplinary aspects of our school. I would like to see all three be outstanding and when one speaks of Rice High School, more than basketball would come to mind. You can help us by insisting that your son follow the rules of the school and that while in class he keeps quiet and listens to what the teacher is saying and is not distracting others and attempting to entertain all to the detriment of those who want to learn. It is discouraging to see high-profile Rice athletes sleeping in

the Washington, D.C. area. There is a \$35 application fee. A sliding scale for the cost of the camp ranges from free to a nominal sum. The dates for the camp are from July 11-July 24. The camp is open to 9-11 Graders. See Ms. Rial for an application as soon as possible.

class. Sometimes this translates to being drowsy on the court and field as well!

Also, we need you to write to your congressman regarding the state's attempt to remove the transportation stipend for school children. I am going to a meeting arranged by one of our Rice Parents on March 19th to meet with Representative Adam Clayton Powell IV to discuss this matter and appeal for the sake of our Rice students as well as all in schools who depend upon this vital resource. Recently, a letter about mandated services was sent home with your son which provides information as to how to gain access to our representatives. To easily provide feedback, Google "New York State Catholic Conference" and follow the instructions....I have used this several times in the last two years and have found it very accessible.

Progress Reports will be distributed on Friday, March 12th and Parent-Teacher Conferences will take place on Thursday, March 18th from 5:30-7:30 PM. The day before, school will be closed for the St. Patrick Day holiday with seniors marching up 5th avenue. Finally, thanks to those of you who expressed your condolences to me upon the loss of my father on January 21st. My dad was 85 years old and just retired from a job he maintained as a union representative on January 4th! Please keep my mother in your prayers as she mourns the loss of her partner for the last 63 ½ years.

Respectfully,

Brother Michael S. Segvich, CFC

Attention All Juniors

All Juniors should sign up for the May 1st SAT by March 31, 2010. The exam is given at our school however you may take it elsewhere. Ms. Rial has fee wavier to take this test. Don't wait until the last day; you may be closed out at our school, therefore go to collegeboard.com to register.

The National Bar Association, Crump Law Camp, is accepting applications for their 2 week camp which is hosted by Howard University, Washington D.C. Students are introduced to the law and how it works. They also learn what skills are necessary to become an effective lawyer. In addition, there are field trips to



**April 21, 2010 is
Career Day at
Rice High
School**

Bronx Residents Only—Lehman college & Wave Hill offer a paid summer job opportunity combined with academic study. The job includes field trips, repairing woodland trails and lectures dealing with the environment. The lectures and lab work will give you free college credits. You must have completed the 10th grade by summer and passed two science regents. Hours are 9 am-4 pm, July 5th—August 13, 2010. /Deadline—March 25, 2010 Apply & download applications at www.wavehill.org/education/ or see Ms. Porzelt for more information.

You can help Rice High School every time you do your supermarket shopping!!!.

We have signed up with Stop & Shop's A+ Bonus Bucks program. When you make purchases at any Stop & Shop supermarket, you can earn "A+ Bonus Bucks" which translate into monetary awards for Rice. Getting started is simple. To register your Stop & Shop card online, log on to www.stopandshop.com/aplus and choose "Register your Card" from the A+ menu found under "Our Stores" using ID# 08705. Or, you can call 1-877-366-2668 to register your card over the phone. If you don't already have a card, you can apply for one at your nearest Stop & Shop location or call their hot line # 1-877-366-2668. Then, you can register the card with Rice as indicated at the start of this paragraph. Each month, the amount of cash awarded will be updated on the Stop & Shop website. Rice will receive a check at the end of the program. The money will be used for any of the school's educational needs!

STUDENTS OF THE MONTH FOR FEBRUARY

FRESHMEN

Jose Salaman

Tyler Wilson

SOPHOMORES

Seretse Davis

Edwrds Correa

JUNIORS

Anthony Slade

ChristenResto

SENIORS

Kedeem Jack

Henry Victor

Congratulations! The following students were nominated for four awards given by the University of Rochester. These applicants will be considered for one of the award scholarships. The range of scholarships is from \$7,500 to \$20,000 a year. **Science Award– Bristol Francis, Technology Award –Jessy Ramirez, Fredrick Douglass & Susan B. Anthony Award for under-standing difficult situations– Ramon Cadeaux, Young Leaders Award-Anton Hanton**

FRANKENSTEIN will be presented on April 16th at 7:00 PM, April 17 at 2pm & 7pm, April 18th at 2:00 pm

Reynaud Thornton, 11th Grade has one of the roles in the play. It will be presented at FRANCISCAN COMMUNTI CENTER 214 West 97th Street, New York, NY Admission is \$5.00. Telephone number 212-932-8040 ext 249.

Community Service Hours– Saturday, May 1, 2010 Central Park Revlon Run/Walk FOR WOMEN WHO SURVIVED BREAST CANCER-Time: 6AM to 12PM (your choice) Service Hours earned 6+ Event description: May 1st is a day of CELEBRATION AND REMEMBRANCE IN MEMORY OFTHOSE WOMEN WE HAVE LOST AND IN HONOR OF THOSE WOMEN WHO ARE FIGHTING OR WHO HVE SURVIVED CANCER. VISIT www.revlonrumwalk.com/ny/volunteer.htm or call 212-379-3199

A voice for Animal High School Essay Contest– The Human Education Network's Annual "A Voice for Animals High School Essay Contest runs from February 1 through March 31. The Contest gives students the opportunity to express concerns about animal welfare and present solutions. Prizes totaling \$6,500 will be awarded for essays that best promote the humane treatment of animals. Students should examine the mistreatment of one animal species or one cause of animal suffering and offer a course of action for the problems. The contest is open to all eligible high school and home-schooled students. Visit www.hennet.org or call 650-851-8140. Prizes totaling \$6,500 will be awarded for the best essays.

The following students have entered the **Signet Classics Contest**. This years' essay contest is about the book The War of the Worlds by H.G. Wells. Students will win \$1,000 and Rice will receive a collection of Signet Books for the library. **Good Luck to the following participants. Ramon Cadeau, Bristol Francis DaShaun Knight.**

LEGAL BOUND Internship Summer Program for Juniors and Seniors offers students an opportunity to see how the law works. Students attend trails an have an opportunity to prepare a case as either a prosecutor or a defense attorney. **Students must reside in Manhattan. Please see Ms. Rial if you are interested.**