

Gate of Heaven to host forensics tournament, spelling bee

How challenging is it to present the essence of an entire poem or piece of literature using only tone of voice and body language? Very. But the 46 students competing in the Diocesan Forensics Tournament at Gate of Heaven School, Dallas, will show most of us a thing or two. The competitors, who represent schools from throughout the Scranton Diocese will treat the audience to personal interpretations of various dramatic pieces.

The competition begins Friday, April 7 at 6:15 p.m. For the spelling-challenged among us—er, that's "among" us—there is the fourth and fifth grade Spelling Bee to be held at Gate of Heaven on Monday April 10, at 8:30 a.m. More than 100 children will compete by spelling words such as "intelligent" and "competent". Please join us and help us recognize the efforts of the competitors.



DMS students join math counts contest

Six students from the Dallas Middle School recently attended the Math Counts Competition at Penn State's Hazleton Campus. Dallas competed against fourteen teams from local schools and placed third overall. Michael Swartwood took home honors with his first place finish in the individual category and qualified for the state competition. Joseph Bednash came in sixth out of a field of fifty-six in the individual category.

The team is coached by Ms. Kathleen Dolan, a seventh and eighth grade mathematics instructor at the Dallas Middle School. Pictured seated: Dustin Bednarz and Joseph Bednash. Standing: Diane Glicini, Douglas Zaruta, Michael Swartwood and Sara Getz.

DHS GUIDANCE NOTES

The courses students choose for next year need the approval of their current teacher in that subject area. Students are required to have teachers initial course selection sheets. Parents' signatures are required also. When the course selection sheet is filled out in its entirety, with required signatures, students bring it to their guidance counselor for the final signature. Mr. Jack Wolensky is the counselor for students with a last name beginning with A-K and Ms. Robyn Jones has L-Z.

Parents are encouraged to get involved in the scheduling process with their child. Students are often confused about what courses will prepare them for future careers. Parent input can be a big help in the student's course selections. Parental support gives the student a sense of confidence in their educational journey.

Tips for planning a good schedule
 1. Talk to your teacher—they will know which courses you can handle successfully.
 2. Balance your schedule—do not overload one semester with challenging classes.
 3. Pick what is required first—fill your schedule with what you need then with what you want.
 4. Eliminate too many study halls—each semester must have at least 3.5 credits.

5. Talk to your counselor for suggestions on courses that will prepare you for your post secondary plans or employment.
 • The PTSO would like to thank the community for the support they showed by attending the Grad 2000 Pancake Breakfast. All proceeds will go toward the Grad 2000 Party for seniors on graduation night.
 • Sharon Bartolini, PTSO President, is asking for parents and community members to assist in donating money and/or volunteering for the Grad 2000 Lock-In Party on graduation night. Help keep our graduates safe and drug-free on June 9, 2000 by lending a helping hand. Call the PTSO Hotline at 674-7333 if you would like to get involved.

Lake-Lehman elementary schools plan bus safety program

Mr. Robert Kunkle and Mr. Dave McLaughlin-Smith, Elementary Principals for the Lake-Lehman School District, announce the Preschool Program for parents and preschool (4-year-old) children for the 1999-00 school year. The fifth and final installment of Lake-Lehman's Early Childhood/Preschool Program is scheduled for April 11, 12 and 13, and will feature "Bus Safety and Orientation - Children will ride a bus".

Bus safety and orientation will be discussed with parents. In addition, a principal will be available to respond to parent's questions concerning kindergarten. Children will work with kindergarten teachers on drawings and crafts. Children will ride a bus through the local community as well.

The schedule for this preschool presentation is as follows:

- Ross: April 11, 10 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.
- Lake Noxen: April 12, 9 a.m. to 10:30 a.m.
- Lake-Lehman, April 13, 9 a.m. to 10:30 a.m.

Program topics for parents and children: bus safety and kindergarten and orientation

The activities for the children during these programs will include: a play/game time; a story

time; an orientation to the school building and special purpose rooms, i.e. library, cafeteria, gym, health room; make and take/arts and crafts; safety in the home and neighborhood, and an orientation to busing. This program, activities for children and presentations to parents, has been highly successful in the previous thirteen years. The program recognizes the importance of the parent-school relationship and the powerful impact it has on the early success and achievement of our children. Furthermore, this program recognizes the importance of the parent as the child's first teacher.

Please "register" for the fifth presentation by calling the neighboring elementary school office and letting us know how many adults and children will be attending. Telephone numbers are as follows:

- Ross Elementary School: 477-5050 or 256-7897
- Lake Noxen Elementary School: 639-1129
- Lehman-Jackson Elementary School: 675-2165

This program is intended for four-year-olds only. It is kindly requested that you not bring younger brothers and sisters unless there is no alternative.

DHS band alumni plan reunion

On Thursday evening, May 11, the Dallas Area High School will present its first Annual Alumni Spring Band Concert. All Dallas band alumni are invited to participate in what promises to be a fun-filled evening.

Please send name, address, phone number, years participated in band, instruments played while in the band, and a brief biography to Mr. Todd Hunter, Dallas Senior High School, Box 2000, Dallas, PA 18612 or Jennifer Withers

(Publicity Chairman) 64 Midland Drive, Dallas, PA 18612. Those willing to play in the alumni band, please let us know if instruments are available, as our resources are limited.

Music and rehearsal dates will be mailed soon after your response to this invitation is received. The Alumni Band will combine with the present senior high school concert band members on several selections highlighting the conclusion of the concert.

Alma DeRojas named presidential fellow at Susquehanna University

Alma DeRojas of Dallas, is a Presidential Fellow for the 1999-2000 academic year at Susquehanna University.

In order to be considered as a Presidential Fellow, a student must be a sophomore or junior who has earned at minimum 3.25 grade point average. The deans of the university then nominate students who they feel have the enthusiasm, ability, and interest in serious matters to benefit from the opportunity to interact with the President and with one another in discussions of literature,

theater and current events. DeRojas is also a member of Alpha Lambda Delta freshman honor society, Sigma Tau Delta English honor society, the university choir, opera workshop, the Hispanic Organizations for Latino Awareness, and the presidential search committee. She is also a university scholar, a university assistant and a Spanish tutor. A 1998 graduate of Bishop O'Reilly High School, she is the daughter of Juan and Alma DeRojas.

Dallas schedules parent conferences

The Dallas School District would like to announce that the Parent Conference Days, scheduled for April 6 and 13, have been changed to instructional Act 80 Days for students with conferences scheduled in the afternoon and evening.



Spring concert at O'Reilly

The Bishop O'Reilly High School Music Department will present its annual spring concert April 8 and 9 at 7:30 p.m. in the school's auditorium. The concert features the glee club, the chamber choir, and the folk group. Featured selections will include "Swell the Full Chorus" from Solomon "Season of Love" from Rent, "With You" from Pippin, "California Dreamin'", as well as the traditional Senior Waltz which will be performed in a special selection, Carl Strommen's "Like An Eagle". All of the groups are directed by Mr. Thomas Hanlon. Tickets will be available at the door. Pictured are some of the accompanist: First row: Samantha Leandri, Paula Wasluck Second row: Laura Charnick, Jamie Verazin, Beth Charnick Third row: Jennifer Hummler, Melissa Minetola, Jessica Gionta, Alex Russin, Mike Regan, Ryan Wanko, Courtney Reap, Katie Mancuso, and Kate Yashinski. Absent at the time of the photo are Erika Zavada and Sonia Englot.

SCHOOL MENUS

The following school lunch menus are for the week of April 6-12. All lunches include milk.

DALLAS SCHOOLS

Elementary
THURSDAY - Chicken nuggets, hamburger or cheeseburger, potato wedges, chilled peaches

FRIDAY - Grilled cheese sandwich, hamburger or cheeseburger, tomato soup w/crackers, glazed carrots, mixed fruit

MONDAY - Meatball hoagie, cheese steak hoagie, parsley potatoes, mandarin oranges, chips

TUESDAY - Hot ham and cheese on roll, cheese steak hoagie, potato wedges, sweet raisins

WEDNESDAY - Zesty spaghetti w/meatsauce and dinner roll, cheese steak hoagie, tossed salad w/dressing

Middle School
THURSDAY - Pasta bar, open face turkey sandwich, oven fries, chilled peaches

FRIDAY - Pizza bar, grilled cheese sandwich, tomato soup w/crackers, glazed carrots, mixed fruit

MONDAY - Cheese steak bar, meatball hoagie w/cheese, parsley potatoes, mandarin orange, chips

TUESDAY - Fajita bar, hot ham and cheese on roll, baked beans, sweet raisins

WEDNESDAY - Easter buffet, zesty spaghetti w/meat sauce and garlic bread, salad w/dressing, chilled peaches

High School
THURSDAY - Pasta bar, open face turkey sandwich, tator tots, baked cookie

FRIDAY - Mashed potato bar, grilled cheese sandwich, tomato soup w/crackers, glazed carrots

MONDAY - Cheese steak bar, meatball hoagie with cheese, parsley potatoes, ice cream

TUESDAY - Fajita bar, hot ham and cheese on roll, baked beans, cherries with cream

WEDNESDAY - Homestyle bar, zesty spaghetti with meatsauce and

garlic bread, salad with dressing, chilled peaches

GATE OF HEAVEN SCHOOL

Alternative Lunch - any day - Hot dog with bun ravioli and sauce, salad

THURSDAY - Ziti and meatsauce, salad, italian bread with butter, pears

FRIDAY - Pizza, salad, macaroni and cheese

Alternative Lunch, any day - Turkey sandwich, cheese steak with bun, salad

MONDAY - Early dismissal no lunch

TUESDAY - Grilled cheeseburg with bun, onion rings, green beans, donut

WEDNESDAY - Chicken croquettes, mashed potatoes, gravy, peas, jello, ice cream .50c.

LAKE-LEHMAN SCHOOLS

Elementary
THURSDAY - Sauteed pierogies with peanut butter celery or turkey hoagie with lettuce and tomato, steamed broccoli with cheese sauce, rosy applesauce, Jello

FRIDAY - Grilled cheese sandwich or fish sticks with dinner roll, tomato soup with crackers, glazed carrots, mixed fruit

MONDAY - Chicken patty sandwich or hot ham and cheese on roll, buttered peas, chilled peaches.

TUESDAY - Hot dog on bun, or ravioli with sauce and roll, tossed salad with dressing, chilled peaches.

WEDNESDAY - Italian dunkers with sauce or sloppy joe with cheese cube, green beans, fruit walnut crisp.

Middle School
THURSDAY - Deli bar, rotini with meatsauce and dinner roll, tossed salad with dressing, peach cup, Jello

FRIDAY - French fry bar, fish sticks with roll, potato wedges, coleslaw, mandarin oranges

MONDAY - Burger bar, chicken parmesan sandwich, crispy tator tots, chilled peaches

TUESDAY - Mexican bar, turkey

club sandwich, buttered peas, shape up

WEDNESDAY - Ill Guys Pizza, Pizza bar with choice of toppings, or sauteed pierogies with peanut butter celery, winter blend vegetables, orange smiles

High School
THURSDAY - Double burger bar, spaghetti with zesty meatsauce with dinner roll, tossed salad with dressing, rosy applesauce, pudding

FRIDAY - Baked potato bar, cheesy white pizza, golden corn, pineapple tidbits

MONDAY - Hot dog bar, meatball hoagie with cheese, crispy tator tots, cinnamon applesauce

TUESDAY - Holiday buffet, pork or turkey roast with gravy, mashed potatoes with gravy, buttered corn, holiday dessert

WEDNESDAY - Po-boy sandwich bar, chicken parmesan sandwich, potato wedges, shape up, chips

WEST SIDE TECH
Breakfast
THURSDAY - Waffles w/syrup, or cereal, juice, pastry

FRIDAY - Cinnamon swirl, coffee cake, juice, fruit

MONDAY - Muffin, cereal, juice, fruit

TUESDAY - Pancakes with syrup, or cereal, juice, pastry

WEDNESDAY - Hot ham w/cheese, or cereal, juice, pastry

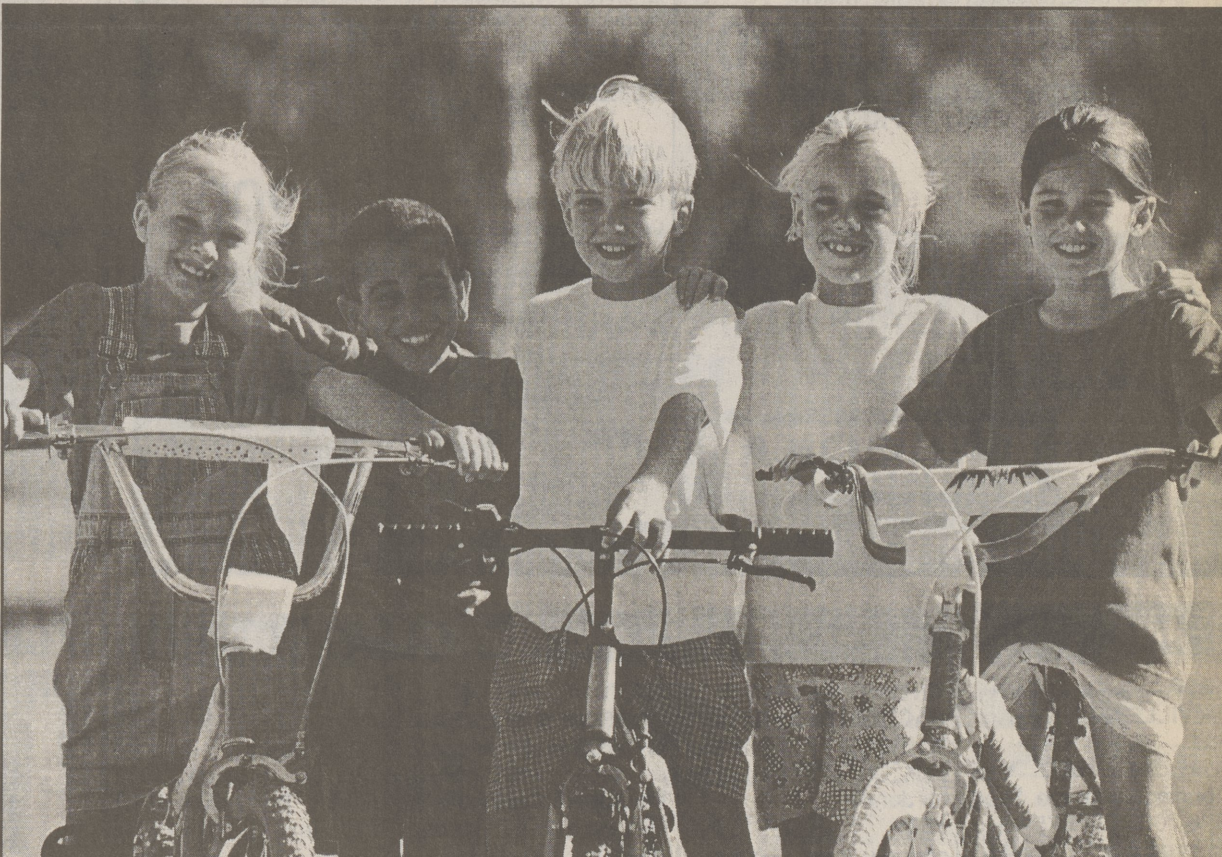
Lunch
THURSDAY - Tuna/turkey hoagie, lettuce, tomato, macaroni salad, seasoned peas, spice bar

FRIDAY - Pizza, tossed salad, dressing, fresh fruit

MONDAY - Italian meatballs, sauce, hard roll, seasoned pasta, chilled fruit

TUESDAY - Hamburg or cheeseburg on bun, vegetable beef soup, crackers, lettuce, tomato, apple, pumpkin bars

WEDNESDAY - Pasta, meat sauce, tossed salad, dressing, roll, chilled fruit



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