

Open house at Bishop O'Reilly

Bishop O'Reilly High School in Kingston will conduct an open house for prospective students and their parents on Sunday, October 26, from 2 to 4 p.m. at the school. Attendees will have the opportunity to tour the school, learn about its spiritual, academic, co-curricular and athletic programs, and meet members of the administration, faculty and coaching staff.

Bishop Hoban open house

Bishop Hoban will have their annual Open House on Sunday, October 26 from 1 to 3 p.m.

Tours of the school and demonstrations by the faculty are planned. Administrators, faculty, parents and students will be available to address issues or concerns relating to the curriculum and or programs. Information on clubs, sports and organizations will also be offered.

The afternoon will conclude with a social in the cafeteria.

Pre-school open house at Gate

The Gate House Early Childhood Development Center will conduct an open house from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. Oct. 23 at the school gym. For more information, contact the school at 675-6566.

Levinson is Bates residence coordinator

Jeffery Levinson of Dallas is one of 17 students serving this year as resident coordinators at Bates College. Levinson was chosen on the basis of his successful undergraduate career, including evidence of leadership.

As a resident coordinator, Levinson will serve as a counselor and resource person for other students living in his residence.



Students explore the human body

Students at Lehman-Jackson Elementary School recently had the opportunity to participate in the Human Body assembly given by The Franklin Institute Science Museum's traveling science show. Traveling scientist John Deininger explained the five major systems of the human body, and their jobs that are the key to understanding how our bodies work.

Students pictured, from left, front row: Sydney Lamoreaux, Steven Gust, Domanique Glatz, Isabelle Henry, Rachel Malak, Cameryne Grimes, Kaley Egan, Wesley Price, Julie Salansky. Back row: Robert Oakly, Lauren Cunius, Melissa Solack, traveling scientist John Deininger, Edward Gavlick, Jaydin West, Blaise Waligun, Katie Supey.

Brittany Prater earns Padereski medal

Brittany Prater, age 15 and a sophomore at Dallas High School, recently received the Padereski Gold Medal from the American College of Musicians. Brittany was awarded this honor for playing a 10-piece program in the National Piano Playing Auditions for 10 consecutive years. She has been a participant in the Pennsylvania Music Teachers National Association, local and state festivals for 10 years where she received superior ratings. She has also participated in the Dorothy Sutton Performance Festival at both the local. Brittany is the daughter of Dr. and Mrs. John M. Prater of Dallas. She is shown with her current teacher, Michele Millington.



Digital photography workshop at Penn State

Penn State Wilkes-Barre will offer a four-part series of workshops on Intermediate Digital Photography from 6-8 p.m. on Wednesdays, Oct. 29-November 19. A basic understanding of digital photography is suggested. Instructor Thomas Gurzynski, holds a master's degree in communication arts and has 15 years of professional media experience. For more information, or to register, call 570-675-9117 or e-mail: wbce@outreach.psu.edu.

Youth chess club forming

A new group of chess players, the Smart Alekhines, a scholastic chess club for ages 5 through 18, will meet at Twin Stacks Center, Rt 415, Dallas starting Saturday, November 1. Informal classes will be held on Saturdays from 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. An exact schedule will be announced.

There are no fees or dues required. Interested persons are asked only to bring their own chessboards and pieces. Level

of play is from beginner to expert.

Practical play and instruction will be directed by certified chess instructor George Trent, who has coached many young area state champions: Erick and Gregory Sam, Jim Nessler, Smith Collins, Ashwini Naranjan, and Christopher Liman and four PA state chess champion teams (K-6).

Call 740-7662 for further information.

Misericordia launches phonathon

College Misericordia is holding its annual Fall Phonathon fundraiser until November 13. The annual program seeks alumni and parent contributions for College Misericordia's educational programs and operations.

Between 50 and 60 student callers will reach over 11,000 alumni of the college and parents of current students by the completion of the effort. Calling is made each Sunday through Thursday evening from 6-9 p.m.

For more information on how to help CM meet its goal and to increase alumni participation, contact Leigh Ann Jacobson, assistant director of Development, at 674-8027.

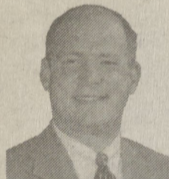


Sem students climb the walls

Four students from the Back Mountain area — all seventh graders at Wyoming Seminary Lower School — recently tried out the popular climbing wall in the Forty Fort school's gymnasium. According to Sem's director of physical education, Paul Burg, the climbing activity fosters team building and cooperation, not to mention confidence and coordination. Pictured from left to right are: Caroline Kropp, Wyoming; Alex Olsen, Shavertown; Alex Hackett, Shavertown, and Tyler Zalatimo, Dallas.

RESEARCH MATTERS

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"Snort. Sniffle. Sneeze. No antibiotics please."

Part 2

Last time we looked at the CDC's "Snort. Sniffle. Sneeze. No Antibiotics Please." ad campaign directed at getting moms to stop demanding antibiotics for the common cold.

This time we look at Acute Otitis Media (AOM) — middle ear infections — another area the AP reports the CDC says antibiotics are commonly misused. About half of these infections are caused by viruses and so will not be helped by antibiotics. Dr. Margaret Rennels of the University of Maryland, chair of the American Academy of Pediatrics' infectious-disease committee, said doctors are becoming more willing to suggest "watchful waiting" for these infections.

She noted that some fluid behind the middle ear is common in children's colds and will not be relieved by an antibiotic. Doctors can often tell just by looking whether the infection is bacterial and will respond to antibiotics. "Only a child who has purulent puss behind the middle ear with a red, bulging ear drum should be prescribed an antibiotic," she said.

Interestingly, a recent study showed that Osteopathic Manipulation showed measurable benefit for children with recurrent ear infections when used in addition to routine pediatric care. This study included 57 children and measured such things as frequency of episodes of AOM, antibiotic use, surgical interventions, various behaviors and tympanometric and audiometric performance.

The study concludes that manipulative treatment "may prevent or decrease surgical intervention or antibiotic overuse." This is good news for those looking for alternatives to antibiotics. My children get adjusted regularly and have never needed antibiotics.

The Use of Osteopathic Manipulative Treatment as Adjunct Therapy in Children with Recurrent Acute Otitis Media. Mennink, M.D., et al. Arch Pediatr Adolesc Med. 2003;157(9):866-868. Vol. 157 No. 9, Sept. 2003



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