



GOOD NEWS REPORTER

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What's happening in our neighborhoods and schools....



ROGER BACON HIGH SCHOOL: WebQuest Studies Rhetorical Devices

"It was pretty sweet," Roger Bacon junior Amanda Pierce of Fairfield says. She is talking about studying the rhetorical devices in speeches, writings and political cartoons from the Civil War, focusing on the Dred Scott Decision, the Fugitive Slave Laws and the Kansas/Nebraska Act. English teacher Deb Luebbe made the assignment fun by creating a WebQuest unit.

Housed online like a website, a WebQuest creates inquiry-based curriculum with engaging tasks. Dr. Luebbe's WebQuest included the assignment and topics; a calendar with important due dates; a message board; a list of databases, like the Oxford African-American Studies Center; a blog, which class members and Dr. Luebbe used; a Historical Document Worksheet, which gave tips on how to evaluate sources; and a list of bookmarks the students posted themselves.

Carolyn Williams of Greenhills says, "It was nice to be able to post questions to Dr. Luebbe. Your questions were answered quickly, so it was especially good for last minute questions."

Students were required to write a 1000-word essay, but all of them wrote more, showing how engaged they were with their topics.

Polar Bear Plunge

Jeff Rapping has worked in the cafeteria at Roger Bacon High School for 25 years. He particularly likes to chat about his beloved Dodgers while he stacks the trays. In honor of Rapping, the Jumpin' for Jeff team, made up of 29 Roger Bacon students and one friar (Father Mark) dressed up and jumped into the freezing water for the Special Olympis' Polar Bear Plunge at Newport on the Levee and raised \$2,168. Senior **Richelle Schupp**, who wants to be a special education teacher, organized the team.



COLLEGE CORNER:

The following students were named to the fall dean's list at the University of Dayton: **Gregory Meister, & Jillian Robisch** Congratulations!

SOCIAL ACTION COLLABORATIVE NEWS:

Posted in the Newsletter from the collaborative:

"From **Anne Berry** and **Barb Grothjan** of Our Lady of the Rosary, a fabulous collection of bulletin inserts for Lent, including an introduction to Catholic Social Teaching and a report on how the parish is addressing each Catholic Social Teaching theme."



ST. JAMES OF THE VALLEY SCHOOL:

Last week, Dick Bell, Principal at St. James of the Valley announced his plans to retire at the end of this school year. Mr. Bell will be missed by all. He shared this though with us, "I am most grateful for the support of Fr. Jim, Fr. Jack, teachers, parents, students and the entire school community. I will look upon my time here as a gift given to me by God. I look forward to continuing to work with everyone to close out this school year successfully and plan for an even better 2008-2009 school year. Thank you to each of you for your many prayers, kindnesses and good wishes." Good Luck, Mr. Bell!

MT. NOTRE DAME HIGH SCHOOL DANCE TEAM—

invites all current 6th, 7th, and 8th grade girls who love to dance to join them for open practices in April and try-outs. For more information visit www.mnddance.com.

EARTH DAY: April 22 & 23—7-9 pm

"Reading the Signs of the Times" —

Sr. Paula Gonzales, S.C., PhD will be at Good Shepherd Catholic Church—Sr. Paula will speak on issues of sustainability, "The Environmental Footprint" and what we can do to create a sustainable planet.



CORNHOLE TOURNAMENT—APRIL 5th

6:30-Midnight at St. Bartholomew's Gym—64 Teams—Must be 21 or Over & Mixed Couple Divisions. Pre-Registration Only—Contact Mark Bollmer at 931-6003. Benefiting St. Bart's Athletic Teams.



WINTON WOODS CITY SCHOOLS:

Representatives from Cincinnati Financial came to Winton Woods High School on March 18 to conduct a seminar dealing with interview skills and resume writing with students who are participating in the upcoming Job Fair on April 9 at the Forest Park Senior Center.

Winter Sports Awards: Boys Bowling

Most Valuable Bowler—**Jason Koening**
Most Improved Bowler—**Kyle Day**

Primary North and Primary South will each host a Fine Arts Night scheduled on April 17 from 7-8:30 pm. This is an opportunity to view student work and will serve as an Open House for new parents.

