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# West Catholic Perspectives

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## Mission Statement

Grounded in Christ's teachings, the Catholic Secondary Schools of Greater Grand Rapids will advance the formation and education of each student in spirit, mind and body.

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Parents, Alumni, & Friends of West Catholic:

The West Catholic Class of 2011 celebrated graduation on May 18. Our Baccalaureate Mass was concelebrated by Most Reverend Walter A. Hurley, Bishop of Grand Rapids, and Reverend R. Louis Stasker, Pastor/President of the Grand Rapids Catholic Secondary Schools at the Basilica of St. Adalbert. The Commencement Ceremony which followed was held in our gymnasium. This is our 47th year of creating alumni to represent West Catholic High School.

The annual Falcon Golf Classic takes place on Friday, June 3 at the Elks-Highlands Golf Course to benefit our Athletic Department. We anticipate a very well attended event, with a full complement of teams for the morning and afternoon starts. We thank all the golfers for supporting us, and special thanks to all the sponsors and volunteers, as well.

It will be another busy summer on our campus as we host a full calen-

dar of summer sports camps. In addition, Mrs. Lisa Nawrocki will welcome 50 grade school students to the annual Fine Arts Camp the week of June 20 – 24.

Best of luck to our spring sport student athletes through MHSAA District & Regional Tournament play: our girls & boys track teams, our girls softball team, and our boys baseball team.

I hope we can all enjoy a well-deserved summer vacation to relax with our family & friends, reflect on the accomplishments and lessons learned this past school year, and rejuvenate ourselves for the beginning of the 2011-2012 school year. I look forward to seeing everyone return happy and healthy and ready to go in August.

Thank you one and all for your continued support of West Catholic High School.

Sincerely,  
Jack Young  
Associate Principal

## IMPORTANT PHONE NUMBERS

Main Office	233-5900
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Congratulations Class of 2011!



## Parents' Club News

**Thank You!** A heartfelt thank you goes out to all parents who joined the Parents' Club, attended meetings and helped in any way. Parents' Club is a great bridge between parents and school. We are a "stress free" club. **Please consider giving your time and/or talent to this club.** We welcomed many new members this year. We are looking to fill the Chairperson and Secretary positions if you are interested. Please contact any of the current members with questions, or call Joni Norder at 204-1593.

Open -- Chairperson

Joni Norder – Communications

Robin Boorsma & Laurie Sipka – Co-chairs of Hospitality

Tamara Mason – Grounds Care

Open - Secretary

**Membership Forms** The 2011-2012 Membership Forms to join Parents' Club will be attached to the August Perspectives. You can fill these out and send them in to the office any time. The \$10 that you are asked to pay in dues helps to fund our activities. We do not hold fundraisers.

**Next Meeting** Look in the August or September Perspectives for our next meeting date. We hope you will join us.

**Have a great summer!**

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# West Catholic Golf Classic

**Friday June 3, 2011 - The Highlands Golf  
Course / G. R. Elks Lodge  
8am & 1pm start times**



# news from the west catholic Fine Arts department

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

**June 1** Italy trip meeting at 6:30pm in art room

**June 2** Art Club meeting 7:40am, 2011/12 planning

**June 20 - 24** WC Fine Arts Camp, art exhibit and performance in the WC cafetorium at 11:00 on Friday.

**July 25 - 29** Marching Band Camp, required for all band members, Monday thru Friday, 8 - 4.

## FINE ARTS CAMP

WC Fine Arts Camp will be offered June 20 - 24, for student entering grades 4 - 8. Classes offered are: Art Exploration, Band, Drama 1, Drama 2, Cartooning, Choir, Creative Writing, Dance and Graphic Design.

The cost is \$40.00 per student and registration is due ASAP. Registration information is available at: [www.westcatholicart.org](http://www.westcatholicart.org)

## CONGRATULATIONS TO THE FOLLOWING STUDENTS WHO RECEIVED AWARDS FOR EXCELLENCE IN THE FINE ARTS AT OUR HONORS NIGHT ASSEMBLY . . .

**Nick Burciaga** was named Outstanding Artist in the area of Drawing

**Alyssa Ellen** was named Outstanding Artist in Design

**Jacque Sochacki** was named Outstanding Artist in the area of Studio Art

**Megan Rogalski** was named Most Improved Artist

**Jenna Rood** and **Mike Harmon** were named Artists of the Year

**Mike Harmon, Jenna Rood** and **Jacque Sochacki** had artwork selected for display at Vern Ehlers' Third Congressional District Art Exhibit, Artfest 2011 at the Gerald R. Ford Museum

**Jenna Rood** had artwork purchased by the KISD for a permanent exhibit in the main building

**Anna Brechting** received West Catholic Band Director's Award

**Alec Maguire** received John Phillip Sousa Award

**Angela Stoddard** and **Stacy Sienkiewicz** were the recipients of our West Catholic Drum Major Awards

**Eamon Carmody** was named the Louis Armstrong Award recipient

**Lindsay Zenner** received the William Staudacher Memorial Choir Award

**Michael Hurst** was awarded the National School Choral Award

**Jacque Sochacki** received the WC Drama Award

**Jennifer Stancroff** and **Lindsay Zenner** received Father Lawrence Griffin Drama Awards

**Josh Laske** was the recipient of the Theatre Director's Award

**Matt Outman** and **Woody Nelson** received the "Call to Places" Awards

**Katie Kosnik** was honored with the Liturgical Musical Award

Below, Art II - Design students stand next to their recently completed sculptures.



## THANK YOU

A big THANK YOU to the class of 2011 for the generous donations to the Art, Band, and Theatre programs. Your generosity is greatly appreciated and will be well spent.



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<b>*Main Office Summer Hours are Monday-Thursday 8am-1pm*</b>						
5	6 Last full day of classes	7 1st/2nd hour exams 10:45 Dismissal 9th Gr. Math Placement 1pm	8 3rd/4th hour exams 10:45 Dismissal	9 5th/6th hour exams 10:45 Dismissal <b>Office closing at noon</b>	10 7th/Make-up exams 9:15 Dismissal 9th Gr. Math Placement 9am	11 ACT
12	13 Summer Office Hours Begin	14	15 <b>Office closing at 11:30am</b>	16	17 Main Office Closed	18
19	20 Fine Arts Camp 8:30am-12pm	21 Fine Arts Camp 8:30am-12pm	22 Fine Arts Camp 8:30am-12pm	23 Fine Arts Camp 8:30am-12pm	24 Fine Arts Camp 8:30am-12pm Main Office Closed	25
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