



THE BLUE AND GOLD

Bethlehem High School Newsletter

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Important March Dates

Saturday, March 1

KY State Catholic
Forensic Tournament

Friday, March 7

All School Reconciliation
ACT registration due
BIG BLUE BASH

Monday, March 10

Freshman Registration
Underclassmen advisement

Tuesday, March 11

Freshmen Registration
Homeroom advisement

Thursday, March 13

School Mass

Friday, March 14

Registration deadline
KHSSL State Speech
Tournament

Sunday, March 16

Palm Sunday
Basketball and Dance Team
Banquet

Monday, March 17

Super Raffle begins

Wednesday, March 19

Swim Team Banquet

Friday, March 21

Good Friday Prayer Service

Sunday, March 23

EASTER

Monday, March 24

Spring Break begins

Tom Hamilton named Bethlehem High School's principal

"Great opportunity, great school, great tradition." Thomas Hamilton listed those three reasons why he accepted the position as principal of Bethlehem High School.

Hamilton was introduced Wednesday, Feb. 27, to the faculty, staff and student body at an afternoon assembly as the school's principal. Currently, he is an Associate Superintendent for Bardstown City Schools.

An educator with 22 years experience as a high school administrator, Hamilton said he enjoys being a high school principal and has decided he wants to spend the rest of his career in that role. Describing the chance to lead Bethlehem as a "no brainer," he added that the position is not only a great opportunity, but a great challenge.

"I'm going to be visible," he said. "I enjoy working with people."

Board chairperson Bridgett Wilson said it was a unanimous decision by the search committee to recommend Hamilton's hiring to the full board and to the archbishop for their approval. She said Hamilton's enthusiasm about coming to Bethlehem and his wealth of experience that will guide the school were factors in the decision to offer him the position.

"He's a part of our community," she added, noting that he is an active member of St. Joseph Parish where he taught in the Religious Education program. "He brings immediate stability and credibility because he is well-known."

Father Bill Hammer, pastor of St. Joseph and the school's delegate for the archdiocese, echoed Wilson's enthusiasm regarding Hamilton's hiring. "I'm very pleased we found someone who has an obvious wealth of experience and enthusiasm for dealing with high school youth," Hammer said. "He will continue to build upon our 189 years of legacy."

He said there were 14 applicants for the position, and that he was well pleased with the process the high school's board went through to arrive at this decision.

Wilson said that an eight-member committee of board members, faculty and a parent representative reviewed the applications, conducted interviews, and reached a unanimous consensus regarding Hamilton.

Hamilton has served as Associate Superintendent at Bardstown City Schools since July, 2007. Prior to that, he was principal of Bardstown High School beginning in July, 1992. He has also been an assistant principal and athletic director at Washington County High School and taught biology and physical science at Simon Kenton High School in Independence, KY. He has degrees from the University of Kentucky and Northern Kentucky University, and received a degree in Secondary Administrative and Supervision – High School Principal, Supervisor from Xavier University in Cincinnati.

He completed Superintendent Certification in 1997 under the direction of Dr. John Strobe at the University of Louisville, and has completed work as a doctoral candidate.

Hamilton lists membership in several professional organizations, including the Kentucky Association of Secondary School Principals, of which he served as state president in 2003 and state coordinator from 2004 – 2007. He was named the NASSP/MetLife Kentucky Secondary Principal of the Year in 2005 and has been named to the Principals of Excellence Network by the Kentucky Department of Education.

He and his wife Lynn are the parents of four children, Martha, Charlie, Virginia and Zan.

Hamilton said he will continue in his present position at Bardstown City Schools until his contract expires but will be involved at Bethlehem outside of the school day.

The school continues its search for an assistant principal and an athletic director. Current interim principal Chris Walsh has accepted a position with DeSales High School in Louisville and current athletic director Tommy Reed will be returning to the classroom full-time next school year.

Wilson expressed confidence that these positions will be filled with administrators who will share in Hamilton's enthusiasm for continuing to guide Bethlehem toward the goal of becoming the premier college preparatory high school in Central Kentucky.

Congratulations to . . .

Blake Stanley, senior, who has signed to play college football at Morehead State University.

Ginny Martin, senior, who won 1st place in drawing in the district art competition sponsored by the Bardstown Women's Club, and **Elizabeth Brady**, senior, who won 1st place in watercolor. These two pieces will go on to state level competition.

Fay Sun took 2nd place in drawing; **Emily Worful** and **Danielle Adams**, 2nd and 3rd in watercolor; **Jeremy Lamm**, 2nd in painting, and **Madelynn Ringo** 3rd in computer graphics in the same contest.

Luke Avis, son of Fred and Margaret Avis; **Mary Greenwell**, daughter of Paul and Juanita Greenwell; **Jason Robeck**, son of Jim and Karen Robeck, and **Victoria Walter**, daughter of Michael and Karen Walter, on being named Bethlehem Scholars for the 2008-09 school year. These incoming freshmen have all received renewable scholarships based on their placement test scores.

SUPER RAFFLE begins March 17

You'd look awesome behind the wheel of a 2008 Ford Mustang! Wouldn't everyone?

So, let's all pitch in and sell those SUPER RAFFLE tickets!

The annual SUPER RAFFLE kicks off Monday, March 17 and ends Thursday, May 15. That gives everyone eight weeks to help us reach our goal of selling all 5000 tickets. If we do, we can realize a profit of \$70,000 from the SUPER RAFFLE!

Tickets on the Mustang or the \$20,000 cash prize are \$20 each. Smaller prizes of \$3000, \$2000 and \$1000 are also offered on that same raffle ticket. Each school family is being asked to sell at least 10 tickets. Families will receive those in the mail the week of March 17.

If you need more raffle tickets, you may call 348-4685, ext. 213, to request them.

Thanks to everyone for the support of the SUPER RAFFLE. Let's work together to earn a super profit for our school!

Big Blue Bash Friday, March 7

The Big Blue Bash for seventh and eighth graders will be Friday, March 7 in the gym.

Rock climbing, corn hole, a bungee run, music and dancing are among the activities planned for a fun night for area junior high students.

Admission is \$5 and concessions will be available. Pizza for \$3, plus candy and soft drinks will be offered.

Pass the word along to the seventh and eighth grade crowd that Bethlehem is the place to be March 7.

Contact clements@bethlehemhigh.org for more information.

See Athletic News for information about Sports Banquets

Registration for classes begins Monday, March 10

Current freshmen, sophomores and juniors will begin the process of choosing classes for the 08-09 school year on Monday, March 10. On that day, teachers will be speaking to their classes about the courses they teach, and encouraging students to choose classes that will interest them and support their plans for college.

On Tuesday, March 11, the process of choosing classes will actually begin. Homeroom teachers will provide students with folders that include each student's previous records, as well as forms to complete for indicating course preferences for 2008-09. Students are encouraged to discuss choices with their parents.

The deadline for course registration is Friday, March 14. All students should return the appropriate forms on or before that day.

ACT registration due March 9

The next available date to take the ACT is April 12. Registration is due by March 9. Please see Mr. Hall for a registration packet, or visit www.actstudent.org to register online.

Snow Make-up Days

Friday, May 2 and Tuesday and Wednesday, May 27, 28

March/April Athletic News

BANQUET INFORMATION:

The basketball/dance banquet will be held Sunday, March 16 at 5:00 in the cafeteria. The athletic department will furnish the meat/tea, with the parents of the teams furnishing dishes. Each dish should serve 15 and be at the cafeteria at 4:45. Thanks!

Sophomores-----Potatoes (scalloped/casserole/mashed etc)

Juniors-----Green beans

Seniors/8th grade-----Salad

Freshmen-----PRE-SLICED Desserts

The swim banquet will be Wednesday, March 19 at 6:00.

Spring sports are in full swing! Eddie Masterson will be the track coach, assisted by Mary Carey. Baseball—Roger Robinson, Softball----Donnie Hamilton, and Tennis---Jane Sims. Come out and watch the Banshees/Eagles this spring!

The baseball/softball teams will be taking trips to play in Florida over Spring Break.

March 30 is the Athletic bingo for the SOPHOMORE parents. As you are asked only once a year for athletics, we hope that everyone does their part to help. Parents should be at the Bingo hall by 4:30. Thanks!

The swim team will be hosting a volleyball tournament on April 11-12 in the Bethlehem gym.