

# Rice High School Newsletter

## Merry Christmas

### MESSAGE FROM HEAD OF SCHOOL... ..

Dear Rice High School Family Members,

We are now in the season of Advent and preparing for the arrival of the Christ child with all the hope and joy that this event annually brings.

We recently bid goodbye to a new teacher, Mr. Guillermo Fermin, who decided that teaching at Rice High School was not what he anticipated and opted to pursue other ventures. Wednesday, December 2, will be an additional student holiday as the teaching faculty will travel to Iona College in New Rochelle for a full-day of workshops to enhance our educational ability. Rice High School is in the second year of a mentoring relationship with Iona College, a school of higher learning which is owned and operated by the same Edmund Rice Christian Brothers who conduct Rice High School.

Kenneth Riccardi, our Library Media Specialist, received a free multimedia projector care of Epson's Focused Giving Program. The projector will be used for teaching information literacy and other educational presentations.

On behalf of the Rice High School Family, Thank you

Mr. Riccardi.

Recently, Rice was a center for the TACHs Exam for those interested in Catholic High School education at a school within the Archdiocese of New York. Over 200 8<sup>th</sup> graders took the exam here (open testing) with 91 expressing an interest in Rice.

**Today in the town of David a savior has been born to you; he is Christ the Lord."**

**(Luke 2: 11-12)**

With those simple words we acknowledge the birth of Jesus Christ and once again find hope in a world which seems endlessly challenged by war, poverty, injustice and worst of all indifference. The timing of Christmas in the middle of the Winter always seems to me to reenergize the soul and make us feel positive about the mission of our school. Once again, I plead with you to attend to the issue of your loved one's tuition at Rice

**Currently added to our collection.....**

Beyond the barricades: popular resistance in South Africa

Brady's civil war

Latinos in the making of the United States

Listen (music history)

Of mice and men

High School. It is very unpleasant to have to send a young man home for non-payment but it has and will be done. No embarrassment is intended, but Rice High School has bills to pay and receives no assistance from the Archdiocese of New York. Please call me if you are having difficulty paying tuition and we will try to work out a plan.

Wishing you a Merry Christmas and blessed 2010,

I remain,

**Brother Michael S. Segvich, CFC**

**Head of School/Principal**



The children (civil rights in the U.S.)

The classic slave narratives

Theodore Roosevelt

Velazquez Spanish & English Dictionary



Some students received **excellent PSAT scores**. Many students received scores of **just under 900**.

### Congratulations to our students.



MetroPCS, the presenting sponsor of the 2010 SNY Invitational, has established a scholarship program to assist students from Rice High School who plan to continue their education. Four scholarship awards of \$2,500 will be granted. Awards are for full-time undergraduate study only. Applicants must be in grades 10-12 and have a grade point average of 3.0 or higher on a 4.0 scale. Scholarship recipients are selected on the basis of past academic performance and future potential, leadership and participation in school, community services/activities, work experience, statement of career and educational aspirations and goals, unusual personal and family circumstances, and an essay. Financial need is not considered. [www.snyinvitational.com](http://www.snyinvitational.com).

## REMINDER FOR ALL SENIORS FROM MS. PORZELT, SENIOR COUNSELOR/COLLEGE ADVISOR

All College Applications must be submitted to Ms. Porzelt before the Christmas Recess. **Deadline is December 15th, 2009.** This is for your own advantage (i.e., scholarships, financial aid etc). For more information please go to the Guidance Department webpage on the Rice High School website.

**Charles Grant** one of our Seniors "Class of 2010" was honored by the Rotary Club as Student of the Month. He was presented with a plaque and a cash award at a dinner which took place the Harvard Club. Both his school guidance counselor as well as his Mother and Sister were present. On behalf of the Rice Family **Congratulation !**

**Congratulations to Eustace Bennett** on his being nominated for this years HOBY Award.. This youth leadership award is given to outstanding 10th graders from across the country. Eustace will get to attend a 3 day leadership conference in May, at Hofstra University. Once again kudos to Eustace and his family.

### Student of the Month

#### November 2009

Freshman: **Ronald Bryant**

Sophomore: **Xavier Hamilton**

Junior: **Charles Scudder**

Senior: **Jarrel Harris**

**Kemba Walker, Class of 2008**, is on the cover of the current issue of "Sports Illustrated" which is the College Basketball preview edition for 2009-2010. Rice High School is ranked 8th in the nation for 2009-2010.

### BOYS PRESEASON TOP 10 #1

#### Rice High School

Junior swingman **Jermaine Sanders** and Senior center **Kadeem Jack** form a potent inside-outside combo for the defending state Federation "AA" Champs.

**Attention 10th Grade students.** The N.Y. Rotary Club is looking for 8 students who would like to participate in a Youth Leadership Program in Alpine, New Jersey. The Leadership Conference will take place on April 16, 17 and 18.

The weekend is free. Rice students have been participating for the past three years. It is a great experience. See Ms. Rial for an application immediately. The deadline is Dec. 10th.

**PSAT SCORES ARE IN FOR 9TH , 10TH AND 11TH GRADERS. PLEASE ASK YOUR SON FOR HIS GRADES. YOU MAY ALSO CALL Sr. Joan or Ms. Rial.**

**FYI: The average 9<sup>th</sup> grade tuition for 2009-2010 in the United States in a Catholic school is \$8,182. Rice's tuition is \$5,750. The average cost of educating a student in a Catholic secondary school is \$10,228.**