

# Rice High School Newsletter February 2010

Dear Rice High School Family Members,

We are now starting the second semester of the 2009-2010 and have reached the halfway point of the school year.

Parent-Teacher conferences are scheduled for Tuesday, February 9 from 3-5 and 6-7:30 PM. It is not too late to do something about your loved one's academic performance, but it is getting later! Same with tuition...some families are getting into serious arrears with their loved one's tuition obligations. Please attend to each of these issues as soon as possible.

The faculty/staff of Rice High School have had several in-services recently which have included lessons in cultural sensitivity, CPR training, test administration protocol, Safe Environments training, strategic planning, and other significant discussions based upon issues raised internally. The faculty and staff of Rice are always trying to improve and provide the best Catholic secondary education for your loved ones who attend school here.

We are an all male school and sometimes our young men forget that we have a number of females working in the school. We pride ourselves on respect and that respect must also be displayed towards those of the opposite sex. Any behavior which appears to be disrespectful in any way could result in severe repercussions including separation from the Rice High School family. Remember, we are all equal in God's eyes. Please discuss this issue with your loved one.

School will dismiss for mid-Winter break at the end of classes on Friday, February 12<sup>th</sup>. School will resume at 8 AM on Monday, February 22<sup>nd</sup>. We are all looking forward to this winter hiatus!

During our time on break, the Lenten season will begin with Ash Wednesday on February 17<sup>th</sup>.

February is also Black History Month—the annual Mass in recognition of this event will take place at St. Patrick's Cathedral at 2 PM on Sunday, February 7<sup>th</sup>. It will be over in plenty of time before the Super Bowl

Have a good February! **Br. Michael S. Segvich, CFC, Head of School**

**C**ongratulations to Timothy Crawford, Charles Scudder and Seretse Davis, who will be joining Global Teens again this summer to travel abroad to Italy and Senegal. Last summer Timothy and Charles went to Thailand. A few months ago Chaid Hiu, the director of the program visited our school and tried to create an interest in the program which includes travel and community service. Ricky Ferguson was also accepted into the Global Teens Program but has not chosen a country he would like to visit.

**T**he Student Council, under the leadership of Deacon Browne, organized a relief drive for the victims of the hurricanes in Haiti. Several hundred dollars were raised by having a cake sale, a dress down day, contributions from the staff and this week's mission's collections. All of the money was sent through the Catholic Relief Fund. Once again Rice Men have shown their responsibility and sensitivity when something critical happens to their brothers and sisters. They rise to the occasion all of the time.

**T**hink you're Whistle Worthy? Find a qualifying test location near you!

2010 New York City Lifeguard Qualifying Test

January-February  
Enjoy one of the best jobs in New York City and help keep millions of New Yorkers safe!

Parks' beaches are open from Memorial Day weekend through Labor Day, and the pools are open from late June through Labor Day. Lifeguards work 48 hours each week and first-year lifeguards will earn a minimum of \$13.57 an hour, for a weekly salary of over \$650.00.

As one of just 1,200 New York City Lifeguards, you are part of an elite group that is committed to serving the public.

<http://www.nycgovparks.org/newsgroup/lists/lt.php?id=Zx8DAAwBAFCKS1tTV1EZAQVVBqA%3D>

**D**id You Know.....

- ◆ Seniors/Senior Parents it's time to get you FAFSA form completed. Go to: [www.fafsa.ed.gov](http://www.fafsa.ed.gov)
- ◆ Ricky Ferguson, Junior, speaks fluent Chinese
- ◆ February 24, 2010 Rice will host an information night. Come visit Rice High and ask all your questions.
- ◆ Many Sophomores & Juniors scored 900 on their PSAT exam
- ◆ Many of our seniors have received acceptances to multiple colleges with scholarships.
- ◆ Rice High School PTA is sponsoring their 2nd Annual Adult Dance on Saturday, February 27, 2010 from 9:00 p.m. - 2:00 a.m. Ticket are \$15.00, and all proceeds goes directly to the young Men of Rice. Please call 917-593-8116 for tickets.

Things to think about, words to live by: Below are some quotes to get you thinking about what it takes to be successful in life

- ◆ We are what we repeatedly do. Excellence, then, is not an act, but a habit. Aristotle
- ◆ If we did all the things we are capable of doing, we would literally astonish ourselves. Thomas Edison.
- ◆ The tragedy of life doesn't lie in not reaching your goal. The tragedy lies in having no goal to reach. Benjamin Mays
- ◆ Successful people have learned to make themselves do the thing that has to be done when it has to be done, whether they like it or not. Aldous Huxley
- ◆ Failure is the opportunity to begin again more intelligently. Henry Ford
- ◆ Opportunities are usually disguised as hard work, so most people don't recognize them. Ann Landers
- ◆ Do what you can, with what you have, where you are. Theodore Roosevelt
- ◆ The greatest thing in this world is not so much where we are, but in what direction we are moving. Oliver Wendell Holmes.

#### Minority High School Scholars Actuarial Academy

Good with Numbers? Want to make a pile of money? Then you should consider this opportunity.

Hosted by Illinois State University, this one week program is designed especially for above-average African-American, Hispanic, and Native American high school students who excel in mathematics, enjoy learning, and like to solve complicated problems. If you have a passion for mathematics and an appetite for knowledge, you may have what it takes to be an actuary. This program will help you decide if an actuarial career is a way to use your mathematical ability.

The Minority High School Scholars Academy provides a full scholarship to cover the costs of on-campus room and board, field trips, and career information materials for students selected to attend the program.

Deadline is April 1, 2010. If interested, please contact Mr. Riccardi in the library.

Metro PCS Scholarship in the amount of \$2,500 was awarded to Timothy Crawford, Terrell Henderson Gustavo Maximo, and Anton Hanton. Each young man possesses the qualities of education, volunteerism and community involvement!

**Terrell Henderson received the President's Volunteer Service Award. President Obama thanked Terrell for helping to address the most pressing needs in our community and country. Congratulations to one of our Rice Men.**

Workshops will be offered on financial assistance:

Tuesday, March 9, 6:00 p.m.  
Saturday, March 27, 12:00 p.m.  
Tuesday, April 13, 6:00 p.m.

Each session lasts about 1 1/2 hours.

All workshops will be held at:

SUNY Center for Student Recruitment  
College of Optometry, Lower Mezzanine  
33 West 42nd St.  
New York, NY 10036