



# CBA Celebrates Middle School Month

March 2009

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## Time to Celebrate

March is National Middle Level Education Month and CBA is ready to join the celebration!

March will be filled with opportunities for building community, promoting school spirit, and recognizing the talents of our middle school students. As middle level educators, we want to show our support, respect, and care for our students' develop-

ment, including social, emotional, physical, spiritual, and academic growth.

We hope you enjoy this action-packed month and take the opportunity to get involved, show your school spirit, and celebrate your Jr. High experience.

**Go Brothers!**



## Hallway Decorating Contest

To celebrate and recognize every CBA student, each homeroom will design and decorate a section of the first floor hallway. The winning homeroom will receive a donut & juice party on Wednesday, March 11.

### **Contest Rules:**

- Each homeroom's original design must include at least one photo of each student in the homeroom. Note: You may use photos from

the Jr. High folder on the shared drive. In addition, yearbook photos will be provided to all homeroom teachers.

- Homerooms must use their designated area, as indicated by the signs in the hallway.
- Students may create one large display or several smaller displays. Any materials (paint, paper, photos, accessories,

etc. ) may be used.

- Judging will take place on Monday, March 9. Designs will be judged on creativity, neatness, and recognition of all students.
- All Jr. High teachers without homerooms will serve as judges.
- If you have contest questions, please see Sr. Sue or Mrs. Hanson.



## T-Shirt Design Contest

All Jr. High students are invited to enter our Midnight Mania T-Shirt Design Contest. The winning designer will receive a \$25 gift card to Best Buy.

### Contest Rules:

- All designs must include the phrase "Midnight Mania 2009" and "CBA" or "Christian Brothers Academy."

- Entrees must be done on 8 1/2 x 11 paper.
- Designs must be original works of art.
- Designs may be either hand drawn with pencil and black sharpie marker or created using a computer (black/white only).
- Completed entrees must be submitted to

Mrs. Hanson by Friday, March 6.

- All Jr. High teachers and students will vote on the designs.
- The winning design will be made into *Midnight Mania* t-shirts, which everyone will wear to the lock-in.

**Good luck to all of our artists and designers!**



## Expressions from the Middle

All Jr. High students will participate in our first annual *Expressions from the Middle* showcase.

Students may choose to write an essay, create an original piece of artwork, write a poem or song, or complete an approved project of their choice that reflects on their middle

school experience. Students will have an opportunity to share their projects with their classmates in Religion classes during mid-March.

Projects will be displayed throughout the school during the remainder of Middle School Month.

More information and project details will be discussed in all religion classes.

Other project ideas: Comic strip, short story, photo journal, timeline, or a self-portrait.



## Middle School Spirit Week

Let's hear it for Middle School!!!

### "Pi Day"

On Monday, March 16, we will celebrate a belated "pi day". Students will participate in pi contests in math and may wear polka dots, circles, and 3.14 today.

### Wearing o' the Green

On Tuesday, March 17, we

will celebrate St. Patrick's Day by wearing our green.

### Goodbye Winter -

**Hello Spring!** Put away your sweaters and winter boots...On March 18, we will break out all of our spring things and dress for the sunny days ahead!

**Dress-Up Day** To celebrate and prepare for our

Honors Night celebration, students are encouraged to dress up for school on March 19.

Each day, students choosing to dress down will donate \$1.00 to help offset the cost of our Midnight Mania party.

*PS - This special week is just for the Jr. High!*



## Dress Down Guidelines for Spirit Week

**“Pi” Day** - Tops must have circles, polka dots, or the numbers 3, 1, or 4. Students must wear dress code pants and shoes.

**Wearing o’ the Green** - Tops must be green (t-shirts, sweatshirts, sweaters, etc. are permitted) with dress code pants and shoes.

**Goodbye Winter - Hello Spring!** Tops must be pastel colors or bright spring colors. Patterns and flowers are permitted. Dress code pants and shoes must be worn.

**Dress-Up Day** - Students must be in “dress code or better”. Boys may wear any color pants, shirts, and ties. Jackets are encouraged. Girls may wear any

color pants, skirts, dresses, shirts, or sweaters.

All skirts and dresses must come to at least the top of the knee. Shoes must have a closed toe and modest heels.

All outfits must be appropriate for school and Honors Night.



## Mix-It-Up Birthday Parties

On Monday, March 23, our Peer Ministers will host the second “Mix-It-Up” lunch of the year.

This time around, students will sit by birthday month participating in fun activities and games throughout lunch. And, no party is complete without cake!!



## Middle School Midnight Mania

On Friday, March 27, our month-long celebration will finish off with the first ever Middle School Midnight Mania.

This overnight celebration will be packed with fun, community building activities including basketball, an obstacle course, karaoke, interactive video

games, group party games, kickball, a scavenger hunt, line dancing, movies, badminton, arts-n-crafts, a service project, and our main event - the Midnight Madness Wacky Olympics!

Students will arrive at 8:00 pm on Friday, March 27. Teacher and parent

volunteers will be on hand to supervise the many activities and snack rooms throughout the night.

Students must be picked up no later than 8:00 am on Saturday, March 28.

Watch for more information coming soon!

