

In All-Catholic Honor Band



De La Salle Institute announces that seven of its student musicians were recently afforded the opportunity to perform in the All-Catholic Honor Band concert consisting of the top musicians from Catholic high schools in the Chicagoland area at VanderCook College of Music. Pictured in front row are: Joshua Roman, alto saxophone; Thomas Haep, trombone and Benjamin Tassone, tenor saxophone. Middle row: Carlson Ayanalaja, trumpet; Gabriel Garcia, trombone and Sherrod Eaton, trumpet. Back row: Jameel Stephens, percussion.

Promote Reading To Children 0-5

The Chicago Public Library is promoting the importance of reading 20 minutes a day to children ages 0-5.

Research indicates that children are equipped with 100 billion neurons at birth but pathways between the neurons are not yet established. Reading to children aids in strengthening those connections.

Moreover, the number of words a child is exposed to between the ages of zero and three are strong predictors of educational success and eventual economic stability.

Seminal research shows there is a thirty million word gap between families of lower and higher socioeconomic statuses, so children living in poverty tend to fall behind faster in their development and in school. Children need to hear at least 1,000 stories read aloud before they can learn to read themselves.

Each CPL location will have a reading nook in order to model the practice of reading aloud.

Scouts Attend Polar Adventure Days



Members of Boy Scout Troop 671 and Cub Scout Pack 4466 sponsored by St. Jane de Chantal Holy Name Society along with their families, attended Polar Adventure Days at Northerly Island on Jan 20th. Scouts were able to see and learn about Siberian Huskies, wolves, porcupines, skunks and other animals. Nature inspired crafts were made as well as viewing a real dog sled pull. Everyone enjoyed live entertainment, games, hot cocoa, snacks and a hike through the new natural area. Any boys ages 7 to 17 from any school who are interested in scouting can have a parent contact Ed Melkonian at (312) 316-5825 for more information.

MPCA Schedules Awards Dinner

The McKinley Park Civic Association will host its 47th annual awards dinner at Polonia Banquets, 4604 S. Archer on Sunday, March 4th.

The Outstanding Educators are: Brother John Scherer of Aquinas Literacy Center, Maribel Herrero of Burroughs School, Diane Brown of De La Salle Institute, Monica Guerrero-Diaz of Evergreen Academy Middle School, Cynthia Hengst of N. Greene School, Kacey Skrbec of Horizon McKinley, Jack Mei of Kelly High School, Lilia Esposito of Montessori and Pastor Adam Gavel of St. Andrew Lutheran. Educators have been honored yearly since 1993.

Receiving the William H.G. Toms Community Service Award is State Rep. Theresa Mah. This award has been given since 1973.

Those interested in tickets can attend the Feb. 7th meeting at the McKinley Park Branch Library, 1915 W. 35th st. from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. or contact Sue Pletsch,

MPCA treasurer at (773) 847-0261.

Tickets are \$25 for adults, children 11 and under are \$16, children 3 and under are free, but the count is needed. After Feb. 14th the tickets will be \$28 per adult and \$17 per child with final count due Feb. 21st. Ads, including congratulations, are available.

Literacy Center Needs Volunteers

Aquinas Literacy Center, 1715 W. 35th st., needs volunteer tutors to address the need of adult education in English as a Second Language.

All instruction is one-on-one for 90 minutes per week and training is provided. Knowledge of a second language is not required; all instruction is in English.

The next Tutor Training Workshop is scheduled for: Friday, Jan. 26th (6 p.m. - 9 p.m.) and Saturday, Jan. 27th (9 a.m. - 4 p.m.). Tutors must attend both days for certification.

For more information, contact Sabrina Poulin, Volunteer Coordinator, at (773) 927-0512 or email her at Sabrina@aquinasliteracycenter.org.

Celebration For Catholic Schools

Congressman Dan Lipinski (IL-03) has introduced a resolution celebrating Catholic Schools Week and honoring the outstanding work of Catholic schools. Catholic Schools Week, which begins this year on Jan. 28th, has been an annual event since 1974. This year's theme is "Catholic Schools: Learn. Serve. Lead. Succeed."

"I greatly appreciate all I learned during my twelve years of Catholic education," said Rep. Lipinski. "Catholic schools instill a broad, values-added education. They are committed to community service, producing graduates who are devoted to being leaders who help others. My own desire to teach and then go into public service was fostered by dedicated teachers, administrators, and clergy throughout my years at St. Symphorosa Grammar School and St. Ignatius College Prep in Chicago."

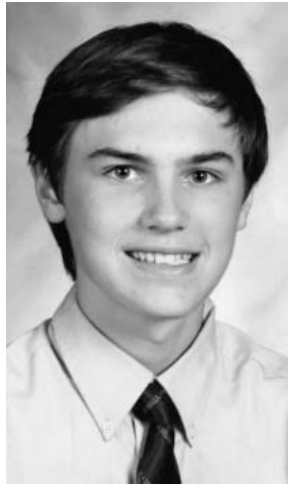
Catholic schools serve the nation by providing a diverse student population from all socioeconomic backgrounds a strong academic foundation, including over 41 percent of students from racial and ethnic minority backgrounds and about 20 percent from non-Catholic families. It is estimated that Catholic schools save local taxpayers over \$1 billion annually by lowering the number of students in overburdened public schools.

Schools typically observe the annual celebration week with Masses, open houses, and other activities for students, families, parishioners, and community members.

On IHS Hockey All-Star Team



D. CAPONERA



G. DONOHUE

De La Salle Institute announces that Dominic Caponera '19 and Gary Donohue '18 were chosen to the 2017-18 Illinois High School Hockey League All-Star Team.

They competed in the Illinois High School Hockey League All-Star

Game that was held earlier this month at the Oak Lawn Ice Arena. Dominic, a center, and Gary, a wing, helped the Meteors win 11 of their first 20 games this season.

Lawyers Offer Phone Advice

Attorneys with the Chicago Bar Association's Call-A-Lawyer Program will be available to take calls from the public and offer brief legal advice on Saturday, Feb. 17th from 9 a.m. to noon at (312) 554-2001. Call-A-Lawyer events are typically held on the third Saturday of each month in the morning hours.

Citizens can call in and briefly explain their situation to an attorney who will then work to suggest self-help strategies or provide advice to help resolve their issues. If callers need further legal services, or have questions beyond the scope of the attorney's practice area, they will be advised to contact the CBA Lawyer Referral Service which has more than 200 prescreened, qualified lawyers experienced in almost every area of law.

The CBA offers an after-hours On-Call service which provides access to attorneys 24/7 for help with criminal defense, personal injury and family law matters by calling (312) 554-2001.

Dean's List At Aurora University

Aurora University has named the following students to the Dean's List for the fall 2017 semester. The list recognizes full-time undergraduate students who have earned a 3.6 GPA or higher. Students recognized with high honors (*) have earned a perfect 4.0.

Honorees are: Jessica Born*, Pre-Social Work; Karli Chambers*, Nursing; Charlotte Manford, Pre-Nursing; Dezerae Nunez, Psychology; Sociology and Nichole Schwarz*, Pre-Social Work.

Open House At St. Barbara School

St. Barbara Catholic School, 2859 S. Throop will conduct open house and a book fair on Sunday, Jan. 28th from 10:45 a.m. to 12:12 p.m.

Before and after school child care is available for working parents. A discount will be offered for new registrations.

For more information, call (312) 326-6243 or visit www.stbarbaraschool.org.

Family Dance For De La Salle

The De La Salle Parent Association will be holding its Mardi Gras - Fourth Annual Family Dance in the Hilton Commons on Sunday, Feb. 18th from 5 to 9 p.m. Music will be provided by DJ Mike P.

The cost is \$25 for one person, \$40 for two, \$55 for three and \$70 for four and includes food, refreshments, pictures and fun for the family.

Tickets can be purchased by contacting Event Manager Carl Willingham '99 at (312) 842-7355 ext. 146 or willinghamc@dls.org.

Community Choir Invites Singers

The Midway Community Choir is inviting singers of all ages and experience to join.

Rehearsals begin on Monday, Feb. 5th at 7 p.m. at Good Shepherd, Presbyterian Church, 5550 S. Merrimac. For more information, call (773) 585-1094.

Self-Regulation



By Dr. R. Pletsch

Savannah Flakes, a professor at American University and national speaker at Teacher Development conferences, has an interesting concept on how children with disabilities can learn and retain more subject matter. She calls it self-regulation.

I will try to explain quickly and simply. If you would like to delve into the subject deeper for your family or school, there is a book she suggests "Explicit Instruction" by Anita L. Archer and Charles A. Hughes. The author suggests if we make the students self-regulated, they assume more responsibility. It helps them plan to meet goals and even ownership.

If you have experience with students with disabilities, either in your family or school, you realize that your efforts often are not quickly rewarded. Her concept includes "breaking up the complex learning task into small and distinct steps".

I personally liken it to baseball. You teach a young child with a plastic bat swinging at a beach ball. You do not start with a 90 mph curve ball and a regulation league ball. As the skills develop you change to make it harder. As a teacher and parent you should slowly add difficulty, just like you would with a baseball. A teacher can use Venn diagrams and flow charts to help both the teacher and the student see.

She then suggests you use "explicitly and model the skill" for help there is a book "Fisher and Frey

Four part model". This helps explain skills in simple terms. It goes from starting with I do -- you model the task. Then we do -- teacher and student work together. To you do -- collaborating the peers work together. You do independently -- the student attempts the skills alone. Then "fade support" -- have them do more and more on their own.

If you are inclined to look them up it can help, especially among inclusive classrooms when the teacher may not have had special training for teaching kids with disabilities. Most of the students are in this setting much of the day.

On a little different note, I was recently with several fourth grade classes and the parent chaperones were talking about how great their school was because they have so much homework. My belief is that sometimes it is just too much.

I worked at a school where the principal had the third grade teachers have specific homework in spelling. The classes were considered equal in ability. At random the classes were assigned to write their spelling words four times a week.

One class had to write theirs three times a day, one ten times each every day and the other fifteen times. After about six weeks we compared the spelling test scores and the class that had to write them three times had the best scores and the one that wrote them 15 times had the worst scores. It seems that the kids that had to write it 15 times became a chore and just wrote one letter down the row and so forth.

Think about this in Math. If the teacher actually taught the skill, homework should be a review and five review problems is probably just as good as 20 of the same skill

DeLaSalle Honors Student Athletes

De La Salle Institute announces the Sports Hall of Fame Class of 2018 that will be inducted at halftime of its varsity boys basketball game against St. Rita in the Parmer Activity Center on Feb. 9th at 7 p.m. Lauded will be Michael Corbett '63, Robert DiLiberto '00, LaToya McInnis '06, Luther Morris '91 and Aminu Timberlake '91.

For more information, contact Vice President of External Affairs, Lawrence Blakley '83 at (312) 842-7355, ext. 142 or blakley@dls.org.

Free Access To Shedd Aquarium

Illinois residents with a valid ID will receive free access to Shedd Aquarium on Jan. 25th-26th; Feb. 2nd and 14th; June 4th, 5th, 11th, 12th, 18th and 19th; Sept. 4th-30th; Oct. 3rd and 10th. Extended Hours (open until 9 p.m.): Aug. 7th; Sept. 6th, 10th, 13th, 17th, 20th, 24th and 27th; Oct. 3rd and 10th. Free Jazzin' at the Shedd Events (open until 10 p.m.) are Sept. 5th, 12th, 19th and 26th.

This includes general admission, the chance to

experience an aquatic presentation (subject to availability), Washed Ashore: Art to Save the Sea (through Sept. 2018), seasonal Stingray Touch (open late May to October), daily animal chats, and more. Admission can be upgraded to include 4-D Experience for \$4.95 per guest.

This year, for the first time, Shedd is extending the hours of certain free days in 2018, making it easier than ever for guests to access nature and family fun. This means any residents that typically can't make it to the aquarium because of work or school responsibilities will still have expanded access hours are included for those who received free admission everyday including teachers, active-duty military personnel, first responders, and eligible low-income families with an Electronic Benefit Transfer card as a Museums for All partner.

For the latest information about the aquarium hours and discounts, visit sheddaquarium.org or call (312) 939-2438. A \$3 transaction fee applies to Free Day tickets reserved online.

Vibes Program At McKinley Park

The McKinley Park Branch Library, 1915 W. 35th st. will observe African American History Month with the program, "From Lionel Hampton to Thaddeus Tukes: The Story of Vibes in Chicago" on Saturday, Feb. 3rd at 2 p.m.

Tukes will discuss collaborations with Chance the Rapper and perform demonstration of the vibraphone.

CAPS Beat 92 Plans Meeting

9th District Beat 92 will meet at Shields Middle School, 2611 W. 48th st. on Tuesday, Feb. 27th at 6 p.m.

The area is bounded by 43rd st., 49th st., Kedzie ave. and Western ave.

Residents will meet with beat officers to discuss problems.

Dean's List At Saint Mary's U

Saint Mary's University of Minnesota has named Fabian Alvarez, Victor Martinez and Alejandra Pina to the first semester, 2017 - 18 Dean's List. The list includes 372 undergraduate students who earned a grade point average of 3.60 or better on a 4.0 scale.

Advisory Council At Kelly Park

The Kelly Park Advisory Council will meet at the fieldhouse, 42nd & California on Friday, Jan. 26th at 6 p.m.

Interested persons are invited to attend.

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Summer Camps At Adler Planetarium

The Adler Planetarium has a variety of unique summer day camp experiences for kids entering pre-school through 10th grade June 18th through Aug. 19th. Registration for the general public will open on Tuesday, Feb. 6th at 10 a.m. Members and previous campers are offered early registration beginning at 10 a.m. on Monday, Feb. 5th. For more information, email summercamp@adlerplanetarium.org.

Young scientists camps for (preschoolers) ages 3-4 will learn about the skills of science exploration through participation in this integrative circle time, hands-on investigations, free exploration, snack, art and literacy connections. Snack is provided.

Older preschool-age children ages 4 to 5 will acquire new skills and knowledge through participation in this project-based learning summer camp. Children will investigate and respond to a challenge or problem by using resources in the museum such as exhibits, artifacts, and floor programs. Designed activities will help explore a topic in-depth so they may communicate their learning by creating artifacts or representations. Snack is provided.

Astro Juniors/Explorers/Investigators (entering grades K-4) will explore the Universe's most extreme environments and uncover some extreme life right here on Earth! During this two-day adventure, campers

will discover what's needed to sustain life and compare Earth environments to those on other planets. They'll also see a show in one of our state-of-the-art theaters, spend time playing and doing science outside on Museum Campus, and exploring the Adler's exhibits.

Robotics (entering grades 4-7) will enjoy telescope viewing, lunch by Lake Michigan and sky shows. Based on age and ability, campers will participate in the process of designing, building, testing and redesigning as they use multiple types of robotics to overcome escalating challenges. Campers will be exposed to creative design, documentation and presentation skills through video recording, and editing.

Sky Show (entering grades 6-7) will work in teams to create shows, from storyboarding through presenting on the dome of the Grainger Sky Theater. Campers will work with Adler's visualization, show production, and theater experts to create their one-of-a-kind show.

Mission Near-Space: A Team Experience to the Edge of Space! (Entering grades 6-10). A team of engineers and astronomers whose goal is to prepare, launch, track, and retrieve a scientific payload sent to the stratosphere aboard a high-altitude balloon. The week concludes with a showcase in which participants get to present their mission results to family members.

De La Salle Students Benefit Charity



The 30 students in Dan Dowling's Honors Biology homeroom class at De La Salle Institute finished the first semester by raising \$1,002.88 in mission collections. As a whole, De La Salle raised just under \$8,200 for the various worthy entities that benefit from the weekly mission collections. Among the recipients are De La Salle's twin school (St. Joseph in Eritrea), St. James Food Pantry in Chicago and disaster relief in areas that were hit by earthquakes or hurricanes this year. This marks the third consecutive year that Mr. Dowling's homeroom has surpassed \$1,000 in a single semester in mission donations.

Black Creativity At Science Museum

The Museum of Science and Industry, 57th & Lake Shore Drive will present the Black Creativity program, through Feb. 21st. This month-long celebration honors the contributions and achievements made by African Americans while working to inspire children to develop their creativity in science, technology, engineering and math.

The Juried Art Exhibition features more than 100 dynamic works - including paintings, sculpture and mixed-media. A youth category offers opportunities for high school students to have their work shown in the exhibition.

The panel will select first, second and third place overall show winners, as well as a winner in each medium category and overall in the youth category. The winners will be recognized at a Juried Art Reception, on Feb. 15th from 5:30 to 8 p.m.

Innovation Studio pro-

vides a creative space for guests, with the guidance of MSI Facilitators, to become inventors and innovators. A variety of materials and tools to create prototypes will be available.

School and community groups may contact (773) 684-1414 to reserve a workshop.

The Career Showcase on Feb. 24th from 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. will offer guests the chance to explore innovative careers by speaking with professionals in art, science and engineering stationed throughout the Museum.

School groups can reserve 30-minute sessions with a scientist or engineer in the Jr. Science Cafés weekdays during Feb. and March. To book a session, call (773) 684-1414.

The Black Creativity Gala, which will be held on Jan. 27th, raises money to support the programming.

For more information, visit msichicago.org or call (773) 684-1414.

Chicago Hosts Museum Week

Chicago's renowned cultural institutions will conclude Museum Week on Jan. 26th with discounted admission, exclusive offers and special programs. Illinois residents will receive either free admission or 10 to 25 percent off full-priced tickets at participating institutions.

Museums in the Park, an association of 12 museums in the Chicago Park District, has unveiled a list of deals and special programming and offers on ChicagoMuseumWeek.com.

Meet real scientists, experience some of the latest visualizations of the Universe's most recent discoveries and tackle daily design challenges at Adler Planetarium. Free art-making activities for all ages at Artist's Studio at The Art Institute of Chicago. An exclusive exhibit on the history, science and social experiences of race and racism at the Chicago History Museum. Special weekend guided tours and a gift basket giveaway at the DuSable Museum of African American History.

A special exhibit on ancient Mediterranean cultures, including a mummy from Egypt and a bronze bathtub from Pompeii, at The Field Museum. Lincoln Park Zoo is free and open to the public 365 days a year! During Museum Week, enjoy 10% off food, beverage and purchases at Wild Things! Gift Shop.

See gems of the collection of the Museum of Contemporary Art, including works by Jeff Koons, Andy Warhol, Cindy Sherman, and the Chicago Imagists. Meet cutting-edge robots from around the world that can play team soccer and sense and react to facial expressions in "Robot Revolution" at The Museum of Science and Industry. Explore the advent and development of places and structures within the Mexican-

Chicago community at The National Museum of Mexican Art. Discover the life and work of Jens Jensen, a Danish immigrant who served as Superintendent of Humboldt Park and became the "Dean of American landscape architecture" at The National Museum of Puerto Rican Arts & Culture. View rarely-seen specimens at the Founder's Day: Opening of the Vault and journey to the remote rainforests of New Guinea in Birds of Paradise at the Peggy Notebaert Nature Museum. Sixteen colorful sculptures of aquatic animals, crafted from plastic beach trash, in addition to animal chats and encounters at the Shedd Aquarium.

A special After Hours Event will be hosted by Shedd Aquarium, Adler Planetarium and the Field Museum. See Shedd's animals after hours and warm up with a hot chocolate bar, cocktails and comfort food. Admission is free for Illinois residents with a valid ID, otherwise tickets are \$25.

Six partner institutions will join this year's Museum Week. Special offers and activities will include discounted, and sometimes free general admission, discounts on memberships, extended hours, free tours, new exhibits, educational programs and giveaways.

Free Admission To Field Museum

The Field Museum, 1400 S. Lake Shore drive, will offer free basic admission on Jan. 27th and 28th; Feb. 1st through 28th and June 20th to 22nd from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

This is an \$80 savings for a family of four.

Visitors may upgrade to an All-Access Pass which includes access to Specimens: Unlocking the Secrets of Life, Ancient Mediterranean, Cultures in Contact, Mummies: Images of the Afterlife, Cyrus Tang Hall of China, and a 3D movie, at an additional cost. Tickets to Jurassic World: The Exhibition will also be available at an additional cost.

Illinois residents must show valid proof of residency. For more information, visit fieldmuseum.org.

B-K Baseball Needs Volunteers

Brighton Kelly Baseball needs volunteers to participate in the 2018 baseball season as managers, coaches and umpires.

For more information, contact League President Michael Rodriguez at (773) 531-4534.

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Free Entry At Science Museum

The Museum of Science and Industry, 57th & Lake Shore drive is offering free Museum Entry to Illinois residents on select dates each week. The Museum offers 14-acres of hands-on science exhibits and experiences, and indoor parking garage.

Free Museum entry is available on Jan. 25th, 29th to 31st and Feb. 1st, 5th to 8th, 12th to 15th, 20th to 22nd, 26th to 27th.

Discover how the capture of the only German sub during World War II was kept a secret inside the U-505 Submarine exhibit; experience 1.5-million volts of lightning strike above your head in *Science Storms*; shake off the winter doldrums by learning why laughter can be contagious in *YOU! The Experience*; and see the amazing patterns that surround us every day in *Numbers in Nature: A Mirror Maze*.

Must be an Illinois resident, with proof of address, to receive free Museum Entry.

Giant Dome Theater

films, *U-505 Submarine* on-board tour. *Future Entry Chicago*, *Coal Mine*, *Brick by Brick*, *Robot Revolution* and special tours are not included in Museum Entry. They require additional, timed-entry tickets.

Brighton Library Offers Programs

The Brighton Park Branch Library, 4314 S. Archer will conduct *Crafts* on Wednesday, Jan. 31st from 4 to 5 p.m. Crafts vary with each program and everyone works at their own pace and skill.

Family Story Time will be enjoyed on Tuesday, Jan. 30th from 6 to 7 p.m. The program features books, stories, poems, songs and craft activities for all ages.

Super Science on Thursdays, Jan. 25th from 4-5 p.m. will feature activities for students in grades K-8.

For more information, call (312) 747-0666.

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Pulaski Day At Polish Museum



GENERAL PULASKI

The Polish Museum of America will celebrate Casimir Pulaski Day in the Sabina P. Logisz Great Hall, 984 N. Milwaukee ave. on Monday, March 5th at 10 a.m. The program includes the traditional wreath-laying ceremony at Stanislaw Batowski's painting of Pulaski at Savannah.

General Kazimierz (Casimir) Pulaski (b. Warsaw, Poland, March 6, 1745 - d. near Savannah, Georgia, October 9-10, 1779) is recognized as the "Father of the American Cavalry." He offered his services as an experienced military leader to the American Continental Army during the American Revolutionary War.

At Brandywine, in 1777, he distinguished himself by leading a daring attack against the British, thereby saving the retreating American Army.

At the insistence of General George Washington, Pulaski, was made a Brigadier General and the first Commander of the American Cavalry. He established the Pulaski Legion, a corps of Frenchmen, German Hessians, and Poles, who were instrumental in saving the City of Charleston, South Carolina, from

British occupation in 1779.

In October of 1779, at the age of 34, General Pulaski paid the ultimate price for freedom: he died from mortal wounds received while leading a cavalry charge in Savannah, Georgia.

The General's mortal remains were ceremoniously reinterred at the Pulaski Monument at Monterrey Square in Savannah, GA in October of 2001. Posthumous honorary U.S. citizenship was granted to General Pulaski in 2009.

In 1977, Illinois made Casimir Pulaski Day an official state holiday, the only state in the union that has done so.

Admission and parking are free.

Additional information may be found on the PMA website: www.PolishMuseumOfAmerica.org.

Family Programs At Library Center

The Chicago Public Library has scheduled a wide range of interesting and informative programs at the Harold Washington Library Center, 400 S. State st.

Author events will feature Elizabeth Anne Moore discussing "Body Horror: Capitalism, Fear, Misogyny, Jokes" on Tuesday, Jan. 30th at 6 p.m.

Stories and games will be available in the construction zone on Friday, Jan. 26th at 10 a.m. Blocks and bricks will be out to play with.

The Business, Law and Money events will feature "Changes in the Tax Law" on Monday, Jan. 29th at 12:15 p.m.; "How to Organize Your Financial Life" on Wednesday, Jan. 24th at noon and "Plan a Secure Retirement" on Wednesday, Jan. 31st at noon.

Programming At Theater on the Lake

The Chicago Park District announced the first ever series of events and dates for arts and cultural programming at the newly renovated Theater on the Lake, 2401 N. Lake Shore Drive.

Programs include jazz performances and a staged reading of a new play in development by Chicago playwright and dramatist, Sandra Delgado. ENCOUNTER: A mixed medium explorative series brings together artists of various mediums to explore the racial realities of Chicago.

Renovations to the performance space included a new permanent stage with professional lighting and sound systems, an enclosed lobby and box office and dressing rooms.

The venue includes private event space, a restaurant with a commercial kitchen and a full bar, outdoor seating and indoor restrooms. The south end of the lakefront terrace will accommodate al fresco dining and private event.

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The cost is free or donation based for all ages. Jazz City on Feb. 9th will feature two quintets. All the Young Horses/Next Gen Summit led by educator and saxophonist Jarrard Harris. Admission is free for all ages.

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Initiative For CPS Students

Mayor Emanuel, City Colleges of Chicago and Chicago Public Schools announced a collaborative effort to support Learn. Plan. Succeed, a first in the nation initiative to ensure all CPS students graduate with a post high school plan by 2020. City Colleges is committing to help 1,000 CPS students create a postsecondary plan beginning in spring 2018 by investing in seven postsecondary navigators to help students at 18 high schools.

Students craft postsecondary plans, such as: attending a four-year university, City College of Chicago, or other 2-year college; enrolling in a trade, apprenticeship, or job program; enrolling in the military; signing up for a gap year program; or working full-time.

Beatification Mass At St. Casimir

A Mass praying for the beatification of Venerable Mother Maria Kaupas, Foundress of the Sisters of St. Casimir will be celebrated in the Center Chapel, 2601 W. Marquette rd., on Saturday, Feb. 3rd at 9:30 am.

The Rev. Stanley Rataj, Pastor of Our Lady of the Snows Parish, will be the celebrant.

Light refreshments will be served after the liturgy. All are invited. For more information, call (773) 776-1324.

Obituaries

RUTH R. BUTANDA, long time Brighton Park resident passed away on Jan. 17th at the age of 85. She was the mother of Virginia Hayes, Fredrick Bustos, Valentino Bustos, Leonard Lomeli and Isabel Golden, grandmother of Freddy Gomez Jr., Joseph Bustos, John C. Hayes, David P. Hayes, Nick Dixon and Christopher J. Golden III. A private cremation service was arranged by Szykowny Funeral Home, 4901 S. Archer.



MARK CHACHULA, formerly of Archer Heights, passed away on Jan. 18th at the age of 53. He was the son of Janina (nee Szyzkowska) & Henry Chachula; cousin of Teresa, Pazdziora, Magdalena Szyzkowska and many other cousins throughout Illinois and Poland. Funeral services were held Jan. 22nd from Zarzycki Manor Chapels, Willow Springs to St. Fabian Church. Interment was at Resurrection Cemetery.



MARGARITA GUTIERREZ (nee Tapia) wife of late Jose Refugio Gutierrez; mother of Gerardo (Ofelia) Cardenas, David Gutierrez, Cuca (Pedro) Enriquez, Margarita (Juan) Arreola, Yolanda (Serafin) Gonzalez, Genaro (Juana) Gutierrez, Engracia (Horacio) Orozco, Angeles (Mark) Mederich, Elena (John) Giesbrecht, Maria Lupita (Joe) Horvath and the late Manuel Gutierrez; daughter of late Francisco Tapia and late Engracia Her-

nandez; grandmother of 26; great grandmother of 9; sister of Salvador Tapia, Consuelo Tapia, Ester Tapia, late Manuela Tapia and late Guadalupe Tapia. Funeral services were held Jan. 24th from Zarzycki Manor Chapels, 5088 S. Archer to St. Bruno Church. Interment was at Mt. Auburn Cemetery.

DENNIS MEYERS of Brighton Park passed away on Jan. 9th at the age of 61. He was the son of Charles & Virginia Meyers; brother of Patty (Michael) Allen and Darlene Meyers; cousin of Beverly, Lynn and Laura. Dennis was a lifelong fan of blues music and a talented blues harmonica musician. At his request, his body was donated to Anatomical Gifts. A memorial service will take place at a later date.

LORRAINE NADASKY (nee Vasilenko) wife of the late John J.; mother of late Jonathan (late Linda), Michael (Jackie), Livia (Donald) Rominski, and Alicia (James) Wallace; grandmother of Rebecca, Jessica, Ashlee, Elizabeth, Mark and Michael. Chapel services will be held Friday, Jan. 26th at 11 a.m. at Szykowny Funeral Home, 4901 S. Archer, Jonathan F. Siedlecki Director. Interment will be at Resurrection Cemetery. Visitation will be held Thursday, Jan. 25th from 5 to 9 pm.



LEONARD A. RETZKE, 92, World War II Marine Veteran of Garfield Ridge. He was the husband of late Dorothy (nee Ditchfield); father of Alan (Mary Jane) Retzke and Kenneth (Dorothy) Retzke; grandfather of Brian (Theresa), Paul (Krystal), Matthew and Katrina; great-grandfather of Abigail, Olivia, Braylon and Camden. Chapel services were held Jan. 20th at Zarzycki Manor Chapels, Willow Springs. Interment was at Resurrection Cemetery.

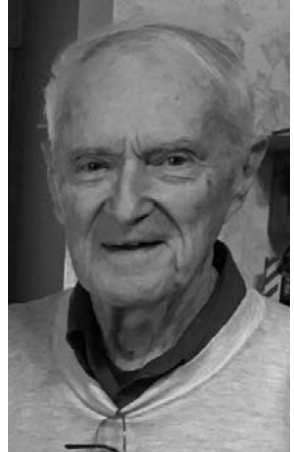


FLORENCE B. SMULSKI (nee Popielasz), of Lemont and formerly of Archer Heights passed away on Jan. 18th at the age of 94. She was the wife of late Joseph J. Smulski; mother of Marianne (Richard) Chapello and Judy (Tom) Bush; grandmother of Caryn Morgan, Cheryl (Rob) Chandler, Rebecca (Paul) Walker and Michael (Danielle) Bush; great-grandmother of nine; predeceased by brothers and sisters. Funeral services were held Jan. 24th at The Franciscan Village, Lemont. Interment was at Resurrection Cemetery.



WILLIAM J. THORPE, of Gage Park, retired metal fabricator, husband of Rosa Maria (nee Robledo); father of Jenny Thorpe (Joseph Garza); grandfather of

Justin and Erik; brother of Dorothy (late Walter) Rzaasa, Preston (Bonnie) Thorpe, Louise (James) Larson and late Robert (Dorothy) Thorpe. Funeral services were held Jan. 19th from Zarzycki Manor Chapels, 5088 S. Archer to St. Clare de Montefalco Church. Interment was at Resurrection Cemetery.



NORBERT J. WAYER World War II Army-Air Corps Veteran; husband of Lillian (nee Podlasek); father of Carol (James) Gorecki, Susan (Steven) Geiger and Judy (Rick) Schlueter; grandfather of Jim (Kathy) Gorecki, Rick (Kerry) Gorecki, Rebecca (Jeremiah) Dowling, Melissa (Marc) Brewe, Nicholas (Kamron) Geiger, Amy (Christian) Volz, Michael (Kelly) Schlueter; great-grandfather of Alyssa, Jimmy, Nathan, Clarisa, Zachary, Sarah, Jacob, Jackson, Alexander, Reese, Noah, Owen, Lillian, Kinley, Savannah; predeceased by his brothers and sisters. Funeral services were held Jan. 23rd from Zarzycki Manor Chapels, 5088 S. Archer to St. Bruno Church. Interment was at Resurrection Cemetery. Norbert was a member of the St. Bruno Holy Name Society, St. Bruno Seniors, St. Bruno Ushers, St. Vincent DePaul Society, Catholic War Veterans, Archer-Highland Post#0698 American Legion and Ted Stempien Post #8821, VFW.



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Applications for Admission to Namaste Charter School

2018-2019 Namaste Charter School applications for students in grades Kindergarten - 8th will be available beginning January 1, 2018 and are due by 4:00 p.m. on March 2, 2018.

Lottery:
Tuesday, March 27, 2018

Open House dates:
Tuesday, February 6, 2018 from 5:00 - 6:30 p.m.
Saturday, February 24, 2018 from 11:00 - 12:30 p.m.
Saturday, March 10, 2018 from 11:00 - 12:30 p.m.*

*Applications submitted after March 2, 2018 will be added to school's waitlist, but will not be eligible for the 2018-2019 Lottery.

Namaste Charter School currently serves 485 students in grades K-8 and is now accepting applications for the Fall of 2018 for students of all grade levels.

Namaste's mission is to promote lifelong success and a love of learning by implementing and sharing a groundbreaking educational model which combines health and wellness with academic rigor in a peaceful environment.

The school's commitment to the physical, social emotional, and academic well-being of its students, along with the incredible dedication and support of its families and staff, creates a unique school culture that improves each student's individual capacity to learn and reach higher academic achievement - an innovative and successful year-round programming that has been lauded in the Chicago Tribune, Chicago Sun-Times, WGN News, DNAinfo, on NBC's The Today Show, CNN and many other media outlets.

As a leader in holistic education, Namaste's curriculum is designed to feed both the minds and bodies of its students through: daily rigorous instruction in balanced literacy, mathematics, science, social studies, and 60 minutes of physical education; nutritional breakfast and lunch menus; and movement opportunities during morning and afternoon recess. The school also offers a Spanish-English dual language program option, an afterschool programming option, and a school day running from 8:30 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. Monday - Thursday and 8:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m. on Fridays.

Namaste Charter School is open to all Chicago residents. Applications can be found on the school's website at www.namastecharterschool/admissions, or at the school's main office at 3737 S. Paulina, Chicago, IL 60609. All applications MUST be submitted by 4:00 p.m. on Friday, March 2, 2018. For more information, please call 773-715-9558 or visit www.namastecharterschool.org.

Renaissance Court Welcomes Seniors

Renaissance Court, an award-winning senior center at 78 E. Washington st. will provide a variety of enjoyable cultural, educational, health, and fitness programs for adults age 55 and older.

Regular hours are Monday through Friday, 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. and Saturdays 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Membership is free and entitles you to program participation, a participation card, brochures and other mailings.

To register for programs, you may sign up for a participant card at the center during business hours. For more information, call (312) 747-4550.

Retreat For Catholic Men

The Claretian Missionaries invite all Catholic men ages 21-45 to attend a Come and See Retreat at Claret House in Chicago from Friday, Feb. 2nd to Sunday, Feb. 4th. Attendees will learn about discernment, religious life and charism, through a variety of activities.

There is no cost. Call Fr. Byron at (312) 320-8870 or email called@myclaret.org.