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## TAC Party Hopping...Quesadillas, Llamas, and Ice Cream, Oh my!

By Christina Wavrunek

On Thursday, November 5th, senior Sonia Kurhajetz and I went where no Pius student has gone: TAC party hopping. We were fortunate enough to taste the delightful samplings of cheesy salsa quesadillas, ice-cream sundaes, and other sweet treats all in the time constraint of a mere 24 minutes. No, this wasn't Heaven, but it was definitely the next best thing. Righteous TAC parties occur many times a week, and though the food and good times seem the stuff of dreams, they're likely to be transpiring as you read this article right now. Our first stop: Mr. Kessenich's cleverly named "TAC-O Party". Chef junior Aaron Eversum was kind enough to give us the rundown of the party's essentials, which included: chips and salsa, guacamole, tacos, refried beans, fresh cilantro, queso, the ever popular quesadilla maker, and of course, applesauce. Proud member of TAC 110 junior Nate Derus explained how this particular TAC party was a lot different from their normal routine, which includes the delicacy of sprinkle star chocolate chip pancakes.

Our second mission was to crash TAC 320's "Welcome Back to Fiesta Llama Party", where the pumpkin carving title holders modestly boasted their new victory. Among their ranks was senior Claire Marren, who explained how "the party marks a very important occasion of welcoming back the grand champion". Sonia and I noted the presence of V8 Splash and Triscuits (for a more refined taste) and Guitar

Hero as an incentive for everyone to continue their hard work.

Lastly, we moved on up to the east side to TAC 428's "Ice-Cream Pizza Social", which held a most welcoming atmosphere. Senior Maeve Jackson told Sonia and me a little story while pouring some Magic Shell atop our vanilla scoops. "I wanted to welcome all the people I needed to reconnect with. I just so happened to stumble across hungry foreigner Becca Kronberg, who's TAC was sadly not having a cool party like this one." Kronberg was clearly grateful. After a few minutes the occasion turned dance party for a refreshing twist, however we sadly never did "finally get a piece of the pie", as our luck ran out when the clock struck 8:24. We did however run into counselor and all-around good guy Mr. Brian Anderson who, despite his usually mild temperament, protested that he was never called on to fill the position of faculty TAC party sampler. His information can be found on the Pius XI website if you wish to contact him for your upcoming TAC party! 📧

## The Many Faces of Pius XI High School



In the Beverage Container Design Contest, the Engineering and Design students who came out on top were...in 3<sup>rd</sup> place, Kyle Lewis! In 2<sup>nd</sup> place, Dan Pebelick! And in 1<sup>st</sup> place, with his Homer Simpson mug, Joe Minik! Congratulations!

On January 15<sup>th</sup>, 2010, Ryan Castelaz, James Lieven, and Joram Zbichorski participated in the Wisconsin Choral Director's Association State Men's Honors Choir, in Eau Claire. Great job, boys!

A group of students, headed by Mr. Al McCauley, went to Washington DC on

January 21-22, to participate in the Right to Life March. These students, Nick Baumgardner, Maddy Bersch, Elizabeth D'Amoto, Elena Kurudza, Suzanne McGann, Amy Mrotek, Courtney Mrotek, Ben Simon, and Courtney Wosick, are held in the highest regard by Pius for their participation in this event! 🙏

## What to Catch around Pius this Week



### Friday, January 29 (C-Day)

Girls Basketball plays Waukesha South at Pius XI  
Boys Basketball plays Waukesha South at Waukesha South

### Monday, February 1

NO SCHOOL  
Staff Development  
Catholic Schools Week begins!

### Tuesday, February 2 (D-Day)

Girls Basketball plays Arrowhead at Arrowhead  
Boys Basketball plays Arrowhead at Pius XI

### Wednesday, February 3 (E-Day)

Community Mass

# Popes Update—Fall Sports Roundup

This fall, Pius sports did exceptionally well. Didn't catch a game? Well PeriSCOPE, with the help of Maddy Bersch, has the need-to-know wrap-up of this season!

## Boys Cross Country

This year's boys cross country team, lead by seniors Ben Tretow and Co-Captains Nick Baumgardner and Geoff Rogers, took 2<sup>nd</sup> Place at the Kettle Moraine Laser Relays—and were a mere eight seconds out of first. Sophomores Drew Shields and CJ Lewis posted the best times of the season for the team. Lewis was also a 2<sup>nd</sup> Team All-Conference pick.

## Girls Cross Country

The girls cross country team had an outstanding season as almost every runner posted a career record and took minutes off of their previous times. Special congratulations go out to freshmen runners Maria Schmid and Deanna Betka for earning major letters this fall.

## Football

The football team finished the season 3-4 in conference, 3-6 overall, one of the better seasons in recent years. In addition, multiple players received individual honors: Senior Tyler Brusky—2<sup>nd</sup> Team All-Conference, Honorable Mention Punter; Junior Jonathan Coon—Honorable Mention OL; Senior Thomas Mayhew—Honorable Mention RB; Junior Ulice Payne III—Honorable Mention OL; Sophomore Evan Richarz—Honorable Mention DB; Senior Jared Russo—Honorable Mention QB; and Senior Joe Schilz—Honorable Mention WR.

## Girls Golf

This year's team was the first ever girls golf squad to earn a State Tournament birth. The girls ended up taking 10<sup>th</sup> Place, and had previously set the all time scoring record with 329 at the Class 8 Conference meet. Senior Amanda Braun was named to the 1<sup>st</sup> Team All-Conference; Senior Katie Geraghty and Freshman Emily Bliske were also named to 2<sup>nd</sup> Team All-Conference. In addition, Braun has signed a letter of intent to play golf next year at Division I Northern Iowa.

## Poms

This summer at the Badgerette Pom Pon Camp at Carroll College, the girls earned three 1<sup>st</sup> place Nightly Ratings, Top 5 Open Routine, 1<sup>st</sup> Place Funk routine, 2<sup>nd</sup> Place Senior Kickline, 1<sup>st</sup> Place Short Routine, and numerous individual honors.

Seniors Leanne Ballering, Gina Carron, Ember Harr, Bridget Mucha and Junior Brianna Prescott were asked to join the Badgerette Hollywood Dance Team; and Seniors Harr, Mucha, and Alissa Juckem, were honored as Badgerette Dance Stars for outstanding performance in a Jazz routine. Mucha was also chosen as a Badgerette All-Star for her outstanding leadership, personality, performing ability, and enthusiasm. The girls placed 4th of 34 squads at the State Fair competition. Most notably, Pius Poms was named Class A Champions of the Midwest at the Midwest Invitational in Schaumburg, IL.

There the girls placed 1st in their Prop routine, 1st in their Open routine, and were invited to perform at Disney World this winter. Carron also advanced to the semi-finals for her Pom Solo.

## Boys Soccer

The boys soccer team finished with a 11-7-3 record—their 10th straight winning season. Although being one of the youngest varsity teams in the state, they were also one of the top defending teams in the state, conceding only 19 goals in 21 games. The boys were in the state ranking for three weeks during the season. Junior Jan Hulvert led the team with eight goals, and Senior Victor Hernandez and Freshman Robert Holschuh added six each. Pius' goalkeeper, Senior Mike Nowak, ended the season with a Goals Against Average (GAA) of .9, as well as eight shutouts. Hulvert and Senior Denzel Pettigrew were named 2<sup>nd</sup> Team All-Conference; Hernandez, Holschuh, Nowak, as well as Junior TJ Krause and Senior Goyko Rajak were named Honorable Mention All-Conference.

## Girls Tennis

Girls tennis finished the year 9-6 in dual match play. They won the Grafton Invitational and the Sussex Hamilton Invitational; took third in the Delavandarian Tournament; and tied for sixth with Arrowhead at Sectionals. Junior Aimee Ballistreri took third in conference and made 1st Team All-Conference; Junior Midori Higuchi and Seniors Caitlin Journey, Sarah Paese, Hannah Pringle,

and Shoniqua Reik earned Honorable Mention All-Conference honors. In addition, this year's team had the most individual wins in conference play since joining the Classic 8 Conference.

## Girls Swim

Girls swim won three meets this season: the North Milwaukee Invite, Rainbow Relays, and the Ram Invite. They placed second at both the Rainbow and James Garcia Invites. Senior Maeve Jackson broke the school record in the 200 Freestyle and the 100 Individual Medley. Earning over 100 medals, is has been girls swim's most highly decorated season to date.

## Boys Volleyball

The Pius boys volleyball team finished 5th in conference with a 3-4 record, and made it to the sectional final after defeating West Allis Hale—which had knocked Pius out of the sectional for the past three years—in three games. In the sectional final, boys' volleyball lost to Marquette University High School, the team favored to win State this year. Senior Mike Hagerty made 2<sup>nd</sup> team All-Conference and Senior Matt McCann was Honorable Mention All-Conference.

## Girls Volleyball

Girls volleyball earned 3<sup>rd</sup> place in the Classic 8 Conference and 2<sup>nd</sup> in the conference tournament, finishing the season as the 10th ranked team in the state. Senior Jordyn Bratel was named 1<sup>st</sup> Team All Conference; Junior Molly Sydnor, as well as Seniors Maria Linn and Sabrina Marunowski were named to the 2<sup>nd</sup> Team; and Seniors Shannon McKeon and Korina Yee were named Honorable Mention All-Conference.

Congratulations to all coaches and athletes on a fantastic fall season! 🎉

## Got News for PeriSCOPE?



If you have news that you want the Pius community to know about, send it to Scope! The online edition of PeriSCOPE will be sent out every Thursday. If you want new additions to PeriSCOPE, let us know at [scope@piusxi.org](mailto:scope@piusxi.org), and

we'll consider your input.

PeriSCOPE is a new idea, designed to keep Pius students up-to-date on the more recent matters of our community. Your feedback is greatly appreciated. Thanks! 🙏

~The Editors

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*People see God every  
day...they just don't  
recognize him.  
~Pearl Bailey*