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Dolan Celebrates first Anniversary of 9-11

By: Anna Papush

On Wednesday, September 11, Dolan Middle school held a tree-planting ceremony in order to commemorate the heroes and families that were involved in September 11, 2001. Children's parents, family members, and local firemen and policemen were invited to attend. There were several guest speakers and presentations that were made. Two Gamma 7 students: Anna Papush and Ellen Reinhard read parts of their essays, which won 1st and 3rd place in a contest. Samara Shwidock sang God Bless America and Ms. Sibilio, Ms. Gibson and Melanie Manning sang the National Anthem. Lastly, Ms. Heron read the thoughts of the of the Dolan students, which were later placed into a time capsule representing what our students thought of that nation-destructing event. This ceremony honored everyone from 9/11. A special moment of silence was taken to honor all of the people who lost their lives in the WTC bombing. This was a very moving, special ceremony.



Another Successful Dolan Open House

By: Anna Papush

On September 12, 2002, Dolan had its annual Open House. Dolan Diplomats and staff helped out while parents met their children's teachers. Open House is a yearly evening activity where parents come into school to learn about their children's teachers and classes.

Diplomats helped the parents around the school. Teachers and staff attended and introduced themselves to the parents. Parents learn from the teachers and the teachers are able to meet their students' parents.



Dolan's magazine Drive

By: Alex Coughlan and Jamielyn Lorenti

During September the magazine drive was a huge success. We raised over 4,300 dollars. There were many winners in the drive. Christina Ross was the winner of the gumball phone and Rebecca Hills name was in the safe. The top overall student was Ryan Virvo and the top student on the last day was Alex Coughlan. The winners of the limousine ride are Alex Coughlan, 6th grade, Michael Capuno, 7th grade, and Ryan Virvo in 8th grade. The top selling homerooms and the winners of the bagel breakfast are Miss Bodnar, 6th grade, Miss Benedict, 7th grade, and Miss Vonella, 8th grade. The pig race winners in 6th grade are homerooms 29, 30, 314, 316. 200, 204, 311, 315. In 7th grade and 34, 35, 212, and 215 in 8th grade. The magazine drive started Sept. 10. and ended Sept. 24. Thanks to everyone who participated. Every order counted and helped our school.

Staff Interviews

Ms. Jacobs

Ms. Jacobs is a new teacher at Dolan Middle School. She was transferred from T.O.R. Middle School. She grew up in Woodbridge, Connecticut and attended Beecher Elementary School there. Ms. Jacobs says that her parents were the biggest influence in her life. They set



good examples and taught her to become a good person. Ms. Jacob's hobbies are: hiking, playing tennis, reading, and watching movies. Romantic comedies are her favorite kind of movies. She is a reiki practitioner, which is healing art and feng shui. Feng Shui is an ancient Chinese art that uses the balance of Chi (life energy) in your environment. Ms. Jacobs has advice for kids. They are:

- 1. To remember that you're always making choices plus to make choices wisely because what you choose now will affect the rest of your life.
2. Don't be afraid to stand up in what you believe in.

Work hard, but enjoy yourself because you only get one chance at being a kid.

Mr. Rinaldi

By: Samantha Grant

Mr. Rinaldi is the new Beta administrator. He grew up here in Stamford. He went to school at K.T. Murphy, Springdale, Dolan Middle School, and Westhill High School. He became a

teacher because in high school he helped special-ed kids learn how to swim and after that he wanted to help children. He came to Dolan because he enjoys working with middle school aged children. Mr. Rinaldi's favorite hobbies are working out and boxing. His influences in his life are his parents. His advice for kids is, "Have a plan, see it through."



Ms. Waring

By: Genesis Garcia, Taylor Brown and Jennifer Cornejo

Miss Waring was born in Stamford, CT. She went to school at Uconn University to become a teacher. This is her first year teaching Language Arts at Dolan Middle School. Miss Waring's hobbies are Latin, ballroom, and swing dancing, and improvisational theater. The biggest influences in her life are her English teachers and her parents. Miss Waring has 107 kids to teach. The advice she has for children is to believe in yourself, do your best, and respect others.



Mr. Savona

By: Lauren Schmidt

This is an interview with one of Alpha's newest teachers. Mr. Savona teaches Alpha 6 math. Mr. Savona grew up in Stamford. For elementary school he went to Springdale. He was also a student at Dolan. Then he moved on to Stamford High. Mr. Savona went to two colleges: Southern CT. University and Bridgeport University. The reason he became a teacher is because he likes working with children. He enjoys teaching both young and old people. "Teaching is a great way to learn from students and other teachers," said Mr. Savona. Mr. Savona came to Dolan because he taught at Stark for eight years and wanted to teach only one subject. The biggest influences in his life are his parents. His advice for kids is that they should stay a kid as long as they can because there is so much to enjoy with the eyes of a child. His hobbies are: playing ice hockey, roller hockey, soccer, playing the guitar, coaching sports, and playing with his children and family.



Ms. Anderson

By: Lauren Cascio

Ms. Anderson is the life communications teacher. She graduated from Hunter College in New York with a BA and Masters Degree in communications and theater. She grew up in Brooklyn, New York. "I wanted to become a teacher because education is a very important career for the future of our nation," said Ms. Anderson. She chose Dolan because students everywhere are interested in learning. Ms. Anderson's hobbies are traveling and writing. Her biggest influence in her life is Dr. John Henrik Clark, her college history teacher. Also Dr. Pearl Primus, her college dance teacher. Both had influenced her to travel to Africa. Her advise to kids is, "Stay in school and being young should be fun-filled and exciting."



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Staff Interviews cont'd

Mrs. Herman

Mrs. Herman is one of the newest teachers to be welcomed to the Dolan community. She is the new Gamma 8 reading teacher. Graduating from Boston College, Mrs. Herman comes from a well-educated background. For most of her schooling, Mrs. Herman attended private schools, here in Stamford, CT.

Mrs. Herman chose to become a teacher because of her love for history and English, and a deep passion for understanding of children. She chose to teach at Dolan because she was impressed with the Dolan staff and administration.

Out of school, Mrs. Herman enjoys boating, traveling and reading. She also likes to jog or walk at the park.

The biggest influence in Mrs. Herman's life is her mother. She adores her mother because she is well educated, compassionate, and a beautiful woman. In addition, her mother taught her a great deal about life and love. Mrs. Herman's advice for children is to work hard, have fun along the way, and to enjoy yourself while you can.



Mrs. Higle

BY: Rosemary Colabella and Michelle Osorio

For this edition of the Raider Review, Michelle and I have decided to write about Mrs. Higle. Mrs. Higle started teaching at Dolan Middle School in 1989. Before coming to Dolan she taught at the Talented and Gifted in the Arts, Adult Education at the University of Bridgeport and taught private piano lessons. Mrs. Higle loves teaching at Dolan. "One of my idols is Mary Livingston," Mrs. Higle said proudly. Mrs. Higle herself was in chorus in Middle School and played the flute and piano. What kind of music does Mrs. Higle listen to? "I listen to classical, jazz, and pop," she said, "I have to know what the students are listening to today." If Mrs. Higle had to pick two students she thinks would take chorus in high school, and be professional they would have to be Victoria Flagg in A8 and Melody Manning in B7. If you try hard, all of you could do the same. Mrs. Higle likes teaching chorus because she likes people and wants to help people improve their voices. Mrs. Higle's original dream was to become a professional performer.

Dolan's Track Stars

By Byron Farzam

When Dr. Hamilton dismisses the people who ride the last The bell rings as the walkers and riders leave school. After all buses are called there are only a few people left still waiting in each classroom. Who are they? When do they leave? First of all, they might be going to track practice to prepare for the five competitions they will be competing in. They leave immediately after the last bus is called. They go downstairs to meet Head Coach Mrs. DeLeo. After, they start practicing. Then they run until they are exhausted. After that they go home. Then, a few days later they compete in a race. Their regular season races will be held in local schools. The championship will be held at Scofieldtown School. Dolan wishes the track team good luck. GO RAIDERS!

Mrs. Shannonhouse

By: Tanisha Brayboy

Mrs. Shannonhouse is a Beta 8 teacher. She went to Stamford High School, Forham University, and the University of Bridgeport. Some of her hobbies are playing sports such as basketball and swimming, exercising, and going to the movies. Mrs. Shannonhouse said she became a teacher because she loves working with kids.

"Seeing kids achieve is something I love." She chose to teach at Dolan because she says there's a wonderful staff. The students are great here allowing me to grow as an individual and as a teacher.

Mrs. Shannonhouse says the biggest influence in her life has been her mom. Mrs. Shannonhouse's advice for kids is to keep working hard, believe in yourself, you can achieve anything, be yourself around other people, and be an individual.



Debating Team Event

On Tuesday, December 10, 2002 in the Media Center of Dolan during Activity Period a model debate will take place. The Dolan Debating Team will debate Ms. Anderson, Mr. Rinaldi, and Ms. Cole. The propositions are:

Should the U.S go to war with Iraq?

Dolan Team- No

Faculty Team_ Yes

Should uniforms be worn in public schools?

Dolan Team -No

Faculty Team _ Yes

ALL CAN ATTEND! Look for results in the next issue of the Raider Review in January.

Garden Club

By: Jessica Fortilus

In Dolan, there are many clubs. One of these is the Garden Club. It meets on Tuesdays during activity period. In Garden Club, they help make the school beautiful by planting plants and flowers. The teacher running the garden club is Madame Sloane, the French teacher.

Chess Club

By: Chris Eng

The Chess Club is a club that gives the students of Dolan the chance to play chess. For this club you must know how to play chess since there aren't any lessons. This club is run by Ms. Henderson, (parent) Ms. Zibowlis, (parent) and Mr. Burlson (teacher) and on special occasions, a coach will come. Many of the Tuesdays that they meet, consist of playing chess as practice for the tournament, if they get enough parent helpers. Ms. Henderson would like to have more help since it is hard to organize and she is the only one who is doing it. This club is wonderful and is very fun to be in so join if you love chess.



CMTs challenge students

By: Alexa Peterson

The CMT's started for 6th and 8th graders on September 18, 2002. There was also one practice test on September 17, 2002. The tests include D.R.P, Editing and Revising, Math, and more. The CMT's is a test of academic ability to show what students remember from past years. The tests are challenging, yet interesting. The tests finally ended on September 26, 2002.

Veterans Speak Out

By Katie Hopkins

On November 11, the Tuesday following Veterans' Day, several World War II veterans came and spoke to Gamma 8 students about their experiences in war. Among the visitors were Mr. and Mrs. Jackson, Mr. Shawinsky, Mrs. Johnson, and Mr. Murray. Afterwards, the students were allowed to ask the veterans questions to help better understand the events of WW II.

Paper Raiders conserve

By Allison Y. Arriaga

Ms. Rodriguez, a former teacher at Dolan, started a club that collected used newspaper. Mrs. Rodriguez began this club because she cares. The Paper Raiders is now run by Ms. Eise-mann, the Beta 8 science teacher. Students from all three houses and all three grades walk from classroom to classroom collecting paper to be recycled.



Girls victorious in Soccer

By: lame Manucci

The girl's soccer team did a fantastic job this season. They finished with 4 wins out of 4 games. A fast fact: Soccer is the number 1 most popular sport in the world.

The Brazilian team stands alone in first place with 5 titles. Also Brazilian player Ronaldo came back in this year's world cup from a horrible knee injury. Ronaldo or Phenomenon as many like to call him came back like a bullet getting world MVP award of 2002.

Band students play together

By: Anthony Tamborino

The Dolan band is one of Dolan's finest clubs. It is lead by Mr. Genovese and our own Dolan students play the instruments. The rehearsals take place in the auditorium and there are winter and spring concerts in the auditorium, also. The band also participates in local parades. The band meets every Tuesday during activity period. Mr. Genovese is strict and wants all members to know "they should never miss a band meeting." The band is working hard for the concerts, but also because they like it.

"New Kid on the Block"

By Samantha Ruta

"Wow!!!" That's what I said on my first day at Dolan. New kids, new teachers, New..... Everything. I had butterflies in my stomach, I'm sure all the other six graders did also. People were dashing in every direction. Meanwhile what was happening to me, you ask? I was getting pushed, bumped, and pulled by other students. I knew which way to go but it was nerve racking to get by all those 7th and 8th graders. I mean almost everyone knew people from last year or had brothers and sisters from previous years. I had a sister that attended Dolan, but she is in college now, so only a few of her old teachers knew me. When I walked into my classroom I met a girl named Karina. I looked around the classroom and checked out names on desks. I saw some names of my pals from last year. They came in and we gave each big hugs. I knew this was going to be a great start. When the class filled with happy, but nervous students I met some interesting people from other schools. The rest of the day was full of meeting teachers, changing classes, learning new rules, remembering locker combinations and getting dizzy listening to all the new rules.