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## Opening School Mass marks a new beginning

Article by John Sohl

The DeSales Community comes together to begin the school year at St. Thomas More on August 29th.

Opening School Mass was a success. It's as simple as that, and bringing with it was hope and optimism for a future that at times may feel uncertain. Beginning the year was Ms. Byrne's Irene Casey Award for Inclusive Education, an award given to one teacher throughout the Archdiocese.

From there, Mr. Chris Walsh called us to worship. "No other school in the Archdiocese can claim to have such a close-knit community, and nothing can express that reality more fully than our Opening School Mass." He went on to explain how DeSales mimics the full faith community as well. "The personal atmosphere remains a constant even when sharing the faith with millions of others, and somehow, after 2,000 years, the Church can still come together to celebrate the same Mass throughout the world." The theme of school year was also revealed when Mr. Walsh asked us to

"strive always to maintain that close-knit community that has become DeSales ... It's personal here, and we should never have it any other way." Then, the Mass began.

Senior John Frewen led the opening procession, leading our celebrant, Father Philip Erickson, Class of 1986. His homily touched on materialism and what each person should truly value in his or her life. His closing statement was the crescendo to the talk. "We all need to

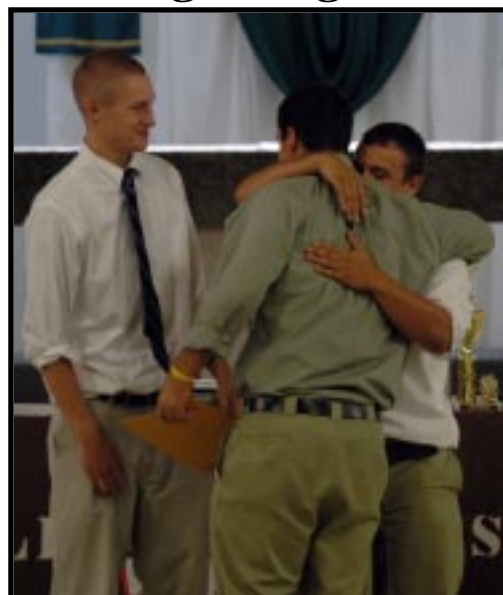
find something in life were dying for because ... quite simply, YOU were worth dying for." His reference to Jesus' death and resurrection drove home to many his message of living *in* the world, not *of* the world. Then, with the Liturgy of the Word spent, the Liturgy of the Eucharist began.

Along with Mr. Steve Reed, Mr. Bill Moore, & Ms. Laura Pohlman, Seniors Chris Schurfranz, Kent Russell, and John Fallon and Freshman Doug Comstock assisted Father in the distribution of Communion.



Dustin Timnell lighting the Freshmen Candle

Ms. D. Powers



Kyle Perry, Derek Thornberry presenting Cory Ward Scholarship to Devin Luckett Ms. D. Powers

As the opening ceremony drew to a close, Mr. Terry Barney came forward to present the academic awards for the 2007-2008 school year. Mr. Chris Walsh and Coach Lance Hammond distributed awards to countless individuals. The Cory Ward Memorial Scholarship was awarded to Devin Luckett, and the awards did not stop for another half an hour. It was the perfect ending to a perfect day, and the school year got off to a great start.

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### Upcoming Announcements

The Pacer will be featured on both the DeSales website and school intranet, so if you want to have your own copy, check it out.

To all students - Make sure you have money on your lunch accounts!

Check out the DeSales website for a link to the "Cecil Library and Media Center". There you'll find useful information to make your library experience faster and easier.

If anyone wishes to join the Student Council please see Ms. Byrne in Room 113 or attend one of the Wednesday morning meetings.

The first grading period ends tomorrow, October 2. Progress reports will be mailed next week.

### Back to School Never Changes

Jay Barnett

Another year, not the same school. The freshman came in to the foreign place that the upperclassmen have called home in the past years. The upperclassmen came back to a renovated school with new tables, chairs, and windows. The transition from a carefree summer to a stress filled school year has restarted.

Another year at DeSales and the physical components may have changed but we are back at the same warm home where we live ten months out of the year. Athletics start up again where the danger zone can reassemble and show spirit together for another year. The school buds reunite for another year that will surely be faster than the previous year.

## Homecoming Dance is a success

Article by Chris Schurfranz

The DeSales Homecoming dance was a great success. Some brought dates and some did not., but regardless of their company, everyone had a great time. Around half of the student body turned out for what was one of the best attended school

dances in several years. The Student Council had expected a decent turnout, but the attendance blew everyone away.

Because of the wind storm, the student council missed a week's worth of advertising and preparation. The

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Over 180 people enjoying one of the most popular dances in years past: 2008 Homecoming J. Sohl

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**Your student advertisement can be here. If you are trying to sell a car, video game system, etc, simply contact Mr. Fiely, John Sohl, or Chris Schurfranz for the details.**



Yearbook - Thursday, 10/2 after school until 4PM
Pacer - Tuesday, 10/7 after school until 4PM
Quick Recall Opener vs. Mercy Academy - 10/9
1st Annual Class Act Invitational Acad. Tourn. - 10/18

Student Council - Wednesday Mornings at 7:15AM in Room 113
NHS Officers' Meeting - Thursday, 10/2 after school until 3:20
Fall Phonathon - October 1-2, 6-9PM; October 6-9, 6-9PM

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Quote of the Month

"Do or do not. There is no try." - Master Yoda

Mr. Chris Walsh begins his tenure as principal of DeSales High School

John Sohl

There are several new faces at DeSales this year, and it may take the whole year to get to know them all, even in such a small community as this!



he's known God had been calling him, so he's treated this as his vocation in life, and we're happy to have him.

Less than a year ago, Mr. Walsh was teaching at Bethlehem High School as the temporary principal, and after receiving a call in December of last year, came for his first of only two interviews to take the position of principal of DeSales.

Now, with a reinforced impression from his first visit to the school during last school year, Mr. Walsh knows DeSales has been steeped in rich tradition with incalculable amounts of pride and school spirit.

Mr. Walsh has never served as a permanent principal, but his experience in History, Social Studies, and Theology gave him a balanced outlook on the big picture of a Catholic School.



Mr. Walsh presents Jacob Gregory with an award at Opening Mass.

His faith has been astronomical in his



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Opening Mass starts new chapter in DeSales history

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The future is what is in store for DeSales High School. With the 2008-2009 Opening School Mass, a new chapter in the school's history was born.



A prayer service was held in Mr. Keogh's memory on September 26

Science Experiment is first of many

Alex Straughn

Demo: What happened to the copper?

Note: Safety in Lab is #1! The entire demonstration was performed in the fume hood which releases any gases so that students are safe.

We took 2 copper (Cu) pennies (pre-1983) and slid them into a Florence flask (we slid them as opposed to dropping them and cracking the container).

liliters of concentrated nitric acid (HNO3 with a molarity of 15.8) and put it into a 100 milliliter beaker. We then poured 600 milliliters into a graduated cylinder.

nitric acid into the Florence flask with the 2 copper pennies.

As soon as all of the nitric acid was poured into the Florence flask, Ms. Strong placed the stopper firmly onto the Florence flask. As soon as the nitric acid touched the copper, it became obvious that a chemical reaction was taking place.

As the gas cools, the air pressure inside the Florence flask becomes lower than that of the surrounding environment. After about 5-7 minutes of the gas being released and the pressure dropping, water is sucked into the Florence flask from the graduated cylinder like a vacuum.

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Kid Rock, Rock N Roll Jesus - Music Review

Jon Fenn

Rankings are out of 5.

Amen - what's wrong with the world - 4

All Summer Long - childhood during the summer - 4

So Hott - how girls can cause problems - 4

Sugar - different things - 2

Blue Jeans and Rosary - a girl being misunderstood and being happy - 3

Low Life - how people are a Low Lives - 3

Lakeview Terrace - A Review

Nick Schneider

The movie Lakeview Terrace is a drama/thriller that focuses around the conflict of an interracial married couple and a racist gung-ho LAPD officer.

ago. His new neighbors Chris (Patrick Wilson) and Lisa Mattson (Kerry Washington) are an interracial married couple. For reasons revealed later, Abel Turner hates interracial couples and it becomes his goal to make the Mattsons move away, which is something Chris will not let happen.

police corruption, along with a handful of more minor themes.

The problem with the movie comes when several smaller, unnecessary plots come into play, most of them never really ending up significant.

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## Mr. Walsh's First Year

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teaching and leadership ideals, it being the central and primary part of his life. We surprised him with our student cheering section, the Danger Zone, and he still hasn't seen us at basketball! The "fantastic pride" shown by the people of this community has so far been Mr. Walsh's favorite aspect of the school so far. He says the people make up the

community and cannot exist without them. Mr. Walsh isn't just a workaholic either. An avid musician with a love for music gives him something many people don't have: well-roundedness. As far as his instrument, I think I can be safe to say we'll eventually hear his guitar at one of our school Masses! He loves hearing stories of past human experiences, so it's not a surprise his favorite subject is History. He also has a deep respect for those who have lived before.

Mr. Walsh also realizes that if God calls him somewhere else, he can take with him great relationships from DeSales. He doesn't want to forget this great community, and even if he goes his separate ways in the future, he plans to make the relationships he has here even stronger once he's left his mark. So, Mr. Walsh is our new principal. Let's make him feel even more welcome than he already has!



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## Sports Tips

from Jim Hudson

### Football

Always be aware of down and distance regardless if you are on offense or defense. The down and distance can change your alignment dramatically on defense and can give you a marker to run or throw towards on offense.

~Coach Sam Gilbert~

### Soccer

Keep your body and leg over the ball while you are hitting it.

~Senior John Fallon~

### Golf

A way to develop a good feel for putting is to practice with your eyes closed while you putt.

~Senior Jim Hudson~

### Cross Country

Stay low and keep a steady pace. Don't attack the lead until the right moment.

~Senior James Tinnell~

## Freshmen Orientation brings in the next generation



Mr. Barney explains DeSales's expectations. J. Sohl

Matt Sohl

It was a chance for the freshmen to come one day earlier than all the other students, a chance to meet their new teachers, and a chance to make new friends. It is a big transition from grade school to high school, but orientation makes it a little easier.

Freshmen Orientation began in the traditional manner. The freshmen met on the front lawn in the bleachers. Once everyone was settled, Mr.

Terry Barney introduced himself as well as the freshmen team. They were handed their schedules and proceeded into the school as Colts for the first time.

From the fashion show put on by the ambassadors to the first annual cookout, the freshmen experienced the new and exciting atmosphere that has recently become DeSales. As the day came to close, the freshmen were ready to begin their high school careers as members of this community.

## A Tribute to Mr. Tim Keogh

John Sohl

Two years ago, I entered my second year at DeSales. I remember quite clearly how promising the year seemed. Everything was brand new, and things were looking hopeful for the future. I signed up for Media Communications, a class designed explicitly for the Yearbook and Newspaper. Throughout the year we had four Issues of the Pacer make it to print. I was lucky enough to have been given the privilege of interviewing the very man to whom this tribute is written.

Shortly after the article came out, Mr. Keogh approached me, commending me for my efforts. It was at this moment, that my desired career was realized. He gave to me the encouragement I needed to be successful in life. He may not have realized it at the time, and I probably didn't either, but my interview with Mr. Keogh absolutely changed my life. From there, I took part in two of the best yearbooks the school has ever seen, and I am currently the Editor of



my Senior yearbook. Without Mr. Keogh's guidance and support, even in something as small as a compliment, I would not be as prepared for my life as I am today.

And now, less than two years later, Mr. Keogh has passed on. He is no longer in a troubled world fraught with pain, sorrow, and war. No, this man is living in the eternal peace and happiness that only God can give. He is experiencing

something so fulfilling that no human being can possibly comprehend its reality. The world was given a great gift fifty one years ago, and no person will ever be able to replace the great Tim Keogh. He has influenced countless, changed the hearts and minds of hundreds of young men at DeSales, and now, is reaping the rewards of his virtuous and inspirational life.

Yes, Mr. Keogh suffered greatly, but I know in my heart, when I think of him, he did not let that suffering go to waste. He gave one final spiritual message to the school before

his departure: "All is Gift". He guided the school through the losses of Andrew Ising, Chad Pierce, and Cory Ward. Even after Mr. Keogh's departure, his message was renewed more fully than ever before. He treated every moment he had as a gift from God, while embracing the struggles of his mortal illness. He overcame the despair that befalls countless others, and was still able to inject happiness and joy into the lives of those around him.

I will never forget his outstanding character, his unwavering leadership, and his unforgettable personality. He has changed my life, as he has changed thousands of others. As the 2007 Yearling clearly states, "If every page of the yearbook were a testament to Mr. Keogh's work, these 128 pages would still be an insufficient tribute to his contributions to the school and an inadequate acknowledgment of his far-reaching influence." As long as I am on this earth, Mr. Keogh will have a special place in my heart. For it is not how he died that made him who he was; it is how he lived each day of his spiritual and awe-inspiring life.

## Football Expectations

Kent Russell quoting Coach Mark Sander

My expectations are that we win more regular season games than we did last year, which was 5. This is tough considering that we play up in class going against 4A, 5A and 6A teams. I expect to win the district and get to the Regional Championship, win that one and get to the Final

4 (Semi-State) in hopes for a State Title appearance.

I know that Senior, Justin Powell, will be dominating at his offensive tackle position. Senior Doug Crawford will do things correctly on offense, defense and special teams. Senior Garitt Leicht will be a key running back for us and he will have to help us at the linebacker position

on defense.

We need to have some leaders step forward this year and show the type of emotion and toughness that it takes to play the game of football. We also need to communicate more with each other and this has taken quite a while, considering we have about 8 new faces this year, Sophomores through Seniors, that were not with us last year.

## Freshmen Day of Renewal puts the 'fresh' in freshmen

Andrew Roby

September 8 and 9 were special days for the next generation at DeSales. The Class of 2012 came together for a day long retreat at the Flaget Center. There they learned of the new and exciting opportunities DeSales had to offer. Group leaders told their experiences of DeSales, and after lunch, the class chose their motto, "Learn from the past. Live for the Future." Overall, everyone had a great time and plans to get involved in various activities. You couldn't have asked for a better outcome.

Left: First Reaction

Right: Final Solution

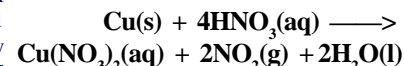


## Combining Copper and Nitric Acid

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Ms. Strong poured 100 ml Copper (II) Nitrate into a beaker and placed a set of tongs into the solution. After about 1 minute, she held up the tongs and they were coated with copper. In less than 15 minutes the copper had gone from pennies to being coated on tongs. AWESOME!

### Chemical Reaction:





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## Homecoming begins Holy Cross Week

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they had come up with a number of activities ranging from "Crazy Sock Day" where students could wear khaki shorts with crazy socks to the traditional Colt Fest. However, the days off school prevented those from taking place. Don't worry though; students will still have the chance to dunk some teachers and administrators on Colt Fest sometime in the spring.

The wind storm and the resulting days off school caused the normal homecoming activities to be

post-poned. The Student Council decided to move some of them to the following week, preceding to the other major game in the DeSales football season: the DeSales, Holy Cross rivalry game. The Student Council wants to get the student body pumped for the big game without letting this inconvenience slow it down.

As for the dance, it could not have been much more of a success, and the Student Council plans to have more like this in the future.



*John Sohl*

*Austin McGhee and Chris Schurfranz pose with some lady friends before returning to the dance floor. With such a large crowd, there wasn't much room for group pictures!*

### Last minute notices . . .

Baseball Conditioning begins October 8 @ 3:30PM at Beechmont

Mr. Keogh's Memorial Service will be this Saturday at 2PM at Guardian Angels Church

The Yearbook Staff is raising money for extra pages. Any donations would be appreciated.

Contact anyone on the Pacer Staff with your feedback.

## Football bounces back from tough first game

*Travis Brown & Jay Barnett*

In our football season opener against Doss, we were very confident. We were granted a little more speed this year, but Doss could still beat us to the outside. We were deficient in tackling, allowing Doss to score on the first five drives. Middle linebacker, Pat Savage said, "We have room for improvement on both sides of the ball." Doss shut us out 45-0 in a game that we tried to forget as soon as possible in order to gear up for the game against Bullitt East the following week.



After pre-game warm-ups, the game started rough fumbling on the first drive, but the Colts defense shined brighter than the lights illuminating the field. The Colts got a defensive TD from Nick Roush and grasped momentum with a big hit from super fast Eric Cotton. He broke

up a reception which led to an interception returned to the house by Eric Hall. The final score ended with a win for the Colts, 14-0. Kyle Perry shared his thoughts, "Well in order for anybody to win a football game you have to be aggressive, come out in the game and [...] hit them first."

## Sporting Events

### Soccer

10/2 vs Seneca - 7PM  
10/4 vs Providence - 11:30AM  
10/8 vs Manual - 7PM

### Football, game times - 7:30PM

10/4 @ Holy Cross  
10/10 @ Christian Academy  
10/17 vs Waggener

### Golf State Tournament - 10/9

DeSales lost to Providence, but then went on to beat Owen County in the Homecoming game, with a 55-14 victory, solidifying their comeback for the rest of the season. The Colts now have a 2-2 record, and plan to live up to Coach Sander's expectations.

## This month's highlights



*Pictures can say a thousand words, so we're letting these shots tell their own story. From sports to dances to annual events, these pictures have all been taken in the past month!*



## Your 7 Day Forecast

*Courtesy of the Weather Channel*

Wednesday, 1	Thursday, 2	Friday, 3	Saturday, 4	Sunday, 5	Monday, 6	Tuesday, 7
68° 20% 47°	69° 0% 47°	73° 0% 51°	78° 0% 54°	78° 10% 55°	76° 10% 56°	73° 40% 55°

## Lakeview Terrace

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is almost all rap, though it isn't the most terrible selection of such music so rap fans would most likely enjoy it. The bulk of the actors do a decent job, though some aren't spectacular. Some scenes make you remember it is truly suppose to be a thriller though

none really keep you on the edge of your seat and some are just too predictable.

Is it worth seeing this movie? Yes, it has Samuel L. Jackson! If that's not enough for you then you really might not want to go see it unless movies about racism interest you, as not much else is really going on. There are a handful of scenes that will make

you laugh some of which I don't think are suppose to (That's not a good thing, usually) but overall the movie is just a rather cheesy thriller. I'd say it gets 2 stars (But because it has Samuel L. Jackson!) as it is a decent movie idea, mixed with decent to mediocre acting and a couple scenes that seem out of place.

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