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11th Ward Congratulates Vince and Gino Hair Design

Cook County Commissioner John P. Daley and Alderman James A. Balcer would like to congratulate the Vince and Gino Hair Design business for their outstanding service to the community for the past 50 years. "We congratulate owners Vince and Gino Ballone for the excellent service provided by the Vince and Gino Hair Design business. This business is one of the pillars of our strong community," says Commissioner Daley. "I am proud of this establishment and of other family owned businesses which reside in the 11th Ward. I wish them continued success for years to come," added Alderman Balcer.



Pictured with Commissioner Daley and Alderman Balcer: Vince and Gino Ballone.

Senior Suites of Bridgeport Celebrates Active Aging Week September 20-26

Join us for a celebration of National Active Aging Week at Senior Suites of Bridgeport, 2825 S. Halsted St. Active Aging Week will be observed thru Sunday, September 26 with a wide variety of events scheduled. Events include Bingo, Dice Games, Free Massages, Benefit Assessments, and Healthy Eating Seminar. "Discover ways to choose an active life by participating in events that our residents do everyday" said Carolyn Jaksic, Property Manager at Senior Suites of Bridgeport. "Active aging is experienced in six dimensions - Physical, Intellectual, Emotional, Spiritual, Social, and Vocational. See how we create a better, worry-free lifestyle for all seniors".

Free parking is available in the lot behind Senior Suites of Bridgeport. For more information contact Carolyn Jaksic, 312-326-0333. Tours of the building will also be available during the events. Senior Suites of Bridgeport plans on hosting other events throughout the year. This event is open to the public and residents. Please contact Senior Suites of Bridgeport at 312-326-0333 for information on how you can be involved.

St. Gabriel Youth Group Feeds the Hungry



On September 11th, members of the St. Gabriel Youth Group traveled to St. James Parish (29th & Wabash) to help feed the hungry. Hundreds of needy people come to St. James every month for food assistance. The youth group helped to unload the food from The Greater Chicagoland Food Depository truck and then sorted and distributed food to everyone. This is the second year the youth group has participated in this program, and it was a wonderful opportunity to serve others.

The moderator of the youth group is Fr. Rich, and anyone in grades 8-12 is welcome to join. The theme is "Making a Difference" & that is accomplished through the many service projects the group undertakes.

Adult & Family Fitness Programs at the Valentine Club

Get fit for yourself or your entire family! The Valentine Club is now accepting registration for our new Adult and Family Fitness Programs. Fitness Specialist, Dawn Urso-Pegausch is hosting fitness/nutrition programs sponsored by the Center for Disease Control and Prevention Grant. Yoga Stretch is held on Monday or Wednesday mornings 11am-12pm as well as Thursday evenings 6pm-7pm. Balance and Strength is held on Tuesday evenings 6pm-7pm. Life after Fifty Fitness is held on Tuesday or Thursday mornings 11am-12pm. Have exercise/meal plans/weight loss questions? Fit Q&A is held on Tuesday and Thursdays 2pm-3pm or by appointment. Mom's-Get fit with your son/daughter...Mom & Me Fitness is held on Tuesdays 4:30pm-5:15pm. Finally, have your entire family enjoy Family Fit on Thursdays 4:30pm-5:15pm or by appointment. Stop by the Club, located at 3400 S. Emerald for details or contact Dawn Urso-Pegausch at 773-927-7373.

Free Girls Night Out

Anger wears many masks. Do you find yourself in a depression you just can't shake? Can't find the peace you once enjoyed? Can you feel your own heart hardening? Can't muster up any sympathy for anyone over anything and you don't know why?

If so, The Central Assembly of God Women's Ministry cordially invites all women to a night of ministry and girlfriendship where our topic for the evening is entitled "THE MANY FACES OF ANGER".

Our speaker for the evening will be Donna Botica-Battaglia. Please join us on Friday, September 24th at 7:00PM at Central Assembly of God Church, located at 816 W. 31st Street.

Our Friday Night Ministry is open to ALL women of ALL denominations. Refreshments will be served afterwards and as always are free of charge. Hope to see you then.

Celebrate Hispanic Heritage Month at the Library!

Come and Celebrate Hispanic Heritage Month with us on Friday, September 24th at 2 pm with Latin Caribbean Music Yesterday, Today and Tomorrow, performed by Wilfredo Concepcion.

Mr. Concepcion will perform some traditional music & songs from Puerto Rico, Cuba & Santo Domingo and he will also be doing some original bilingual English and Spanish songs. All ages are welcome. For more information, call 312-747-0666.

ONIAI 16th Annual Memorial Mass

The Old Neighborhood Italian American Club and Women's Alliance will be honoring their 245 deceased members with their Annual Memorial Mass on Saturday, September 25th, 2010 at Santa Lucia Church, 3022 So. Wells St., 5:00 Mass.

All are welcome. Dinner will be served after Mass at the ONIAI, 3031 S. Shields Ave.

Sacrament Class for Adults

St. Mary of Perpetual Church, 1039 W 32nd St., is offering a program for adults who are interested in receiving the Sacraments of Baptism, Eucharist or Confirmation.

Interested Adults can contact the Church Office at 773-927-6646 and receive information on how they can prepare to receive these sacraments in the coming year.

EDITORIAL DEADLINE IS Friday at 12 NOON

Santa Lucia School News "Lawyers in the Classroom"



Pictured: 8th grade students with teacher Mr. Wells and guest, Mr. Jorge Cazares.

The Santa Lucia 8th grade class had the pleasure of welcoming Mr. Jorge Cazares into their classroom on September 1, 2010 for "Lawyers in the Classroom" Day. Mr. Cazares is a partner at the Law Firm Pugh Jones Johnson & Quandt, PC in Chicago as well as a member of the School Board and a current Santa Lucia parent. "Lawyers in the Classroom" is coordinated by Constitutional Rights Foundation Chicago (CRFC) and partners attorneys with elementary schools to help students understand the U.S. Constitution. CRFC trains attorneys to lead interactive lessons and provides teaching materials. Looking ahead to the future, Mr. Cazares said that he hopes to inspire and educate the junior high students in the Field of Law and our legal system. Mr. Cazares is a volunteer attorney for the CRFC and generously provided knowledge based on his real life experiences. The 8th grade class would like to thank Mr. Cazares for sharing his afternoon with the class!

Valentine Club Fall Programs

The Valentine Club is now accepting registration for Fall Programs. Valentine Club Fall Programs began September 7 and continue through October 29 (8 week session). The Club offers Aquatics, Fitness (Adult/Youth), Teen REACH Programs, Digital Arts, Torch Club, Keystone Club, Drama Journalism/Media, Mentoring, Girl Scouts, and Kiddie College. We would also like to introduce our newest member of the Valentine Staff, Ms. Dawn Urso-Pegausch. Please visit the Valentine Club or call 773-927-7373 for additional information and class schedules.

Valentine Club Afterschool Program

It's that time of year again...the neighborhood youth are saying good-bye to summer and preparing to attend school. The Valentine Boys & Girls Club is also getting ready for the upcoming school year. The Afterschool Program is sponsored by the Chicago Department of Family and Support Services. The program began Tuesday, September 7 and continues through the entire 2010/2011 school year from 2pm-6pm. The Afterschool Program is offered FREE with an annual membership to youth 6-18 years old which includes homework assistance, sports, swimming, snack, art, game room activities, computers, and educational workshops. Questions or concerns, stop by the Valentine Club, located at 3400 S. Emerald Avenue or contact Dawn at (773)927-7373.

Girl Scouts

Parents, if you have a daughter in kindergarten thru 12th grade that is interested in having fun, making new friends, earning badges, doing crafts and activities this is for her.

There are several sponsorships in the neighborhood that are starting to register returning and new girls in their troops.

To find out more information on this wonderful program for girls and adults volunteer positions please call Mary at 773-735-1799 in the evening or Bette at 773-646-5956.

11th Ward 21 and Over Women's Volleyball Tournament

The 11th Ward is sponsoring a 21 and over women's volleyball tournament at Taylor-Lauridsen Park during the week of October 4, 2010.

Games will be played in the evening and will be run as a single elimination tournament. Each team will consist of eight players. There will be awards for the top two teams.

Rosters and rules are available at the Daley/Balcer Service Office, 3659 S. Halsted St. All rosters are due no later than Tuesday, September 28, 2010.

Bridgeport Bombers Carwash

Bridgeport Bombers will be hosting a car wash this Saturday, September 25th, 2010 at St. Anthony's Church (28th & Wallace) parking lot from 10:00am-3:00pm. All car washes will be \$10.00. Come out and support the Bombers Organization.

Bridgeport Catholic Academy Highlights

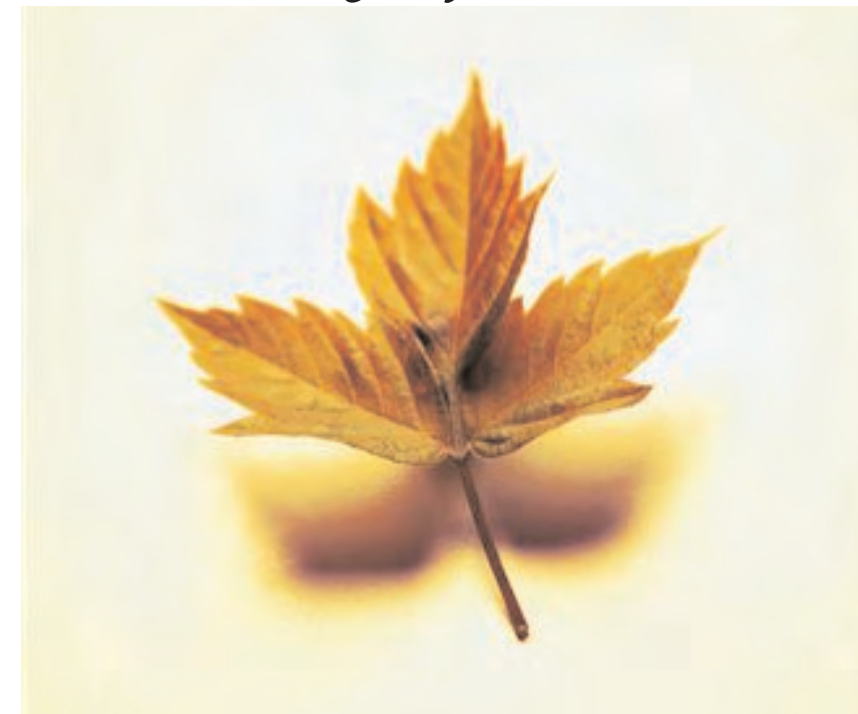


Pictured: Father Dan Brandt with Bridgeport Catholic Academy's first graders.

What's better than cookies and milk? Cookies, milk and a story! The first graders at Bridgeport Catholic Academy were the guests of our gracious host, Father Dan Brandt.

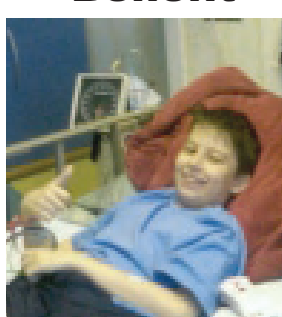
Father Dan read the story "Hermie" by Max Lucado. After the story everyone enjoyed cookies and milk and lots of talking!! The students can't wait to go back and visit again.

Today is the First Day of Fall



Welcome Fall...
and to the cooler weather and
the beautiful colors that come along
with the season.

Team Geno Benefit



Please join us for the **Team Geno Benefit** in memory of **Geno Anthony Gniadek** 10/2/1996 - 6/15/2010.

The benefit will be held on Saturday, October 9th, 2010 from 6pm-11pm at DeLaSalle Institute located at 3434 S. Michigan Ave., (21 & older).

There will be raffles featuring a LCD TV, an Apple iPad and a \$6,000 Grand Raffle prize. A silent auction will also be held.

For tickets to the benefit, raffle tickets or to make a donation please contact Dana Poole at 773-450-6191 or visit our website at www.TeamGeno.org for more information.

"In memory of Our Hero"

Taylor-Lauridsen Park News

Bitty Basketball league is starting at Taylor-Lauridsen Park on September 30th. The program is offered to boys and girls between 6-9 years of age. Games will be held every Thursday, 6-9pm. There is a fee of \$35 per child. Each child will receive a t-shirt and a trophy. Register at the field house located at 704 W. 42nd St. If you have any questions please call the park at 312-747-6729.

Family Fun Night

The staff of the Canaryville Branch of the Chicago Public Library, 642 West 43rd Street, invites neighborhood children and parents to attend the Family Fun Night, TONIGHT, September 22 at 6:00 p.m.

2010 Canaryville Little League Trophy Day Sunday, September 26th

The Canaryville Little League is very pleased and excited to announce that the Canaryville Little League will be having its 2010 Trophy Day on September 26th, from 3:00-6:00pm at the University of Chicago's historic Hutchinson Commons!

A very nice afternoon is planned and we hope to celebrate a great season with all of our players, coaches, families, sponsors, fans and volunteers! The location of Hutchinson Commons is 1135 E. 57th Street, right on the corner of 57th and University Ave. The outside Courtyard will also be open for the ceremony as we will be having complimentary food, drinks, and dessert as a special thanks to everyone for a great season!

Any questions please contact John Kozlar at 312-823-7788. We hope to see everyone there!

St. Barbara Parish and School

Centennial Celebration October 24, 2010



St. Barbara, located at 2859 S. Throop St., celebrates 100 years of faith and education in Bridgeport on Sunday, October 24, 2010.

There will be a concelebrated Noon Mass with Francis Cardinal George, OMI, as the principal celebrant. The Liturgy is open to everyone.

From 1:30 to 3:30 p.m., St. Barbara School will host an Open House and Reunion for elementary and high school alumni and friends.

Beginning at 4:30 p.m., there will be a gala Centennial Banquet and All School Reunion at the Belvedere Chateau at 103rd and Roberts Rd. A limited number of tickets are still available, \$90 for an individual, \$700 for a table of 8. Ads (from \$5 to \$125) for a Commemorative Ad Book are also being solicited. Banquet ticket and ad deadline is September 26, either can be purchased after weekend Mass or at the rectory.

For more Centennial Information, call the rectory at 312-842-7979 or visit www.StBarbaraChicago.org.

St. Barbara to Offer Faith Instruction-Sacrament Preparation

Are you interested in learning more about the Catholic Faith or becoming a member of the Catholic Church through baptism? St. Barbara, 2859 S. Throop St., will soon begin the RICA program (Rite of Christian Initiation). This program is also for baptized Catholics who did not make their First Communion or Confirmation. The sessions are free and will be starting soon. If interested or for more information, contact Fr. Dennis Ziomek, pastor of St. Barbara, at 312-842-7979 or dziomek@stbarbarachicago.org. "Our hearts are restless until they rest in You": St. Augustine.