

Consortium Chronicle



Welcome to this month's CC. We at OES are looking forward to seeing the leadership of Edmund Rice Consortium Schools at Catholic Memorial and beautiful Boston. Because we are gathering soon, this month's CC is abbreviated. We have so many good

things happening around the consortium, that we would be remiss in not sharing! Enjoy, and we shall see you in Boston!

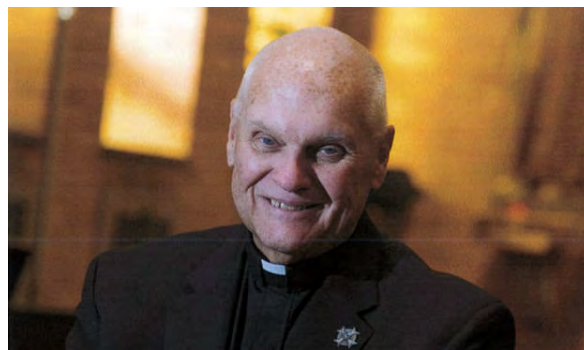


According to Harper's Index, 2050

Is the year Christians will no longer constitute the majority of the American population.

From the Literature by Br. Brian Walsh, CFC

First some statistics from Harper's Index, October 2022.



More from Br. Walsh and Reader's Digest, 9/2022

Kids Today will Never Know ...



The annoyance of calling a friend and having to ask to speak to them

1

51% DO 32% DON'T

US adults who believe God learns and adapts to different circumstances.

2

65% DENY

American evangelicals who deny original sin. 43% deny the divinity of Christ.

3

35%

Of religious people are more likely than non-believers to be happy with their sex lives.

More From the Literature

Teens will never know . . .

- the joy of being selected to go outside and clap the board erasers.
- the rush of the internet finally connecting on the third dialing attempt!

‘GAS’ and App Designed to Make Teens Feel Good About Themselves (by “gassing” praising someone up)

(Education Week, December 1, 2022)

- Strangers cannot contact kids.
- Users can only say nice things to each other by participating in pools. Here are some samples:
 - Which of the four listed has the best photo?



- Who always passes the vibe check?
- Who is most empathetic
- Who is always flirting?
- Who would you hold hands with during a movie?

However the App can cause harm if

- a high school kid never gets feedback,
- a kid is mockingly selected as most handsome,

By the way the company makes \$6.99 a week if you want to find out who wants to hold your hand at the movies.

BERGEN CATHOLIC: LOOK WHO MAKES A CAMEO!

On Saturday, March 12, Bergen Catholic presented the 25th Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee at the Hackensack Performing Arts Center. According to our source, the cast and crew were outstanding, and kudos to Barbara Peraino who I led the group.

The cast and crew invited Dr. Mahoney to test his spelling skills during the production.

The theatre as filled with faculty, staff and students and the play was a hit! Congratulations!



Iona Prep Teachers Step Up to the Plate in Service of the Community.

March 3, 2023



Demo Day at Fuller Centerny Disaster Team HQ at Emmanuel AME Church



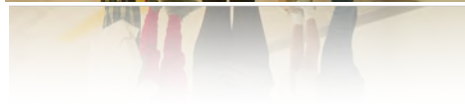
Upper and Lower School Teachers at Hope Services Food Distribution Center, New Rochelle.



Organizing the library at the Human Rights Institute and examining a Torah from the 1700s that survived the Holocaust. (cont. p4)

ACTION Work Around the Consortium!

Iona Preparatory ACTION and Biology Club members met to kick off the "Gaels Grow" project. As part of the project, students worked to assemble indoor hydroponic gardens. The gardens will stay in the Biology lab through the school year, where they will be used to grow food items like lettuce and herbs.



Shout Out to the St. Laurence ACTION Team who planned and implemented Wellness Awareness activities during the school's annual Leadership Week. Action Moderator, Laura Storino and students, Mia Garcia and Kassandra Bonilla were interviewed and featured on the local CBS affiliate. If you would like to see the Broadcast, we have provided videos below.



ACTION: Building Bridges Across the Continent

Two Edmund Rice Christian Brother schools with a shared history reach across a continent to discover that, at their heart, the schools of the ECRB consortium are united by core values, a love of laughter, and an intangible quality that we call the Essential Elements.

At last October's Action Workshop in New Jersey, the student representatives from Vancouver College were inspired by a presentation describing the All Hallows High School's new roof-top garden. This roof-top garden in the heart of the South Bronx, known as "The Bronx Skyfarm", engages the students of All Hallows to consider principles of environmental stewardship and sustainability in light of Pope Francis's encyclical letter *Laudato Si'*. The Vancouver College students immediately thought of ways to integrate a similar plan at their school.

In February 2023, Vancouver College invited three students and a teacher to come to Vancouver College to share the project evolution of the garden project. (Cont. on page 4)

ACTION: Building Bridges, cont.

The visiting students also had the opportunity to engage in fellowship with their Vancouver College host families. The All Hallows students spent a day touring around Vancouver with the VC students as their guides, they were immersed in Vancouver College life by spending a full school day there, and spent Ash Wednesday in classes and prayer at St. Thomas More Collegiate. The AH boys got a glimpse into life at their Consortium cousins' schools.

In March, 26 students from Vancouver College traveled to the South Bronx to engage in fellowship and service opportunities. While in the Bronx, the Vancouver College students were welcomed to All Hallows and joined the students for a day of shared prayer, learning, social activities, and brotherhood. The VC students sat in on classes, ate lunch in the AH Commons, and a few even sat in on Band Practice! A few of the AH students saw new views of their own city, including the 9/11 memorial and Harlem's Apollo Theater, as they joined the VC on their tours of New York.

This connection between the schools coincides with the 100th anniversary of Vancouver College's founding by Brother Jerome Lannon, who came to Vancouver from All Hallows in 1922. The experience left the communities at both schools all with a deeper appreciation and understanding of the Edmund Rice network. The Essential Elements of an Edmund Rice Christian Brother education are not just sentiments on paper, but are lived and shared in a tangible, practical way. (More photos on page 5)



**Visiting Vancouver
College**



**Visiting the All Hallows Rooftop
Garden**

Iona Prep Teacher Day of Service cont.



**Restocking the food pantry at
the Don Bosco Center in Port
Chester, NY**



Mr. Chris Seppelt (VC), Pavi Bousalis (VC) Ramssey Marmolejos (AH), John Paul De Sosa (AH - standing), Sergio Lobo (AH)



Pavi & Ramssey on the Rowing Machines at VC



Backstage at the VC Theatre



Ramssey Marmolejos, John Paul De Sosa, Sergio Lobo, Mr. Darren McCormick (STM)



The All Hallows ambassadors back in the Bronx in our VC finery

Dates to Remember

May 13-18, 2023

Edmund Rice Education Beyond Borders, Congress, Dublin, Ireland

October 3-5, 2023,

School Leaders Retreat, Burlingame, Ca. Mercy Center

October 24-27, 2023

ACTION Student Leadership Workshop, Kearny, NJ

March, 18-21, 2024

School Leaders Meeting, Montevideo, Uruguay

April 15-18, 2024

Called and Gifted Faculty and Staff Retreat, Linwood Retreat Center, Rhinebeck, NY