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*Compassionate students raise money for a family in need*

It is extraordinary how willing students can be to help each other and their families out. About a week ago, Matt Allen underwent brain surgery to remove a malignant tumor. Matt is the father of McGuinness sophomore **Taylor Allen** and the family are parishioners at St. Elizabeth Ann Seton. Upon hearing this news, the Allen family was put on the prayer list at the school and fundraisers were initiated. The McGuinness French club and president **Elyse Hight** are sponsoring t-shirts to raise money for the Allen's. David Sine is also collecting donations at the Bank of Oklahoma. Mr. Allen is now home from the hospital and doing well, says Taylor.

In other news, it is homecoming week at McGuinness, and the school is in a flurry. The 2009 Senior Homecoming court was announced on Monday and are as follows: **Katie Harris** escorted by **Michael Johnson**, **Claire Maguire** escorted by **Preston Lucas**, **Krissy Nixon** escorted by **Sam Crabtree**, **Whitney Richie** escorted by **Shehan Abeyewardene**, **Anna Prince** escorted by **Nick Aguilera**, and **Mackenzie Smith** escorted by **Connor Tharp**. The crowner will be **Jay Lester** who will escort **Gracie Barry**, last year's homecoming queen.

The BMCHS competitive Speech and Drama Team placed 2<sup>nd</sup> at the Edmond North Drama Tournament last weekend. Individual awards went to **Stephanie Milligan**-1<sup>st</sup> in Prose Interpretation and 1<sup>st</sup> in Standard Oratory, **Claire Maguire**-1<sup>st</sup> in Poetry and 3<sup>rd</sup> in Humorous Interpretation, **Vivian O'Hara**-2<sup>nd</sup> in Dramatic Interpretation, **Will Heitert**-3<sup>rd</sup> in Dramatic Interpretation, and **Caitlin McManigell**- 3<sup>rd</sup> in Monologue and Finalist in Poetry.

Congratulations to **Chris Cudjo** who was named a Semifinalist at the 46<sup>th</sup> annual National Achievement Scholarship Program on September 30, 2009, based on his SAT scores.

Also congratulations to **LaRone Richardson** who was chosen as a Clear Channel Communication's Farm Bureau Player of the Week based on his performance in the football game versus Millwood. He scored six touchdowns in the 48-26 victory over Millwood.

The Competitive Cheer Squad finished in the top 10 out of 20 teams in their division at the State Cheer Competitions at Skiatook last Saturday. A big Irish congratulation goes out to them as well.