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McGuinness Football seeks third state championship in four years in class 4A

It is that special and eagerly awaited time of year again for high school students all over Oklahoma: football playoffs and soon to be the state championship game. This event has almost become a tradition for the students and football players at Bishop McGuinness. The Irish have played in the state championship game for the past three years, winning titles in 2006 and 2007 and losing last year to Glenpool. The team is going into the second round of the playoffs with high hopes because of their 49-0 shut out over Tecumseh last Friday. This Friday the Irish will be on the road to Sallisaw, who are ranked 5th in class 4A. Kick off is scheduled for 7:30 pm.

And off the sports fields, over twenty young men from our junior and senior classes attended the boys Kairos retreat last weekend. Kairos is an opportunity offered to junior and senior boys and girls as a chance to connect spiritually with others and God on a retreat for 3-4 days. The student leaders that we would like to recognize are: **Grant Dube, Colin Gross, Dax Maroney, Michael O'Hare, Charlie Shields, Conner Tharp, and Cody Wilson.**

The competitive speech team placed 2nd at the Broken Arrow Tiger Classic Speech Tournament last Saturday. The individual winners were: **Caitlin McManigell** and **Will Heitert** 1st in Humorous Duet, **Caitlin McManigell** and **Josh Cook** 1st in Dramatic Duet, **Caitlin McManigell** 1st in Poetry, **Will Heitert** 1st in Prose Interpretation, **Claire Maguire** 1st in Monologue and 1st in Dramatic Interpretation, **Stephanie Milligan** 1st in Humorous Interpretation, and **Josh Cook** 2nd in Humorous Interpretation. Congratulations!

Kimberly Boross, a sophomore at McGuinness, received the Honorable Mention Award for flute in the Senior Woodwinds at the Oklahoma State MTNA (Music Teachers National Association) Competition this past weekend. She has been playing the flute for 5 years.

The Academic team placed 2nd at the Regional Competition at Kingfisher last weekend, and will be moving on to the Area competition in January. Members of the team that played on Saturday were **Tommy LaBarthe, Nate Yokell, Aaron Sawheb, Scott Witcher, MK Tyler, Molly Kalk, and Megan Noble.**

Congratulations to the 2009 Yearbook staff! They earned Highest honors and an All Oklahoman award for the 2009 yearbook making it one of the top 14 yearbooks in the state! The staff was also awarded the Journalism Spirit Award for Division III and earned 6 first place awards. The individual awards were **Amy Hanson**, First Place for Copy Block; **Rose Faherty**, First Place for a Student Life Story; **Neil McGlohon**, First Place for a Graphic Element; Staff, First Place for Endsheets and First Place for Cover/First Impression; **Magi Ruiz**, First Place for Theme Development/Design.

Finally, our Alumni Association hosted Career Day for seniors last week. The guest keynote speaker was Mike Turpen. The day featured special presentations by a large variety of occupations as well as many companies who had exhibition booths for students to visit. Thank you to Irish alum **Alison Gober Abbott '03** for coordinating all the events.

In closing, Bishop McGuinness would like to wish everyone Happy Thanksgiving!