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*"Stir into flame the gift of God that has been bestowed upon you in baptism."
—Pope John Paul II*



Cedarcrest's Inaugural Marathon

by Miss Mary Larson, Music Teacher, Marathoner

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marathon in Greece, the students of
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own marathon...to bear witness to
the mission and values adopted by
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The history of the marathon dates back to 490 B.C. to an incident which is vastly different from the sporting event we are familiar with today. Pheidippedes, a soldier in the Greek army, ran a historic race from Marathon to Athens bringing news of a Greek victory over the Persians. Pheidippedes ran this race not for glory and fame, but rather because he believed in the cause and because he wished to share the good news with others.

The "Marathon for Nonpublic Education," which took place at Cedarcrest Academy resembles this original marathon much more than the modern day sporting event. The students of Cedarcrest Academy did not run the 26.2 miles of an official marathon. Rather, the title "Marathon for Nonpublic Education" refers to the days and weeks of hard work and commitment leading up to the actual race day. Yes, running the

26.2 miles of a marathon is a difficult and strenuous task, but can it compare to the continuous commitment and dedication displayed by the students of Cedarcrest?

Pheidippedes ran his race not for the sake of the race itself but to bear witness to the truth which he held in his heart and in his mind. Over 2000 years after that first marathon in Greece, the students of Cedarcrest Academy set out on their own marathon. They sought not only to obtain pledges, but also to bear witness to the mission and values adopted by Cedarcrest Academy. Throughout the three weeks of preparation leading up to the race day on October 3rd, the students were a living testimony. The students made phone calls, knocked on doors and struck up conversations about the education and formation occurring here at

Cedarcrest Academy. On October 3rd came the actual race day. The students and their families ran, walked and strolled along a beautiful path for 3.2 miles. This day, however, was the icing on the cake and would not have been possible without the hard work that had preceded the race itself.

Congratulations to our students and their families for their



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commitment and dedication. Your marathon was indeed a historic one as we mark the inaugural Cedarcrest Academy Marathon for Nonpublic Education.

Science Fair Motivates Students

by Mr. Scott KIELTY, Science Teacher

The 3rd Annual Cedarcrest Academy Science Fair took place at the Maple Grove Boston Scientific building. This is the first year the science fair has been off-site and the accommodations of a professional venue, along with a guided tour of the facility, helped excite and motivate our students.

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The Year of the Priest

by Mr. Jason Slattery, Principal

On June 19, 2009, which was the Solemnity of the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus, Pope Benedict XVI inaugurated a holy year in honor of the priesthood. As an invitation to further reflection on various aspects of our faith, throughout the centuries popes have dedicated entire years of celebration, commemoration and thanksgiving. As you might recall, last year we celebrated the Year of Saint Paul, commemorating the 2,000th anniversary of his birth.

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