

March 16, 2010

BISHOP LEIBOLD ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION POPE JOHN PAUL II CHARACTER AWARD

Dear Student Applicant,

We are pleased to provide this letter of introduction, for all eighth grade students and their parents, to the Bishop Leibold Athletic Association's **POPE JOHN PAUL II CHARACTER AWARD** selection process. This letter will explain what the student applicant must do to be considered for the award. This is not an athletic scholarship. It is awarded by the Athletic Association and **not necessarily to the best athlete**. Adults who do not know the students or their families will assess the student applicant. They will be judged solely on the merits of their application information (including application, essay, and evaluations) and their interviews.

The award will provide financial assistance to each of two students, one male and one female, who have participated in the Bishop Leibold Athletic sports programs sometime during their eighth grade year. Any current eighth grade student of Bishop Leibold School or the PSR/CCD programs at St. Henry or Our Lady of Good Hope church is eligible. This financial assistance, in the amount of \$1,000, will be applied towards the tuition costs for the freshman year at a Catholic high school.

POPE JOHN PAUL II CHARACTER AWARD application packets will be available by Monday, March 1st, on the BLAA website <http://www.blsathletics.org>. Packets include a letter to the student applicant, a letter to the parents, the award application form, the coach's evaluation form, and the teacher's evaluation forms.

The student applicant must distribute the teacher and coach's evaluation forms to the teacher and coach of their choice. The teacher and coach must complete the form and return the completed form in a sealed envelope, clearly identifying the contents, to the BLS East Campus Office **NO LATER THAN FRIDAY, April 23, 2010 – NO EXCEPTIONS**. The student is not to see these evaluations. The teacher will supply validated grade averages. It is the student's responsibility to check and make sure that everything has been submitted before the noted deadline. **NO EXCEPTIONS WILL BE PERMITTED!**

The applicants will be required to appear before the Award Selection Committee for a personal interview on May 11, 2010, (tentative date) at the BLS East Campus. Questions asked in the personal interview will further define a particular topic from the essay or application. Common questions are asked of all candidates to provide a single point of reference to judge their reasoning, poise, and quick thinking. The finalists will be notified of their interview times.

STUDENT APPLICANTS WILL BE JUDGED SOLELY ON THE APPLICATION, ESSAY, EVALUATIONS, AND INTERVIEW. SPELLING ERRORS, EVENT SEQUENCING, AND GRAMMAR, AS WELL AS, APPLICATION COMPLETENESS AND NEATNESS ARE VERY IMPORTANT.

Good luck to each student applicant!

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