

# CYO Marquee

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## CYO TRACK AND FIELD CELEBRATES 50TH



The Mercer County CYO celebrated their 50th Annual CYO Track and Field Meet on Sunday, May 22 at Notre Dame High School in Lawrenceville, NJ. This year there were 7 schools and parishes that competed in the meet and they included: Our Lady of Sorrows / St. Anthony's, St. Ann's, St. Gregory's, St. Mary's of Bordentown, St. Paul's, St. Raphael's / Holy Angels and Trenton Catholic Academy. The day included 28 running events (100 Meter Dash, 400 Meter Run, 50 Meter Dash, 400 Meter Relay, 800 Meter Run, 75 Meter Dash, 200 Meter Run, 4 x 50 Shuttle Relay and the Sprint Medley) and 20 field events (Long Jump, Shot Put, Jump Rope, Soccer Kick, Softball Throw, Baseball Throw and the Football Throw) for the 4 divisions (GJV, BJV, GV & BV). The top 3 finishers in each event received ribbons for their achievement. Trenton Catholic Academy took home the 1st place trophy with 124 points as they defended their title by winning this year's meet. St. Gregory's came in 2nd place with 101 points followed by St. Paul's with 87 points in 3rd place. At this year's meet, there

were 2 CYO records that were broken. In the BJV Shot Put, Justin McClellan of TCA set a new record with a distance of 31' 1" breaking the previous record of 25' 1 1/2" and in the Girls Varsity 200 Meter Dash, Whitney Gittens of TCA set a new record with a time of 30.3 seconds breaking the previous record of 30.6 seconds. Congratulations to all of this year's participants!



## KEEP HIS WISHES ALIVE AND HELP SEND A KID TO CAMP



It's not too late to contribute to the Monsignor Toomey Fund. The CYO is seeking donations for the Monsignor Toomey Fund which was created from the wishes of the late Monsignor Leonard R. Toomey, CYO founder. The fund honors the memory of Monsignor through something that was always near and dear to his heart, the CYO. Monsignor's last public appearance took place at the CYO Yardville Day Camp 50th Anniversary Picnic on July 12, 2008, and although he wasn't feeling 100% this day, he wouldn't have missed it for the world. The fund was started in large part through a generous bequest from him. The goal of the Monsignor Toomey Fund is to provide yearly financial support through scholarships for Yardville CYO camp to children who would not have been able to attend camp without the financial support. This goal is consistent with Monsignor's wishes.

Last year the CYO accepted four campers into the Yardville Day Camp for a total of six sessions from start up funds from the Monsignor Toomey fund. Help us continue these scholarships for Summer 2011.

Any individual, business, or organization wishing to honor the memory of Monsignor Toomey may make a donation by visiting our website at [www.cyomercer.org](http://www.cyomercer.org) and finding the Monsignor Toomey Fund link, or the tear off form below and send the donation to the Mercer County CYO, 453 Yardville-Allentown Rd., Yardville, NJ 08620, Attn: Tom Mladenetz. For further information, please call the CYO office at (609) 585-4280 x 107. The CYO is forever grateful for all he did and the establishment of this fund is a beautiful way to keep his memory alive and make sure his wishes are met.

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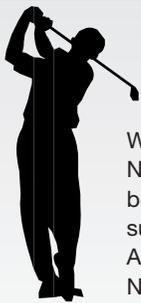
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## GOLF TOURNAMENT READY TO GO

The 18th CYO Golf Classic is set for Thursday, September 29 at Mountainview Golf Course in West Trenton. This year the CYO is proud to honor longtime supporter, friend, and businessman Tony Nami, owner of Prior Nami Business Systems with the 2011 Community Service Award. Prior Nami has been providing quality full service office equipment for over 100 years, and Tony has been providing support, sponsorship, and friendship to many local non-profits in Mercer County, including the CYO. Any time the CYO needs support for a special event or fundraiser Tony is always the first one in line. Now it's our turn to say thanks to him as we honor him with a Golf Tournament and Dinner in his honor.

The cost is \$125 and includes 18 holes of golf, golf cart, tee gift package, lunch, dinner, and cocktails and prizes. The tournament features Callaway scoring, putting contest, closet to the pin, and longest drive contests along with four hole -in-one contests for special prizes. Registration begins at 11:00AM with coffee and donuts, lunch from 11:30AM to 1:00PM, shotgun start at 1:00PM, cocktails starting at 6:00PM, and buffer dinner at 7:00PM. The cost for dinner only is \$50.00. For more information, including registration forms and sponsorship opportunities contact Patrick Hardiman at (609) 585-4280 x 102, or via e-mail at phardiman@cyomercer.org Help support the CYO and help us honor Tony Nami for all he does for the non-profit community in Mercer County with the 2011 CYO Community Service Award!



## NEW PLAYGROUND PIECE ADDED



Yardville After School students pose for a picture on the brand new playground piece. The equipment features four slides, a spider web cross, two decks, two traverse walls, and a rock climbing wall.

## NEW ZIP LINE ADDED



Yardville After School Program students pose for a picture on the new zip line, an element added to the Low Ropes Course. The zip line sends campers 100 feet through the woods lifted above the ground.

## T-BALL FUN!



T-Ball participants enjoy themselves during a recent game in the Yardville Pee Wee T-Ball League

## DON'T MISS OUT ON UPCOMING YARDVILLE PROGRAMS

**Evening Swim Lessons** June 27 to August 17 (8 weeks) for 4-14 year olds. Forty Five minute classes held Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesdays at 6:00PM or 7:00PM. Classes are formed based on age ability with a maximum teacher-student ratio of 1:10. Cost is \$90, for more information or to register contact the CYO Yardville at (609) 585-4280 x 121, but don't wait as spaces are limited.

**Teen Travel Camp** July 18-August 12 for 13-15 year olds. Check out our website at [www.cyomercer.org](http://www.cyomercer.org) and go to the Teen Travel link to see the exciting trips planned. For more information or to register contact Kara DeBonis at (609) 585-4280 x 101, or via e-mail at [kdebonis@cyomercer.org](mailto:kdebonis@cyomercer.org) Limited spaces remain.

**Pee Wee Soccer** for 4 and 5 year olds starting in September, games played on Saturdays at CYO Yardville. Registration fee \$60, for more information or to sign up contact Dan Bossio at (609) 585-4280 x 112 or via e-mail at [dbossio@cyomercer.org](mailto:dbossio@cyomercer.org)

**Annual Fall Festival** Sunday, October 9, 2011. Join us for fun kid's games, face painting, food, prizes, and much more. For more information contact Kara DeBonis at (609) 585-4280 x 101, or via e-mail at [kdebonis@cyomercer.org](mailto:kdebonis@cyomercer.org)

## EWING PRESCHOOL @ HOLLOWBROOK

Springtime is always buzzing with activity. Of course, the Easter Bunny made his visit to the center to hide his eggs. The Ewing CYO center was chosen to participate in a project called NAP SACC - Nutrition and Physical Activity Self-Assessment for Child Care; it involves training and technical assistance to improve nutrition and physical activity practices and policies at the center. This project is part of a larger initiative happening around the state called Shaping NJ. As part of this initiative parents and children participated in yoga classes during February and March. Another one of our goals was to hold a Healthy Snack Festival. It was held on April 28th. Children made an assortment of healthy snacks that they shared with their families. At the festival a table was available for parents to test their knowledge of healthy portions and serving size. A nurse was available to give blood pressure screenings. Recipe books were given to families. Activities that promote movement and exercise were also available. We charted how often do our families eat fast food during the week. During our training sessions provided by Child Care Connection, we learned how to choose a healthier menu for our children and new ideas for providing healthy exercise and fitness activities.

In May, children went to a farm to pick strawberries. As they begin their unit on insects, they will also be caring and watching caterpillars as they change from caterpillar to chrysalis to butterfly. This science activity is accompanied with various literacy activities especially their favorite book, *The Very Hungry Caterpillar* by Eric Carle.



Head Start nurse Joyce Fechter (at the Hollowbrook Center) sits with a parent at the recent NAP SACC project for a blood pressure screening.

## TRENTON PRE-SCHOOL

Trenton Preschool family workers recently participated in a Pre-K fair held at Trenton Board of Education.



Picture from left to right are: Carmen Davila, CYO Family Worker, Dr. Heather Jackson, Interim-Executive Director of Curriculum, Instruction & Assessment, Gloribee Pica, CYO Family Worker, and Monica Carmichael, Asst. Director, Office of Early Childhood.



Parents check out the healthy foods at the NAP SACC project Hollowbrook.

This is an annual event held by TBOE for parents to learn about the different Pre-School Centers that are contracted with them.

The CYO Preschool also recently participated in the Early Mercer County Reads Day on April 14th. Parents were invited to come in and read to their children's classrooms. Over 1,000 Mercer County children participated in this event by simultaneously participating by having stories read to them.

## GRANTS AWARDED

The following grants have recently been awarded: The Catholic Campaign for Human Development (CCHD) awarded \$1,500 for a new freezer for the CYO Center. Mercer County awarded a grant in the amount of \$58,000 per year for a two year period (2011 and 2012) to be applied to the Trenton Non-Abbott Pre-School, ASP, REC, and the Ewing Pre-School and Summer Camp. The Trenton ASP Tutoring component received \$3,000 from the Linoowitz Family Foundation, \$1,000 from Church & Dwight, \$2,500 from the Arvesen Fund of the Community Foundation of NJ, and \$1,000 from Provident Bank Foundation. The James Kerney Foundation continued its generosity with a \$20,000 grant for a new bus, and the Trenton and Ewing Pre-Schools were accepted into the PNC Bank's Grow Up Great Program.

## "EGG"CITING THINGS ARE "HOP"PENING AT THE YARDVILLE PRESCHOOL

The preschoolers are enjoying so many "egg"stra special activities at the Preschool this Spring. The children loved learning about farm life and the life cycle of chicken during our chick hatching project. We are proud to announce we had ten healthy, perky chicks born in our Orange Room. The children got hands-on experience taking care of the baby chicks!

Many Spring celebrations took place at the end of April. The preschoolers loved their visit from the Easter Bunny and collected many eggs while on their Easter Egg Hunt. The children then celebrated Earth Day by planting seeds of all sorts, discovering ways to conserve energy, and learned about what plants need to grow. The preschoolers had a butterfly releasing party after having witnessed the life cycle of a butterfly. Two of our classrooms received



caterpillars that then made their chrysalis. Painted Lady butterflies broke free several days later.

The Yardville CYO Preschool is now accepting registrations for the next school year. Openings available for 3, 4, and 5 year olds. Weekday morning tours are available. Call the office at (609) 585-4280 x 121.

## MERCER COUNTY CYO BOARD OF TRUSTEES

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**Pre-School Staff**

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## BASKETBALL

The Mercer County CYO celebrated its 57th season of basketball during the 2010-11 season. This year there were a total of 77 teams that participated in the six CYO Leagues for elementary school-aged children and the CYO Boys High School League. Congratulations to all of this year's winners that were crowned in March. In CYO playoff action, St. Anthony's of Padua captured the title for the Girls Freshmen playoffs. Trenton Catholic Academy won the championship in the Boys Freshmen League for the Blue Division while St. Raphael's / Holy Angels Gold won the Boys Freshmen Championship for the Red & White Divisions. In Junior Varsity playoff action, Trenton Catholic Academy won on the girls side while St. Raphael's / Holy Angels Gold won BJV championship. St. Gregory's completed their undefeated season by winning the Girls Varsity Championship while St. Raphael's / Holy Angels Gold won the Boys Championship.

## SPRING SPORTS

The Mercer County CYO Spring Sports Season began on Monday, April 11th. This year there are 8 teams competing in the Girls Soccer League, 5 teams in the Boys Soccer League and 4 teams in the CYO Softball League. Schools / parishes that are represented in the CYO Spring Sports Leagues include: Incarnation / St. James, Our Lady of Sorrows / St. Anthony's, St. Ann's, St. Gregory's, St. Mary's of Bordentown, St. Paul's, and St. Raphael's / Holy Angels.

## DIOCESAN BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT

The Diocesan Basketball Tournament returned to Mercer County in March following the conclusion of the CYO Basketball Playoffs. Each of the four counties in the Diocese (Mercer, Trenton, Ocean & Monmouth) were represented, as a total of 8 teams (2 from each county) qualified for this year's tournament in each of the four divisions (GJV, BJV, GV & BV). On Sunday, March 13th, after an exciting week-long tournament, St. Catharine's (Spring Lake) captured the GJV title by defeating Trenton Catholic Academy while St. Leo's (Lincroft) won the BJV title. In Varsity action, St. Catharine's also won the Girls Varsity title while St. Leo's (Lincroft) won the Boys Varsity Championship by defeating St. Raphael's / Holy Angels Gold.



## 2ND ANNUAL DIOCESAN CHEERLEADING COMPETITION

The second Annual CYO Diocesan Cheerleading Competition was held on Saturday, March 19th at the CYO. The following schools and parishes participated in this year's event: OLS / St. Anthony's, St. Charles (Cinnaminson), St. Gregory's, St. Mary's of Bordentown and St. Raphael's / Holy Angels. The squad from OLS / St. Anthony's captured 1st place in the Junior Varsity Team Competition and the squad from St. Raphael's / Holy Angels won the Varsity Team Competition. In the Miss Yell Competitions, Sarah DiMaio from St. Gregory's captured the JV Title while Julianna Carfaro from St. Gregory's won on the Varsity level.



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