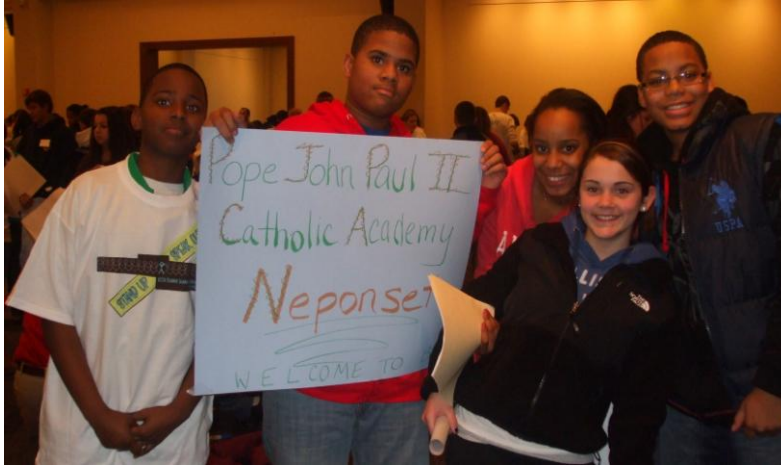


“Stand Up, Speak Out” Student Leadership Conference



John Paul II Catholic Academy Neponset Campus students Bruce Texiera, Dexter Chevalier, Dasia Oliver, Erica Russell, and Auston Harris rally around their school sign.

The Center for Catholic Education at Boston College and The National Catholic Center for Student Aspirations (NCCSA) hosted the third annual “Stand Up, Speak Out” leadership conference on January 15, 2010. The conference, for middle school students, was attended by 139 students from 27 catholic schools in the Archdiocese of Boston. School principals, teachers, counselors and parents also participated in the conference as part of a workshop on student aspirations.

The middle school students took part in three workshops, “Speaking and Listening,” “Team Building,” and “Clarifying Values,” under the direction of 22 Boston College student volunteers. Some of the exercises within the workshops included students sitting back-to-back and describing diagrams to each other; traversing across a room in teams with only the use of five wooden blocks; and a values auction where students bid on love, beauty and peace with artificial money. Other full group activities such as a “human centipede” race took place in the Heights Room in Corcoran Commons.

The goal of the conference was to give middle school students an opportunity to be leaders among their peers. Students attending the conference were chosen by administrators at their respective schools. The day ended with students discussing goal setting within their individual school groups. This activity gave the students a chance to address problem areas within their own schools and to come up with ways of solving them.



South Boston Catholic Academy students J.P. Knight, Cory Ostiguy, Chessie Cox, Rowan Dinneen and Natalie Cheevers gather by their school sign for morning ice breakers.

Following is a list of the 2010 “Stand Up, Speak Out” Schools from the Archdiocese of Boston

Blessed Sacrament	Walpole
Catholic Memorial	West Roxbury
Holy Family	Rockland
Immaculate Conception	Revere
Mission Grammar	Roxbury
Our Lady's Academy	Waltham
Pope John Paul II - Columbia	Dorchester
Pope John Paul II - Dorchester	Dorchester
Pope John Paul II - Lower Mills	Dorchester

Pope John Paul II - Mattapan	Mattapan
Pope John Paul II - Neponset	Dorchester
Sacred Heart	Roslindale
Saint Agatha	Milton
Saint Bridget	Framingham
Saint John	Canton
Saint Joseph	Wakefield
Saint Louis	Lowell
South Boston Catholic Academy	South Boston
St. Catherine of Siena	Norwood
St. Charles	Woburn
St. Columbkille	Brighton
St. Jeanne d'Arc	Lowell
St. Jerome	Weymouth
St. Joseph	Holbrook
St. Mary of the Hills	Milton
St. Mary School	Quincy
St. Theresa	West Roxbury