

THE GONZAGA FATHER'S CLUB

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Mark your Calendars:

Father-Son Service Project: Feb 28
2nd Annual McKenna Center Irish Music Fundraiser: Mar 8, 4:00 p.m.
Father's Club Meeting: Mar 10, 6:30 p.m. – an Evening of Reflection
Baseball Fundraiser, Joe Ehrmann: Mar 12, 7:00 p.m.
Dramatic Association, *The Pajama Game* – Mar 13 -15, Mar. 20 – 21
Mother-Son Communion Breakfast: Mar 15, 8:00 a.m.

Upcoming Events:

See the GFC web site for (<http://www.gonzagafathers.com/>) information about other upcoming events.

Father's Club: Our next meeting will be on Tuesday, March 10, at 6:30 p.m. Instead of the regular meeting, we will be having our second mini-retreat. This will be the week before Holy Week and will begin with mass in the chapel. We will then have a light dinner and period of reflection, led by Fr. Tim Stephens.

Second Annual McKenna Center Fundraiser: Please reserve Saturday, February 28 for the Gonzaga Fathers and Sons for Others Service Project. We need your help! For the sixth year in a row, the Gonzaga Father Club has come up with a unique opportunity for Fathers and Sons to work together in the spirit and tradition of our Gonzaga community. Our objective is to assist a local service agency by providing facility maintenance and refurbishment that it otherwise could not do. This year we will be assisting the Perry School Community Services Center, Inc. (<http://www.perryschool.org>) with a variety of projects. The Perry School Community Services Center is located just down the street from Gonzaga (128 M Street, NW, Washington, DC 20001) and has had a long relationship with Gonzaga. The service project primarily involves painting, lots of painting. For more details and the volunteer sign up form, go to the GFC web site.

Baseball Fundraiser – Joe Ehrmann: The Gonzaga Baseball Boosters are pleased to present a lecture and book signing by world renowned motivational speaker, Joe Ehrmann, on Thursday, March 12th at 7:00 pm in St. Aloysius Church. Joe Ehrmann is a former NFL defensive tackle with the Baltimore Colts, high school football coach, co-founder of Men and Women for Others, and subject of the book, *Season of Life* by Jeffrey Marx. His message of Coaching, Ethics and Team Leadership is ideally suited for our sons and the entire Gonzaga community. Tickets are \$25 and can be obtained by contacting Jeff Stoiber at

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jstoiber@stoiberandassociates.com or 202-986-4700. Proceeds will support the Baseball Boosters Club and their effort to upgrade Hamilton Field.

Lead Program/ Student Entrepreneurs: The LEAD program is a Gonzaga extracurricular in which 3 teams of select juniors learn the inner workings of starting and running a small business. Our job is to create a unique product, and, using a \$1000 loan from Gonzaga, buy the product from a manufacturer, market it, and sell it to the Gonzaga community. The current price of our sweatpants is \$25. Fifty percent of our total sales benefit the So Others Might Eat (S.O.M.E.) charity in D.C. and we also intend to pay back in full the \$1000 loan to Gonzaga. The sweatpants are all black and have a unique Gonzaga logo on them. They are a 50/50 cotton/polyester blend so shrinking should not be a major concern. We have sizes small through extra large. Checks should be made payable to Brian Baker who is in charge of managing our bank account.

GDA – The Pajama Game: Based on the novel, *Seven and a Half Cents*, and created by the team who gave us *Damn Yankees*, *The Pajama Game* bursts with fabulous dances, big chorus numbers, and memorable songs including "Steam Heat," "Hernando's Hideaway," "Hey There," and "I'm Not at All in Love." Performances will be at 7:30 on Mar. 13, 14, 20, and 21 and there will be a 2:30 performance on Mar. 15.

Mother-Son Communion Breakfast: On Sunday, March 15, the annual Mother-Son Communion Breakfast will take place at Gonzaga. Fathers will be needed to set up, serve breakfast, and clean up after. More details to follow.

Sports Update:

GFC Basketball: The basketball team is moving up in the national rankings after a big win over DeMatha and is #12 in the latest ESPN poll.