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## November Update from Arrupe

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### A Page from "The General Times"



Photo by freshman Kathryn Gurule

Arrupe is proud to announce the arrival of "The General Times", the school's first student newspaper. This month, we are featuring an article by sophomore Kateri Kramer, who

interviewed Darfur activist John Prendergast during his recent visit to the school. Through our partnership with Facing History and Ourselves, Arrupe applied - and was the only Denver school selected - to receive a visit from Mr. Prendergast prior to his talk at the Newman Center that evening.

### Leading Darfur Activist Visits Arrupe By Kateri Kramer

*Raising awareness of the catastrophe in Darfur, Sudan is the passion of John Prendergast - a passion he shared with the students of Arrupe on October 10th. "When I was about 15, I saw pictures of famine in Ethiopia. I saw poverty and hunger," explained Prendergast, a human*

### Thank you to our corporate volunteers!



Each summer, incoming freshmen receive two weeks of intensive training to prepare them for work in the corporate environment. The curriculum covers topics ranging from business and telephone etiquette to public speaking and operation of office equipment. This training experience is made possible through the efforts of many volunteers from our corporate sponsors and other individuals who generously give of their time. Our appreciation goes out to the following companies and individuals who participated in our summer 2007 training sessions:

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*rights activist. "The people living there were poor, starving and scared with no shelter - they had nothing. Seeing these pictures opened my eyes, I was astounded. I couldn't believe we weren't doing anything to help. That was when I was first motivated to be a human rights activist." Five years later, he bought a one-way ticket to Mali and has been working in Africa ever since...*

[Click here](#) to read the full article, as well as recaps of Back to School Night and Freshman Fun Night, tips on how to be a safe driver, sports updates, and more in this month's "General Times".

### Volleyball Team Spikes Cancer

In recognition of National Breast Cancer Awareness Month, the Arrupe Lady Generals volleyball team held "Spike Cancer Night" on October 18th.



During the week leading up to the fundraiser, the team sold specially made pink t-shirts to students, faculty and staff. As added incentive for buying one of the shirts, students could wear jeans on October 18th if they also wore their pink shirts. Otherwise, students could pay \$2 and wear any pink clothing item for the privilege of dressing down.

To cap off the fundraiser, the volleyball team wore Spike Cancer shirts with their jersey numbers during their match against Academy. Overall, the fundraiser brought in more than \$1,000 for Susan G. Komen for the Cure, a nonprofit organization dedicated to achieving the vision of a world without breast cancer. Congratulations to the Lady Generals for a successful fundraiser!

### Arrupe Wraps Up Successful Fall Sports Season



After finishing up their fall sports season, the Arrupe Generals and Lady Generals are gearing up for winter sports. In soccer, Arrupe

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finished first in the Frontier League with a 3-0-1 league record, second in the region with a 6-1-1 conference record, and lost in the first round of State Playoffs to State Runner-Up Fountain Valley. Arrupe came away with several top honors, including Player of the Year (Marco Angeles), Coach of the Year (John Witkiewicz), First Team All Region (Manny Meraz), and Second Team All Region (Marco Angeles).

The volleyball team finished fifth in the Frontier League, with an overall record of 6-14. They lost to the fourth-seeded Bennet Tigers in the first round of District Playoffs. The softball Lady Generals had a successful first JV season, and are looking forward to becoming an established program in Arrupe Athletics for the future.

Check the [athletics page](#) of our website for scores, standings, and schedules.

### **Arrupe Girls Participate in "Celebrating Latinas"**

**By Maricela Villalpando, Asst. Director, Corporate Work-Study**

For most young people, Saturday is a day to sleep in. But not for Arrupe students Viviana Lopez, Cindy Marroquin, Nancy Vallejo, Evelyn Soto, and Shanti Montoya. On September 22nd, these young ladies were ready by 7:00 AM to take the Arrupe van downtown for "Celebrating Latinas", an event in its first year sponsored by the Latina Chamber.

Powerful speakers such as Dr. Maria Guajardo, Director of the Denver Mayor's Office for Education and Children, made the event engaging and informative. During her speech, Dr. Guajardo told each of the women that they were part of "Las Primeras" (in Spanish, "The First") at something: at some point in our lives, we have been - or will be - the first at doing something positive, even if others choose not to do the same.

It was a time to recharge and to be inspired, challenged, and appreciated as Latinas. It was also a great opportunity for the girls to meet other Latina community leaders and represent Arrupe at this first-time event. As Cindy Marroquin said, "It was the first time I listened to a speaker and had tears in my eyes. I could relate to everything they were telling us. Their advice is something we could all use as we get older." Viviana Lopez added, "Listening to some brave Latinas inspired me to strive for a better future for myself and to prove to other Latinas that no obstacles are high enough to stop me."

**Magis Night - Save the Date!**

**The Arrupe Magis Night**  
Saturday, February 23, 2008  
6:00 - 10:00 PM  
Donald R. Seawell Grant Ballroom  
Denver Performing Arts Complex

[Click here](#) for more information or to RSVP.

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