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**The Christian Academy, Interboro and Cardinal O'Hara High Schools  
Are Winners in This Week's Competitions**

The competitive third round of competition started with three home team wins. Playoff positions are on the line as teams battled to gain enough points to qualify for one of seven playoff spots. The team with the highest cumulative score will advance to the final rounds, while the next six teams will compete in semi-final rounds to earn a place in the championship contest.

**The Christian Academy, January 26<sup>th</sup>, 2009:** Principal Anita Gray welcomed the audience of students, families and the visiting schools from Monsignor Bonner and Academy Park to the first contest in the season's third and final round. The match started off with Bonner taking an early lead by picking up 3 bonus points from the first two categories, Current Events and American History. The Christian Academy fired back answering the next two questions correctly and picking up a bonus point to take a 6 point lead over Bonner. Bonner returned the volley with a pair of their own correct answers to take the lead by 2 points. By intermission, TCA managed to tie with Bonner at 15 points each. Academy Park trailed with 4 points at the break.

The second half of the competition proved to be a repeat of the first with Bonner and TCA swapping positions on the scoreboard. TCA broke the deadlock with a correct answer in Chemistry. Bonner rallied back, answering their next three questions correctly and picked up 2 bonus points to take a 8 point lead over TCA. Academy Park made a late contest push answering their questions in Chemistry, Physics and American Government correctly. TCA once again return the favor to Bonner with a pair of correct answers and one bonus point to edge out Bonner by a point. **Final Scores: TCA – 28; Bonner – 27; Academy Park – 16.**

**Interboro High School, January 29, 2009:** Principal Paul Gibson greeted the audience and visiting teams and turned the assembly over to Interboro graduate and Delco Hi-Q Director Rick Durante. After a brief word from John Powers of Franklin Mint Federal Credit Union, Quizmaster, Tom McCarthy got things started in front of a full house of students armed with Buccaneer rally towels, a first time occurrence in the sixty-one year history of Hi-Q.

It was a close match throughout the contest with no more than a 5-point difference between all three teams at any given time. Ridley came out with a brief lead over Interboro and Carroll by picking up 2 bonus points and correctly answered their question in American History. Interboro came back with a correct answer in Literature and 3 bonus points, giving them a 2-point lead over Ridley. Carroll was right on their tail with 8 points at the intermission.

After the break, Carroll managed to nail the ever-important Team Choice Toss-up to put them in second behind the home team. Interboro pick-up a 2-point bonus in Team Choice and two more in American Government to extend there lead and hold off for a home win. Ridley and Carroll both tied for second. **Final Scores: Interboro – 23; Ridley – 19; Carroll – 19.**

**Cardinal O'Hara High School, January 30<sup>th</sup> 2009:** Dr. Bill McCusker, Cardinal O'Hara High School President, welcomed the audience and competing schools from Upper Darby and Chichester to the contest. Jenn Strasiniski from FMFCU and Cardinal O'Hara Alum gave a few words on behalf of Hi-Q before turning it over to Tom McCarthy, the veteran Hi-Q Quizmaster.

Right from the first category, Current Events, it was apparent it was going to be a tight match. All three teams picked up points in Current Events, American History and Shakespeare. Upper Darby snagged four points on the Sports question, while Chichester picked up a total of eight points from the Biology and Literature questions to give them a slight lead at intermission. At the break Chichester held a 4-point lead over O'Hara and Upper Darby.

After intermission, Cardinal O'Hara came on strong by correctly answering 4 questions and picked up another 3 bonus points to take the lead over Chichester, who correctly answered the math Toss-up in only 8 seconds. In the end O'Hara's sprint gave them enough of a lead to hold on and take the win. **Final Scores: O'Hara – 33; Chichester – 29, Upper Darby – 25.**

Delco-Hi-Q is a partnership between Delaware County Intermediate Unit and Franklin Mint Federal Credit Union. Veteran Actor Tom McCarthy is Quizmaster, Rick Durante from FMFCU serves as Director, Dave Bramble from Delaware County Intermediate Unit is the production engineer and Wes Crane is Hi-Q Coordinator.

In addition to the participating schools' support, primary corporate sponsor is Franklin Mint Federal Credit Union Foundation. Long-time Valedictorian sponsor is Kimberly-Clark Corporation. Delaware County Daily Times and the Delaware County Chamber of Commerce are supporters of the 61<sup>st</sup> Season.

For more information or to nominate a former player for the Delco Hi-Q Hall of Honor, please visit [www.delcohiq.org](http://www.delcohiq.org).

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#### Photo Captions

##### The Christian Academy

Back row (l to r): Faculty Advisor Robert Walton, Matthew Nicewinter, Mike Stevenson  
Seated (l to r): Matt Welkie, Bettina Burns, Daniel Garner

##### Interboro

Back row (l to r): Faculty Advisor Dean Beckett, Chalres Falone, Alex Oxner, Dan Longale, Mike West, Bob Mullholland  
Seated (l to r): Julie Keppler, Lacey Rae Barrett, Allison Krajewski, Chrissy Gieder, Chris Yamamoto

##### Cardinal O'Hara

Back row (l to r): Faculty Advisor Tom Imburgia, Owen Pelesh, Luke Westby, Tim Innes, Anthony Christina, Sam Pickard, Faculty Advisors Christine Hanley and Joe Jaworowski  
Seated (l to r): Rick Jackson, Nina Chacko, Madeline Schueren, Caitlin Galvin, Tom Ryan