



THE OFFICIAL NEWSLETTER OF OUR LADY ACADEMY

"Be ever ready to praise, to encourage, to stimulate, but slow to censure, and still more slow to condemn."—Catherine McAuley

Theme for the year: Our theme for the year, "Gifts" was presented to the student body at the opening of the year prayer service. Students and faculty were challenged to recognize their own unique gifts and to share those gifts with others. We also recognize and appreciate the talents that you, our parents and friends, have shared with the Our Lady Academy community.

Registration Packets: If you have not already signed and returned the handbook form, the internet form, or the student directory form, please do so as soon as possible. Participation in the student directory is optional, but we must have forms for all those who choose to participate by September 4.

PowerSchool: The teachers have started entering assignments and grades into the PowerSchool information system. Information on how to access the system was included in the packet you received at registration. If you do not have your password and login, our receptionist, Mrs. Kren (x10) can look it up for you.

Teacher webpages: Many of our teachers now have webpages for their classes. Check them out on our newly redesigned website at www.ourladyacademy.com. (Select Parents>Faculty and Staff Directory and click on the teacher's name if it is written in blue.) You will also find the school calendar, upcoming events, and current pictures at the site.

Progress Reports: Progress Reports were mailed Wednesday, August 26 to the parents of those students who have Ds or Fs in classes.

Open House: On Friday, September 4, school will dismiss at 2:00. Teachers will be available until 4:00 for conferences with parents.

Teacher In-Service: On Friday, September 11, school will dismiss at 2:00. Teachers will participate in training on the Smart Boards we recently purchased for the school.

Booster Club Raffle: Tickets for the annual booster club raffle are being printed. Packets of tickets and additional information about the raffle will be distributed to student athletes in the coming weeks.

Development News:

- Hooray for OLA honoring Myrt Haas is scheduled for Saturday, November 7.

- The lock-in for 6th grade girls who are considering Our Lady Academy is set for Friday, December 11. The sixth graders from Holy Trinity, St. Vincent de Paul, and Coast Episcopal automatically receive invitations. However, if you know a sixth grade girl at another school who would be a good candidate for OLA, please call Mrs. Gleber at extension 16 with her name and address.

Big Sister / Little Sister Ceremony: In keeping with Our Lady Academy tradition, the

members of the class of 2010 will adopt little sisters from the class of 2013. The ceremony will take place on Friday, September 18 at 2:30 in OLG church.

Mercy Day: The Sisters of Mercy of the Americas (including Sister Jackie and Sister Elisa), number over 5000 Sisters. Their ministries are characterized by respect, compassion, hospitality, service, and excellence. This year, on September 24 Our Lady Academy will pause to recognize the Sisters of Mercy for their devotion and service to the school. Please consider joining us for a Prayer Service followed by a family picnic beginning at 10:00 in OLG church. There will also be a formal tea beginning at 2:30. If you would like to volunteer to help with the tea, please call Jeannine Burch at 228.332.7976.

Guidance News:

- Regular registration for the October 10 SAT(administered at SSC) ends September 9.
- All OLA sophomores and juniors take the PSAT (administered during school hours) on October 14. Mrs. Emmel will provide more details to the students as the date approaches.
- Regular registration for the October 24 ACT (administered at SSC) ends September 18.
- During the year, colleges send representatives to our campus to meet with students and to answer questions. Please encourage your junior and senior daughters to visit with these representatives during lunch—time and place are announced at school.

Challenge Day: Monday, August 24, 97 OLA students and 28 adult facilitators participated in Challenge Day. While we would have liked to have all the students participate in the program, only 100 students can participate each day. The program leaders presented a series of innovative games, activities, group discussions, icebreakers and trust-building exercises to help participants learn how to break down the walls

of separation and create new levels of respect and communication with their peers, teachers, parents and themselves. The grant to bring this program to our campus was written by Di Fillhart of St. Rose Outreach and Recovery (SOAR). The grant was provided by United Jewish Communities, represented locally by Rabbi Myrna Matsa.

Fashion Show: Our Lady Academy will host a fall fashion show on September 16, starting at 6:30 in the Commons. Outfits from Suite A will be modeled by OLA students and parents. Following the fashion show, there will be a brief PTO meeting.

HOORAY FOR OLA!



OLA's annual gala dinner dance fundraiser will take place Saturday, November 7th at Hollywood Casino. This year we will be honoring the Bay's well loved Myrt Haas. For more information you may call 467.7048, ext. 16