

November 1st - Back to School Day

- OLA and St. Stanislaus reopened their doors today for classes for close to 500 students! Attitudes were upbeat even though many students and their families suffered great personal losses and damages from the storm.
- The day began with a morning prayer service. Later in the day, Mass was celebrated by Fr. Mike Tracey and Fr. Sebastian in the Peter Mockler Gymnasium,
- A hot meal was served for lunch in the Commons Area.
- Class schedules and other details were reviewed and discussed.
- Supplies are continuing to come in (thanks to all who have donated).
- OLA is working to put together a calendar of events that will be published soon at this website.
- Students driving to school at SSC / OLA are reminded that the Bay Bridge as well as much of Beach Boulevard are impassable. The best routes to campus from US 90 are by the Old Spanish Trail to Bookter Street (near the Bay Police Station) or by Main Street to downtown Bay Saint Louis and then by Second Street to Union (by Bay Catholic Elementary). Students may park in the OLA parking lot, the parking spaces near the dormitory on Union Street, and in open parking spaces on Bookter Street, including the spaces adjacent to the swimming pool. The parking area behind the dormitory building has been designated for faculty use. The old gym yard is being used by the Belfor Restoration Company, which continues to work on campus.

Other updates:

The repairs to OLA's McCauley Hall are almost complete.

There was a good turnout for the OLA Senior Retreat at the Diamondhead Community Center. Thanks to all the students who sent in letters to the seniors (many letters came in). These letters were a great source of encouragement for the seniors. The retreat was a very special and meaningful experience for the participants. Those who could not be there were kept in everyone's thoughts and prayers during the retreat.

Athletic Program Updates:

OLA and SSC soccer teams continue to practice and play.

The OLA Cross Country team will be participating in competition this Saturday.

Eight boys and four girls from SSC / OLA competed in the State Championship Swim Meet at Delta State University in Cleveland on Saturday. The Rock-a-chaws placed 13th in the field of 26 men's teams competing, while the Crescents took 16th place among ladies' teams.

OLA junior **Alyssa Walter** edged out the competition to place first in both the 100 yard individual medley and the 100 yard breaststroke. SSC sophomore **Sherman Necaïse** placed ninth in the 100 yard butterfly with a new SSC record time of 1:01.19.



*Swimmers **Madeleine Loftus**, **Alyssa Walter** and **Sherman Necaïse** watch an event at the State Championship Meet.*



SSC and OLA swimmers practice in the Delta State University pool the day before competition.. They swam in the State Championship Meet on Saturday, October 29.