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THE OFFICIAL NEWSLETTER OF OUR LADY ACADEMY

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*"The only action God requires of us for all his favors is a return of love."--Catherine McAuley*

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**First Quarter Exams:** First Quarter Exams will be Tuesday, October 5 through Friday, October 8. Students must have paid all fines and charges (detention, lunch, library), and tuition payments must be current in order to take exams. The exams will be administered according to the following schedule:

Tuesday	Period 1 Exam
Wednesday	Period 2 and Period 8 Exams
Thursday	Period 3 and Period 7 Exams (3:00 dismissal)
Friday	Period 4/5 and Period 6 Exams (12:00 dismissal)

**Parent-Teacher Conferences:** Teachers from both SSC and OLA will be available from 2:00 to 4:00 on Friday, October 22 to discuss your daughter's progress in her classes. We will not run a class schedule during the conference time. You may come in at any time and meet with those teachers you would like to see.

**Picture Retakes:** Mr. Robert Stockton will return on October 5 to take school pictures for any students who were absent on the original day and to retake pictures if you are not satisfied with the first set. For retakes, please send the original packet back to school with your daughter on retake day.

**NHS/NJHS Induction:** National Honor Society and National Junior Honor Society will hold their annual induction ceremonies on Thursday, October 7. The students who will be inducted have been notified by the sponsors. The induction ceremony will follow mass which will begin at 9:55 in OLG church.

**Guidance News:**

•October 9—The SAT will be administered at SSC. Regular registration has ended, but students can register late for an extra fee.

•October 13—All OLA sophomores and juniors will take the PSAT at OLA during school hours.

•October 23—The ACT will be administered at SSC. Regular registration has ended, but students can register late for an extra fee.

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.

**Duke University TIP students:** Congratulations to the 13 7th grade students who have been selected to participate in the Duke Talent Identification Program. Duke TIP's 7th Grade Talent Search identifies academically talented 7th graders based on standardized test scores achieved while attending elementary or middle school. Candidates are then invited to take the SAT or the ACT as 7th graders, which allows them greater insight into their academic abilities. In addition, they gain access to valuable benefits and resources for gifted students. The following OLA students were selected: Sofia Aderer, Katherine Allen, Kelyn Bosley, Alyssa Carlson, Emily Carter, Quinn Cottone, Aidan Farrish, Kaylie Hyde, Madison Klause, Maggie Koneig, Darius McGowan, Anna Purcell, and Sarah Vancourt.

**Graduation Invitations:** Mr. John Evans from Herff Jones Company will show the seniors items that may be ordered relating to graduation on Wednesday, October 13. He will return to take orders on Wednesday, October 20 before school.

**Booster Club Raffle:** Tickets for the annual booster club raffle are due October 1. Please have tickets and money turned in to the office or to Coach Elias before the deadline. If you do not wish to sell the tickets, please send the athletic fee of \$150.00 to the office by October 1.

**Booster Club Parents Meeting:** The OLA Booster Club support athletes, coaches and teams. All parents of athletes should plan to come to the next meeting on Sunday afternoon, October 3 at 4:00. New members are needed, and everyone is welcome.

**Hooray for OLA:** Hooray for OLA honoring the Martinolich family is scheduled for Saturday, November 6. Dr. and Mrs. Andrew Martinolich sent six daughters to Our Lady Academy, and two of those daughters, Julie Martinolich Cranford (OLA '77) and Nancy Martinolich Hoelzel (OLA '80) are current OLA teachers. For ticket information or further details, please call Mrs. Gleber at 467-7048 x 16.

**6<sup>th</sup> Grade Lock-in:** The lock-in for 6<sup>th</sup> grade girls who are considering Our Lady Academy is set for Friday, December 3. 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.

**Constitution Day Field Trip:** On Friday, September 17, Mrs. Deano and the U.S. Government class traveled to the Dan M. Russell, Jr. U.S. Courthouse in Gulfport to commemorate Constitution Day. The class convened in one of the courtrooms for a presentation by the Honorable John M. Roper, Judge Walter Gex, and a jury clerk from the clerk's office.

**Marine Science Field Trip:** Many thanks to Mrs. Rhonda Rhodes, the main coordinator for our Marine Science field trip to Bayou Cadet. The class traveled to the marshes around the Lakeshore community to learn about different projects to rebuild the marsh areas that

have been lost due to erosion. The girls rode on a skimmer boat to view the marsh environment close up and climbed to the top of the Silver Slipper parking garage to get an aerial view of the marsh and the channels through it.

**Mercy Day Thank You!** A very special thank you to Claudette Luther and all those who contributed items or helped to make our Mercy Day such a lovely event. It's no surprise that the day was such a success when you consider the people who made it happen! Special thanks to Bernadette Jones, Amanda Love, Carol Raymond, Brenda Harb, Julie Ritten, Kristi Murphy, Marcia DeMetz, Candy Hotard, Karen Hufft, Beth Gruzinskas, Sandra Quakenbush, Vicki Cariello, Debbie Brown, Vada Butler, Deana Landry, Jane Clayton, Lana Lacoste, Dennis Jones, Nancy Artigues, Cynthia Geroux, Sarah McNally, Cindy Reeder, Peggy Wolf, Mary Beth Baker, Dina Rosetti (Bay Printing), Jackie & Kathy Smith, Quality Bakery, Felicia Dunn Burkes, Debbie Jones, Holly Favre and Marie Krynen. If I have missed anyone, please forgive me, and if you know of anyone who was missed, please let me know. Many students also helped with the preparations and cleanup. I want to add a very special thank you to your daughters. They behaved so graciously at the tea and really enjoyed themselves. What an amazing group of young ladies you parents have reared!!! Thank you!

**Close Up Washington:** OLA seniors and juniors will have the opportunity to participate in Close Up Washington this Spring (February 13, 2011). This weeklong program gives students the opportunity to experience their government in action and gain the skills, knowledge, and confidence they need to be informed, engaged citizens. The program is run by the Close Up Foundation, the nation's leading nonprofit, nonpartisan civic education organization. Since 1972, Close Up has brought over 665,000 students and teachers from across the country to Washington, D.C. to experience firsthand the history, politics, and culture of the nation's capital. While on the program, students will participate in a variety of hands-on activities such as small group workshops, seminars with Washington,

D.C. journalists, lobbyists, and embassy officials, and meetings with members of Congress and their staffs. Students will also learn from and debate with their peers from across the country, exposing them to differing attitudes and perspectives. Recently, the University of Virginia validated the program's curriculum, giving students the opportunity to earn college credit for their participation. COST \$1708 (includes flight, all meals, room and tuition). A \$300 deposit for the trip is due by October 8.

**Spain trip:** The deadline to sign up for the trip to Spain over Easter vacation with Mrs. Bartels is fast approaching. There are 4 slots open. Please contact Mrs. Bartels immediately if you plan to come.

**Cross Country:** The Crescent cross-country team, last year's State 2A Champion, is off to another good start this year. Varsity team members include Denise Powell, Anna Taconi, Sofia Taconi, Savannah Matthews, Brooke Crowder, Brittany Laurent, Saiva Baker, Victoria Nixon, Emma Holland and Allison Ariatti. In three meets thus far, all of which have been in competition with larger schools, they have done well. Most recently, in the big East Central meet, which featured about 20 schools, 17 of which had scoring teams of five or more runners, the Crescents finished fifth. Prior to that, in the Gulfport meet, they finished fourth in a field of 15 schools, 13 of which had scoring teams. Senior Denise Powell and sophomore Anna Taconi have been OLA's frontrunners, turning in nice 4 km times. Denise has finished in the top 10 in every race thus far.

**Volleyball:** The Crescent Volleyball team has picked up right where it left off last season. They are playing a challenging schedule and at this time they are 25-9, winning matches in Alabama, Louisiana, as well as in Mississippi. Callie McNally is leading the Coast in kills with 292 followed by Christy Parnell & Renee Hotard with 178 & 173 respectively. Rachael Hotard leads in point scoring 228, followed closely by Erin Gibson, Christy has 178, Renee has 176 & Callie has 171. Our

setters have been accurate as Rachael has 385 sets & Erin has 290. We have won our 11th consecutive division championship and we will start our playoff drive on Saturday, October 2nd at 11:00 AM against Resurrection in our gym. This will be for our 4th State Championship in a row! Please come on out!

**Swim news:** The OLA swim team is off to a wonderful start. The team participated in the West Jones Invitational this past weekend and came in 5th among 12 teams. Many swimmers have qualified for state. Three relay teams that have qualified: Emily Necaie, Helen Kyriakoudes, Maddie Simpson, and Emily McDermott in the 200 Medley Relay, Isabella Cottone, Emily Necaie, Regan Holley, Emily McDermott in the 200 Free Relay and Helen Kyriakoudes, Regan Holley, Dylan Haywood, and Maddie Simpson in the 400 Free Relay. Some of the individuals are Emily Necaie in the 200 Free and 100 Back, Regan Holley in the 200 Individual Medley and 100 Breast, Emily McDermott in the 50 Free and 500 Free, and Isabella Cottone in the 100 Fly. We have some new 7th graders this year, and they are shaping up to be really great. We have been invited to the Jeanie Demoruelle Invitational hosted by Biloxi this weekend October 2nd. Hope to see you there.

**Soccer:** Soccer fitness has begun. We will hold after school conditioning for all students interested in trying out for soccer. Fitness will be on Tuesday and Thursday from 4 PM to 4:50. All athletes must have permission forms, physical, and booster club fee turned in. The permission form and physical form may be found on the OLA website on the athletics page. We will have soccer tryouts for junior high, junior varsity, and varsity this month. The exact date will be announced soon.

**Basketball:** Basketball tryouts will be announced after volleyball season is over. Remember that all athletic forms, including a physical, must be turned in before participating in any tryouts or practices. The forms may be found on the OLA website on the athletics page.