



"In silence and quiet the devout soul becomes familiar with God." --Catherine McAuley

Easter Holidays: School will be dismissed Holy Thursday at 3:30 and will reopen on Monday, May 2 to begin the final four weeks of school.

May Crowning/Ring Ceremony: Our May Crowning and Ring Ceremony will be on Monday, May 2, the first day back from Easter Break. The seniors will wear their white graduation gowns (no cap) and white shoes with backs (they will also need these shoes for graduation). The juniors will wear dress clothes. Please keep in mind that the ceremony will take place in the church, and dresses should not be tight or too short, there should be sleeves or two inch wide straps, and the outfit should be modest. Tights will not make up for a skirt that is too short.

Bus Driver Needed: If you would be interested in driving the bus from Long Beach for the 2011-2012 school year, please contact Sr. Jackie at 467-7048 x 17 for details. The bus is a small bus and requires a Class D license. The driver would have to secure the license and pass a background check and driving record check.

Intramurals: Intramurals 2011 will be Friday, April 15 at 6:00 in the OLA gym. The classes may begin setting up at 5:00, and the program will begin promptly at 6:00. The girls always work very hard on their dances, costumes, backdrops, and props, and the evening is sure to be entertaining. (Bring earplugs!) We have emphasized to the girls that they must be creative in making their costumes and props without spending too much money. Please help them come up with ideas that can be accomplished within their budget. Money spent for supplies must be approved prior to purchase or it will not be reimbursed. Any committee meetings or dance practices that are scheduled must have an adult present.

The class sponsors will make arrangements with the students to supervise some of the practices, but some of the meetings will be in the evenings. I appreciate your help in supervising these meetings.

Pepsi Students of the Month: Pepsi Students of the Month are chosen from each grade level for eight months of the year, and Pepsi Students of the Year are chosen from those select students in May. The February Core Value is "Integrity." Integrity is defined as a firm adherence to a code of moral values. Synonyms for integrity include honesty, forthrightness, perfection, soundness, stability, purity. Other ways of looking at integrity at OLA: uprightness as evidenced in character and actions; dependability, reliability, trustworthiness, goodness, morality, virtue. Congratulations to the January "Pepsi Students of the Month": 7th grader Sarah Vancourt, 8th grader Amelia Demetz, 9th grader Sarah Schloemer, 10th grader Emma Hoelzel, 11th grader Caroline Collins, and 12th grader Hannah Wikoff. These students will receive a Pepsi T-shirt, a certificate, and will be eligible for the Pepsi Student of the Year Award in May.

Career Day: Career Day for juniors and seniors is scheduled for Wednesday, April 6. The girls will check out at 11:30, and will attend a luncheon followed by college and career presentations. Presenters will include Felicia Dunn Burkes (judge and lawyer, mother of Claire Burkes—class of 2013), Nora Wikoff (interior designer, mother of Hannah Wikoff—class of 2011), Michelle Lady (broadcast journalist—class of 2003), Mimi Montagnet (real estate broker—class of 1995), Summer Black (plastic surgeon, class of 1991), and Elizabeth Black Blum (mortgage banker—class of 1989). This event is such a great experience for our students. We cannot thank our presenters enough for giving so generously of their time.

Governor's School: Congratulations to Kolleen Aicklen who has been selected to attend Mississippi Governor's School this summer at Mississippi University for Women. "MGS is designed to provide academic, creative and leadership experiences for a select number of rising high school juniors and seniors who have demonstrated exceptional ability and achievement in their studies and who show high intellectual, creative, and leadership potential."

Host Families Needed: Since OLA doesn't have dormitory facilities, our international students have to live with host families while they attend the school. If your family would be interested in being the "home away from home" for one of these girls, please contact the school, and we will put you in touch with the organization that coordinates the exchange program. The international students we have had have been great students and have added a new dimension to our girls' world view. Please help if you can.

Guidance News:

- If your senior daughter receives notification of a scholarship for college (even if she does not plan to attend that college), please send the notice to Mrs. Emmel so that she can be recognized at Senior Awards Night.
- The following test dates are available for the ACT and SAT. It is highly recommended that sophomores and juniors sit for one of these tests.
 - The registration deadline for the June 12, 2010 ACT is May 7, 2010.
 - The registration deadline for the May 1, 2010 SAT is March 31, 2010.

Red Cross Blood Drive: In conjunction with the American Red Cross, the Student Council is sponsoring a blood drive here at the school gym on Thursday, March 31. Students must be 16 years old and must weigh at least 110 pounds to donate. Parents and adults from the community are also invited to participate. Every minute of every day, someone needs blood. That blood can only come from a volunteer donor, a person like you who makes the choice to donate. There is no substitute for your donation.

Softball: The softball team is playing well and has been in nearly every game. Our record is 4-7-1, which does not seem great on the surface, but we have been playing all big schools on the coast. We have three players batting in the top of the standings posted each week in the Sun Herald. They are Demi Blaker, Blake Stefano, & Maddie Huey. We have a long season ahead, and we will be just fine.

Tennis: Tennis has had a great start this year. They played in the 7th Annual Pass Christian Tournament and finished second to Stone County, a 6A school. They are 2-2 right now and 1-0 in district play.

Track: The Crescent Track Team has participated in four meets thus far: a Picayune workmeet, the Gulfport Relays, the Gaston Hewes Relays, and the Pass Christian Invitational. It has upcoming meets at Hancock and Long Beach, after which it will venture forth into the 2A District, Regional, South State and State meets. In the Pass Christian Invitational, in a field of eight teams, the Crescents finished a strong third place with five first place finishes: Shelby McConnell in the pole vault; Erin Gibson in the 100, 200, and 400 meter dashes; and Nicki Reeder, Denise Powell, Shelby McConnell, and Erin Gibson in the 1600 meter relay. We also had very good performances by Denise Powell and Anna Taconi in their specialties: the 3200, 1600, and 800 meter runs. Senior Saiva Baker competes well in the pole vault, triple jump, and the 100 and 300 meter hurdles. The team is working hard to improve in some of the field events and in the 400 and 800 meter relays. This could be our year to win State!

Volleyball Tryouts: Tryouts are coming up soon! Please mark these dates down! For incoming 7th graders you will tryout on May 11 & 12. Varsity tryouts will take place May 16 & 17. All others will tryout on May 18 & 19. A tryout list will be posted on Mr Reboul's door. You must sign this list so that we can put you in the correct group. We may switch you around from day to day. Please make sure that you sign up. Incoming 7th graders need not sign up as their two days are definitely assigned.