



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

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**Holy Thursday Prayer Service:** Next week is Holy Week, the week immediately preceding Easter Sunday. In the Catholic tradition it is observed as a time to reflect on the suffering (Passion) and death of Jesus and contemplate larger themes that marked Jesus' entire ministry. OLA students will participate in a reenactment of the last supper as a setting for our Holy Thursday Prayer Service. Parents and friends are invited to join us in OLG church for the service beginning about 10:15.

**Easter Holidays:** We will dismiss school Holy Thursday at 3:30 and will reopen on Monday, April 12 to begin the final seven weeks of school.

**Bus Service:** We are currently considering offering bus service in the 2010-2011 school year for transportation to and from school each day. We anticipate that the cost would be in the \$80-\$90 range for each month. Planned routes would include Picayune, Kiln, Diamondhead, Long Beach and Pass Christian. Please go online and take our short survey (only 5 questions). It would be helpful to us if you responded to the survey even if you do not plan to use the service. The online survey can be accessed by using the link on our webpage or by typing: <http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/QQKY2BY>

**Report Cards:** Third quarter report cards were mailed Wednesday, March 24. Teachers from both SSC and OLA will be available for conferences on Friday, April 16 from 2:00 to 4:00.

**Registration Materials:** All registration materials were due in the office March 19. If you have not yet sent them, please turn them in as soon as possible. Also remember that we will need a copy of your

daughter's Baptismal Certificate in order to charge the Catholic tuition rate. If you cannot find the certificate, you will need to contact the church office where she was baptized to get a copy or a letter from the priest if a copy of the certificate is unavailable.

**Father-Daughter Crawfish Boil:** Plans are underway for the fourth annual Father-Daughter Crawfish Boil. The date is tentatively set for Thursday, May 20. We can already predict that it will be a "don't miss" occasion. Plan to come out for crawfish, music and fun!

**Important Junior/Senior Dates:** The end of the year is rushing toward us, and there are a few dates in late April and early May that you will want to mark on your calendar. The Junior/Senior Prom is April 24 at the Bay-Waveland Yacht Club. May Crowning/Ring Ceremony is May 3 in OLG church. The Senior Awards Banquet and Alumnae Induction Ceremony will be on Wednesday, May 12 at 6:30 pm.

**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. Students are recognized by the faculty for one or more of the following: character (OLA role model), academics (achievement, class participation), athletic involvement, leadership (responsibility, school spirit), and service (generosity). The Pepsi students of the month of January were: 7th grader Kayleigh Aicklen, 8th grader Taylor Huey, 9th grader Mara Baker, 10th grader Cali Longo, 11th grader Kendall McDonald, and 12th grader Kaitlin Collins. These students received a Pepsi T-shirt, a certificate, and will be eligible for the Pepsi Student of the Year Award in May.

**Governor's School:** Congratulations to Hanna Schloemer 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."

**Trip to Spain:** Mrs. Bartels will lead a trip to Spain over Easter Break 2011. Students from Spanish I, II, and III and their parents are welcome. Please contact Mrs. Bartels at 467-7048 x 37 or [marie.bartels@ourladyacademy.com](mailto:marie.bartels@ourladyacademy.com) for details.

#### **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.

- o The registration deadline for the June 12, 2010 ACT is May 7, 2010.

- o 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, April 22. 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 working hard and improving each game. Their record is 5-10, but with a strong finish, they should challenge for their division championship under first year coach Bruce Blaker. The girls are led by seniors Katherine Santa Cruz and

Elizabeth Currie who bring fun and good examples to their younger sisters. Juniors Maddie Kormondy and Whitney St. Mary are fielding and hitting on a record clip. The rest of the starting varsity consists of eighth grader Demi Blaker, who pitches all of our games and leads the coast in RBIs and is near the top in batting average, and super seventh grader Lexie Smith who can play anywhere and also has had some clutch hits for us this year. Eighth grader Taylor Huey is our defensive specialist in the outfield. We have about six girls every Thursday in the Sun Herald Softball Stat column. Please take time out to see how well they are doing. Also, it would be great to see a little more attendance at the games. Your support really lifts our girls' spirits.

**Tennis:** The Tennis team has gotten off to a great start in the run for State. Coaches McGrath and Burleson have pulled together a wonderful team of great boys and girls. The Junior Varsity team is showing great potential, and the varsity team led by senior Shelby Wagner has won their two district matches. They swept Bay High in a 7-0 win, and beat Poplarville in a 6-1 win. They have two more District matches left this season, one against Forrest County, Thursday, March 25th and the other against Pass Christian, Thursday, April 15th. The team also had a 6-1 win against Hancock, a 4-3 win against Long Beach and a 0-6 loss against Ocean Springs all in non-District matches. There are two more non-District matches left, one against Stone County, Tuesday, March 30th, and the other against D'Iberville, Tuesday, April 13th. Competition for the state title begins April 24.

**Track:** With expert coaching from some of our parents...Darren Raybourn, Terry Gibson, Mike Meyers, and Pat Kergosien, along with that of Coach Hull, this year's track team is poised for making a serious run at its first state 2A title. We have a large team, including some very talented distance runners and sprinters, among whom are Lindsay Raybourn, Denise Powell, Erin Gibson and Mischa Tice. We picked up a talented bunch of 7th graders who, along with some 8th and 9th graders, are helping in runs, relays and field events. One newcomer is basket

ballstar Callie McNally who has twice broken our school shotput record. Our relay teams are performing well. In fact, our 1600 meter relay team has twice broken our school record. As a whole, the team has performed very well, primarily in competition with larger schools. An example is the big Gaston Hewes meet in Gulfport where we finished third in a field of 17 schools.

**Volleyball Tryouts:** Coach Mike Meyers will be holding volleyball tryouts for next year's teams on the following dates. More specific information will be given to the students and will be posted on the website.

- Wednesday and Thursday, May 5/6 for junior high players
- Monday, May 10 through Thursday, May 13 for junior varsity and varsity players.

Please report to the OLA gym promptly on your date. Wear tennis shoes, shorts, and a t-shirt. All current OLA students must have a valid school physical on file or bring the physical and parental permission forms to the tryouts. If you are an incoming student, you must come with a parent, and the parent must sign a waiver to allow their daughter to participate. You will have to see Mr. Reboul before the tryout begins in the gym. Please come as early as possible so that we can get this paperwork out of the way.

**Basketball Tryouts:** Coach Donna Spiers will hold basketball tryouts for next year on Monday and Tuesday, May 17/18. Students should listen to announcements or check with Coach Spiers for additional details.

**Basketball Recognition:** Junior Callie McNally has been selected to participate in the Mississippi Association of Coaches North/South All Star Basketball Game on July 10, 2010 at Mississippi College in Clinton. This is a great honor for Callie and for OLA. Congratulations, Callie!

**Soccer Recognition:** Six OLA soccer players have been recognized for their outstanding achievements in soccer this year. Selected to the All District team

were: Ashley Libys, Mischa Tice, Emily Sramek, Erin Gibson, Blake Stefano, and Mattison Scardino. Ashley and Mischa were also named to the All Coast Team. Mischa was selected as a Mississippi High School All Star, and Ashley was selected to the All State 1<sup>st</sup> Team. Way to go, Soccer Crescents! The soccer Crescents are coached by Christi Elias who was named Clarion Ledger "Coach of the Year" and the Sun Herald "Coach of the Year."

### Easter Joy

Jesus came to earth,  
To show us how to live,  
How to put others first,  
How to love and how to give.

Then He set about His work,  
That God sent Him to do;  
He took our punishment on Himself;  
He made us clean and new.

He could have saved Himself,  
Calling angels from above,  
But He chose to pay our price for sin;  
He paid it out of love.

Our Lord died on Good Friday,  
But the cross did not destroy  
His resurrection on Easter morn  
That fills our hearts with joy.

Now we know our earthly death,  
Like His, is just a rest.  
We'll be forever with Him  
In heaven, where life is best.

So we live our lives for Jesus,  
Think of Him in all we do.  
Thank you Savior; Thank you Lord.  
Help us love like you!

By Joanna Fuchs

