



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

We will be so happy to see all the students back soon! OLA is too quiet over the summer!

IMPORTANT—New Start Time: For school year 2010-2011, both OLA and SSC will have an earlier start time. **The first bell will ring at 8:20.** The first class will begin at 8:25. **Students will be tardy if they are not in class by 8:25.** The end of school will still be at 3:30 on regular schedule days.

Final Registration: Final registration will be Friday, August 6. Last names from A-H will register from 9:00-10:00. Last names from I-P from will be from 10:00-11:00. Last names from Q-Z will be from 11:00-12:00. At final registration you will pay tuition and fees and obtain your daughter's schedule of classes. Mrs. Emmel will be available to answer any questions concerning schedules.

Uniforms and OLA items: On Friday, August 6 at Final Registration you may also purchase used uniforms from the Campus Ministry group or new uniforms at the *In Style* road sale. The OLA Booster Club will have items for sale, and you can sign up to be a member of the Booster Club.

Early Bird Sale of Used Uniforms: If you would like to come in before Final Registration to purchase used uniform items you may come by the school any weekday between 9:00 AM and 3:00 PM.

Work-Study: Students who are interested in the work-study program should pick up information and application at Final Registration. Those selected for the program will be informed the first day of school.

Parking: Students who drive will need to purchase a parking permit (\$10). Parking permits may be purchased at Final Registration or from the office.

Bus Service: Our Lady Academy and Saint Stanislaus are offering bus service this year. There will be two routes. Saint Stanislaus will

run a route from Picayune (pick up and drop off at Walmart), Kiln (Dolly's), and Diamondhead (Burger King). The cost of this route is \$225 per month. Our Lady Academy will run a route from Long Beach (St. Thomas "Skating Rink") and Pass Christian (St. Vincent de Paul School). The monthly charge for this route will be \$80. Additional information and sign-up for the bus service will be available at Final Registration.

Lunch Cards: Lunch cards may be purchased so that the students do not have to carry cash every day. The cards cost \$20 for 5 days of lunch (including milk) and 3 desserts. Students **may not** exchange the pass for cash to purchase drinks or go to the student council store. Lunch cards may be purchased at Final Registration and in the office after the school year begins. Please send cash only (**no checks**) for the purchase of lunch cards. Also, please do not add lunch card purchases to tuition payments.

Monday, August 9: The first day of school for both SSC and OLA will be Monday, August 9. That day will have two assemblies (Opening Prayer Service and Handbook Assembly) and the students will meet each class briefly.

Tuesday, August 10: OLA teachers and administration will attend the diocesan Opening of School Liturgy in Biloxi on Tuesday. There will be no classes at OLA. SSC will be in school.

Wednesday, August 11: SSC and OLA shared classes will begin on Wednesday, August 11.

7th Grade Orientation: There will be an orientation meeting for incoming 7th graders on Sunday afternoon, August 8 at 4:00. This will be an opportunity for the girls to find their lockers, practice with the locks, and find their way from class to class. We'll also tell them about the lunch procedures and other things to make them feel comfortable from the very first day of school. For the parents, we'll have information about drop-off and pick-up procedures, PowerSchool, and many other items.