



THE OFFICIAL NEWSLETTER OF OUR LADY ACADEMY

"The Lord and Master of our House and Home is a faithful Provider. Let us never desire more than enough—He will give that and a blessing." --Catherine McAuley

Registration for 2010-2011: Materials and information for registration will be sent home with the girls on Monday, March 8. Please discuss course selection with your daughters. After March 19, the registration fee increases to \$350, and students may not be placed in their preferred courses. In some grades, enrollment may be closed after March 19 because of class sizes. For those who pay tuition over 11 months, the tuition payment for March is reduced so that the sum of both registration and tuition will be the same as a regular monthly payment. The check for registration should be separate from the tuition check for the month.

Parent Information Meeting: Mrs. Goggins and Mrs. Emmel will host an information session for parents on Wednesday evening, March 10, at 6:30 in the OLA Commons. Topics will include planning a high school course of study, selecting courses to prepare for college entrance and scholarships, and description of elective choices. Parents and students are welcome.

Quarter Exams: Third quarter exams will begin Tuesday, March 16 and will conclude Friday, March 19. The exam schedule is not final, but it is possible that some days may have an early dismissal. Notices will be sent home with the students when the schedule is available.

Tuition: Tuition must be current for students to take their exams.

Stanford Testing: 7th, 8th, and 9th grade students will take the Stanford Achievement Test at school March 23 through March 25. These tests provide information that helps the school improve instruction

and determine placement in certain classes. Timely attendance, breakfast, and a good night's sleep will help your daughter do her best on these tests.

Calendar events:

- Tuesday, March 2: Spanish IV students will travel to Hattiesburg for the Spanish Heritage and Flamenco Show
- Friday, March 5: The 7th grade class will prepare the liturgy for our school mass. Mass begins at 10:00 in the OLG church. Parents are welcome to join us in prayer.
- Friday, March 5: Intramurals. See details below.
- Tuesday, March 9: Students in Latin I and Latin II will compete for honors in the National Latin Exam. The test is given during school hours.
- Wednesday, March 10: Parent meeting to provide registration and course selection information. See details below.
- Saturday, March 13: Make-up day for the snow day taken Friday, February 26.
- Tuesday, March 23 to Thursday, March 25: Stanford Achievement Test for grades 7-9
- Thursday, March 25: Lenten Reconciliation Service.
- Tuesday, March 30: Sophomore Retreat. OLG Community Center. 8:30-3:30
- Wednesday, March 31: Career Day Seminar for seniors. The girls will hear presentations by women in our community about their careers, the kind of work they do, and the training that was required.

Intramurals: Intramurals 2010 will be held Friday, March 5 at 6:00 in the OLA gym. The classes may begin setting up at 5:00. 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. 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 Jaimie Cox, 8th grader Gaelyn Gros, 9th grader Nicki Reeder, 10th grader Maddie Simpson, 11th grader Marta Domingos, and 12th grader Alexis Leach. These students received a Pepsi T-shirt, a certificate, and will be eligible for the Pepsi Student of the Year Award in May.

Yearbook: There are only 3 yearbook ad pages left. If you wish to remember a student, please contact Mrs. Bartels ASAP.

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 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 April 10, 2010 ACT is March 5, 2010.
 - o The registration deadline for the June 12, 2010 ACT is May 7, 2010.
 - o The registration deadline for the March 13, 2010 SAT is February 10, 2010.
 - o The registration deadline for the May 1, 2010 SAT is March 31, 2010.

Christi Elias, Coach of the Year: Soccer coach, Christi Elias, has been named Soccer Coach of the Year by the Jackson *Clarion Ledger*. Christi is a great asset to OLA, both as a teacher and as a coach. Christi leads by example with her team, emphasizing teamwork, spirit, and character. Her devotion to the school and to her team is apparent to anyone who speaks to her. Thank you, Christi, for your many hours of service to the school and the girls.

Change in Date for May Crowning/Ring Ceremony: Due to a conflict with the national test dates for the AP exam, the May Crowning/Ring Ceremony date has been moved to Monday, May 3 at 10:00 AM.

Math-Science Competition: The largest and oldest academic competition for high schools in Mississippi is the annual Math & Science Tournament hosted by Mississippi College for thirty-six straight years. This is more than just a competition; winning students are also awarded Mississippi College academic scholarships. The tournament features both individual and team competition. Mrs. Cranford accompanied the OLA team of 7 juniors and seniors to the competition, leaving after school on February 3 and returning after the competition on February 4. The team was lead by seniors Hannah Anderson, Sarah Haas, and Paige Muse. Junior team members were Melissa Mitchell, Hannah Wikoff, Callie McNally, and Helen Kyriakoudes.