



THE OFFICIAL NEWSLETTER OF OUR LADY ACADEMY

“It is a special favor of God to be made the servants of the suffering poor and teachers destined to train up little ones in God’s knowledge and love.” --Catherine McAuley

Father-Daughter Crawfish Boil: Our fourth annual Father-Daughter Crawfish Boil is 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!

Confirmation: Congratulations to the OLA Juniors who have been or will be confirmed this Spring. The following students were confirmed at Our Lady of the Gulf on Wednesday, April 21: Shelby Peranich, Ali Goscinski, Rebecca Lacoste, Jaynie Kergosien, Emily Sramek, Juliana Arroyo, Niki Mikovilje, Melissa Mitchell, Marta Domingos, and Kelly McLeod. St. Thomas will hold their Confirmation on Thursday, April 29. (Erin Gibson and Melissa Blalock will be confirmed.) St. Clare will have Confirmation on Saturday, May 22. (Hannah Wikoff and Natalie Daspit will be confirmed.) If there is anyone I have missed, please let me know, and I’ll include your name in the newsletter next month.

Important Junior/Senior Dates: The end of the year is rushing toward us, and there are a few dates in early May that you will want to mark on your calendar. May Crowning/Ring Ceremony, (Monday, May 3, OLG Church, 10:00 a.m), Senior Awards Banquet and Alumnae Induction, (Tuesday, May 11, OLG Community Center, 6:30 p.m.), Senior Farewell Liturgy (Monday, May 17, OLG Church, 10:00 a.m.).

8th Grade Promotion Ceremony: Promotion practice is scheduled for Friday, May 28 from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon while the other students are taking their 4th or 5th period exams. The 8th grade promotion ceremony will be Friday, May 28 in Our Lady of the Gulf Church, beginning at 5:00. **Attire:** The girls should wear appropriate “church clothes.” Their skirts should be no more than 2 inches above the knee and shoulder straps on the dress or top

should be at least 2 inches wide. (They may wear a jacket or sweater over a dress with smaller straps.) They may wear sandals or dress shoes (no flip flops, please). The shoes do not have to have a back strap. In order to participate in the promotion ceremony, an eighth grader must have passed English, social studies, math, science and religious studies for the year.

Exam Schedule: Semester Exams will be administered on the following days to students in grades 7 – 11. Senior exams will run from Friday, May 21 through Wednesday, May 26. Exams for seniors will be administered by subject, not by period, and schedules for these exams will be given to the students.

Tuesday, May 25: Period 8 (and Period 5 for 8th grade only)

Wednesday, May 26: Period 3 and Period 7

Thursday, May 27: Period 2 and Period 6 (2:00 dismissal)

Friday, May 28: Period 1 and Period 4/5 (except 8th grade) (noon dismissal)

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

Calendar for 2010-2011: The school calendar for next school year has been approved. School will begin on Monday, August 9 and will end on Friday, May 27. Graduation will be at 3:00 on May 28. Holidays during the year will be: Labor Day (9/6), Columbus Day (10/11), Thanksgiving week, Christmas/New Year vacation (12/18 – 1/2), MLK (1/17), Mardi Gras week (3/5 – 3/13), Good Friday and Easter (4/22 – 5/1). Please schedule family vacations during school holidays.

Underclassmen Awards: Awards and recognition for students in grades 7-11 will be presented Wednesday, May

26 beginning at 10:15 a.m. in the OLG Community Center.

Pepsi Students of the Month: Pepsi Students of the Month are chosen from each grade level for eight months of the year. The Pepsi students of the month of March were: 7th grader Valerie Cariello, 8th grader Leah Sandoz, 9th grader Courtney Geroux, 10th grader Tori Bonney, 11th grader Sherri Airhart, and 12th grader Hannah Anderson. The Pepsi students of the month of April were: 7th grader Brittany Corder, 8th grader Alex Ivy, 9th grader Deanna Garrard, 10th grader Kristen Morel, 11th grader Erin Gibson, and 12th grader Katherine Santa Cruz. These students have received a Pepsi T-shirt and will be presented a certificate at the awards ceremony in May. The Pepsi Student of the Year for each grade, selected from all those who have been named a monthly winner, will be announced at the May awards ceremony.

HOBY: Founded in 1958, the mission of Hugh O'Brian Youth Leadership (HOBY) is to inspire and develop the global community of youth and volunteers to a life dedicated to leadership, service and innovation. HOBY programs provide youth selected by their schools to participate in unique leadership training, service-learning and motivation-building experiences. Reagan Huey will represent Our Lady Academy at the Mississippi HOBY conference this summer.

Latin Scholars:

- The following Latin II students from Our Lady Academy, taught by Sr. Elisa Bauman, have made a 92% (B) average or higher in Latin I and Latin II and are eligible for membership in the National Latin Honor Society: Kolleen Aicklen, Melissa Fay, and Helen Kyriakoudes.
- Three of Sr. Elisa's Latin I and Latin II students received awards for their outstanding performance in the 2010 ACL/NJC National Latin Exam. The purpose of the NLE, which originated in 1977, is to promote Latin and the study of the Classics. The test includes Latin vocabulary and grammar, comprehension, mythology, Roman life and history, and derivatives. Each level of Latin has a different test. Katy McNally, OLA Freshman,

and Chris Perkins, SSC Freshman both received a "Cum Laude" certificate in Latin I. Kolleen Aicklen, OLA Sophomore, received a "Cum Laude" certificate in Latin II.

Geography Bee: Kaitlyn Laurent made it through the preliminary round as she represented Our Lady Academy at the state level in the Mississippi Geography Bee on April 5. Congratulations Kaitlyn!

Youth Legislature: It was another successful session for the OLA delegation in Jackson as 37 eager delegates, 5 officers, and sponsors Regina Gleber and Leslie Burge worked overtime to make the event a success. The group returned with 9 bills signed by the youth governor. The bills were written by Carrie Mullins & Nicki Reeder, Erin Hale & Emily DiLorenzo, Holly Raymond & Kendall Ritten, Delery Mann & Sarah Anderson, Amy Love & Casey McLeod (their bill was also a Governor's Platform bill), Katy McNally & Mary Margaret Gagnet, Anna Taconi & Jenny Byrne, and Sydney Gargiulo & Courtney Geroux. The following delegates were recognized as Outstanding Senators: Mary Margaret Gagnet, Courtney Geroux, and Ava Wolf. Selected as Outstanding Representatives were delegates Amy Love, Sara Luther, Anna Taconi, and Emma Welch. Mary Margaret Gagnet was recognized as the Most Outstanding Committee Chair, and Nicki Reeder was recognized as the Most Outstanding Legislator. Mary Margaret Gagnet was also recognized as the Outstanding Statesman, the highest honor awarded to a delegate by the advisors. Congratulations to all the delegates, officers, and advisors. They worked very hard and did a wonderful job.

TIP Student Honors: Three Our Lady Academy 7th graders are being honored for their performance in the Duke TIP program. The Talent Search identifies academically talented 7th graders based on standardized test scores achieved while attending elementary or middle school. Candidates are identified and invited to complete either the SAT Reasoning Test or the ACT Assessment college entrance examination. Lauren Lawhead and Savannah Necaise have been invited to attend the state recognition ceremony, and Gloria Carneiro and Lauren Lawhead qualified for the Summer Studies Academy.

Trip to Spain: There are only a few slots open for the trip to Spain over Easter vacation, 2011. Students from Spanish I, II, and III and their parents are welcome. If you plan to come, please sign up with Mrs. Bartels by the end of school if possible, or contact her if you need more time. (467-7048 x 37 or marie.bartels@ourladyacademy.com)

Yearbook: A reminder to parents who purchased an ad for the Yearbook. All copy and payments are due by May 3. Thank you for your support.

Art Show: Please join us Tuesday, May 18 in the OLA Commons for a showcase of our student artists. The show will begin at 6:00 p.m. and will include work by 7th grade students as well as Art I and Art II students. Refreshments will be served.

Spring Band Concert: The Spring Band Concert will be on Thursday, May 6 beginning at 6:30 in the St. Stanislaus College Café.

Fiddler on the Roof: On Friday, April 30 and on Saturday, May 1, the SSC Drama Club (including several OLA girls in key roles) will present the stage production of *Fiddler on the Roof* in the SSC Resource Center. The story, set in Tsarist Russia in 1905, centers on Tevye, the father of five daughters, and his attempts to maintain his family and religious traditions while outside influences encroach upon their lives. The curtain goes up at 7:00 p.m. each night of the production. Admission is \$5.

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

PopStar Award: Kirsty Schmitt has been nominated for the 2010 PopStar Award in Volleyball. Named in honor of 1981 National High School Athletic Director of the Year, the late W. C. "Pop" Allen, the award honors the top three high school athletes in each of twenty-three sports categories throughout the state. The awards ceremony will be

held at the Mississippi Sports Hall of Fame and Museum on Wednesday, May 19.

Softball: Our varsity record thus far is 11-10. We are on an 8-game winning streak and we are hitting the cover off of the ball. Three of the top four batters on the coast play at OLA. They are led by Blake Stefano, followed by Demi Blaker & Whitney St Mary. They are all batting above .500. Demi has pitched every inning this season, has about 80 strikeouts, and leads the coast in RBI's with 35. Blake has scored so many runs this season that she is wearing out home plate and stolen so many bases that she is on the 10 most wanted list. Whitney has nearly as many thefts. Reagan Huey, Maddie Kormondy, Katherine Santa Cruz, Christy Parnell, & 7th Grader Lexie Smith all are hitting above .300. Reagan is above .400. Liz Currie & Taylor Huey round out our starters as they are our defensive leaders making diving plays in the field. We won our division and will be playing a first round series against Lake High on April 30th (away) and May 1st at home (doubleheader). Please come on out and see us play.

Tennis: The Tennis team was undefeated in district play, capturing the 13th consecutive District Championship and advancing to the 1st round playoffs for South State which will be held at Pass High. The following individuals have qualified for the State Tournament: Charlie Pritchard (boys singles), Emily McGinity (girls singles), Eduardo Vaca & Jake Fusia (boys doubles #1), Shelby Wagner & Regan Holley (girls doubles #1), Katherine Taylor & Valerie Cariello (girls doubles #2), and Caroline Collins & Josh Williams (mixed doubles).

Track: Our talented track team was scheduled to compete at the Division 8-2A track meet on Friday, April 23. Due to worsening weather, however, the meet was postponed (after completion of the pole vault, which we won!) to Friday, April 30.

Sports Physicals: Students who intend to participate in sports at Our Lady Academy next year need to have a current physical. We will have someone to administer the physicals here at school on May 19 beginning at 7:00 a.m. Your daughter will need to bring 2 separate checks: (1) \$25 booster club fee, and (2) \$15 physical charge. She will also need to have the forms filled out and signed.

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

Seniors: Senior graduation stills and video will be available. An order form for the video is enclosed with this newsletter. Order for still shots will be available in the main office and at graduation.