



THE OFFICIAL NEWSLETTER OF OUR LADY ACADEMY

"Put your whole confidence in God. He never will let you want necessities for yourself or children." --Catherine McAuley

Hooray for OLA: "Hooray for OLA" is next Saturday, November 6th, at Hollywood Casino. We are honoring the Martinolich family. Every person involved in OLA has been touched by a Martinolich – either as a classmate, a teacher, or a friend. Come and join us. Send in your reservation today!!

Raffle tickets: Please send in your raffle tickets this week. They go to the main office or to Regina in her office. Come on, my friends; let's make this activity a success!!

Pepsi Students of the Month: Pepsi Students of the Month are chosen from each grade level for eight months of the year. Pepsi Students of the Year are chosen from those select students in May. This year we are using the Mercy Core Values of Catherine McAuley. For September, we began with "Hospitality." Faculty were asked to look for the gracious, pleasant, friendly, good-natured, kind-hearted student who has extended a helping hand to others, given a wonderful smile or greeting to others, and/or has made others feel welcome in any group, especially at Our Lady Academy since the beginning of school. Congratulations to the following September "Pepsi Students of the Month": 7th grader Cydney Barrett, 8th grader Katy Hotard, 9th grader Brittany Laurent, 10th grader Deanna Garrard, 11th grader Kirby Rhodes, and 12th grader Denise Powell. These students will receive a Pepsi T-shirt, a certificate, and will be eligible for the Pepsi Student of the Year Award in May.

All Saints' Day: The Feast of All Saints is a holy day of the Church honoring all saints, known and unknown. While we have information about many saints, and we honor them on specific days, there are many unknown or unsung saints, who may have been forgotten, or never been specifically honored. On All Saints' Day, we celebrate these saints of the Lord, and ask for their prayers and intercessions. On Monday, November 1, SSC, OLA, and Holy Trinity will have a joint liturgy to celebrate the Solemnity of All Saints. Students should wear dress uniforms (skirt, dress shirt, uniform outerwear only).

USM President visits OLA Seniors: Tuesday, October 12, administrators from the University of Southern Mississippi visited with our seniors to tell them about programs and scholarships available at USM. University President Dr. Martha Saunders, Vice President for Student Affairs Dr. Joe Paul, Dean of the Honors College Dr. Dave Davies, and Admissions Counselor Emily Thomas told the students about the Honors College, new dormitory facilities, and innovative programs and opportunities available at USM.

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, November 18 from 8 AM to 1 PM. 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.

Progress Reports: Progress Reports will be mailed Friday, November 19 to the parents of those students who have Ds or Fs in classes. You can stay informed about your daughter's performance in her classes by logging into the PowerSchool Student Information System. If you need assistance with logging in, please do not hesitate to call Mrs. Emmel (467-7048 x 14) or Mrs. Kren (467-7048 x10). They can also forward a message to a teacher or connect you with voicemail.

Spanish Field Trip: November 19 students in Mrs. Bartels' Spanish III and Spanish IV classes will travel to Mobile for the Mobile International Food Festival. There they will take part in cultural activities, consume lots of great food, and experience international bazaars and fun.

8th Grade Retreat: The 8th grade class will have their annual retreat in the Community Center during regular school hours on Thursday, December 2. The girls will be given information concerning dress and items to bring.

Youth Legislature: This year we have 35 delegates, 6 officers, and 2 lobbyists in the OLA Youth Legislature Delegation (including Secretary of the Senate *Katy Barlow*, Asst. Secretary of the Senate *Melissa Blalock*, Asst. Senate Messenger *Stephanie Burnison*, Senate Sergeant at Arms *Virginia Comer*, First Lady *Kendall McDonald*, Executive Secretary *Samantha Spiers*, and Lobbyists *Reagan Huey* and *Mandy Raborn*). They will depart November 3 to travel to Jackson for the Youth Legislature Assembly.

OLA Day: Plans are underway for OLA Day to be held on Friday, November 12. SSC students will participate in activities to commemorate St. Stanislaus Day while OLA students will participate in a communion service, athletic activities, academic competitions, and a talent show. Details will be announced to the students when we get closer to the date.

Thanksgiving Liturgy: The eighth grade class is planning our liturgy for November 19. Students should wear dress uniforms. Parents are welcome to join us for the mass which will begin at 9:55 in OLG church.

Thanksgiving Holidays: On behalf of Sr. Jackie and Sr. Elisa and the entire faculty and staff of Our Lady Academy, I wish you and your families a safe and restful Thanksgiving holiday. We will be on holiday for the week of November 22-26. School will resume at 8:20 on Monday, November 29.

6th Grade Lock-in: The lock-in for 6th grade girls who are considering Our Lady Academy is set for December 3. The sixth graders from Holy Trinity, St. Vincent de Paul, and Coast Episcopal automatically receive invitations. However, if you know a sixth grade girl at another school who would be a good candidate for OLA, please call Mrs. Gleber at extension 16 with her name and address.

Guidance News:

- All OLA juniors will take the ASVAB in school on Tuesday, November 16. "The Armed Services Vocational Aptitude Battery is the most widely used multiple-aptitude test battery in the world. As an aptitude test, the ASVAB measures your strengths, weaknesses, and potential for future success. The ASVAB also provides you with career information for various civilian and military occupations and is an indicator for success in future endeavors whether you choose to go to college, vocational school, or a military

career.”

- During the year, colleges send representatives to our campus to meet with students and to answer questions. The following visits have been scheduled for November: Spring Hill—November 2, Loyola—November 5, LSU—November 10.

- The registration deadline for the December 11 ACT is November 5.

- The registration deadline for the December 4 SAT is November 5.

Sports News

Volleyball: The 2010 volleyball season has ended and it was a highly successful one. We went into the playoffs as the 11 time Division 8 Champion and the last four State Champions. We swept through Resurrection, Salem, & Bay High in the first 3 rounds to lay claim to the South State Crown. On October 9th we were up in Jackson to defend our State Championship. We were playing a determined team from Lewisburg, which is from the northwest corner of the State, just below Memphis. They took it to us and won 25-20, 25-23, & 25-23. Our girls took it hard, and our 4 seniors, Callie McNally, Erin Gibson, Renee Hotard, & Kelly McLeod took it the hardest. Callie & Erin were named All-State. We finished the season with a 29-11 record and made it to the finals for the 5th straight year. Not bad for a little 2A school on the shores on the Gulf of Mexico. Great season Crescents!

Cross Country: This past Saturday the Crescent cross country team wrapped up its regular season meets with a first place finish at the Poplarville High Invitational. This was a small meet with only 7 schools participating. Two days earlier, in the big Ocean Springs Invitational, the Crescents finished sixth in a large field of schools, 14 of which had scoring teams of 5 or more runners. Our runners did well in a field which contained some of the best

runners in the state. This coming Saturday we run as an unofficial entry in the 4A District Meet at Pearl River Community College. The following Saturday we run in the State 2A Meet at Choctaw Trails in Clinton. We won last year and hope to do so again this year.

Swimming: The Aqua Rocks finished the season in 22nd place of 27 schools in the state. The girls swam their best and most placed in the top 20. We had a great season only losing one meet.

Soccer: Soccer practice is off to a great start! Our annual soccer retreat was a huge success, and we are looking forward to another championship season. Please find our schedule on the website, and come out to support our Crescents!

Basketball: Varsity basketball practice has started, and the team is shaping up for a very competitive year, returning 7 players with varsity experience. The team consists of seniors Sherri Airhart, Callie McNally and Denise Powell. The juniors are Reagan Huey and Kristen Morel. Sophomores are Deanna Garrard, Katy McNally, and Taylor Richardson. Rounding out the team are freshmen Kali Albright and Jamie Read, 8th grader Sydney Avery, and manager Cali Long. The schedule is being finalized and will be posted on the web site. OLA will host a tournament to kick off the season on November 8, 9 and 11. Come out and support our team!

Booster Club: The athletic fee of \$150 or the sold Booster Club raffle tickets are now overdue. The drawing will be held December 1. If you still have your tickets please sell them and return them to Coach Elias immediately. If you have not sold your tickets, please submit the \$150 athletic fee before December 1.

HAPPY THANKSGIVING FROM THE
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