



The Principal's Pen

Mid pleasures and palaces though we may roam, Be it ever so humble, there's no place like home.

~ John Howard Payne

September 2011

Prayer:

I Want So to Belong

O God, I want so to belong;
Teach me to accept.
I want to be close;
Teach me to reach out
I want a place where I am
welcome;
Teach me to open my
arms.
I want mercy;
Teach me to forgive.
I want beauty;
Teach me honesty.
I want peace;
Show me the eye of the
storm.
I want truth;
show me the way to
question my unquestionable
convictions.
I want joy;
Show me the way of
deeper commitment.
I want life;
Show me how to die.

~Guerrillas of Grace
Ted Loder

Theme for the year: Our theme this year, "Somewhere over the Rainbow," was celebrated by the student body at the opening of the year prayer service. Students and faculty were challenged to recognize the roles we play, to strive for excellence in all they do, and to cherish the gifts God has given. Dorothy says in The Wizard of OZ, "There's no place like home" for us, there's no place like OLA.

Retreat Schedule: Each class at OLA leaves the campus for a class retreat. All of the retreats offer time for the students to get to know themselves in a more meaningful way, to learn more about each other, and to gain a deeper relationship with God. The scheduled retreat dates for the 2011-2012 year are:

7 th Grade	October 13	10 th Grade	April 3
8 th Grade	December 2	11 th Grade	January 26-27
9 th Grade	February 8	12 th Grade	October 27-28

PowerSchool: The teachers have started entering assignments and grades into the PowerSchool information system. Information on how to access the system was included in the registration packet. If you do not have your password and login, our receptionist, Mrs. Kren (x10) can look it up for you.

Progress Reports: Progress Reports will be mailed August 30 and again on September 20 to the parents of those students who have Ds or Fs in classes.

Booster Club Raffle: Tickets for the annual booster club raffle are due October 1. Please have the tickets and money turned into the office or Mr. Rebol before the deadline. If you do not wish to sell the tickets, please send the athletic fee of \$150.00 to the office by October 1.

Development News: "Hooray for OLA," celebrating 40 years of Catholic education, is scheduled for Saturday, November 12. Our Lady Academy started in 1971 and is still going strong today. Save the date and come celebrate with us. For ticket information or further details, please call Mrs. Gleber at 467-7048 (x16).

Big Sister / Little Sister Ceremony: In keeping with Our Lady Academy traditions, the members of the class of 2012 will adopt little sisters from the class of 2015. The ceremony will take place September 9. OLA will follow an afternoon assembly schedule (#3), with the ceremony starting at 2:47. Parents of the seniors and freshmen are invited to attend.

Coffee, Christ, and Conversation: Many parents have expressed thoughts about having a parent meeting to discuss hot topics that concern our students. The first topic to discuss will be Social Networking and Cyber bullying. I am looking for a speaker who can provide guidance and information regarding this topic. If you have any suggestions or would be willing to help organize this event, please call the main office. Date and time to be announced.

Mercy Day: The Sisters of Mercy of the Americas number over 5,000 Sisters, including Sister Elisa and Sister Jackie. Their ministries are characterized by respect, compassion, hospitality, service, and excellence. This year the Sisters will be celebrating 180 years of Mercy Education. On September 23, Our Lady Academy will celebrate the Sisters of Mercy for their devotion and service to the school. Please consider joining us for a Prayer Service beginning at 9:55 in OLG Church, immediately followed by a family picnic at OLA. There will also be a formal tea in the afternoon (2:00) for students and teachers to stop and enjoy a comfortable cup of tea with friends. If you would like to volunteer to help with the tea, please call the main office.

Guidance News:

- Regular registration deadline for the October 1 SAT (SSC) Friday, Sept. 9
- Regular registration deadline for the October 22 ACT (SSC) Friday, Sept. 16
- During the year, colleges send representatives to our campus to meet with students and to answer questions. Please encourage your junior and senior daughters to visit with these representatives during the scheduled time.
 - o Sept. 7: Millsaps College
 - o Sept. 20: Spring Hill College

Important Dates:

Sept. 2	Volleyball tournament, South Haven (Schedule #2)
Sept. 4	No classes (Labor Day Holiday)
Sept. 9	Big Sister / Little Sister Ceremony (Schedule #3)
Sept. 12	Faculty in-service (Schedule #4, 1:47 dismissal)
Sept. 16	Jr. High Meet and Greet @ 5:30 on the Courtyard
Sept. 20	Progress Reports
Sept. 23	Mercy Day Prayer Service: 9:55 Formal Tea: 2:00
Sept. 30	SSC Homecoming Game (Schedule #3)
Oct. 1	Homecoming Dance (PCYC)

Revised bell schedules will be posted online at www.ourladyacademy.com

*“If you look at what you have in life, You’ll always have more.
If you look at what you don’t have in life, You’ll never have enough.” ~ Oprah Winfrey*

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JANUARY 15-20

For more information:

www.closeup.org

non-refundable \$300 deposit due: September 7

total for trip \$1627

contact Ms Cuevas with questions: 228-467-7048 x 45

What does this include?

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- Round trip airfare from Gulfport
- All planned sightseeing, entertainment, excursions with trained program instructors
- 5 nights lodging
- All student meals
- Academic materials
- Around the clock supervision, nighttime watch and access to emergency medical attention through Georgetown University
- Broadway show tickets
- Farewell banquet and dance

BALANCE DUE DECEMBER 5