

The St. Ursula Academy Parent Bulletin
Craig Maliborski, Principal
January 30 – February 5, 2012

Monday, January 30, 2012 GOLD/A

- Personal Care Drive
- 7:45am Faculty Meeting
- 8:30am Classes Begin
- 5th Bell:
 - Freshmen: Group Guidance
 - Sophomores: Class Meeting
 - Juniors: Class Meeting
 - Seniors: Class meeting, then off-campus lunch
- 3:15pm Demerits Served
- 3:15pm Make-up Test Day

Tuesday, January 31, 2012 BLUE/C

- Personal Care Drive
- 5th Bell: Freshmen Schedule Meeting

Wednesday, February 1, 2012 SPECIAL SCHEDULE/B (60 minute classes)

- Personal Care Drive
- 8:00am Elective Assembly: Required for freshmen, sophomores and juniors
- 10:00am Classes Begin

Thursday, February 2, 2012 BLUE/D

- Personal Care Drive
- 5th Bell: Advisory
- 3:15 Make-up Test Day

Friday, February 3, 2012 BLUE/A

- Personal Care Drive
- 5th Bell: Advisory
- 7:00pm *Our Miss Brooks* Winter Play in St. Angela Hall (Theater)

Saturday, February 4, 2012

- 2:00pm *Our Miss Brooks* Winter Play in St. Angela Hall (Theater)
- 7:00pm *Our Miss Brooks* Winter Play in St. Angela Hall (Theater)

Sunday, February 5, 2012

NOTES FROM THE PRINCIPAL

This Wednesday (Feb 1), all freshmen, sophomores and juniors will be required to attend Elective Course Assembly meetings beginning at 8:00am. We have designed these assemblies this year for students to hear from various teachers regarding their possible elective choices for next year and to be able to talk to individual teachers regarding the elective courses. Seniors will not be required to attend the assemblies, so SENIORS ONLY are permitted to arrive at school on February 1 at 10:00am for their first class.

Ms. Kemper received the following email about some of our students who recently helped at an outside agency through the Community Service program: "While it's fresh in my memory I wanted to pass along how amazing the girls from St. Ursula have been. I only hope that my child grows up with the same level of kindness and maturity that these young ladies have. They just did a phenomenal job!"

Students in Ms. Porter's Contemporary Issues in Women's Health class create brochures for outside agencies and submit their work to the agency. Two students from her class recently received the following note: "Thank you both for developing such an amazing brochure. We are excited about providing this to the various communities that we work with throughout Greater Cincinnati. May is bike safety month and we plan on using your brochure for different activities that we participate in. As you know we also sell bicycle helmets and think this would be a great educational tool to provide to each family that purchases a helmet."

Ms. Probst led our Design 4 students in creating a window display for the Catholic Schools Office downtown celebrating Catholic Schools Week. The Catholic Schools Office asked our students to design and create the window display. If you are downtown and want to see it, it is on the corner of 8th and Walnut. A picture of it is also on www.saintursula.org.

Congratulations to the following Art and Design students for their achievements in the Scholastic Art competition. Earning Gold Key recognition are: Elizabeth Bradford (Architecture), Sarah Kappers (Design), and Kathleen O'Donnell (Design). Earning Silver Key recognition are: Claire Berding (Design), Abby Heyd (Drawing) and Chloe Walter (Drawing). Receiving Honorable Mention are: Claire Garvin (Design), Kristen Smith (Drawing), Chloe Georgiades (Fashion Design) and Elizabeth Cardone (Printmaking).

Craig Maliborski

FROM THE ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL

Scheduling for next year began this week and will continue through February and March. The process and timeline were explained to the girls and I stressed the following points:

1. Know what you have taken.
2. Know what you are required to take.
3. Know what options are open to you.
4. Seek advice.

Each girl was given a worksheet on which she can enter the classes she has taken along with requirements for each year. You may want to ask your daughter to see this and encourage her to discuss her plans for next year. The updated curriculum guide will be on our website before the end of next week so you may want to check that out and see what options are available to your daughter.

The girls will also be meeting with their counselors during February and March so they will have ample opportunity to gather advice and plan their schedule.

The Overture Awards Scholarship Competition is the tri-state's largest solo arts competition for high school students. The Scholarship Competition rewards artistic excellence in six disciplines: Creative Writing, Dance, Instrumental Music, Theater, Visual Art and Vocal Music. The competition in each category is fierce. Only the highest quality student work is assessed. This year SUA is really excited that Shannon Beam has been selected as a Finalist! Shannon competed in the musical theatre category. There are only 4 selected for the Finals in each category, so this is quite an honor! Congratulations, Shannon!

Mary Ann Meyer

BUSINESS OFFICE

Enrollment information was mailed to each family on Wednesday, January 4. The Enrollment Contract and \$600.00 tuition deposit for each student is due by **February 1, 2012**. Please contact me if you do not receive the information.

Thank you,

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lmorgan@saintursula.org

SUA BALL

Volunteers are still needed for the SUA Ball on February 11th – **especially setup and cleanup**. If you are not yet involved, please help! It's a great way to enjoy teamwork with other parents as you contribute to St. Ursula. The tasks are not difficult. To volunteer, e-mail the volunteer coordinator, Peg Conway, at pegconway@gmail.com.

Set Up Wednesday-Friday, February 8-10

- Hours are 9:00am to 5:00pm on Wednesday and Friday, and 9:00am to 7:00pm on Thursday.
- Come when you can and stay as long as you can.
- THURSDAY is the busiest day. Feel free to come later in the afternoon if you're free then, since the work goes on until 7:00pm that day.
- Refreshments are provided. We need someone to assist with lunch on Wednesday and Thursday.

At the Event Saturday, February 11

- There are still a few openings at the various booths for the first shift from 5:00-8:00pm and the second shift from 8:00-11:00pm.
- You'll have the opportunity to bid and purchase items, and a light dinner is provided. The evening is a lot of fun!

Cleanup Sunday, Feb. 12

- Arrive at 9:00am sharp and plan to stay for a few hours.
- The more hands, the lighter the load! Last year, cleanup was finished at noon.

Thanks for considering these needs. Email pegconway@gmail.com with your availability. Hope to see you here!!

COMMUNITY SERVICE

In conjunction with Catholic Schools Week, the Annual SUA Personal Care Drive kicks off Monday, January 30 and runs through Friday, February 10.

Led by student leaders Marissa Luft and Katie Clifford, the theme is "Health, Hope and Happiness, Building Blocks for a Better World!"

The entire St. Ursula community is encouraged to donate new personal care items such as soap, hair care products, toothbrush/paste, shaving products, and deodorant. In addition, we are collecting new undergarments and socks for men, women, teens, and children of all sizes. Collection bins will be available in student advisory classrooms as well as East and Schott Foyers.

We are not accepting general clothing/household donations at this time.

Proceeds of the Personal Care Drive will support Lighthouse Youth Services, a shelter for displaced and homeless teens in Clifton and Bethany House Shelter for Women and Children.

TECHNOLOGY

TechOlympics Expo 2012 will take place March 2-4, 2012 at the Millennium Hotel in downtown Cincinnati. This is a 3 day high-tech competition and celebration of technology for **high school students** that gives them the opportunity to **learn, compete and connect** with industry leaders in a fun, creative, exciting and safe atmosphere.

For more info: <http://www.techolympics.org/> . It is presented by the INTERalliance of Cincinnati and corporate sponsors such as Kroger, EMC², Pomeroy & Scripps Howard.

This is an excellent venue for students to see what the tech world is all about and to rub shoulders with some of the people who are in the industry here in Cincinnati.

GIRLS ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION

19th Annual GAA Flower Sale

The sale is underway and order forms will be sent home this week with your daughter. The proceeds from this sale are used to promote and enhance school spirit for **ALL** students throughout the year.

We have worked with the same greenhouse for 19 years and receive great comments about the plants each year. The form can also be downloaded from the St. Ursula website

<http://www.saintursula.org/athletics/forms/flowersale/2012.pdf>

All students are encouraged to participate. **Fall and winter athletes** have prepaid \$30 with their pay-to-play fees but still need to place an order and deduct the \$30 from the amount due. If you do not

wish to place an order, please let me know and your \$30 will be considered a donation or can be used to purchase flowers to be planted on campus. Any **spring athlete** playing her first sport of the year will also need to place a \$30 minimum order now.

Orders with checks payable to Saint Ursula Academy should be turned in during homeroom on January 31 and February 7 OR anytime before February 7 to the box located in the office. Contact Lynn Meiners with questions at 733-8150 or lmeiners86@gmail.com. Thank you for your support!

PARENTS' CLUB

Graduation Dress Sale

The Parents' Board will hold its Dress Sale in the parlors on Sunday, January 29th from 1:00-3:30pm. Graduation dresses that have been previously worn will be offered at deep discounts to our graduating seniors. Our collection has grown, and the dresses meet all of the requirements that our school outlines for the graduation gowns.

Stop by and try one on....you might find the perfect dress!

Please email Krista Settle at kpsettle@gmail.com or Barb Gardner at bygardner@zoomtown.com with any questions.

Winter Parents' Club Mass and Reception

Current freshman parents are invited to Mass and a small reception Monday, February 13th at 9:00am in the chapel, where you will learn more about all the activities we sponsor. We are looking for women and men who want to help with a variety of events and traditions that make St. Ursula Academy so special for our daughters.

Current freshman parents: if you are interested in serving on the Parents' Club Board, please plan to attend the February Mass and reception.

Faculty/Staff Appreciation Lunch

The Parents' Club sponsored Faculty/Staff Appreciation lunch will be held on Friday, February 17th. Your help is needed to show our staff how much we appreciate their dedication to Saint Ursula Academy and our daughters. Please consider donating gift cards or items that may be used for door prizes at the staff lunch. Send your donations to SUA's front office to the attention of Lisa Mahoney, Parents' Club Luncheon coordinator, by February 15th. Thank you for helping with this wonderful show of appreciation for our staff.

THEATER

Our Miss Brooks tickets now on sale!

St. Ursula Ensemble Theatre's winter production "Our Miss Brooks" directed by Allison Hinkel opens February 3, 2012. Tickets are now on sale! Performances are Friday, February 3 at 7:00 as well as Saturday, February 4 at 2:00 & 7:00pm. You can purchase tickets for \$10 during lunch at the Theatre Box office located in the East Wing. Ticket orders can also be mailed to:

Box Office • St. Ursula Ensemble Theatre • 1339 E. McMillan Street • Cincinnati, OH 45206

Please make checks payable to: **Saint Ursula Ensemble Theatre**

Hurry! Tickets are going fast for this popular SET production.

ATHLETIC DEPARTMENT

Spring Tryouts Information:

- Lacrosse: **TRY-OUTS** will be held beginning March 1-3, 2012.
There will be 3 days of optional open field sessions with coaches from February 27–29, 2012.
- Softball : **TRY-OUTS** will be held beginning March 1-3, 2012.
There will be 3 days of optional open field sessions with coaches from February 27 – 29, 2012.
- Track & Field: **OUTDOOR PRACTICE SCHEDULE** - Begins Monday, March 5, 2012.
Generally practices will follow a Monday–Friday (3:30 -5:30pm) schedule. Please make every effort to schedule outside appointments on Friday afternoons or at times other than those listed above.

Spring Meet the Teams

- **Scheduled for March 13, 2012.**

Booster Golf Outing:

- Scheduled for Monday, May 7, 2012 at Makatewa Country Club.

CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK NEXT WEEK

As you know, we are quickly approaching Catholic Schools Week. In honor of this important time of year, Archbishop Schnurr has recorded a message to all Catholic school supporters. This message expresses his gratitude for the hard work of our students, teachers, parents, staff members, and other stakeholders. Likewise, the Archbishop describes the importance of our Catholic schools, and calls upon all people to remain engaged in the evolving vision for our schools. If you would like to see his message, the link for the video is http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Ls5k9dxJ_tc