

The St. Ursula Academy Parent Bulletin
Craig Maliborski, Principal
Week of December 12 - 18, 2011

Monday, December 12, 2011 GOLD/A

- 7:45am Faculty Meeting
- Advent Prayer Service
- 3:00pm Demerit Day
- 3:15pm Make-up Test Day
- 5:30pm Boosters Meeting in the Skybox Conference Room

Tuesday, December 13, 2011 BLUE/C

- 5th Bell: Arts & Culture Association, Classics Club, SFA, The Crest, SOS
- Club Lunch: Anthropology, Astronomy, Library Book, Yoga
- 3:00pm SICU

Wednesday, December 14, 2011 BLUE/B

- 5th Bell: Campus Ministry, GAA Board, SUAT, CSTAT, SOS Rookie
Seniors – report to Gym Mezz
- Club Lunch: Senior Book, Classic Music Society, Harry Potter, World Affairs, Vegetarian

Thursday, December 15, 2011 BLUE/D

- 5th Bell: Advisory
- Club Lunch: Bridge, Culture, EARTH, LIFE, Through the Lens

Friday, December 16, 2011 BLUE/A* Change from original calendar

- 5th Bell: Break
- Club Lunch: Language Honor Societies
- 7:00pm SUAVE performs at Farbach-Werner Nature Preserve

Saturday, December 17, 2011

Sunday, December 18, 2011

NOTES FROM THE PRINCIPAL

I have been asked to clarify when our last day of school will be before Christmas. We will have exams (with the new exam schedule that I informed you about in November) on Tuesday, Dec. 20th and Wednesday, Dec. 21st (To reiterate what Mary Ann Meyer wrote last week regarding exams, all students will be required to take their exams at the scheduled time on each exam day. Students are not permitted to take the exams early). If we have a weather-related incident that would require school to be canceled on ONE OF THE ASSIGNED EXAM DAYS, then we will use Thursday, Dec. 22nd to make up the EXAMS that were canceled. If we do not have a “snow day” on one of the two exam days, then we will not have school on Thursday, Dec. 22nd.

Congratulations to junior Jordan Maier who auditioned for the OMEA District 14 Honor Band last week. She was selected to play -- AND she earned the 1st Chair position of the French Horn section!

This is quite an accomplishment and an honor for Jordan, who is also a member of SUAVE and SUASO.

In order to accommodate a guest speaker, April 30th will be changed from a Gold schedule to a Bulldog schedule. So, we will start at 8:00am on April 30th--not at 8:30am. Also, as it is with all of our assemblies, the afternoon assembly that will occur on April 30th will be mandatory for all students. Dismissal on the Bulldog schedule remains at 3:00pm.

Craig Maliborski
Principal

FROM THE ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL

A recent study by *Who's Who Among High School Students* indicated that 80 percent of high-achieving, college bound students have cheated; they report that cheating is commonplace – *everybody does it*. Educational Testing Service notes that a single website providing term papers to students averages over 80,000 hits per day. You have all read stories about cheating incidences on SAT and other standardized tests. The news is disturbing because we also know that cheating can be found in every school.

What causes students to cheat, especially when they are repeatedly taught by parents and teachers that cheating is wrong and violates fundamental moral principles?

The most prominent factors mentioned by students are the stress to succeed, peer pressure, and the desire to please. Often without realizing it, parents and educators place enormous emphasis on *the bottom line* - receiving high enough grades in order to get into the *right* college. Another factor certainly is the perceived value in society. As students look at the news, internet and television, they constantly see headlines about many of the leaders in society who have broken the rules and seem to beat the system, signaling to students that many are engaged in *breaking the rules* and, even if caught, it is possible to *get away with it*.

We all need to remind our girls that honesty is the underpinning of teaching, learning, and service. It is the foundation for trust, fairness, respect, and responsibility. Honesty begins with oneself and extends to others. In the pursuit for knowledge, all students and faculty must be honest with themselves and with each other, whether in the classroom, in student organizations and clubs, or on the playing field. Cultivating honesty lays the foundation for lifelong integrity, developing in each of us the courage and insight to make difficult choices and accept responsibility for actions and their consequences, even at personal cost. As a teacher of many years, I know that students respond to consistent honesty with trust. I also know that trust is promoted by teachers who set clear guidelines for assignments and for evaluating student work. Trust is further promoted by students who prepare work that is honest and thoughtful – work that is their own.

At the opening meetings of the year I spoke to the girls about integrity. I told them that academic integrity demands three things of them: the courage to say no, the courage to face the truth, and the willingness to do the right thing because it is the right thing to do. St. Ursula Academy is an academic community of integrity that fosters a climate of mutual trust, encourages the exchange of ideas, and enables all to reach their highest potential. As the SUA family

we care for each other.
we work hard together.
we encourage each other.
we tell the truth.

COMMUNITY SERVICE

Ten Thousand Villages Fundraiser

Friday, December 9th

Please go to Shop and Buy some great fair trade gifts and help us raise money and awareness for the CSTAT Club.



www.tenthousandvillages.com

O'Bryonville
2011 Madison Road
Cincinnati, OH 45208
513-871-5840

PARENTS' CLUB

Sisters St. Nick is a tradition that has been carried on for the past 26 years at St. Ursula Academy. Before Thanksgiving, each of our Ursulines of Cincinnati sisters is asked to write down her wish list of gifts she would like to receive. These wishes are then listed on tags and placed on a Christmas tree in the Keller Center on Monday, November 28th. Students are asked to choose an ornament, and then purchase the gift listed. **Gifts are to be returned to the Keller Center, wrapped and tagged for the sister, by Thursday, December 15th.**

Any items that parents or friends would like to donate are also welcomed. If you have access to samples of lotions, shampoo, stationery, or other goodies that the sisters might enjoy, please send them in with your daughter to place under the tree with tagged gifts. We are collecting for 13 sisters. The sisters are thrilled on Christmas to open all the gifts given to them by the students. Please encourage your daughter to participate in this wonderful and giving tradition. Thank you for all your generosity this Holiday Season!

ATHLETIC BOOSTERS

Pavers are for sale from the SUA Boosters to remember your daughter's **Sports** or **Academic** accomplishments at Saint Ursula Academy on the Generations Walkway or, new for this year, the Stadium Entrance. Your daughter works hard on her school work and/or in her chosen sport. SUA challenges your daughter to be her best, producing young women who know what it takes to compete and succeed. She will always be a part of Saint Ursula Academy and you can remember her time and accomplishments at SUA through a paver in her name on the Generations Walkway or the Stadium Entrance. Your daughter's paver will be a lasting reminder of her hard work and achievements. With the paver comes a certificate suitable for framing that can be presented as a gift to your daughter.

(Christmas, Birthday, Graduation). The pavers can be placed on the walkway with others from her graduating class.

Please click on the links below for an introduction letter and the order form. If you have any questions contact Dennis Devine of SUA Boosters at ddevine1@cinci.rr.com.

[SUA Generations Walkway Letter.pdf](#)

<http://www.saintursula.org/athletics/walkoffame/>

YEARBOOK

Any student who did not pre-order a 2010/2011 yearbook (LAST YEAR'S YEARBOOK) but would like to purchase one, please bring a check made payable to Jostens Direct Solutions for \$65.00 to Ms. Egan's room (E103) and pick one up! Last year's yearbooks will be available for sale only until Friday, December 16th!