

The St. Ursula Academy Parent Bulletin
Craig Maliborski, Principal
February 6-12, 2012

Monday, February 6, 2012 GOLD/A

- Personal Care Drive
- 7:45am Faculty Meeting
- Personal Care Drive Assemblies
- 3:15pm Make-up Test Day

Tuesday, February 7, 2012 BLUE/C (Midterm of Quarter 3)

- Personal Care Drive
- 5th Bell: Advisory
- Club Lunch: Anthropology, Astronomy, Yoga, Library Book
- 3:00pm SICU

Wednesday, February 8, 2012 BLUE/B

- Personal Care Drive
- 5th Bell: Break
- Club Lunch: Senior Book, Classic Music, Harry Potter, World Affairs, Vegetarian

Thursday, February 9, 2012 BLUE/D

- Personal Care Drive
- 5th Bell: Advisory (Spiritual Journey Preparation)
- Club Lunch: Bridge, Culture, EARTH, Life, Through the Lens
- 3:15pm Demerits Served
- 3:15pm Make-up Test Day

Friday, February 10, 2012 BLUE/A

- Personal Care Drive
- 5th Bell: Student Organizations: Images, Student Council, The Light, Service Events
- Club Lunch: Language Honor Societies

Saturday, February 11, 2012

- OMEA Solo and Ensemble Contest
- 5:30pm-12:0am SUA Ball Auction Dinner

Sunday, February 12, 2012

NOTES FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Congratulations to the following senior field hockey players who have been selected to the 2011 Gladiator by SGI/NFHCA High School National Academic Squad: Caroline Baumgartner, Elizabeth Cardone, Elley Frank, Claire Joseph, Corinne Nako, Ashley Rodd and Molly Small.

Looking ahead to the end of this term, the two exam days (Thursday, March 15 and Friday, March 16) fall during OGT week. The OGT tests will be given during the mornings on Monday 3/12 through Friday 3/16. Sophomores will take their afternoon classes on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday. Sophomores will NOT be available for any of the exam bells on Thursday 3/15 and Friday 3/16. I have communicated to teachers that from Monday 3/12 through Friday 3/16, there will be no tests, quizzes or exams given to sophomores. A long term project that is assigned prior to 3/12 can have a due date during the week of 3/12 provided that there were times that the teacher checked the student's progress on the project prior to the due date. We realize that classes that have a mixture of sophomores with other grade levels will require some additional guidance. Teachers will communicate to their students how each of these individual situations will work.

Please help us reiterate with your daughter the importance of being careful when she is crossing the streets around the campus. In the fall, we installed "countdown" walk signals on the McMillan and Bell crosswalks to give the girls notice of when the light is going to change. We also have adults at the crosswalk during the "peak" times of crossing McMillan--at the beginning of lunch and before and after all school assemblies in the Harold C. Schott Gymnasium and Convocation Center. With that said, common sense and good judgment prevail. Thank you for your help with this!

Craig Maliborski

FROM THE ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL

The Curriculum Guide for the 2012-2013 school year is posted on the school's website. This link will take you directly to the pdf file: <http://www.saintursula.org/PDF/CurriculumGuide.pdf>

The Curriculum Guide gives the course descriptions of all possible courses that we plan to run next year. On Wednesday, each class had the opportunity to hear directly from the teachers important information regarding the different elective courses. In addition to the 70+ elective courses already in place, we are excited to offer some new courses as well: *Fantastic Lit*, *Finite Math*, *Robotics*, *Bad Girls and Unruly Women*, *Your Grandmother's Trunk*, *Scene Study*, *Styles of Acting*, and *Directing Lab*. These course offerings will complement our existing list of very interesting and challenging elective options.

During February and March, your daughter will have an individual conference with her guidance counselor to request courses for next year. In order for that meeting to be productive and efficient, your daughter has been instructed to obtain the necessary information from the Curriculum Guide and seek advice from her teachers, counselor and **you** regarding her course requests.

Mary Ann Meyer

SUA BALL CATALOGUES/RESERVATIONS

We are only a week away from The Ball and the excitement is building! If your reservation was received up to yesterday (February 2nd), your catalogue was distributed in '5th Bell' today to your daughter, please ask her for it. Please be sure to bring it with you to the Auction; we do not have extras to distribute that evening.

If you are still interested in attending, please call Paula Kistner on Ext. 148 or go on-line to www.saintursula.org/SuaBall/ and click on 'Reservations' in the left-hand box.

Thank you to all the numerous volunteers who have given their time and talents to St. Ursula Academy's largest fundraiser!

FACILITIES

Beginning Wednesday, February 8th, no students will be permitted into the Harold C. Schott Gymnasium and Convocation Center beginning at 8:00am until the end of the SUA Auction and cleanup is completed on Sunday, February 12th. The student code will be removed as well.

COMMUNITY SERVICE

The Annual SUA Personal Care Drive runs through Friday, February 10.

Led by students 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.

CAMPUS MINISTRY

Spiritual Journey Week is almost here!

The Activity Grid Schedule is on the home page of our website and your daughters can access their individual schedules on Blackboard under Campus Ministry, Spiritual Journey. This week is dedicated to community service, diversity awareness, exploring our Ursuline Heritage, getting closer to each other on overnight retreat, and discovering who we are as women of faith, integrity, and courage through the Academy Alum program. From Sunday February 26th through Thursday March 1st everyone will be going in different directions with their classmates and teachers. Friday we will come

back together and celebrate what we have discovered in our Spiritual Journey Closing Liturgy. Please pray for good weather for this week!

A St. Ursula Academy Parent Prayer group is forming to pray for our community, especially our students. All are welcome on Mondays at 2:15 in the Chapel beginning February 6th. Rosaries and prayer books will be provided. Please contact Tracy Luiso (tluiso@cinci.rr.com) with any questions. What a wonderful gift to our students and SUA community!

Mary Ragland, Campus Minister

GIRLS ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION

19th Annual GAA Flower Sale - The sale is underway and order forms were sent home last week with your daughter. The proceeds from this sale help 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 athletes** playing their 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 to the box in the Student Services Office during 5th Bell on Feb 7 or any time prior. Confirm your order has been received by checking the "Flower Orders Received" link on the SUA home page, or by going straight to <http://www.saintursula.org/Orders.as.of.1.27.12.pdf>.

Contact Lynn Meiners with questions 733-8150 or lmeiners86@gmail.com. Thank you for your support!

BUSINESS OFFICE

Enrollment information was mailed to each family on Wednesday, January 4. The Enrollment Contract and \$600.00 tuition deposit for each student was due by **February 1, 2012**. If you have not already turned this in, please do so today. Each of your daughters is important to us and to the St. Ursula family.

Thank you,

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PARENTS' CLUB

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.

ATHLETIC DEPARTMENT

Spring Tryouts Information:

- Lacrosse: **TRY-OUTS** will be held beginning Thursday, March 1, through Saturday, March 3. There will be 3 days of optional open field sessions with coaches from February 27–29.

- Softball: **Full Squad TRY-OUTS will begin on Monday, February 20 and will last four days to five days depending upon the number of athletes in attendance. Teams will be announced at the end of try-outs on the final day.**

- Track & Field: **OUTDOOR PRACTICE SCHEDULE** - Begins Monday, March 5. 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 Maketewa Country Club.

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.