

**The St. Ursula Academy Parent Bulletin**  
**Craig Maliborski, Principal**  
**Week of October 24-30, 2011**

**Monday, October 24, 2011 BLUE/A**

- 9:00am Parent Board Meeting
- Intramural Lunch

**Tuesday, October 25, 2011 BLUE/C**

- Club Lunch – Anthropology, Library Book, Yoga
- 6:30-8:30pm Showcase Night

**Wednesday, October 26, 2011 BLUE/B**

- 5<sup>th</sup> Bell – Student Organizations: Arts and Culture Assoc., Classics, SFA, Crest, SOS
- Club Lunch – Senior Book, Classic Music, Harry Potter, World Affairs, Vegetarian
- 4:00-6:00pm Winter Play Auditions

**Thursday, October 27, 2011 BLUE/D**

- 5<sup>th</sup> Bell – Student Organizations: Campus Ministry, GAA Board, SET, CSTAT, SOS Rookie, SUAT
- Club Lunch-Culture, EARTH, LIFE, Through the Lens, Bridge
- 4:00-6:00pm Winter Play Auditions

**Friday, October 28, 2011 GOLD/A**

- 7:45am Faculty/Staff Meeting
- Club Lunch-Spanish, French and Latin Honor Societies
- Women of Faith, Integrity and Courage Speaker

**Saturday, October 29, 2011**

- 10:00am-2:00pm Young Women's Institute Retreat

**Sunday, October 30, 2011**

- 10:30am-1:00pm OPEN HOUSE

**NOTES FROM THE PRINCIPAL**

October is certainly a busy month at SUA! A dedicated crew of students (and parents) spend their Saturdays building sets for the fall play *Radium Girls* (Nov. 10<sup>th</sup> – 13<sup>th</sup>); fall sports teams are playing their state tournament qualifying games; the student leaders in the Community Service Department are preparing for the upcoming Canned Food Drive; and, of course, some students are starting new classes in the second quarter. In addition to all of these activities, the Wellness Committee of the student council has planned a number of programs for Depression Awareness Week (Oct 24<sup>th</sup> - 28<sup>th</sup>). Like so many activities that occur at St. Ursula, the programming designed to educate and raise awareness of teenage depression has been completely student-driven. A special “thank you” to the Guidance staff who have worked with the students in developing and implementing the programming.

If you have not done so already, now would be a great time to ask your daughter some “reflection” questions: *What has she found rewarding so far this year? In what ways has she been challenged this year? What are some things that have “worked”?* I have found that if you keep the questions

more general, you will probably get a more accurate sense of what she is feeling and thinking. If she does not readily or easily talk to you at first, try again at a different time. Be persistent. Even though she is expanding her independence, her relationship with you is a crucial piece to her development as a thinker, leader, nurturer and prophet.

Craig Maliborski

## **FROM THE ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL**

With all of the work that occupies the end of one term and the beginning of a new term, I have been reluctant to leave my office these past few days. But the chance to spend time in a classroom with the girls always wins! On Tuesday, I attended Mr. Brown's Beginning Guitar class where I was treated to a class recital. Julie Cowan, Emily Dyer, and Kayla Karsten played *The Blue Bells of Scotland* and *Free Fallin*; Micaela Bresler, Christy Kammerer, and Mackenzie Stewart played *O the Beautiful Treasures* and *Isn't She Lovely*; Sierra Jackson, Loren McCauley, and Leah Wolfer played *Old French Song*, *Let It Be* and *White Horse*; Elizabeth Janszen and Grace Romeo played *Hey Jude*, *Hallelujah* (my favorite!) and Mr. Brown joined them for *Landslide*.

Another treat came from students in Christian Lifestyles class. In an effort to invite girls to reflect more on their sense of identity, Mrs. Choquette challenged the girls to creatively answer the question "WHO AM I?" in whatever form they wanted. I was fortunate enough to view two videos created by two different students. Each was exciting, creative, and reflective. Through their videos each girl showed her own personality traits and beliefs – her own "voice". Parents, your daughters are a daily joy!

Next Friday, October 28<sup>th</sup>, we are excited to welcome Cammy Dierking as our Women of Faith, Integrity and Courage Speaker. She will be speaking to the student body during the Gold Day Assembly time (10:55am-11:50pm) in the Schott Convocation Center (Gym). As many of you know Cammy is an anchor on Channel 12 news, and an energetic and lively speaker. She will be speaking to our students about the Power of a Positive Attitude.

Lastly, Monday, October 31<sup>st</sup>, St. Ursula will celebrate Halloween. Students and staff will be allowed to wear their Halloween costumes that day. We will have a costume contest during 5<sup>th</sup> bell with the finals at lunch! The girls continually amaze me with their ingenuity and creativity so the day should be great fun.

Parents, please stress to your daughter the importance of wearing a costume that is within the boundaries of a Catholic school – appropriate clothing and NO toy weapons.

Mary Ann Meyer

## **Additions...**

### **BUSINESS OFFICE**

- FINANCIAL AID APPLICATIONS are now available for the 2012-2013 school year and must be postmarked by December 1, 2011. You must reapply for financial aid each year.

The application is available in the Student Services Office or on our website at <http://www.saintursula.org/admissions/tuition/1821%20St.%20Ursula%20Academy%20of%20Cincinnati.pdf>

Thank you,

Lucy Morgan, [lmorgan@saintursula.org](mailto:lmorgan@saintursula.org), or 961-3410 x 170.

## TECHNOLOGY

The **7th Annual Women in Information Technology Conference** is coming up on **November 18<sup>th</sup>**. It is intended for high school girls who may be considering Technology as their field of study for the future.

This is a one-day **FREE** event at the **King's Island Resort & Conference Center** from **8:00am to 1:30pm**, and it is a chance for students to meet local women IT professionals from Citibank, GE, Great American Insurance, and P&G. Participants will hear about how to get involved in technology careers and university programs at Miami, UC, and Xavier. They will also begin the process of networking to help them establish their careers.

This event gets rave reviews every year from the students and teachers who attend! For details, click here <http://cbatest.uc.edu/WiT/Default.aspx>

Students arrive at King's Island by 8:00am. **Breakfast and lunch** are included. Support for travel may be included. Click here for transportation information <http://cbatest.uc.edu/WiT/travelStipendFormUpdated.doc>

To register, click here <http://cbatest.uc.edu/WiT/Registration.aspx> **Registration deadline is November 1, 2011.**

Don't miss this great one-day technology event which is a great addition to college applications and resumes!

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## COMMUNITY SERVICE OFFICE

### Appalachia Delivery Trip

Each year, before the Thanksgiving holiday, St. Ursula students and adult volunteers deliver the proceeds of our fall canned food drive to Lucy's Mission in Harlan County, KY. This year the delivery trip will take place Friday, November 18<sup>th</sup> through Sunday, November 20<sup>th</sup>. Information and applications became available via Blackboard beginning Monday, October 10<sup>th</sup> for any interested junior or senior. The cost of this trip is \$60.00. Applications should be printed out and turned in to the Community Service Office by Friday, October 28<sup>th</sup>.

For almost 20 years St. Ursula has provided assistance to Lucy's Mission, meeting the needs of the rural poor in and around Martin's Fork. More information about our November Canned Food Drive and how you can be of support will be shared in upcoming Parent Bulletins.

### **Death Penalty Workshop**

The Catholic Social Action office of the Archdiocese is planning a program on Saturday, Oct. 29 9:00am-12:30pm at Good Shepherd Parish. The program title is: "Defending Life Against the Sentence of Death: A Conference for Catholic Respect Life Month." There will be speakers from Washington DC, Cleveland, and from our Archdiocese of Cincinnati. All of them will be very engaging and inspiring. Please feel free to attend and bring your family. Registration is suggested. If you would like more information, please see the attached brochure.

### **St. Ursula Canned Food Drive**

This is the largest all-school community service activity of the year. In two short weeks, the girls are asked to collect 26,000 pounds of food that benefits three local neighborhood organizations and hundreds of needy families in Appalachia. The kick-off assembly for the Canned Food Drive is Thursday, November 3rd. We will collect donations until November 17th. We will collect all non-perishable food, new blankets, and monetary donations. Food can be brought to the **weigh-stations in the rear entrance of the Keller Student Center on November 8th, 10th, 15th, and 17th from 7:30-8:00am**. The SCHOOL GOAL: 26,000 pounds —**40 pounds of donations per student** (3 full brown bags of food).

Every person needs to bring in food donations in order to meet our goal! We CAN do this! We need parent volunteers to help out with our weigh-in days from 7:15-9:00am. We also need assistance with food and set-up for the CFD Reward Breakfast. The Reward Breakfast is given to the class collecting the most food and is Monday, November 21st at 7:45 to 8:20am in the Keller Center. We will serve about 170 girls.

If you are new to St. Ursula or have never worked the "weigh-in", this is an easy yet fun way to volunteer. The time jumps with excitement, and you will meet girls from your daughter's Advisory bell and class.

The parent coordinator for CFD volunteers is Ms. Jacki Dillon Lyon, Class of '82 (mom of Grace'13 and Margo'15 Costello). You will hear from Jacki or Rachel Kemper, the Community Service Director, if you have expressed interest and are available to help. Thanks! [rkemper@saintursula.org](mailto:rkemper@saintursula.org)

## **UPCOMING ADMISSIONS EVENTS**

Parents, share the news about what you love about SUA with families who are looking at high school choices for their daughters. Do you have a friend or family member who is considering St. Ursula for high school? If so, please invite them to visit. Here are some opportunities to visit SUA this fall:

### **OPEN HOUSE**

October 30  
10:30am - 1:00pm

### **SHOWCASE NIGHTS**

October 25, November 16, December 8  
6:30 - 8:30pm

## **SHADOW DAYS**

For 8<sup>th</sup> grade girls

Runs now through December 12

RSVP: [mvonderhaar@saintursula.org](mailto:mvonderhaar@saintursula.org) or (513) 961-3410 ext. 183

## **HIGH SCHOOL PLACEMENT TEST (HSPT)**

8<sup>th</sup> grade girls can take the test at SUA or have their scores sent from another test site.

To register: [www.saintursula.org](http://www.saintursula.org) , Click on the Admissions tab.

For more information about each of these events, please visit [www.saintursula.org](http://www.saintursula.org).

## **ATHLETICS**

### **Basketball**

**Please note the following basketball tryouts are different from what was posted in prior Parent Bulletins:**

**TRY-OUTS** will be held on Friday, October 28; Saturday, October 29; and Monday, October 31. On Friday evening everyone will meet from 5:30-7:30pm. On Saturday prospective varsity players will be invited to try-out from 9:00-11:00am. Reserve try-outs will be held from 11:00am-1:00pm.

Freshman try-outs will be held from 1:00-3:00pm. On Monday prospective Varsity players will be invited back for the final try-out session from 5:00-6:30pm and all others will continue try-outs from 6:30-8:00pm. Teams will be announced following try-outs on Monday, October 31, 2011.

### **Bowling**

**WARM-UP SESSIONS** will begin the week of October 31 (Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday from 3:30-5:30pm) and will be free to all bowlers in preparation for try-outs.

**TRY-OUTS** – begin on Friday, November 4 at 4:00pm and will continue on Monday and Tuesday, November 7 and 8. Try-out sessions will last approximately 2 hours each. Interested bowlers must attend try-outs each day to be considered for one of the two teams.

### **Swimming & Diving**

**DRY-LAND CONDITIONING** will be held 2 days a week beginning in early October and will continue through Thursday, November 3. Dry-land conditioning is currently being held on Monday and Wednesday on the Gym Mezzanine from 3:15-4:00pm.

**IN-WATER CONDITIONING/ TRY-OUTS** will begin on Friday, November 4.