

The St. Ursula Academy Parent Bulletin
Craig Maliborski, Principal
Week of September 5--September 11, 2011

Monday, September 5, 2011 LABOR DAY – NO SCHOOL

Tuesday, September 6, 2011 BLUE/95C

- Club Lunch: Anthropology, Library Book, Astronomy, Yoga
- 5:00-7:00pm Diversity Committee Meeting

Wednesday, September 7, 2011 BLUE/95B

- Club Lunch: Classics Music Society, Senior Book, Harry Potter, World Affairs, Vegetarian Club
- 12:45pm New Ambassador Training
- 4:00-6:00pm Fall Play Auditions
- 5:00pm Parent Meeting in Schott 106 for England/Scotland Trip

Thursday, September 8, 2011 BLUE/95D

- Club Lunch: Earth Club, Through the Lens, Culture Club, Life Club, Bridge
- 3:05-4:00pm New Ambassador Training
- 3:15pm Make-up Test Day
- 4:00-6:00pm Fall Play Auditions

Friday, September 9, 2011 BLUE/95A

- Honor Society Lunch: French, Latin, Spanish
- 4:00-6:30pm Fall Play Call-backs
- 7:00-10:00pm SUA Fall Mixer in the Schott Convocation Center

Saturday, September 10, 2011

- 8:00am-1:00pm Fine Arts Super Saturday

Sunday, September 11, 2011

NOTES FROM THE PRINCIPAL

It was great to see so many of you on Tuesday evening for *Meet the Teacher Night*. One thing that I mentioned that evening was the Co-Curricular Fair, which was held on Wednesday. Each student received a co-curricular booklet that describes all of the student organizations, clubs, community service offerings and honor societies that are available at St. Ursula. Please encourage your daughter to get involved—but to also be selective in what they choose to do. We want (and need) your daughters to be active in our co-curricular programming; however, it is easy for our students to over-extend and over-commit. As parents, we do not need to make decisions for our daughters pertaining to their involvement in co-curriculars; however, we can provide insights and perspective that will help our daughters keep their lives in balance.

Congratulations to seniors Sophie Rupp and Claire Sheanshang for being presented the President's Volunteer Service Award Bronze Medal by the President's Council on Service and Civic Participation.

To receive this distinction, Sophie and Claire completed at least 100 hours of volunteer service last year. Sophie did an internship at the Greater Cincinnati World Affairs Council and worked through St. Vincent DePaul. Claire volunteered at Jewish Hospital.

Great job by SUA junior Sarah McGrath who is the 2011 national champion in 15-16 year old girls sub-advanced trampoline event. She placed first in the nation when she competed at the 2011 US Tumbling National Championship in Charleston, WV.

Congratulations to the newest 113 members of the Merician Chapter of the National Honor Society. These young women, who have demonstrated exemplary scholarship, leadership, service and character, were inducted into the NHS at a ceremony in the Schott Convocation Center on Sunday, August 28. Thank you to Ms. Marti Butz, the NHS moderator, for planning the ceremony.

For the latest information regarding the Archdiocesan visioning process for Catholic schools, please visit www.catholiccincinnati.org/education/lighting_the_way.

For the third consecutive year, St. Ursula will have a team walking in the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society's *Light the Night Walk* (Thursday, September 22 at Sawyer Point). St. Ursula Academy dedicates our team to all those who are battling or have battled leukemia and lymphoma. We especially remember Natalie Bradley, a graduate of the Class of 2009, who inspired our community with her courage. In honor of Natalie's talents as a drummer, we have named our team this year "SUA: The Beat Goes On..." We invite everyone to participate in the walk or make a donation. You can visit our team's donation page at <http://pages.lightthenight.org/soh/Cinci11/suathebeatgoeson>. Students will be registering soon—anyone who is registered and donates at least \$25 will receive a balloon on the night of the walk.

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FROM THE ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL

This Labor Day we pay tribute to the contributions that workers have made to the strength, prosperity, and well-being of our country. Let us also, as the family of St. Ursula, remember to say a prayer this weekend for the many who are out of work and the many who have long been seeking employment.

In the short time that we have been back to school, I am increasingly more aware of how very thoughtful the girls are of each other. They make friends, care for their friends, work with their friends, and *celebrate* with their friends. On any given day there is at least one table with cake or cupcakes or cookies with girls celebrating a friend's birthday. This is great camaraderie and lots of fun. And so, parents, I am asking you to just let the girls do as they always have and continue their *small* luncheon celebrations. Please do not send large orders of food, big sheet cakes, large flower bouquets, or singing jugglers to school for your daughter's celebration. It's really not appropriate and can get easily out of hand, as you might imagine. Also, food deliveries can jeopardize the contracts we have with our food vendors. Thanks for your understanding.

Mary Ann Meyer

Additions...

REQUIRED READING BOOKS for ALL ENGLISH CLASSES

The 1st semester required reading books for all English classes are available in the Dawg House.

Freshman

Honors – King – 12.00
CP – McKee – 20.00
CP – Egan – 12.00

Sophomore

Honors – Turner – 47.00
CP – Jones – 31.00
CP – Egan – 31.00
CP – Weiner – 41.00

Junior

CP – King – 40.00
CP – Turner – 38.00

Senior

CP – McKee – 76.00
CP – King – 59.00
CP – Egan – 51.00

The Dawg House accepts cash, checks (made payable to SUA), VISA, MasterCard, and Discover. We are open every day from 10:30am-1:30pm.

Mary Ann Middendorf
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LOAD LUNCH MONEY ON ID NUMBERS

Families may put money on their student's ID number to be used in both dining rooms at Saint Ursula Academy. There are two ways to manage these funds:

1. NEW this year! EZpay Online: <https://www.spsezpay.com/SPSEZpay/NT/Login.aspx?EC=232>
This link is also on our school's web site main page. You will need your student's ID number to create an account and manage the funds.
2. Bring in cash or a check (made out to Saint Ursula Academy) and load money on at any cash register during food service hours.

For questions about the EZpay system, please contact Casey Woycke at ext. 159.

BULLDOG BASH 2011- NEW DETAILS

Bulldog Bash is a big event at St. Ursula that celebrates the new additions to Saint Ursula's Hall of Fame! Held every few years, this fun event is a celebration of the success of our traditions and sportsmanship. Those in attendance get to hear what our former coaches and athletes have to say about their experience at SUA. Our celebrity guest speaker (XU's Chris Mack) and emcee (WCPO'S John Popovich) are also very entertaining. So come join us, support the newest Hall of Fame inductees, have great food and best of all, a great time! Bulldog Bash is scheduled for **September 24, 2011**.

New Pricing! We listened to your comments and ideas about the event and have made a few adjustments to make the event even better. This year, there are lower prices to attend the bash, making it easier for parents and daughters to attend! Students are \$15, Individual adults \$30, Couples \$50. Pricing includes a cocktail hour (each guest receives two drink/beverage tickets), dinner, and a great program.

So sign up today, come show your SUA spirit and wear your SUA Gold and Blue! The Bulldog Bash is right around the corner! Join other SUA friends and families and get a table together! You won't want to miss this fun event!

Hall of Fame inductees this year are volleyball alumnae Beth Gillming Kamen '04, Bryn Kehoe '04, and Beth Shelton '04. The 1993 Swimming and Diving State Champions and 2010 Field Hockey State Champions will receive Academy of Champions Honors at the event.

Tickets are on sale now for this great evening. Visit www.saintursula.org for more details and to order tickets. The Bulldog Bash is part of this year's Reunion Weekend events.

STUDY ABROAD OPPORTUNITIES

England/Scotland

Every year, Ms.Corder offers a travel opportunity that is open to the entire student body. The trip will take place in June of 2012. This year's destination will be England and Scotland! The itinerary includes London, Bath, Stonehenge, Stratford, York, and Edinburgh. During this exciting 11-day tour, the girls will see Big Ben and the Houses of Parliament, go to visit Buckingham Palace, see a theater performance in the evening and much more. Outside of London they will visit Shakespeare's birthplace in Stratford and continue on to Oxford to visit a college. In Scotland we will tour the castle of Edinburgh and Stirling, visit St. Andrews, and do a Ghost walk in the evening. If all of these great activities sound exciting and your daughter wants the experience of traveling abroad with her SUA friends, this will be a trip of a lifetime!

If your daughter missed the informational meeting- please advise her to stop by S106 to pick up the itinerary and price quote. The PARENT MEETING for the trip will be on Sept. 7th, at 5:00pm in S106. Please RSVP to ccorder@saintursula.org. Thanks!

ST. URSULA ACADEMY THEATER DEPARTMENT

Auditions for the Fall Play, *Radium Girls* by DW Gregory

Auditions for the fall play, *Radium Girls*, directed by Ms. Bryll, will take place on Wednesday, September 7 and Thursday, September 8 from 4:00-6:00pm. Inspired by a true story, *Radium Girls* traces the efforts of Grace Fryer, a dial painter, as she fights for her day in court. Her chief adversary is her former employer, Arthur Roeder, an idealistic man who cannot bring himself to believe that the same element that shrinks tumors could have anything to do with the terrifying rash of illnesses among his employees. As the case goes on, however, Grace finds herself battling not just with the U.S. Radium Corporation, but with her own family and friends, who fear that her campaign for justice will backfire. Called a "powerful" and "engrossing" drama by critics, *Radium Girls* offers a wry, unflinching look at the peculiarly American obsessions with health, wealth, and the commercialization of science. The cast for *Radium Girls* is 10 women & 5 men. The "audition material packet" is available on the theatre bulletin Call board outside of the theater. Ms. Hinkel will also be interviewing all girls who would like to work on the production crew of the show on September 7 & 8 at 3:30pm. We will need girls interested in working in all areas, props, costumes, lights, sound, house staff (ushers, refreshments), and stage management.

First Ever Super Saturday Workshop Day!! Saturday, September 10

This year the theatre and music departments will partner to offer a Super Saturday Workshop Day on **Saturday, September 10** from **8:00-1:00**. Students will choose from a variety of workshops led by area professionals in theatre, dance, and music. Workshops include Musical Theatre Dance 1 & Musical Theatre Dance 2 (taught by St. Ursula alumni and award winning choreographer, Maggie Perino), Pilates, basic Stage Make-up, Cold Readings (taught by Broadway performer, Teresa DeZarn), Improv: The Yes Experience (taught by award winning local actress Eileen Earnest), Auditioning for Musical Theatre (taught by award winning musical director & director, Mark Femia), Stage Combat, Costumes on a Budget, Percussion (taught by Cincinnati Symphony member and SCPA faculty member, John Gardner), Relaxation Techniques, Furnishing the stage with Props, Manipulating Mood with Sound, and others. For a \$20.00 registration fee participants can choose 3 of the 16 exciting workshops that are being offered. All students must pre-register for this event. Registration forms are available on the bulletin board in front of the theater and in the music department. Registration forms can be turned in to Ms. Bryll, Ms. Backherms, or Ms. Hinkel. The deadline for registration is September 6.

SET (St. Ursula Ensemble Theatre)

On Tuesday, August 23 we held the first SET meeting. We had 50 students interested in joining our organization. Students can still join SET (commitment forms are on the bulletin board outside the theater). All SET commitment forms and organization fees are due by September 6!

Cappies

The Cappies, "Critics and Awards Program," is a program through which high school theater and journalism students are trained as critics, attend shows at other schools, write reviews, and publish those reviews online at KYPost.com. At the end of the year all participants, both critics & performers attend a formal Gala at the Aronoff Center where the top productions, performers and critics receive awards.

On Monday, August 29, Ms. Hinkel had the first informational meeting with 22 interested students. We are looking for up to 9 ladies to form our 2011–2012 St. Ursula Academy Cappie Critic Team. If your daughter is interested in theatre or in writing we encourage them to submit a writing sample

(make sure it includes their name) to be considered for the team! For additional information on joining the Cappies team please contact Ms. Hinkel.

The St. Ursula Academy Cappies show will be the fall play "Radium Girls". On the Saturday, November 12 matinee performance high school Cappies critics from the Greater Cincinnati area will attend the show, write critics, and nominate outstanding elements of the production.

GUIDANCE

Students are assigned to a counselor by alpha split. If you have any questions or concerns, don't hesitate to contact your daughter's assigned counselor. Remember, we're here to help!

Freshmen and Sophomores

A - K Caroline Renneker, ext. 212 – crenneker@saintursula.org
L - Z Sara Utecht, ext. 127 – sutecht@saintursula.org

Juniors and Seniors

A - Ha Molly Roebker, ext. 188 – mroebker@saintursula.org
He - R Cathy Sherrick, ext. 189 – csherrick@saintursula.org
S - Z Lauren Williams, ext. 126 – lwilliams@saintursula.org

Karen Noe, ext. 192, Department Coordinator – knoe@saintursula.org

From the Desk of Mrs. Karen Noe, Guidance Department Coordinator:

Requesting "unofficial" copies of ACT and/or SAT standardized test scores

The Guidance Department is responsible for providing students' transcripts to colleges and universities. This includes "official" transcript requests for college and scholarship applications and the NCAA Clearinghouse. This also includes "unofficial" transcript requests for athletic coaches and scholarship organizations.

However, as each student has access to her standardized test scores through ACT and the College Board, it is the student's responsibility to provide "unofficial" copies of her standardized test scores when requested by an athletic coach. Students can access their test scores through ACT and the College Board, then simply provide a screen shot of her SAT/ACT website page to the requesting individual.

PLEASE REMEMBER that "official" standardized test scores must be sent directly from the testing agency to each college to which you will apply and also to the NCAA Clearinghouse. (Test scores ARE NOT included on your official SUA transcript.) Order them from www.collegeboard.com (SAT) or www.actstudent.org (ACT). Remember, it takes 3-5 weeks for the colleges to receive your test scores after you place an online order.

GUIDANCE DEPT. PROGRAMMING

Bereavement Group to be Offered

We are pleased to announce that Companions on a Journey Grief Support, Inc. (COJ) will begin to hold monthly meetings for St. Ursula students in any grade level who have experienced the loss of a

loved one. COJ is a social service organization which provides bereavement support and educational services for teens and adults. Currently, COJ is present in several other Cincinnati high schools, and we are proud to begin our partnership with them. Not only will lunch be provided for students at each session, but students will also partake in various activities and discussions to encourage healthy grieving.

If your daughter is interested in participating in COJ, we ask that you join us at the COJ Parent Information Night on Tuesday, September 13th, from 6:00–7:00pm. The meeting will take place in the Keller Student Center. We ask that you please RSVP to Sara Utecht (sutecht@saintursula.org) or Caroline Renneker (crenneker@saintursula.org), if you plan to attend the meeting.

SUA Freshman & Sophomore College Information Night

Please mark your calendar for Wednesday, September 28th, and plan to join us for an informative evening. The Freshmen & Sophomore College Information Night is intended for both parents and students. The program will run from 6:00-8:00pm in the East Wing of the Main Building. Information will be offered on the college search, building a resume, financial planning, and much more! Both St. Ursula staff and outside professionals will be presenting. We hope you can join us!

STANDARDIZED TESTING

EXPLORE Test for Freshmen on Sept. 13th

The EXPLORE is curriculum-based educational and career planning assessment for 8th and 9th graders that measures achievement in English, Math, Reading, and Science. It is a precursor to the PLAN test, the pre-ACT, which is given to all sophomores at SUA.

The EXPLORE will be administered on **Tuesday, September 13th**. There is no makeup day for the EXPLORE. Once results are in (usually in December), each student will receive a copy of her score report from her counselor. Scores will be a part of a student's permanent record at SUA, but will **NOT** be released to colleges. For more information, please read the attached flyer and visit the EXPLORE website: <http://www.actstudent.org/explore/>.

PLAN (for sophomores) & PSAT (for sophomores & juniors)

Sophomores will take the PLAN on Tuesday, September 13th. The PLAN is a practice test for the ACT and is administered to all 10th graders at SUA. There is no makeup day for the PLAN. Once results are in (usually in December), each student will receive a copy of her score report from her counselor. Scores will be a part of a student's permanent record at SUA, but will **NOT** be released to colleges.

The PSAT test, which is given to all 10th and 11th graders, will be administered on Wednesday, October 12th. The PSAT is a practice test for the SAT. There is no makeup day for the PSAT. The PSAT is a practice test for the 10th graders, but for 11th graders, the PSAT determines whether or not a student is recognized as a National Merit Semifinalist, National Merit Commended Student, National Achievement Semifinalist or National Hispanic Semifinalist. Like the PLAN, once results for the PSAT are in (usually in December), each student will receive a copy of her score report from her counselor. Scores will be a part of a student's permanent record at SUA, but will **NOT** be released to colleges.

****Please note: It is critical that students are present and on time to school on these testing dates: Tuesday, September 13th, for the PLAN & Wednesday, October 12th, for the PSAT.****

There are many ways to interpret PLAN and PSAT results. In general, the PLAN and PSAT are useful when considering what skills or content areas a student may wish to strengthen before taking the actual ACT or SAT. Students and parents will receive more information about interpreting and using results in the coming months. In the meantime, you may find helpful information on the ACT website (www.act.org) or the SAT website (www.collegeboard.com).

Free practice PSAT will be offered at SUA on Oct. 2, 12-4 p.m. for sophomores and juniors

Are you interested in taking a practice PSAT? If so, please mark your calendar for Sunday, October 2, 2011. Kaplan Test Prep is offering students the opportunity to take a **FREE practice PSAT** at St. Ursula on this day.