

**The St. Ursula Academy Parent Bulletin**  
**Craig Maliborski, Principal**  
**Week of October 3-9, 2011**

**Monday, October 3, 2011 GOLD/A**

- 7:45am Faculty Meeting
- 8:30am Start
- Freshmen: Class Mass
- Sophomores: Group Guidance
- Juniors: No Assigned Activities
- Seniors: ACRE Test
- 6:30-8:30pm Showcase Night

**Tuesday, October 4, 2011 BLUE/C**

- Club Lunch: Anthropology, Library Book, Astronomy, Yoga
- 6:00pm PAAD

**Wednesday, October 5, 2011 BLUE/B**

- 5<sup>th</sup> Bell 1: Images, Student Council, The Light, ISSE
- Club Lunch: Classical Music Society, Senior Book, Harry Potter, World Affairs, Vegetarian

**Thursday, October 6, 2011 BLUE/D**

- 5<sup>th</sup> Bell 2: Arts and Culture Association, Classics, SFA, The Crest, SOS
- Club Lunch: Earth, Through the Lens, Culture, Life, Bridge
- 6:30-8:00pm Juniors and Parents College Planning Night

**Friday, October 7, 2011 BLUE/A**

- Picture Retake Day
- 5<sup>th</sup> Bell 3: SOS Rookie, CSTAT, SET, GAA Board, Campus Ministry Council, SUAT
- Honor Society Lunch: French, Latin, Spanish

**Saturday, October 8, 2011**

**Sunday, October 9, 2011**

**NOTES FROM THE PRINCIPAL**

Congratulations to seniors **Kristin Swope** and **Dawn Thomas** who have been named **National Achievement Semifinalists** by the National Merit Scholarship Corporation. There were only 15 National Achievement Semifinalists named from high schools in Greater Cincinnati! Kristin and Dawn are two of 1,600 Black American high school students who now have the opportunity to compete for approximately 800 spring Achievement Scholarship awards. Good luck to Kristin and Dawn as they advance in the National Achievement Scholarship Competition!

Congratulations also to the 13 seniors who have been named **National Merit Commended Students** by the National Merit Scholarship Corporation. These students are among the top five percent of more than 1.5 million students whose score on the PSAT test last fall qualified them for this distinction. The thirteen students are: **Madison Andrews, Madeline D'Agostino, Chloe**

**Georgiades, Sarah Halmi, Emma Lancaster, Mackenzie Loesing, Megan McGrath, Kelli Miller, Margaret Perme, Sophie Rupp, Margaret Small, Kerry Ulm and Katelyn Vail.**

To date, the Class of 2012 has had 18 students recognized for outstanding achievement based on the PSAT qualifying score.

Another congratulations! The following students have earned membership in the National Junior Classical League Latin Honor Society. Members of this society are required to maintain an “A” average in their Latin courses, be a member in good standing of the National Junior Classical League and exemplify good citizenship. Congratulations to **Ellie Gillespie, Claire Goertemiller, Victoria Hodges, Cassie Hofmann, Nicole Hurwitz, Rachel McNeal, Onnie Middendorf, Nicole Porter, Bridget Reilly, Maria Sawma, Claire Sheanshang and Hannah Zink**. I would also like to recognize our former Latin teacher, Kathleen Quinn, and our current Latin teacher, Kathy Hammond, for their outstanding work with the Latin program.

Finally, thank you to all who supported the SUA team “The Beat Goes On...” for the Light the Night Walk last week. A large contingent of students and staff from SUA participated by creating awareness, educating others about leukemia and lymphoma (including many teachers and staff who wore “message” t-shirts last week), making headbands, buying t-shirts and, of course, walking! To date, our team has raised over \$6000 to help find a cure for leukemia and lymphoma. Thank you to everyone who helped!

### **Parent Resources and Seminars**

**Breaking Open the Word!** is a weekly immersion into the culture, context and community experience of the Gospel given by Mike Myers (B.A. Theology (X.U.), M.S.W. (U.C.)). Come hear the GOOD NEWS EXPLAINED in such an intimate and exciting exegesis that your prayer life and experience of Sunday worship will be changed forever! Tuesdays, beginning September 27, 6:30–7:45pm at St. Clement Parish School. ALL ADULTS WELCOME: Parents bringing their children for Faith Formation; High School and College students; RCIA candidates, sponsors and spouses; Empty Nesters and Retirees too. Call Mike Myers, 426-3290 for more information.

**Raising Responsible Children** Do you sometimes wonder if you are on the right track as a parent? If so, get support for what you do well, and learn how to raise likeable, responsible, and respectful children by attending, *“How Much is Enough? Learning When to Say ‘Yes’ and When to say ‘No’”*. This six session class begins October 6 from 7:00pm to 9:00pm at Corpus Christi Parish Center, 2014 Springdale Road. The fee is \$70.00 per person. For more information or to register, call Sandy Keiser at Catholic Charities, 241-7745.

Craig Maliborski

### **FROM THE ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL**

It is hard to believe that exams are less than two weeks away. I will remind students this weekend to be sure to complete all assignments and turn them in on-time before the term ends. If there is late work that needs to be attended to, students should contact the teacher to find out what they have missed and when the work needs to be completed.

Throughout next week and into exam week, please encourage your daughter to

- complete long term assignments early!

- speak to teachers regarding missing work or make-up work.
- get outside help from a teacher or peer tutor, if needed. It is not too late to benefit from extra help.

### **Short Takes**

The seniors have had two off campus lunch periods this year and both have been very successful. The girls have exercised great judgment in their driving and time allowances. Not one student was late for class on either lunch occasion. Off-campus lunch is a *privilege* and one that your daughters have earned by their responsible, mature behavior. The leadership and example that the seniors continue to show to the underclassmen is admirable and greatly appreciated!

Sophomores and juniors will take the PSAT (pre-SAT) on Oct. 12<sup>th</sup> during school hours. This PSAT is the qualifying test for National Merit consideration for all SUA Juniors!

Lunch time was overflowing with activity this past week as 16 or more clubs and honor societies gathered for meetings and event planning and all kinds of discussion topics. One of the gifts of the schedule this year is the wonderful opportunity for the girls to have a scheduled time to be involved in clubs of special interest to them. Not only is it a great socializing force for the girls, it is a wonderful compliment to their studies and academic life.

The photographer will be on campus for picture retakes on Friday, Oct. 7<sup>th</sup>. If your daughter missed Picture Day, please have her come prepared to have her picture taken on this day. If your daughter needs re-takes, she must bring her original picture package with her to give to the photographer. No student ids will be made from pictures taken on Make-up Picture Day.

Mary Ann Meyer

### **Additions...**

### **VISION FOR CATHOLIC SCHOOLS**

For the past several months, an effort has been underway to establish a common vision for the future of Catholic school education in the Archdiocese of Cincinnati. During the 2010-2011 school year, large amounts of data were collected on the current state of our Catholic schools. This data has been compiled in an initial Assessment Report that will be released to the public in early October. All are invited to attend a presentation in October regarding the vision. At each presentation, Dr. Jim Rigg, Superintendent of Catholic schools, will provide a summary of the key data regarding Catholic identity, academic excellence, demographics, finances, and other areas from this Assessment Report. The presentations will take place on the following dates:

Oct. 4: Chaminade-Julienne High School (6:00-7:30 PM)

Oct. 6: Roger Bacon High School (6:00-7:30 PM)

Oct. 11: Lehman High School (6:00-7:30 PM)

All are welcome to attend. Please visit [www.catholiccincinnati.org/education/lighting\\_the\\_way](http://www.catholiccincinnati.org/education/lighting_the_way) for more details.

## SUA ITALY 2012

We still have a few spaces available for the **SUA Italy 2012 experience!**

STUDENTS FROM ALL CLASSES AND PARENTS ARE INVITED TO JOIN US FOR THE TRIP.

Has your daughter dreamt about touring Italy someday? Well, here's her chance. Mr. Nicaise is sponsoring a trip Italy in June of 2012. The group will be traveling to Rome (including Vatican City), Florence, Assisi, Brescia (home of St. Angela Merici), and the archeological sites of Pompeii and Herculaneum. This educational and thrilling experience is sure to build a lifetime of memories for all.

Please email Kurt Nicaise at [knicaise@saintursula.org](mailto:knicaise@saintursula.org) for the itinerary and details.

## GUIDANCE DEPARTMENT UPDATE

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](mailto:crenneker@saintursula.org)  
L - Z Sara Utecht, ext. 127 – [sutecht@saintursula.org](mailto:sutecht@saintursula.org)

### Juniors and Seniors

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

Karen Noe, ext. 192, Department Coordinator – [knoe@saintursula.org](mailto:knoe@saintursula.org)

## STANDARDIZED TESTING

### REMINDER

**St. Ursula Academy Sophomores & Juniors will take the PSAT on Wednesday, October 12!**

**It is critical that you are present and on time to school that day!**

- The PSAT test, which is given to all 10<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup> graders, will be administered on Wednesday, October 12<sup>th</sup>.
- 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 10<sup>th</sup> graders, but for 11<sup>th</sup> 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.
- Once results for the PSAT are in (usually in December), each student will receive a copy of her score report.
- **Scores will be a part of a student's permanent record at SUA, but will NOT be released to colleges.**

## **Free practice PSAT**

**Are you interested in taking a FREE 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 Academy on Oct. 2.

**WHEN:** Sunday, Oct. 2

**TIME:** 12:00-4:00pm

**WHERE:** St. Ursula Academy Keller Student Center

**REGISTRATION:** <http://www.kaptest.com/enroll/PSAT/45206/events>

## **GUIDANCE DEPT. PROGRAMMING**

### **FRESHMEN/SOPHOMORES & PARENTS**

We would like to thank all freshman and sophomore parents and students who attended the 2<sup>nd</sup> annual Freshman, Sophomore, and Parent College Information Night Wednesday evening! It was wonderful to see you all. We hope the sessions enabled you and your daughters to begin thinking about the college process and that you were able to get many questions answered. If you have any further inquiries, please contact your daughter's assigned counselor.

### **FRESHMEN GROUP GUIDANCE SUMMARY – INTERNET SAFETY**

On Monday, Elizabeth Tull, a former SUA alumna and current attorney at the Legal Aid Society for Southwest Ohio, came to speak with freshmen during group Group Guidance. Ms. Tull's presentation covered internet safety, which is becoming an increasingly important topic to cover with our students as we prepare them for 21<sup>st</sup> century college and work worlds. In light of this informative presentation on safe usage of the internet, we encourage you to read the article from Case Western Reserve University's School of Medicine titled, "Hyper-texting and Hyper-Networking Pose New Health Risks for Teens." It provides insightful research on the dangers of excessive texting and internet usage during the teenage years. You can find the article by clicking on the following link.

"Hyper-texting and Hyper-Networking Pose New Health Risks for Teens":

<http://case.edu/medicus/breakingnews/scottfrankhypertextingandteenrisks.html>

We also encourage you and your daughter to check out the website [www.commonsense.org](http://www.commonsense.org), which offers practical advice to both teenagers and parents about staying safe online. While we know that social media sites can be fun virtual gathering places for young people, we must also acknowledge that these sites can pose real risks if not used responsibly.

### **SUA JUNIORS & PARENTS COLLEGE PLANNING NIGHT ON OCT. 6<sup>th</sup>!**

**WHO:** Juniors and Parents should make plans to attend!

**WHAT:** COLLEGE PLANNING NIGHT FOR JUNIORS AND PARENTS

**WHEN:** Thursday, October 6, 2011

**WHERE:** Keller Student Center

**TIME:** 6:30-8:00pm

## **THERE ARE 60+ COLLEGE REPS SCHEDULED TO VISIT SUA THIS FALL!**

Students should take advantage of this great opportunity to meet college representatives and better understand what colleges are looking for in prospective applicants! Students are encouraged to RSVP for college rep visits on Naviance. The college rep visits are always scheduled during lunch.

## **UPCOMING COLLEGE FAIRS**

### **CINCINNATI NATIONAL COLLEGE FAIR**

The National Association for College Admission Counseling (NACAC) and the Ohio Association for College Admission Counseling (OACAC) would like to invite [you](#) to the National College Fair coming to your area:

**Cincinnati National College Fair  
October 2, 2011  
1:00pm–4:00pm  
Duke Energy Center**

**PLEASE NOTE: There is a Bengals game on 10/2, the same day as the NACAC fair. Please allow extra time for traffic and parking. Expect that public parking for the college fair may cost \$20-\$25.**

### **CINCINNATI SUBURBAN COLLEGE FAIR**

WHEN: Wednesday, October 5

TIME: 6:30pm to 8:30pm

WHERE: Cincinnati Country Day School

### **2011 PERFORMING AND VISUAL ARTS COLLEGE FAIR**

WHEN: Tuesday, October 11

TIME: 7:00pm–9:00pm

WHERE: University of Cincinnati – Tangeman University Center

Student & Parents can view detailed information to help them prepare for this event through the *Guide to the Performing & Visual Arts Colleges*. Check out: <http://www.teenlife.com/2011PVAGuide>

## **EVENING PROGRAMS**

### **LEAP TEST PREP – Annual FREE ACT-SAT Prep Essentials Seminar**

WHEN: October 12th

TIME: 7:00pm

WHERE: Hope Church in Mason

REGISTER: <http://leaprogram.com/>

In this time of increasing college admission standards, LEAP will explain the in's and out's of the ACT and SAT tests. Learn the similarities and differences between the tests, which students can expect to do better on each test, how to register and the costs involved with testing, a suggested and effective time line for testing, what LEAP believes to be true about test prep and the LEAP test prep options.

### **WASHINGTON UNIVERSITY in St. Louis**

WHAT: Admission Information Session

WHEN: Tues., Oct. 4, 2011

TIME: 7:00pm-8:00pm

WHERE: Embassy Suites Cincinnati Northeast  
4554 Lake Forest Drive  
Blue Ash, Ohio  
RSVP: [www.admissions.wustl.edu](http://www.admissions.wustl.edu)

**DePaul University Regional Reception at St. Ursula on 10/4**

Discover everything DePaul and Chicago have to offer. Talk with an admission representative about the application process, financial aid, our array of academic programs, and the unique benefits of attending college at one of the country's most diverse universities.

For more information contact Nora Loftus at (800) 4DePaul, ext. 52921 or [nloftus@depaul.edu](mailto:nloftus@depaul.edu)

**Date:** Tuesday, October 04, 2011

**Time:** 7:00pm-9:00pm

**Location:** Keller Student Center  
St. Ursula Academy  
1339 East McMillan Street  
Cincinnati, OH 45206