

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

Monday, September 12, 2011 GOLD/A

- 7:45am Faculty Meeting
- 3:15pm Make-up Test Day

Tuesday, September 13, 2011 SPECIAL/C

- 8:00am Freshmen: EXPLORE Test in the Keller Center
Sophomores: PLAN Test in assigned rooms
Juniors and Seniors: Class C
- 3:00-4:00pm NHS Chapter Meeting

Wednesday, September 14, 2011 BLUE/B

- Intramural Lunch
- 6:00-7:30pm Parent Night in the Library

Thursday, September 15, 2011 BLUE/D

- Quarter 1 Midterm
- Intramural Lunch
- 6:30-8:00pm ES Juniors and Parents College Information Night

Friday, September 16, 2011 BLUE/A

- Intramural Lunch
- Boys Hope/Girls Hope Reconciliation Ceremony

Saturday, September 17, 2011

Sunday, September 18, 2011

- 12:00-4:00pm Senior College Application Marathon

NOTES FROM THE PRINCIPAL

I was actually relieved when I realized that September 11th would fall on a Sunday this year. I am thankful that your family will be able to spend the day together. It is important to realize that our teenage daughters have very limited, if any, memories of that day in 2001. At St. Ursula, we are doing a few activities to commemorate the events on 9/11. The US History students conducted interviews with their parents and will have the results posted at various locations around the campus for all students to experience. On Friday, September 9th and Monday, September 12th, there will be reflections and prayers offered over the PA that highlight the differences of those two days 10 years ago—a pre-9/11 vs. post-9/11 perspective. As is always the case, the Chapel is available for students for quiet prayer and reflection. It is difficult to anticipate how young adults will respond to the 9/11 ceremonies that will certainly dominate the TV stations this weekend. As adults, we *experienced* a whirlwind of feelings and emotions that day and the subsequent weeks. I found that writing the reflections have rekindled some of those emotions in myself. For our daughters, though, the knowledge and information that they have about 9/11 have come through sources other than their own personal experience. Talk with your daughters, answers their questions and pray for those who

suffered that day and continue to suffer. As always, if you are concerned about your daughter and feel that she needs some assistance, please contact her guidance counselor.

Light the Night Walk 2011

St. Ursula Academy will once again have a team for the Light the Night Walk (Thursday, Sept. 22nd at Sawyer Point) to help fight leukemia and lymphoma. Please support our team by visiting <http://pages.lightthenight.org/soh/Cinci11/suathebeatgoeson> and register to walk or make a donation. Even if you cannot attend the event that evening, you can make donation to our entire team or sponsor an individual team member. The Light the Night Walk is one of two outside charities that we will support with an all-school effort. Feel free to send our team's website link to anyone who may be interested.

Teacher Award

Congratulations to St. Ursula's design educator Alison Probst who was chosen as a winner in the 2011 Outstanding Educators Recognition Program by Cincy Magazine for her outstanding work with her students. Cincy selects the top 25 teachers in the region each year based on their commitment to their students, their skills, and their enthusiasm. We are proud to have her as part of our talented teaching staff.

Car Safety Reminders

We regularly remind students to remove all visible belongings from their cars when they are parked on campus; but, this is a good rule to follow regardless of where the car is parked. If someone is looking to break into a car, that person will most likely choose a car that has visible items on the seats or on the dashboard. When I talk with the girls about this, I explain to them that protecting their property is not just for their own sake, but for our community's sake as well. We do not want the streets surrounding St. Ursula to be easy targets for those in our community who look to engage in that type of activity. East Walnut Hills is one of the safest neighborhoods in District 2—and we all need to do our part to keep it that way. Go out and look at your daughter's car this weekend. If there are items visible from the outside of the vehicle, particularly electronics and accessories, have your daughter remove those items or conceal them within the car. It will save you from potentially having to pay your deductible—and will help to keep our neighborhood safe.

Craig Maliborski

FROM THE ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL

What I have loved most about school this year is walking around the campus and seeing the girls working together in labs, taking notes on their tablets, asking questions in a class, speaking a foreign language, sitting outside drawing, actively engaged with a speaker. These things remind me that we *are all learners, doers and teachers.*

It is hard to believe that the **MIDTERM** of the FIRST TERM is just days away, **Thursday, Sept 15th**. I want to remind everyone the school has a midterm failure policy which can be found on page 18 of the Student/Parent handbook. In short, any student with a failing grade at the midterm will be required to follow the procedures outlined in an Academic Assistance Plan. I will write the plan in consultation with the student's teacher and guidance counselor and communicate the plan to the girl's parents. The Academic Assistance Plan will include mandatory academic work sessions that will last a minimum of one week from the beginning of the Academic Assistance Plan. The mandatory work sessions will be held during the lunch bell and also after school. A student must attend one of the work sessions each day that she is on the Academic Assistance Plan. In addition to the work session

requirement, other required or suggested activities may be included in the plan, such as peer tutoring or tutoring with the classroom teacher. If a student is unable to raise her grade to a passing grade after two weeks of an Academic Assistance Plan, then she will be unable to participate in *any co-curricular activity* for the duration of the quarter. Co-curricular activities include participation in SUA athletic teams, clubs, student organizations, theater and music production, community service and all other student activities sponsored by SUA.

Following on the heels of midterm we have **Parent Teacher Conferences** which will be held this year on **Wednesday, Sept. 21** from **3:00–5:00pm and 6:00-8:00pm**. While we certainly welcome you, you also do not need to feel obligated to schedule a conference. The meetings will be held in the Schott building and in the east and west dining rooms (under the chapel. We will be using an Internet based appointment booking system from pick-a-time to coordinate the meeting times. The instructions and web link to schedule appointments will be emailed to you early next week.

Mary Ann Meyer

Additions...

SEPTEMBER 11, 2011 REMEMBRANCE

As September 11th is approaching, it is hard to believe that ten years ago our lives were changed forever. What astounds me more is many of our students and daughters have little recollection of it. For me the day played out in slow motion, and I can still remember every detail. I was picking up an iced tea at Coffee Please in Madeira. The radio was on and the staff was talking about something hitting one of the towers. Having spent a great deal of time in NYC, I thought one of the traffic helicopters had hit it. I quickly realized, instead, that it appeared to be the act of terrorism. It was an incredible notion, as I, an American, felt that this type of horrific act could never happen on our soil. Just like a child, my world felt scary and unsafe.

I went to work and then to Mass where my daughters were, and I hugged them like I never had before! Mac and I waited at the bus stop for our sons to come home. I had the overwhelming feeling to take my family and run and hide. Though I never thought that feeling would leave me, it has. My grown children do remember the day, and for those who do not, it is important to know that while it was a dark day in American history, it was and is a lesson in resilience, pride, stamina and great faith. We, as a nation and the SUA community, are driven to build a better world for those around us and for those living in terror around the world.

Let us never forget. God bless you and those who keep our nation safe.

In Angela Merici,

Lelia Keefe Kramer, '77

COMMUNITY SERVICE

Service Program Sign-Ups for Sophomores, Juniors, and Seniors

Starting September 12th at 3:00pm applications for Student Outreach Services and Bulldog Buddies service programs will be available. The deadline for application submission is September 16th. Student Outreach Services is an organization in which students can sign up to serve at one of 10 local agencies after school or on weekends. The Bulldog Buddies Program is an after school tutoring

program in which students go Monday through Thursday to 4 different schools to assist with after school programming. The applications are first come, first served and are accepted via e-mail to communityservice@saintursula.org. Any and all information about these 2 service opportunities can be found for students on Blackboard under the community service site.

For questions about Community Service, please contact Rachel Kemper at rkemper@saintursula.org or 961-3410 ext 168

Mission Collection

The biblical quote from Luke that states, "to whom much is given, much is expected" supports and motivates us to **extend our sense of community beyond our borders to those in most desperate need**. It is with this in mind that the Community Service Office coordinates the **Mission Collection**.

Every Advisory Meeting during 5th Bell beginning September 15th, we will collect monetary donations. We will be promoting one agency or project each month in a developing nation that will benefit from our donations. This is one of the small ways we can return our many blessings while helping instill in our young women a sense of solidarity with those in need. **As a goal for our students, we suggest \$5.00 per student for each agency we support**.

One hundred percent of the money we collect will go directly to those in need. During the month of September, we will be supporting Scholarship Esperanza. For more information, go to http://scholarshipesperanza.com/?page_id=2

For questions about Community Service, please contact Rachel Kemper at rkemper@saintursula.org or 961-3410 ext 168.

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

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

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

In the event you are unsure of how to view the list of those college/university reps who have scheduled a visit to our school, please see below:

- ~ Go to Naviance
- ~ Select the "Colleges" tab
- ~ On the right side of the page you will see a list of two to three of the most recent "Upcoming College Visits"
- ~ Select "View All Upcoming Visits". This will show you the complete list of colleges/universities that have scheduled visits.
- ~ To sign up to attend a visit, simply click on "Sign in".

UPCOMING COLLEGE FAIRS

NORTHERN KENTUCKY REGIONAL COLLEGE FAIR

WHEN: Tues., September 27

TIME: 6-8 p.m.

WHERE: Thomas More College – Connor Convocation Center

For more information, visit: thomasmore.edu/collegefair or contact Billy Sarge at billy.sarge@thomasmore.edu or 859-344-3332

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

1pm – 4pm

Duke Energy Center

CINCINNATI SUBURBAN COLLEGE FAIR (please see the attachment for a list of participating colleges & universities)

WHEN: Wednesday, October 5

TIME: 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.

WHERE: Cincinnati Country Day School

GUIDANCE DEPARTMENT 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 – 7:00 pm. 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 until 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!

SUA SENIORS – COLLEGE APPLICATION MARATHON

No RSVP required! Make plans to attend! You can work on your online college applications, consult with your guidance counselor, meet with “essay experts” that will be available to review your college essays and much more!

WHEN: Sunday, Sept. 18 & Sunday, Oct. 23

TIME: 12-4 p.m.

WHERE: Keller Student Center

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.

BULLDOG BASH 2011- COME AND BE PART OF THE FUN!

Bulldog Bash is a big event at St. Ursula that celebrates the new additions to Saint Ursula's Hall of Fame! 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.

It's a great time to get together with former and current SUA families to celebrate the success of our traditions and sportsmanship. As part of the planned events, guests will be inspired by our former coaches and athletes and their stories about SUA and beyond. 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.

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!

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.

ATHLETIC BOOSTERS

Thank you to all of the families who joined the Boosters for the 2011-2012 season. Members who joined at the Platinum Level will receive the SUA Booster Stadium Blanket the week of September 12th. The blankets will be distributed one day during the lunch period in the Keller Center. The SUA logo Power bands were distributed the night of meet the team. If you did not receive your gift at meet the team night, please contact the Athletic Department at 513-961-3410 #119.

The Athletic Boosters would like to invite everyone to join the St. Ursula Academy Boosters.

Platinum Level Booster - \$130.00

Member's supporting the Athletics program at the Platinum Level will receive:

1. A Booster Club car Decal
2. An SUA Logo Power band

3. Their name prominently displayed on a plaque at the front of the gym
4. An SUA Booster Stadium Blanket

Silver Level Boosters - \$50.00

Member's supporting the Athletics program at the Silver Level will receive:

1. A Booster Club car Decal
2. An SUA Logo Power band

Booster membership's applications can be found on our website

<http://www.saintursula.org/parents/parentorganizations/boosters.aspx>

Thank you in advance for your support.

MAGAZINE SALE

Please remember that **Friday, September 16th** is our **FINAL turn-in Day** for the Magazine Drive. All magazine orders can be turned in at the Keller Center during lunch.

Turn in Day Awards

- Every 2 orders earns a pack of CANDY
- Sell 5 or more orders and earn a choice of Gift Cards, (Skyline, Panera & Rave movie passes) or a Bluetooth Wireless Headset choice of a USB Desktop fan with LED light or a Propeller Alarm Clock!
- Each 5 additional orders sold will earn another one of the awards listed above
- **The TOP seller online each Turn-In day earns \$75.00**
- Any student who sells 6 orders and turn them in on any of the three Turn-in days will be entered in a special drawing to win a Kindle or \$125.00
- Any student who sells 6 orders will also be entered into the major drawing which will be held on the last turn in day for sports tickets to one of the following schools: Xavier, Moeller, LaSalle or Elder and \$75.00 spending money

All Athletes have to sell (3) magazine subscriptions

The School Goal is to have (8) magazine subscriptions per student.

ONLINE ORDERS GO TO

WWW.APHEARST.COM

SCHOOL CODE W04100

DAWGHOUSE

Did you know that all of the proceeds from the DawgHouse spirit wear shop support the St. Ursula scholarship fund? So each time you make a purchase, you are helping to support education at St. Ursula. The DawgHouse is open daily from 10:30am–1:30pm.