

FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK

Dear Friends,

October brings us the end of the first quarter, Homecoming, standardized testing and many other activities. It is also a month in which we especially honor our Blessed Mother. The school calendar is full in October!

I am really proud of our students. I see so many good qualities on display on a regular basis and that is a reflection of their parents. There is a sense of increased dedication to academics on campus along with a general striving for excellence in all areas of school life. I also notice a lot of "class" and respect for others when these students represent CHS. Parents, teachers and this community can really take pride in the students who attend Catholic High School.

Good schools are constantly setting goals and evaluating their programs as they seek the highest accreditation and excellence throughout. This is a "self-study" year at Catholic High and that involves the entire professional staff in the evaluative process.

We will host a committee of professionals in February of 2013 as the concluding activity in the renewal of our accreditation by Advanc Ed. (formerly SACS)

There will be four early dismissal days during the year to allow for work on this process. The first early dismissal day (12:30 dismissal) is Tuesday, October 4. Please note that these dates were published in the school calendar. (Other 12:30 dismissal days are: Nov. 3, Dec. 6, and Feb. 7) Our 2011 Homecoming week activities are listed in this newsletter. I must say that I was overwhelmed at the quality of the Catholic High Homecoming week activities as I took part in them last year. These activities are a great celebration of the history and traditions of our beloved school.

Best wishes to our CHS family for a great Homecoming and a big "thank you" to the parents, teachers and students who have worked so hard to make Homecoming 2011 very special.

A big Panther salute to senior Don de Mahy for earning the title of National Merit Semi-finalist. Congratulations to Don and his family for earning this special honor.

I conclude this month by again thanking everyone for their patience as we have adjusted to the traffic flow needs of our community. Thank you for all your prayers and your support. May God bless you and your family!

Yours in Christ,

Ray Simon, Principal

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PANTHER 21: ACADEMIC UPDATE

Mrs. Eugenie Segura, Academic Vice Principal

Wednesday, October 12, is Catholic High's annual fall test morning for high school students. During this time, four important standardized assessments will be administered. We ask that students be in attendance for all of these tests. Here is an overview of our fall test lineup.

Seniors will take ASVAB (Armed Services Vocational Aptitude Battery). This is a free career aptitude test that will provide students with information on various civilian and military occupations.

Juniors will take the PSAT/NMSQT assessment.

This is a pre-SAT test and the National Merit Scholarship qualifying test. Students will be prepped for the test with a week of practice within their English and math classes. When results are in, teachers of these classes will go over scores and selected questions for student improvement. Fees for this test have been added to tuition payments.

A number of juniors from New Iberia Senior High and Highland Baptist Christian School will also be taking the test on the CHS campus.

Sophomores will have an assessment that is new to CHS and new to College Board. ReadStep is a pre-PSAT test that checks to make sure students are on track for college success. College Board has

selected CHS as a field study site to see if this test is suitable for the 10th grade level. Scores on this test will not affect students' records, but we are excited to be a part of College Board's study. There is no fee for this test.

Freshmen will learn that it is never too early to begin practicing for the ACT. Sylvan Learning Center will administer a free practice ACT to our ninth graders. The company will score the test and provide a summary of areas for improvement.

SCIENCE AND SOCIAL STUDIES FAIR

Preparations for the annual CHS Science and Social Studies Fair are underway. All 6th and 7th grade students and 8th-12th grade students in honors math, honors social

studies, and honors science classes are required to enter the fair. Students must complete and submit an online preliminary category choice form, which can be found on the CHS Web site. A helpful handbook, project components, and due dates are also posted. Students can check with their teachers for more information.

We will be asking for volunteer judges soon. As we did a few years back, on the evening of the fair, we will have a Science and Social Studies Fair Awards Ceremony, and we will open the gym for family and friends to view projects before the awards.

CONGRATULATIONS

CHS Senior and
National Merit Semi-Finalist
DON de MAHY
*The CHS Community is
very proud of you!*

NEW IBERIA UNDER BALCONIES

On the evening of Saturday, October 29, the Iberia Preservation Alliance will sponsor *New Iberia Under the Balconies*, a series of live theatrical vignettes performed on the balconies of downtown businesses. The walk begins at The Shadows on the Teche and continues down Main Street where the strolling audience stops beneath balconies of various businesses to hear short performances from local dramatists. Catholic High will have its own students giving their rendition of "The Tell Tale Wallpaper," an original fusion of two well-known literary short stories—"The Tell Tale Heart" and "The Yellow Wallpaper." Introducing the performers and literary background will be senior Jonathan Armentor. Performers will be seniors JoLena Broussard and Albany Martin. The event is free to the public.

ACADEMIC HELP SERVICES ON CAMPUS

Catholic High offers many opportunities for students to receive academic help outside of the classroom. Contact the teacher in charge or the Guidance Department for more information.

ALL STUDENTS

- Every teacher of grade 4-12 has designated time to help students. Check with individual teachers for available times, generally before or after school.
- National Honor Society Members give homework and academic help for free from 7:15-7:45 in room 205, Monday-Friday, grades 4-12. Contact Linda Horton for more

information at 256-8940.

ELEMENTARY BUILDING

- Elementary teachers offer additional help for students in grades 4-5 for a small fee. Kelli Jordan and Michelle Bienvenu—Homework Help Monday, Wednesday, and Thursday 3:15-4:15; Kim Poirrier—Tutoring Monday through Thursday (as needed) 3:00 – 4:00.
- Linda and Al Horton provide a structured after school course in study skills for a fee: Grades 4-6, 3:15-5:30, Monday through Thursday.

MIDDLE SCHOOL BUILDING

- Monday through Thursday from 3:00-5:00, Penny LaPorte offers an organization, study skills, homework help course for grades 6-8, but some elementary students may attend. A monthly fee is charged. Although enrollment is filled as this time, contact Mrs. LaPorte to see when seats become available.
- Middle School Student Council members give peer homework and academic help for free from 7:15-7:45 Tuesdays mornings in the middle school wing room 504 for grades 6-8. Contact Tina Indest for more information.

PANTHER ATHLETICS UPDATE

Mrs. Jeri Beck, Director of Athletics

The fall athletic teams are in full swing and having strong seasons. Currently, the football team is ranked among the top 10 teams in Class 2A and has a 3-1 record. This week, CHS football takes on Notre Dame and we expect it to be one of the most memorable games in recent years. If you have not been to athletic events this fall, we encourage you to come out and cheer on the Panthers! Our volleyball team continues to play well in non-district matches. They currently have a 12-4 record as they prepare for district and are ranked among the state's elite. The Cross Country squad recently hosted the Sargent Memorial Invitational at Acadiana Park and continues to improve at each race. Our Swim team has been competing in several meets in Lafayette and Brandy Milliman has qualified for state. Our freshman, middle school and junior varsity teams have also made notable improvements this fall.

This has too been a productive month as a result of our supporters. We received a very generous donation from Streva Distributing Company, who provided CHS with a brand new LED scoreboard at Panther Stadium! In-kind donations for installation and materials were received from EP Breaux Electrical and Fluid Crane Construction. Many thanks to all who made it happen! In addition, our Panther Backers' recently purchased CHS a 6.5' x 20' cargo trailer for equipment. This investment will save our teams over the long haul, as we will not have to rent vehicles to carry equipment to

road games. On October 29, the Athletic Department will host its first annual Geaux Big Red Clay Shoot at Ed's Sporting Goods in Kaplan. This event will serve as a primary fundraiser for the following sports: Cheerleading, Dance Team, Boys and Girls Basketball, Boys and Girls Soccer, Softball, Track and Field & Volleyball. There is a brochure available in the "News" Section of the CHS website regarding costs and sponsorship opportunities. If you have questions, please contact me at jbeck@chspanthers.com or at the Athletic Office, 256-5216.

We hope to see you out there supporting our teams. Geaux Panthers!!

CATHOLIC HIGH: *MOVING FORWARD*

Mr. Jerry Reynolds, Development Director

The month of October will prove to be a very exciting one for the Development Office. On October 5, we will begin our Annual Academic Raffle. This event is our largest fundraiser benefiting Academic activities. There will be many incentives to participate. We hope to exceed our annual goal of \$50,000 and have each student sell at least one booklet of 10 tickets. Tickets will be sold for \$10 each and the grand prize is \$10,000. Students will receive their raffle packets during the first week of October. The raffle will conclude with a Family Fun Afternoon on Sunday, November 13th in the gym. The grand prize drawing will take place at this event. Be sure to wear your New Orleans Saints gear, as we will be able to watch the game on the big screen! On October 7th, the Admissions office will be hosting a "Feeder School Tailgate" for

students at St. Edward and Trinity Catholic schools from 6-7pm. Please welcome these future Panthers with open arms, as many of them will see our campus for the first time on this evening! Our office also is busy preparing for Homecoming week!

When I think of homecoming, I often think of it as a “coming-home” event. Many alumni and friends will be in attendance at events around campus. We will be hosting several events and honoring those from CHS, MCA and SPC whose graduation year ends in a 1 or 6. We will have two alumni receptions, the first after our 9:15 am All-School Mass on 10/13 in the library and on 10/14 at 5:30pm in the gym before homecoming football game. Our alumni keep the legacy and tradition of CHS alive, throughout the nation. Please be sure to thank them for their support and encourage their involvement in the life of Catholic High School. We also have started a new tradition of “Celebrity Alums” who will ride in the Thursday parade. Be on the lookout for these honored guests! Have a great month. Thank you in advance for your support of Catholic High School!

NEWS FROM THE MIDDLE

Mr. Charles Jaubert, Assistant Principal

We are officially off and running in St. Peter’s Hall! One of the best ways to enjoy school and make lasting friendships is to get involved with extracurricular activities. Whether it be sports, clubs, or academic competitions; the skills learned through participation are extremely valuable. Football, cross country, volleyball, dance team, and

cheerleaders are actively participating in the fall seasons. Our clubs are signing up interested students; try one, maybe Science Club, or Math Counts, Quiz Bowl, Campus Ministry, 4-H? Don’t forget about band, if you passed on it this year then I ask that you carefully consider it for next year. There are some exciting lessons going on in the Panther band room. Academically qualified students can join the Beta Club. **The bottom line is to get involved!** You can even get involved as a fan, the sports schedules are uploaded on the calendar at www.chspanthers.com. Get out and support our Middle School Panthers!

October 7th is the last day of the First Quarter. The second quarter will see the Social Studies and Science fairs on December 5, 2011. All 6th graders participate in the Social Studies Fair and all 7th graders participate in the Science Fair. The teachers use a specifically designed outline to break up the material into manageable portions. Each part has its own due date and its own grade. Please join in and assist with this worthwhile educational endeavor.

One of the cornerstones of St. Peter’s Hall is our Character Education program. Once a week, our teachers present a creative lesson on building character. Some of the topics we will cover this year are Bullying, Self-Image, Becoming a Leader, Choosing Good Television Programs, Goal setting, and Saying No to Drugs and Alcohol. Please take the time to ask your kids each week about what was discussed in character education, this is a great opener for some in depth discussion at home. We are major participants in Red Ribbon Week. This is an Anti-Drug, Tobacco, and Alcohol program celebrated state-wide. Please watch out for a listing of activities as we celebrate Red Ribbon week at Catholic High between October 21 – 28. As always, if you have any questions or concerns

about Middle School please do not hesitate to contact me at 337-256-5265 or at cjaubert@chspanthers.com.

MINISTRY and RELIGION NEWS

Mrs. Julie Romero, Campus Minister

October is Respect Life Month. We are called as a family of faith to pray, reflect, and renew our commitment to respect and defend human life. Human life, from the moment of conception to natural death, is a sacred gift from God, our Creator. We must respect the dignity of all humans. We are all created in His image; we are children of God. May we encourage our children to respect one another as brothers and sisters in Christ. Please see adjacent list of upcoming ministry events!

Congratulations to Lucy Lissard's sixth and seventh grade students for their recent donation to "Partners in Evangelism", in honor of those who lost love one's on 9/11/11. Their donations also will help send subscriptions of The Word Among Us to U.S. Service Men and Women in foreign countries or those recovering from injury or trauma in hospitals.

On September 22, our fourth grade and senior students met their "Buddies". These students will sit together at mass for our all school mass on September 29.

UPCOMING MINISTRY EVENTS

10/7 - First Friday Adoration - Parents and guests are welcome to spend time with the Blessed Sacrament

10/8 - 10/10 - Kairos Retreat - 42 juniors and seniors will be attending the Kairos Retreat. Please keep the retreatants and the retreat team in your prayers as they grow in their relationship with God.

10/13 - Homecoming Mass - Alumni parents of seniors are invited to serve as gift bearers and readers with their senior child for Mass. MCA Alumni and New Iberia Mayor, Hilda Curry, will be our guest speaker after the Mass.

10/18 - PAW Night (High School) - Praise and Worship night in the Chapel for all high school students. 6:30 - 7:30. Junior Alive Team will be hosting this night.

10/24 - 6th Grade Retreat - 6th graders will attend their annual class retreat at Our Lady of Prompt Succor Church in Coteau. Lunch and snacks will be provided. Students are allowed to dress casual for the day. Parents and guests are invited to join us for Mass at 9am.

TECHNOLOGY BITS AND BYTES

Mrs. Erin Henry, Technology Director

With the first quarter nearing its end, I know our parents and students will be anxious to log in to ParentsWeb and check grades. Therefore, I would like to take this opportunity to remind everyone of a few important items regarding ParentsWeb accounts:

We have a ParentsWeb Frequently Asked Questions section on our website to provide fast and easy directions for account set up at http://www.chspanthers.com/About_Us/parentsweb_faq.html. It is linked from our homepage under ParentsWeb → FAQ. Please take a moment to consult the FAQ should you have any questions regarding ParentsWeb prior to contacting the school directly.

All you need to get started with ParentsWeb is an email address. For accuracy purposes, we prefer that you submit this information via email to renweb@chspanthers.com. It is all too easy to misinterpret handwriting or misunderstand a phone conversation and enter an email address incorrectly. This can result in some confusion for parents and students. All parents and students should use their individual logins.

We have had a handful of reports regarding improper altering or deletion of parent email addresses. We advise against allowing students to log in using your parent account. In addition, parents have access to family financial information that students do not.

Thank you in advance for working cooperatively with us to insure appropriate and proper usage of our technology services. Also, thank you for your

The Arts at Catholic High School

Catholic High will be represented in this year's "Visions of World Peace" exhibit at the State Capitol in Baton Rouge. Drawings by Albony Martin and Monique Broussard and a poem by Molli Kern have been selected for the exhibition, which will be on display in the rotunda of the capitol during October. Catholic High's participation in this year's celebration was facilitated by junior, Brandy Milliman, a member of the Louisiana Legislature Youth Advisory Council for 2011.

<http://www.louisianaworldpeaceday.org/>



support of Domino's Pizza night on September 28. 10% of proceeds from this evening will benefit technology advancement and allow us to manage our improvement and upgrade costs.

STUDENT ACTIVITIES UPDATE

Mrs. Tonya Danos Viator, Dean of Students

Homecoming 2011 is right around the corner and Catholic High has a variety of events planned to celebrate this special time of the school year.

Festivities begin with the 3rd Annual Homecoming Olympics Tuesday, October 11th at 6:30 p.m. in Panther Stadium. Everyone is invited to come out and watch students and faculty compete for gold in events such as the pyramid water balloon toss, sack race, and hula hoop contest. Price of admission is \$1.00. Concessions will be sold. The Manther volleyball game that features juniors against seniors will be held Wednesday, October 12th following the Lady Panthers vs. Iota varsity volleyball game in the gym. Admission to the Manther volleyball game is \$1.00. The Senior Bar-B-Que will follow the Manther volleyball game in the breezeway near the cafeteria.

Events on Thursday, October 13th begin with an all-school mass at 9:15 a.m. followed by an alumni and guest reception in the library. The Homecoming Parade will kick off the evening events at 6 p.m. as we celebrate throughout the streets of New Iberia. The annual Powder Puff flag football game will follow in Panther Stadium at approximately 7:30

"TAME THE TIGERS" CATHOLIC HIGH HOMECOMING 2011

Monday, October 10th, 2011

Dress Day — Carnival clowns

Tuesday, October 11th, 2011

Dress Day — Wacky Tacky

Volleyball vs. West St. Mary • 4 p.m. (f/jv/v)

Homeroom Door Decoration Contest • 8 a.m.

Homecoming Olympics • 6:30 p.m. in Panther Stadium

\$1.00 admission, Concessions available

Wednesday, October 12th, 2011

Dress Day — Red and White Day

Manther Volleyball Game • 6 p.m. in the gym

Senior Bar-B-Que • 7 p.m. in front of the cafeteria

Thursday, October 13th, 2011

All-School Mass/Reception • 9:15 a.m. CHS gym

Faculty Porch Party • 4 p.m. in the Admin Building

Homecoming Parade • 6 p.m. Line up on Bank St. entrance

Powder Puff Game • 7:30 p.m. in Panther Stadium

Friday, October 14th, 2011

Dress Day — Homecoming T-shirt and jeans

Homecoming Pep Rally • noon in the gym

Alumni/Court Pre-game reception • 5:30 p.m.

CHS gym

Homecoming Game vs. Jeanerette, 7 p.m.

Panther Stadium

Saturday, October 15th, 2011

Homecoming Dance • 8 p.m. to Midnight in the gym

Court presentation & senior father/daughter dance

• 8:45 p.m. in the gym

Additional information available at:

http://www.chspanthers.com/Alumni/Participate/homecoming_2011.html

p.m. The Price of admission to the Powder Puff game is \$1.00. Concessions will also be sold.

The Homecoming Pep Rally will begin at noon on Friday, October 14th in the gym. Dismissal for all grades will follow the pep rally at 1 p.m. Kickoff of the Panther vs. Jeanerette Tiger football game is set for 7 p.m. with court presentation and the crowning of the 2011 Homecoming Queen at halftime. The alumni reception is scheduled for 5:30 p.m. in the gym. Homecoming

Festivities will conclude Saturday, October 15th at 8 p.m. with the Homecoming Dance. The Homecoming Court will be presented at the dance at 8:45 p.m. with the senior/father dance following the presentation. The dance will conclude at midnight. Tickets for the dance are \$20 per couple and \$12 per single ticket. Ticket must be purchased in advance. Ticket sales conclude Wednesday, October 5th at 3:00 p.m. All money collected from admission to the Homecoming Olympics, Panther Volleyball game and Powder Puff game will be donated to Catholic Charities.

PARADE INFORMATION

Anyone interested in entering a float into the Homecoming Parade must submit all paperwork by Wednesday, October 5th at 3:00 p.m. Any senior wishing to enter a golf cart must turn in an entry form and permission slip by Wednesday, October 5th at 3:00 p.m. All students wishing to ride in the parade must turn in a permission slip by this date as well. Entry forms and permission slips are available online on the CHS website and on campus

in the main office. If float and golf cart entry forms as well as permission slips are not submitted by deadline, students will not be allowed to participate in the parade.

HOMECOMING T-SHIRTS

Homecoming T-Shirts are available for \$16.00. The deadline to turn in a Homecoming t-shirt order form is Friday, September 30th at 3:00 p.m. Orders will be placed Monday, October 3rd, so late orders will not be accepted. **Order forms or available on the CHS website, as well as in campus in the main office.** Each student was given an order form last week at school. Please visit the alumni section of the CHS website if you would like to view the t-shirt design.

HAVE A GREAT OCTOBER, PANTHERS!!!

All newsletter submissions were received from faculty and staff members at CHS. If you know of any news or student accomplishments worthy of recognition, please contact Jerry Reynolds in the Development Office at jerry.reynolds@chspanthers.com

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