



CATHOLIC HIGH PRINCIPAL'S NEWSLETTER

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INTRODUCTION

We're already in Week 13 of the School Year! (That's past the one-third mark). It's incredible how time flies. After a busy Homecoming and another Friday night marred by rain, we're heading into the home stretch of our fall sports and looking forward to the infusion of new technology into the high school. Two big events are coming up—the Open House on Sunday, November 15th and Family Night where we draw the winning raffle ticket on November 18th. I hope you can join us for both of those events.

INFORMATION

1. We're in the home stretch for our Academic Raffle. We have offered an incentive to our students—if all students from a grade sell a book of raffle tickets, that grade will receive November 20th off of school, extending their Thanksgiving break. At this point, grades 4-8 are all still within reach. The raffle is a low-cost fundraiser whose proceeds benefit the school in many ways. For example, we're hoping to petition the Parents' Club for a projector and (large) electric screen for the gym.
2. Registration and re-registration will begin after Thanksgiving. Once the tuition and fee schedule is approved by the School Board on November 19th, the contract language can be finalized. We're hoping to offer all families who would like to re-register before December 31st a \$375 registration fee, as opposed to the \$400 amount which will apply to post-January 1 registrants. Our plan is to run everything from our website and the instructions will be posted on Parents Web.
3. Our Open House will take place on Sunday, November 15th. It will begin at 2:00 pm with a showcase of sorts in the gym. After that, tours will begin of the entire campus. While the day is designed for prospective parents and students, all current parents should feel welcome to attend. This is a great chance to meet all of our teachers and see all of our buildings. Please invite any prospective parents you know. The personal touch always makes a difference.
4. Last week, we were able to place new white boards in many high school classrooms in anticipation of the new technology which has been ordered. The new stimulus grant will provide each of the 16 core high school classrooms (science, math, social studies, English) with Promethean boards and student response systems. We're excited about the possibilities.
5. The 4th grade (Class of 2018) has selected St. Jude as its patron saint. The 5th grade (Class of 2017) has selected Padre Pio as its patron saint. These patron saints will follow the students as they progress

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through Catholic High. The idea originated a few years ago when we were selecting saints for the stained glass windows. The other patron saints:

- a. Class of 2016: St. Francis of Assisi
 - b. Class of 2015: St. Joan of Arc
 - c. Class of 2014: St. John Baptiste de la Salle
 - d. Class of 2013: Sts. Peter and Paul
 - e. Class of 2012: St. Maximilian Kolbe
 - f. Class of 2011: St. Anthony of Padua
 - g. Class of 2010: St. Teresa of Avila
6. Red fleece jackets that can be worn inside classrooms are available at Iberia Sewing and Lipari's.
 7. This Friday's home football game against E.D. White is for a share of the district title. The football team will be going to the state playoffs. If we win on Friday night, the team will probably host a first-round game. If not, we'll be on the road. The volleyball team found out today that it has secured the #4 seed for the state tournament. We have a bye for the first round of the playoffs and should play a second-round game at home on Saturday or Monday nights. The Cross Country team will be competing for a district title on Tuesday, November 10th and for the state title on Monday, November 16th. Our coaches and athletes have done a great job this year. I hope you'll be able to come out and support their efforts.
 8. Winter sports are underway. Basketball and soccer have been practicing and working out in order to make this a very successful year. I look forward to seeing our athletes competing and representing Catholic High.
 9. Although the National Catholic Schools Week will be celebrated February 1-5, 2010, we will be celebrating Catholic Schools Week during the traditional last week of January. The theme this year is "Catholic Schools, Dividends for Life."

GOOD NEWS

1. The following were winners of the Fire Prevention Essay Contest:
 - a. 12th Grade Essay: Natalie DeRouen (1st place), Meredith Will (2nd).
 - b. 11th Grade Essay: Marie Hoag (1st), Mark Landry (2nd), Allison Talley (3rd).
 - c. 6th Grade Poster: Jon Segura (1st), Coco Sonnier (3rd).
 - d. 5th Grade Poster: Brandon Bouton (1st), Alexis Dartez (2nd), Madicyn Boudreaux (3rd).
2. Congratulations to our Homecoming Royalty:
 - a. Natalie DeRouen (Queen).

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- b. Raven Schexnayder (1st Maid).
 - c. Cassie Champagne (2nd Maid).
3. Please join me in congratulating Jeri Beck as our Employee of the Month! Jeri serves as our Multimedia teacher, webmaster, transportation coordinator, girls athletic director, head softball coach, and activities director.
4. Congratulations to our Students of the Month:
 - a. 4th grade: Ridge LeBlanc
 - b. 5th grade: Grace O'Brien
 - c. 6th grade: Adam Mannina
 - d. 7th grade: Blake Gonsoulin
 - e. 8th grade: Megan Bourg
 - f. 9th grade: Anthony Berry
 - g. 10th grade: Courtney Giroir
 - h. 11th grade: Katelyn Breaux
 - i. 12th grade: Micah Steiner
5. At the Lafayette Math Tournament held last month, the following students competed:
 - a. Lily Landry, Jacob Roane, Monique Broussard, Matthew Destouet, JoLena Broussard, Zach Beck, Phillip Mixon, Courtney Robichaux, Shanie Gachassin, Phillip Sandoz, Evan Hebert, Brodie Lejeune, and Jacob Primeaux
 - i. Jacob Primeaux won third place in his individual testing event.
 - ii. Monique Broussard and Evan Hebert won second place in group ciphering.
6. The varsity Quiz Bowl competed and finished second at the Diocesan Quiz Bowl tournament, renamed the Harris-Bouillioun Tournament after our beloved Mr. B.
7. The Junior Quiz Bowl team of Nicholas Badeaux, Florencia Scaglia, Aline Mullen, and Carter Pesson successfully completed the fall round of competition with some very competitive games against top notch competition even notching a couple of wins against Sacred Heart and ESA.
8. As part of Red Ribbon week, students in the Middle School were asked to write essays about avoiding the pitfalls of using drugs and alcohol. The winners in each grade:
 - a. 6th grade: Will Mullen
 - b. 7th grade: Morgan Rosamond
 - c. 8th grade: Callie Doucet
9. The Blake Dartez monument was dedicated on Thursday, October 22nd. The monument remembers the 19 people who have died as students or teachers while at Catholic High, Mount Carmel, or St. Peter's College. Nicole and Kippy Babineaux did a remarkable job with the monument itself. If you would like to see the monument, the Open House will be a great opportunity.
10. The Honor Roll for the 1st Quarter:
 - a. **Principal's Honor Roll (4.0)**

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- i. **4th Grade:** Logan Belaire, Chandler Bertinot, Britt Falterman, Matthew Fangue, Elliott Gauthier, Grace Herring, Mary Lissard, Madi Medver, Anna Pellerin, Giac Pham, Stevie Ridge, Sam Robichaux, Warner Simon, Patrick Viator
 - ii. **5th Grade:** Brandon Bouton, Avery Byrom, Nicholas Delcambre, Grace O'Brien, Stephen Russell
 - iii. **6th Grade:** Alise Aucoin, Nick Bellingham, Margaret Bourg, Emilie Gauthier, Alexandra Hebert, Maddy Hoag, Trele Jones, Jessica Indest, Courtney LeBlanc, Alex Mendoza, Will Mullen, T.J. Norris, Brittany Patout, Abby Romero, Karley Rockwell, Paige Stansbury, Edward Varnado, Nicholas Viator
 - iv. **7th Grade:** Andre' Bellefontaine, Jacques Bienvenu, Nicholas Bonin, Sarah Broussard, Anne Caffery, Maci Fremin, Taylor Guillory, Austin Lipari, Matt Lissard, Lanie Marcantel, Margaret Pellerin, Taylor Robichaux, Morgan Rosamond
 - v. **8th Grade:** Benjamin Armentor, Lauren de Mahy, Callie Doucet, Morgan Fangue, Carter Pesson, Jordy Russo, Florencia Scaglia, Phenicia Smith, Claire Stansbury
 - vi. **9th Grade:** Alexandra Badeaux, Aline Miguez, Phillip Mixon, Hale Trahan
 - vii. **10th Grade:** Jacob Berard, JoLena Broussard, Blake Byrom, Morgan Courville, Don de Mahy, Farrah Freeman, Alexis Guidry, Sydney Lahasky, Taylor Lahasky, Breanne Romero, Chayse Romero, Emily Taylor
 - viii. **11th Grade:** Taylor Fontenot, Marie Hoag, TJ LeBlanc, Jacob Martin, Angelle Patout, Ashley Poirrier, Allison Talley
 - ix. **12th Grade:** : Kristin Ball, Emily Broussard, Angele Bulliard, Natalie Derouen, Lauren Fuselier, Shanie Gachassin, Sara Gibson, Jacob Nelson, David O'Donnell, Dani Theriot, Meredith Will
- b. **First Honor Roll (3.7 – 3.99)**
- i. **4th Grade:** Caroline Romero, Kyle Romero, Emily Rosamond, Ashlee Semar, Dylan Menard, Madeline Lipari, Lukas Kim, Maggie Landry, Ridge LeBlanc, Jada Jester, Garrett Guiberteau, Taylor Fowler, Nic Fremin, Sarah Armentor, Kamryn Breaux, Rayni Borel, Caroline Degeyter, Kyrstin Jolet, Remi LeBlanc, Danielle LeCompte, Amielle Romero, Mykalya Narcisse, MaryElise Vige', Marie Resweber, Grace Snellgrove
 - ii. **5th Grade:** Macy Romero, Maddi Terradot, Chris White, Thomas Dean, Mary Beaulieu, Olivia Dubois, Jordan LeBlanc, Destinee Leger, Grace Landry, Samantha Dronet, Taylor Gonsoulin, Jacque Boudreaux, Victoria Vilcan, Sophie Simpson
 - iii. **6th Grade:** Leah Richard, Megan Mouton, Anne Patout, Riece LeBlanc, Jack Hymel, Ty Guillotte, Jeanne Crochet, Sarah Bourgeois, Jordan Miller, Adam Mannina, Wyatt Richthofen, Caleb Romero, Thomas Purdy
 - iv. **7th Grade:** Aaron Viator, Meredith Musso, Caroline Pellerin, Alexandra Landry, Mary Jaubert, Kaylon Gilbert, Zoe Ainsworth, Hailey Blanchard, Kalynn Dressel, Logan Fowler,

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- Ashton Crochet, Connor Hargrave, Courtland Parr, Ethan Poche, Lily Schwing, Paul Simon
- v. **8th Grade:** Morgan Lahasky, Aline Mullen, Joseph Dworaczyk, Gabe Fuselier, Taylor Gonsoulin, Joshua LeBlanc, Nykala Bell, Holli Comeaux, Reed Bellingham, Ashley Berard, Hannah Bienvenu, Riley Gonsoulin, Caroline Muffoletto, Devin Verret
- vi. **9th Grade:** Brandy Milliman, Lily Landry, Emily Halphen, Taylor Hebert, Jared Bullock, Josh Childers, Katelyn Freyou, Allyson Gary, Shelby Broussard, Jacob Daly, Katelyn Dean, Elliott Broussard, Anthony Berry, Chris Jeanlouis, Molli Kern, Rayner LeBlanc, Linzee LeJeune, Rachel LeMaire, Joe Lissard, Emily Reeves, Helana Smith, Maggie Smith, Mashaera Alexander
- vii. **10th Grade:** Albony Martin, Grant Nelson, Jacob Primeaux, Meghan Bellingham, Jonathan Armentor, Brittani Aucoin, Douglas Bazer, Peggy Allen, Monique Broussard, Peighton DuBose, Lexi Dauphinet, Miles Robicheaux, Haley Miller, Evan Hebert, Alaina St. Upery
- viii. **11th Grade:** Jeanne Switzer, Mark Landry, Mason Hebert, Ryan Durand, Shelby Kate Babineaux, Caitlin Breaux Justin Ardeneaux, Dawn Broussard, Angelo Drago, Blake Fleming, Rebecca Hoffpauir, Emily Landry, Brodie LeJeune, Joey Nelson, James Simon, Katherine Viator, Ty'Riana Wilson, Phil Sandoz
- ix. **12th Grade:** Michael Landry, Miles Landry, John Lassalle, Lyndi LeJeune, Lanie Lissard, Lanie Escurieux, Matthew Destouet, Brandon Boudreaux, Maxine Bourgeois, Alyssa Boyance, Alex Breaux, Courtney Berard, Cory Brodie, Adria Broussard, Andre' Adams, Nick Domingues, Cassie Champagne, Cherie Cox, Brooke Denaille, Alyssa Hernandez, Lauren Jolivette, Jessen Judice, Hannah McDonald, Emmi Perez, Rachel Mitchell, Beau Robichaux, Brady Rogers, Raven Schexnayder, Julien Stokes, Thomas Theriot
- c. **Second Honors (3.4 – 3.7)**
- i. **4th Grade:** Cade Thielen, Emily Viator, Madelyn Viator, Madeleine Morris, Peyton Smith, Cole Lipari, John Bordes, Zoe Gautreaux, Rhet Fauchaux, Tavia Fontenette, Kirsten Barrios, Jamie Bertrand, Jessica Allen, Laura Businelle, Stephanie Butler, Tiffany LeBlanc, Broc Romero
- ii. **5th Grade:** Heidi Miguez, Daniel Turner, Lanie Hebert, Taylor DeRouen, Thomas Gardner, Cole Laurents, Micah Holmes, Kathryn Gonsoulin, Alexa Maraist, Mollie Melancon, Jon Michael Judice, E'milie Labbe, Maddie Domingues, Brooke Bodin, Jacob Boudreaux, Harley Bayard, Lexi Voorhies
- iii. **6th Grade:** Jon Segura, Coco Sonnier, Victoria Roberts, William Olander, Zach Brown, Mimi Forsythe, Shelby Eskind, Jacob Comeaux, Sarah Cousin, Amy Mannina, Kolly Journet, Austin Judice, L.A. LeBlanc, Michael Tarantino

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- iv. **7th Grade:** David Romero, Katelyn Regard, Peyton Pharr, Justin Judice, Kelsey Castille, Gabi Boudreaux, Sam Breaux, Casey Dore, Blake Gonsoulin, Nick Bienvenu, Kaschia Benjamin, Jack Bordes, Dylan Dugas, Mac Duhe, Logan Breaux, Emily Delahoussaye, Parker Lopez, Austin Menard, Maria Musso
- v. **8th Grade:** Mallory O'brien, Nicholas Patout, Ridge Poirrier, Benjamin Delcambre, Megan Bourg, Nicholas M. Broussard, Emily Begnaud, Brailyn Jolivette, Bryce Rodriguez, Bria Landry, Courtney Norris, Samantha Trail
- vi. **9th Grade:** Helen Poe, Krislyn Pontiff, Caitlin Mercier, Katelyn Guilbeau, JT Gibson, Zach Beck, Holden Broussard, London Crochet, Andrew Girouard, Dustin Romero, Lizzie Shensky, Zach Suit, Kera Varnado
- vii. **10th Grade:** Drew Hebert, Oliver Larroque, Alexandra Lemoine, Laura Johnson, Melissa Pesson, Courtney Giroir, Rhett Gonsoulin, Brooke Bryant, Kelbi Bienvenu, Paul Breaux, Lance Bonvillain, Lacie Esteve, Jack Cousin, Avery Bernard, Jacob Roane, Lindsay Miller, Kolby LeBlanc, Zack LeJeune, Christen Hebert, Ryan Hebert, Caroline Hulin
- viii. **11th Grade:** Devin Francis, Colby Dupuy, Corinne Falterman, Tori Boudreaux, Devin Boutte, Ian Bordes, Ramsey Breaux, Rebecca Elias, Josh Huval, Alayna Hebert, Alyssa Mannina, Morgann Leleux, Taylor LeBlanc, Natalie Musso, Shaquell Rideaux, Cody Romero, Justin Sonnier
- ix. **12th Grade:** Halee Snellgrove, Morgan Richard, Stephen Vilcan, Brittany Whatley, Lexi Pecot, Dylan Pellerin, Lexi Irene Landry, Brennan Kenner, Ashley Hulin, Kyle East, Taylor Firmin, Alex Donaldson, Thomas Caffery, Dylan Breaux, Lexi Duplantis, Brooke Comeaux, Justin Garcia, Aaron Johnson, Ross Landry, Hannah LeMaire, Kathryn Resweber, Jed Segura, Christian Viator, Micah Steiner

RESOURCES

1. Erin Henry has developed and launched a new prayer resource for our community called CompassionNet. If you go to <http://chspanthers.com/compassionnet/> you will find an online prayer board for sharing prayer intentions and prayers with fellow members of the Catholic High community.
2. Jamie Nelson-Hebert is developing a web directory of Catholic High businesses. The thought is that if you, a Catholic High parent, wanted to find a service provider such as a dentist or a plumber, you might want to check out the Catholic High e-Business directory in order to support our supporters. This month, our business supporters will receive information about participating in the directory and then we'll be ready to launch the link from our main website.
3. Roger Broussard photography has an online catalog of pictures from Catholic High events. You can view the pix and even order online: <http://www.rogerbroussardphotography.photoherald.com/>

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4. Last week, two sisters from the Dominican Sisters of Mary, Mother of the Eucharist visited several classes as part of their visitation of New Iberia. The sisters are experiencing a vocation crisis—that is, they are receiving lots of new vocations! Their website is www.sistersofmary.org
5. Last week, the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops released a “bulletin resource” to every Catholic parish designed to clarify the American Bishops’ stance on supporting health care reform but not at the cost of promoting abortion. Here’s the link to the press release: <http://www.usccb.org/comm/archives/2009/09-218.shtml>

REQUESTS

1. Please take heed of your lunch bill. Sandra Lancon, our Cafeteria Manager, will be sending out bills soon and asks you to take care of those bills ASAP.
2. Julie Romero, our 9th grade religion teacher and frosh retreat director, is spearheading an effort to create Thanksgiving baskets for the needy. She is asking for donations of nonperishable food items.
3. During inclement weather, parents in the car line are asked to take special precautions to ensure our students’ safety. Please be careful!
4. Supervision of students on campus is available from 7:15-3:30. Please make sure your students are not dropped off earlier and make sure they are picked up by 3:30.

UPCOMING EVENTS

1. We are still planning to offer the H1N1 vaccination (swine flu) once it becomes available. We will send home a permission form in advance of the day of vaccinations and no student will be administered the vaccine without parental permission.
2. We are planning to participate in the Acadiana Spelling Bee in the spring. There will be three divisions: grades 3-4, grades 5-6, and grades 7-8. We will need to select our school winners in each grade division by February 21st. We hope to plan a school spelling bee around the first of the year.
3. The Senior Beta Club will be attending the district competition in Kaplan on Monday, November 9th. Travis Guillory and two others will be competing in oratory (Travis qualified for nationals last year) as well as a team of quiz bowl competitors and two people in spelling.

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4. Elementary tailgating was postponed last week and has been moved to this Friday, November 6th, from 5-6:15 pm before our home football game vs. E.D. White.
5. The retreat team from Our Lady of Wisdom will be on campus on Saturday, November 14th for their third and final retreat for the Middle School as they direct the 6th grade retreat.
6. Over 70 8th graders will be making the trip to New Orleans which is departing at 5 am on Sunday November 8th. Fr. Justin from Notre Dame Parish will be accompanying the group and con-celebrating the morning liturgy at the Cathedral. The 8th graders will be spending the night in New Orleans and returning Monday night.
7. The seniors will be travelling to Hammond, Louisiana, for the Renaissance Festival on Tuesday, November 17th. This trip is the start of their unit on the Renaissance and Middle Ages and concludes in May as the seniors offer a Renaissance Festival to the 4th and 5th graders (as well as the 3rd graders from St. Edward's).
8. Raffle Night/Family Night on Wednesday, November 18th. The night is free and features the Andy Smith band, free food, and a \$10,000 winner!

CONCLUSION

I thought October was busy! Writing this letter reminded me of how many events we have coming up in November. The school year is going great and there is certainly a lot of positives to celebrate. I hope you are able to join us at Open House, Family Night, and on a few other occasions. With your support, this can be a great year!

Dr. Tim Uhl

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