



CHAMINADE-MADONNA COLLEGE PREPARATORY

A Catholic School in the Marianist Tradition

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OFFICIAL NOTICES

WELCOME to the Class of 2014! We hope that this monthly newsletter will keep you informed of important policies and events as you prepare for next year. The school calendar for the upcoming two months, enclosed with each month's Excellence, will list numerous activities to which you are invited; we look forward to your involvement in our school.

EMAIL NOTIFICATIONS Parents, it is imperative that the main office has updated information on your email addresses, home addresses, and telephones. C-M relies on email communication for time-sensitive disbursement of information.

INCOMING FRESHMEN Placement exams for students currently taking high school courses during the eighth grade will be held on **Saturday, May 1**, as follows: **Algebra I**, 9:00-10:00 A.M.; **Geometry**, 10:10-11:10 A.M.; and **French**, 11:20-12:20 P.M. Registration forms for these tests were submitted as part of the incoming freshmen registration process. The following **acceleration courses** are available during the summer to incoming freshmen: Computer Applications 1, Personal Fitness, Music Appreciation, and Guitar/Bass Guitar. Registration for **acceleration courses** must be completed by May 24, 2010. Please call Mrs. Carol Manzella, ext. 136, for a registration form.

SCHOOL UNIFORMS FOR 2010-2011 For your convenience, most of your child's uniform can be purchased in our school bookstore. New this year, the bookstore is now selling both girls and boys' uniform shoes at a cost of \$48.00 plus tax. Uniform "bottoms" (slacks/skorts) must be purchased at Sunshine School Uniforms, which will mail out information in the upcoming months.

TUITION DISCOUNTS/FINANCIAL AID In order to receive any tuition discount(s) for which you may qualify, you *must* submit all of the required documentation to the Finance Office by May 28. The deadline for TADS applications for the 2010-2011 school year was April 16, 2010. Any current student whose application was received after April 16 may not be considered for any financial assistance award.

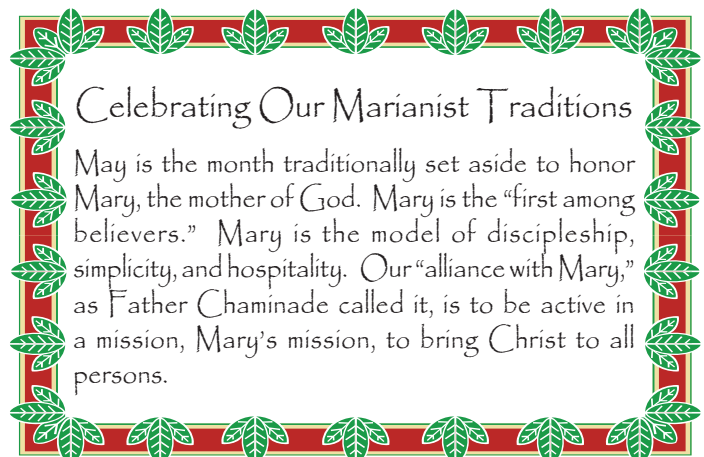
BUS TRANSPORTATION forms for 2010-2011 are available in the main office. All students riding the bus must register or reregister for the new school year.

PARENTS OF SENIORS A letter from the Principal outlining all of the year-end activities for the Class of 2010 is enclosed with this month's Excellence. Be sure to mark your calendars and help us bid our seniors a fond farewell as they finish their last month of high school.

CONGRATULATIONS to all students who attained Principal's Honors, First Honors, and Second Honors for the third quarter of the school year. Please visit the school website to view the honor roll lists.

ADVANCED PLACEMENT EXAMS will take place May 3-14. AP fees were included with the April tuition statement at a cost of \$86.00 per exam. Any student who does not take the AP exam will not receive credit for the AP course.

SEMESTER EXAMS Semester exams for seniors will be administered as follows: Wednesday, May 12, Periods 1, 2, and 3; Thursday, May 13, Periods 4, 5, and 6; and Friday, May 14, Periods 7 and 8. Any senior who earned an A (90 or better) average in both the third and fourth quarters may be exempt from the exam. Seniors will test during the regular school day from 8:00 A.M. to 2:45 P.M. Seniors must report for their first exam and may not leave school until completing their last exam each day. **Semester exams for underclassmen** will be administered as follows: Tuesday, June 1, Periods 6, 7, and 8; Wednesday, June 2, Periods 3, 4, and 5; and Thursday, June 3, Periods 1 and 2. For underclassmen, each exam period will be one hour and fifteen minutes long with a fifteen-minute break between. The first exam of each day starts at 8:00 A.M. Students will finish at 12:15 P.M. on Tuesday and Wednesday, and 10:45 A.M. on Thursday. **Students with past due accounts will not be allowed to take semester exams.**



HOME AND SCHOOL ASSOCIATION has begun planning for this year's Teacher Appreciation Week (May 3-7). To donate your time, talent, or treasure, please contact Susan Farinhas at susanfarinhas@comcast.net.

COURSE FAILURES Students who fail a course for the year will be notified by telephone on Monday, June 7. It is also strongly recommended that students who receive a "D" attend Summer School and remediate the course with the hope of receiving a higher grade to improve their GPA.

YEAR-END TEXTBOOK procedures for Grades 9, 10, and 11 will be mailed out with next month's mailing. Please take time to read this letter, as **all books must be turned in to the bookstore by the last day of exams.**

C-M SUMMER SCHOOL DATES All remedial and acceleration courses will start Monday, June 14, and conclude Friday, July 16. There will be no classes on July 5 in observance of Independence Day. Students must remediate any course that they failed this year in order to be eligible to return to C-M next year. Students can remediate only 2.0 credits. Registration for all Summer School remediation courses will take place on Wednesday, June 9, in the Guidance Office. We hope to offer the following **Acceleration Courses**: Computer Applications 1, Personal Fitness, Weight Training, Team Sports, Music Appreciation, Life Management, and Guitar/Bass Guitar. Only two acceleration courses can be taken per day. Registration for acceleration courses must be made prior to May 24. Registration forms are available in the Guidance Office. **ANY ABSENCE FROM REMEDIAL OR ACCELERATION COURSES MAY CAUSE CREDIT TO BE WITHHELD.**

SERVICE LEARNING requirement, 20 hours per year, 80 hours cumulative, must be completed to receive the Chaminade-Madonna diploma, final report card, and official transcripts. Stop by the Service Learning Office for information about service opportunities in our community. Please be reminded that service learning hours are now on the report card and are updated each grading period. If you have any questions regarding your child's hours, please email Mrs. Echemendia at rechemendia@cmlions.org.

CLASS OF 2011 SENIOR PORTRAITS Senior yearbook photos for the Class of 2011 will be taken by Bryn-Alan Studios. Students will be notified ahead of time. Bryn-Alan will mail an appointment card to each student's home address. Retakes will be taken over the summer.

ALUMNI BRICK PROJECT Looking for a timeless gift to give your special graduate? Permanently etch your child's name and graduating class year on a brick in the Alumni Walkway, an area of the school dedicated to C-M alumni. The cost is \$125.00, but senior parents who order by June 30 can purchase a brick at a discounted price of \$100.00. Call Ms. Koebel at 954-989-5150, at ext. 117.

ANNUAL FUND contributions are important and make a difference. Pledges are due by June 30, 2010.

IN THE WORLD OF ATHLETICS

SPORTS SCHEDULE for the month of May is not included with this mailing, as spring sports are now in the playoffs. For information on game times and dates, visit the school website. Under the Parent Information section of the website, our school's Calendar of Events can be viewed.

ATHLETIC PHYSICALS C-M will host athletic physicals for the 2010-11 school year on Saturday, May 15, at 8:00 A.M. in the gym. Having an athletic physical on file is **MANDATORY** by the FHSAA in order to compete or practice in any athletic program (including summer workouts). In order to attend the physical, student-athletes must bring \$20.00 (cash or check), a parent/guardian with ID, and a copy of their insurance card. Physical forms may be picked up in the main office or downloaded from the website. For questions, call our Athletic Trainer, Mr. Steven Emery, at ext. 135, or email him at semery@cmlions.org.

SPRING SPORTS AWARDS CEREMONY will be held Monday, May 17, at 7:00 P.M. in the gym. Bring the family and help us recognize our student-athletes!

C-M SUMMER SPORTS PROGRAMS Information on this summer's baseball program and other sports programs will be posted on the website. Please visit our website periodically for updated information on all school events.

COLLEGE CORNER

SENIORS A final transcript must be sent to the college/university each senior plans to attend. Ms. Fisher will visit senior theology classes to get your college preference. If students change their decision, they must notify the College Placement Office so the final transcript can be sent to the appropriate college/university in June. Happy Graduation!

JUNIORS Begin your college search now. Register for the June 5 SAT by April 29. Reps from several colleges including Florida Gulf Coast University, USF, FAU, and West Point will be visiting campus to meet with junior students and parents beginning May 13. Students need to sign up in Guidance; parents are also invited to attend. Visit our website for information on all aspects of the college search process and summer educational opportunities.

Mark Your Calendar . . . for these important summer dates!

July

- 2 Summer Skills Program Ends
- 5 **NO CLASSES** - Independence Day
- 16 Summer School Ends (Remedial/Acceleration)

First Day of School: August 23, 2010