



CHAMINADE-MADONNA

COLLEGE PREPARATORY

A Catholic School in the Marianist Tradition

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OFFICIAL NOTICES

PARENT/STUDENT HANDBOOK Students received their Student Handbook & Calendar their first day of school. It is also available online under Parent Information. This handbook should be read by both parents and students; it is intended to furnish important information that pertains to successful school life. The acknowledgement form (page 41) is due back August 27, 2009. Students are encouraged to use the calendar section of the book to record their daily assignments in each class, thereby managing to be better organized and able to fulfill their scholastic obligations. We especially advise parents of ninth grade students to check that their child is doing this.

ATTENDANCE, TARDY, AND EARLY DISMISSAL POLICIES Please refer to page 12 of the Parent/Student Handbook for updates to these policies. So as not to interfere with the teaching and learning process, students who do not bring a note to leave school early for a doctor's appointment may only be paged to the office during the change of classes.

ACADEMICS Edline, a secured web portal, is used to communicate academic progress. Faculty submit progress reports every Monday. Parents with internet access can log in to view their child's report. Parents of new students to C-M will receive a letter with detailed instructions and activation codes within the next several days. Parents who activated accounts last year can log in using the same username and password. In addition to weekly progress reports, academic status reports are distributed to students at the midterm of each quarter. Check the monthly school calendar for exact dates.

PARENT/TEACHER CONFERENCES The midterm meetings with teachers are scheduled for Thursday, September 24, from 5:00-7:00 P.M. Academic Status Reports will be distributed the day before. Parents should bring the Academic Status Reports with them to the conferences. A list of teacher locations will be distributed to those who need one. All parents are welcome to visit any or all of their children's teachers; however, parents of children who have received grades of a "D" or "F" are particularly encouraged to come speak with the teachers. Conferences must be limited to five minutes. Students are welcome to attend the conference with their parents; their presence may facilitate better communication about the nature of the problem.

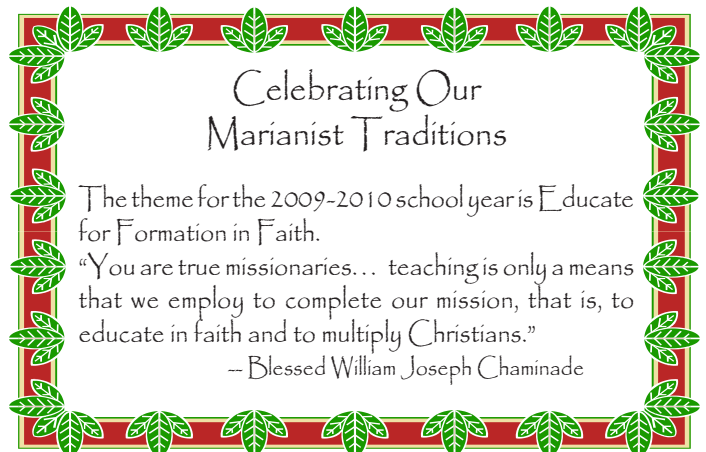
Counselors are assigned to students as follows:

Roggemann/Campbell Houses	Mrs. Kristi Tucker
Doyle/Danielle Houses	Bro. Kevin Whelan, S.M.
Grace House	Mr. Jim Harrington

FINANCIAL SERVICES Parents who elected monthly tuition installments are reminded that payments are due in our office on the first day of the month. Due to the volume of calls at this time of year, please consider emailing your questions to dmistelske@cmlions.org. We thank you for your patience!

SAFETY HOTLINE Please call the school's safety hotline at extension 411 to report to the administration any threat of violence.

OPENING SCHOOL LITURGY will be held 10:15 A.M. on Thursday, August 27, at Nativity Church. The Main Office will be closed from 10:15 A.M. to 11:30 A.M. The spiritual dimension that we offer our students is one of the unique aspects of our school. Though we are aware that not all of our students are Catholic, we feel that our liturgical events throughout the year can be understood and appreciated by those of all faiths. It is our hope that the students' personal faith will grow as a result of these experiences and that they will want to become more involved in their own faith development. It is for these reasons that we do require attendance at all liturgies. Students who have any uneasiness should express their concerns to Ms. Carol LaMont, Director of Campus Ministry, at ext. 119. **THERE ARE NO EARLY DISMISSALS ON LITURGY OR ASSEMBLY DAYS.** Parents are welcomed and encouraged to attend any and all assemblies/liturgies held at Nativity Church during the school year.



We will be celebrating **GRANDPARENTS** at our September 24th liturgy (see school website for further information and invitation).

UNDERCLASS PHOTOS will be taken on September 2 during the school day. Students must wear the regular school uniform for the photographs. These pictures are used for our yearbook. Further information regarding the date, prices, and packages will be forthcoming. Payment must be made at the time of the sitting.

JUNIOR RING SALE will take place during all lunches on September 30 and October 1. Juniors will receive order forms in their mentor groups in early September.

ENCOUNTER Recalled by many graduates as the most important experience of their C-M high school career, Encounter is held four times during the school year. The first Encounter will start after classes on September 14 and finish September 17. This retreat is an opportunity for juniors and seniors to come to a greater understanding of God, others, and themselves. All students are required to attend at least one Encounter before graduation. Juniors are given the opportunity to sign up for one Encounter that best fits their calendar. For information, contact Ms. Carol LaMont at ext. 119.

HOMECOMING WEEK will be the week of October 5-10. Events include specific dress-down days, skits, rallies, and "the game" against Somerset Academy. The Lions Roar will take place at 7:00 P.M. on Wednesday, October 7, in the gym (the Home & School Meeting will begin at 6:30 P.M. so that all can attend the Lions Roar). The Homecoming Dance will be held on October 10 from 8:00 P.M. to midnight in the Treetop Ballroom at Parrot Jungle Island in Miami Beach. Tickets are \$90.00. Parking is \$5.00 per car. The Homecoming Dance should not be thought of as a full prom. Parents are asked to discourage the renting of limousines and hotel rooms.

OFFICE DEPOT is *Taking Care of Education in 2009*. Every time students and families provide our school's 5% Back to School Program ID #70021648 when purchasing supplies at Office Depot, C-M receives credit equal to 5% of the qualifying purchases to use for **FREE SUPPLIES**.

GoodSearch.com, powered by YahooSearch.com, is an internet search engine with a unique social mission: to help fund charities and schools. You can contribute to C-M each time you search the internet. Follow these simple steps to begin contributing: (1) Go to www.goodsearch.com; (2) Enter Chaminade-Madonna in the "I'm supporting" box; and (3) Begin your search.

SERVICE LEARNING is an integral part of the C-M experience. Our service learning program is designed for students to develop appreciation for their blessings, an avenue to share their gifts and talents with the less fortunate, and a lifelong sense of service to the community. Each

student is required to perform 20 hours of service per year; failure to do so may forfeit enrollment for the following school year.

IN THE WORLD OF ATHLETICS

Be sure to check out the Sports Schedule enclosed with each month's Excellence. Any schedule changes can be found on the school website or by calling extension 444. **Go Lions!**

Congratulations to the C-M Dance Team! Our 24-member team attended a four day camp. The Lions received a superior rating for their performances during camp as well as an invitation to compete at Nationals in the spring. Seniors, Gabriella Del Pozzo and Sasha Morales, were honored with the All-American Award.

COLLEGE CORNER

Welcome Back! We have a busy fall planned for you with many college visits and the college fair the morning of November 5. Parents are encouraged to attend. On September 30 at 7:00 P.M. we will host an information session for parents, "High School Choices from the Perspective of UM's Director of Admissions, Dr. Ed Gillis." New for this year we have an on-line resource which will help in all phases of the college process, from choosing a college to SAT preparation through individualized, self-paced SAT tutoring. Stay tuned for further information.

Senior Deadlines!

Florida State University's priority application deadline is October 14; University of Florida and UM is November 1. For colleges with rolling admissions (UCF, USF, FGCU, etc.), the sooner you apply, the better your chances of acceptance.

Begin work now on essays, profiles, and any letters of recommendation you may need, getting them to teachers and counselors at least two weeks before the due date. Request transcripts from Mrs. Garcia and register on-line for fall SAT and ACT tests.

Mark Your Calendar . . . for these important dates!

November

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| 1 | Feed the Homeless |
| 4 | Home & School Meeting, Library, 7:00 P.M. |
| 5 | College Fair, 8:00-10:30 A.M., Gym |
| 6 | LATE START SCHEDULE,
Classes Start 9:00 A.M. |
| 7 | SAT at C-M |
| 11 | School Liturgy (No Early Dismissals),
Nativity Church, 10:15 A.M. |
| 12 | NOON DISMISSAL, Third Annual Walk-A-Thon |
| 14 | Open House, 2:00-5:00 P.M. |
| 17-19 | Antioch I |
| 18 | Academic Status Reports Distributed |
| 20-22 | Main Stage Production, Cafeteria |
| 25-29 | NO CLASSES, Thanksgiving Holiday
(Classes Resume 8:00 A.M. on November 30) |