



CHAMINADE-MADONNA COLLEGE PREPARATORY

A Catholic School in the Marianist Tradition

November 2009

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OFFICIAL NOTICES

ACCOUNT BALANCES Please ensure that your account balance is current by checking the enclosed statement. Please note that we are unable to release student report cards or permit students to complete semester exams unless your account is current. Parents with questions are encouraged to contact us by e-mail to dmistelske@cmlions.org or may leave a message for the Financial Services Office by dialing 954-989-5150, ext. 113, and your call will be returned within two business days.

SEMESTER EXAMS Semester exams for the first semester are scheduled for December 16, 17, and 18. Students will be dismissed at 12:15 P.M. on December 16 and 17, and at 10:45 A.M. on December 18. Remember, seniors with an A average in each of the first and second quarters are exempt from the semester exam in that course. Attendance during exam days is very important; students generally do better when taking exams on their scheduled dates. Any student who misses an exam is required to make it up on the designated makeup day and must pay a \$25.00 fee per exam. All makeup exams will be coordinated by Bro. George and given at 3:00 P.M. on Wednesday, January 6, 2010.

TUTORING If your child is having problems with course work, there is help available each day after school. Even though teachers are in their classrooms every day after school, students should make an appointment with them. The National Honor Society also has tutors available (call Mrs. Lauren Broeckelmann at ext. 143). Help is also available through the Spanish and French Honor Societies (call Ms. Pamela Peckham at ext. 156) and the Math Honor Society (call Ms. Antonia Ruiberriz at ext. 122).

EDLINE is an easy way for parents and students to monitor academic progress. Teachers are posting students' weekly academic reports every Monday. If you have not yet activated your account, please contact Mr. Keller at dkeller@cmlions.org and he will assist you in setting up your account.


CONGRATULATIONS to Alexandria Poitier who received special recognition as a Scholar in the National Achievement Scholarship Program.

EMERGENCY CONTACT INFORMATION Parents, please be sure that your child's emergency contact information is current by calling the main office with any changes you may have. The main office at Chaminade-Madonna will **not** release any student to any person who is not specifically designated as a temporary guardian by the student's parents. This can create major problems, especially if parents are unavailable and a student becomes ill. Please designate **two** relatives and/or close friends who can assist your child if he/she becomes ill. Also, if your child has a health issue that requires him/her to carry medication, or that teachers need to be aware of, a doctor's note stating the nature of the health issue and instructions in case of an emergency must be on file.

SERVICE LEARNING Parents, has your child begun his/her yearly Service Learning project? A minimum of 20 service hours is required of all C-M students per year. For any questions or service ideas, please encourage your child to see Mrs. Echemendia in the Service Learning Office or contact her by e-mail at rechemendia@cmlions.org. Also check the school web site, www.cmlions.org, for details.

EVERY FRIDAY the campus gates are locked at 3:00 P.M. Any students who have arrangements to work with teachers will be able to get in or out of the campus until 4:00 P.M. by walking through the main office.

JUNIOR RING CEREMONY will take place on Thursday, January 14, at Nativity Church. This evening is a celebration for our students, their families, and our entire school community. The families of all our juniors should make plans to attend.



Celebrating Our
Marianist Traditions

November 1 is All Saints Day and November 2 is All Souls Day. During this month let us remember our beatified Marianists: Blessed William Joseph Chaminade, Blessed Jakob Gapp, Blessed Carlos Erana, Blessed Fidel Fuidio, Blessed Jesus Hita, Blessed Miguel Leibar Garay, Blessed Sabino Ayastuy Errasti, Blessed Joaquín Ochoa Salazar, and Blessed Florencio Amaiz Cejudo.

SENIOR YEARBOOK WITH LOVE ADS Parents, this is your opportunity to give your child a lasting memoir of their high school years. "With Love" ad information was recently mailed home to all seniors. The ads can also be completed online via the homepage of the school web site.

SPRING SESSION FLORIDA COLLEGE TOUR TRIP Attention Juniors! Get on board the Florida College Tour Trip during Spring Session. Colleges to be visited include FGCU, USF, FSU, UF, and UCF. The trip culminates with a day at Islands of Adventure. The cost is \$560 and includes transportation, all meals, rooms, and a ticket to the park. Contact Ms. Garcia (bgarcia@cmlions.org) for more info.

BOOKSTORE Have you visited the NEWLY REMODELED bookstore? In its new location (right next door), the bookstore stocks a wide variety of clothing including uniform shirts, vests, sweaters, and ties. You can also purchase Friday "Spirit Day" polo shirts, house polo shirts, house t-shirts, school supplies, snacks, and much more. Hard to believe, but cold weather is on its way! Don't be left in the cold, purchase C-M cold weather outerwear today. You can place money on your child's Lions Express card and purchase a daily bus pass for \$8.50. Cash, checks, and all major credit cards are accepted. *All revenue generated by the bookstore goes toward financial aid.*

The Fine Arts Department is proud to present



FAME

"You want it? Well, fame costs. And right here is where you start paying."

"Right here" is the School of Performing Arts in NYC. In the play *Fame*, we follow the lives of several students who are on their journey to achieve fame. The tears and laughter come from their pain and talents as you leave the theatre inspired by their dreams. *Fame* will be presented on the Lion's Stage in the C-M Cafeteria on Friday and Saturday, November 20 and 21, at 7:00 P.M. and on Sunday, November 22, at 2:00 P.M. Admission is \$5.00.

IN THE WORLD OF ATHLETICS



Senior Nick Brown has been pre-season ranked #1 in the State of Florida 171 pound wrestling division. The wrestling team will be hosting a pre-season classic on November 12 at 4:00 P.M. *Go Lions!*

All winter sports schedules are now online at www.cmlions.org. Click on the Athletics page and visit your team for a complete listing.

COLLEGE CORNER

FAMILY CONNECTION Both parents and students in all grades now have their own Family Connection account. Account registration codes were emailed. If you did not receive yours, send a brief email to Mrs. Fisher, Director of College Placement, (lfisher@cmlions.org). Components of the program enhance all aspects of the college selection and application process, help you prepare for the SAT with adaptive on-line tutoring, allow you to keep a record of your high school activities and create a resume, and keep you up to date on events in the College Placement office. Connect to Family Connection through our cmlions.org website.

SENIORS Applications to all four-year public universities should be complete already, and private universities should be complete soon. Request transcripts through Family Connection or in the Guidance Office and don't forget to bring us a copy of your acceptance letters! Scholarships and financial aid will be the primary focus of the College Placement Office after Christmas with a parent's financial aid information session to be scheduled soon.

JUNIORS Most juniors should plan to take at least two SAT and/or ACT tests between January and June. Links and information are available on cmlions.org under Guidance/SAT and ACT Testing. Ideally, students should prepare for the tests through test prep classes or through Family Connection. A Junior Parent College Information night will be held in the spring.

ALL PARENTS The single most important factor in college admissions is GPA, especially in academic courses. Encourage your students to keep up the effort!

Mark Your Calendar . . . for these important events!

January

- 1-4 **NO CLASSES** Christmas Break
- 4 Faculty/Staff Workday
- 5 **CLASSES RESUME**, 8:00 A.M., Quarter III
- 6 Makeup Exams, 3:00 P.M.
- 8 **LATE START SCHEDULE** - Classes Start 9:00 A.M.
- 12 Honors Assembly, Nativity Church, 10:15 A.M.
- 12 Report Cards Mailed Home
- 14 Junior Class Ring Ceremony, Nativity, 7:00 P.M.
- 18 **NO CLASSES** - Martin Luther King, Jr. Day
- 22 Founders' Day Liturgy, Nativity Church, 10:15 A.M.
- 23 SAT at C-M, 8:00 A.M.
- 25 **NO CLASSES** - Father Chaminade Day
- 30 Entrance Exam, 7:45 A.M.
- 30 Founders Dinner Dance, Signature Grand, 7:00 P.M.

Save These Dates!

- March 20 Second Annual Parents' Gala and Auction
- May 20 Baccalaureate Mass and Graduation Ceremony, St. Bonaventure Church, 7:00 P.M.