



# CHAMINADE-MADONNA COLLEGE PREPARATORY

*A Catholic School in the Marianist Tradition*

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## OFFICIAL NOTICES

**TESTING DAY** for freshmen, sophomores, and juniors is Wednesday, October 14. Parents, please try to have your children well rested and well fed when they arrive at school to allow them to perform as well as possible on their test. **Freshmen, sophomores, and juniors** will take the Preliminary Scholastic Aptitude Test (PSAT). The test allows students to compare their ability to do college work with the ability of other college bound students. It also gives the student practice in taking the SAT or college board tests. For juniors it is also the test for the National Merit Scholarship Program. The **National Merit® Scholarship Program** is one of the most prestigious academic competitions for recognition and scholarships in the United States. The program is based on the scores earned by taking the PSAT/NMSQT® (Preliminary SAT/National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test). Students with the highest PSAT/NMSQT® Selection Index scores qualify for recognition in the National Merit® Scholarship Program.

**SENIORS WILL NOT HAVE CLASSES ON WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 14.** Seniors are invited, however, to attend a workshop on the college application process and college essay writing hosted by our College Placement Office. Attendance is not mandatory. The workshop will take place in the library from 8:00 A.M. to 11:00 A.M. Please contact Mrs. Linda Fisher, the Director of College Placement, at ext. 131, for more information.

**JUNIORS** are encouraged to take the SAT and/or ACT several times during the spring semester. They can improve their chances for success by participating in a test preparation program. New this year, the *Naviance Family Connection* website offers free test preparation tutoring. Links to this program, on-line registration for the SAT and ACT tests, and additional information are available in the Guidance page of C-M's website.

**ACADEMICS** The criteria for honor roll are as follows: Principal's Honors requires straight A's, First Honors requires a 3.7 GPA with no grade below a B, and Second Honors requires a 3.5 GPA with no grade below a B. Students who fail more than 2.0 credits during the year (the maximum number that can be retaken during the summer) may not return to Chaminade-Madonna for the following school year. Students who fail a remedial summer school class will not be permitted to return to Chaminade-Madonna.

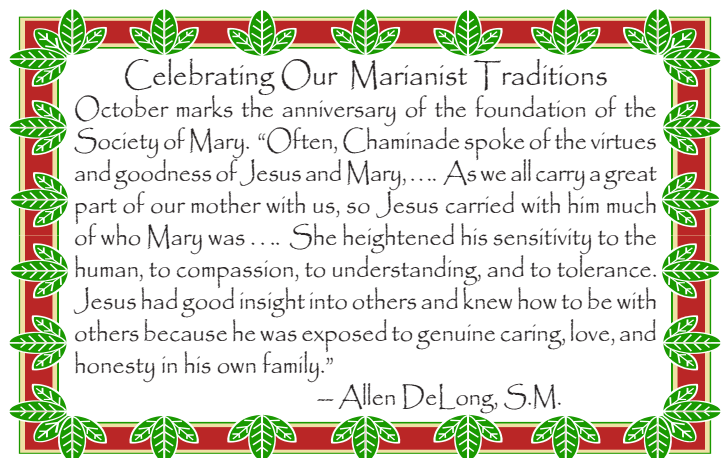
**TELEPHONE/ADDRESS CHANGE** Please be sure to notify the office any time you have a change of address, home phone, work phone, cell phone, or email address. It is imperative that we have updated records on file.

**GRADUATION** for the Class of 2010 will take place at 7:00 P.M., Thursday, May 20, 2010, at St. Bonaventure Church.

**SENIOR PAGES** Families of seniors may reserve a special place in the "With Love" section of the 2010 yearbook for best wishes and pictures. For more information, contact Mrs. Christine Wehnes, our Yearbook Moderator, at [cwehnes@cmlions.org](mailto:cwehnes@cmlions.org). Note: The final deadline for 2010 senior "With Love" ads is December 4. Details regarding preparation and cost of ads have been mailed to all senior families.

**SCHOOL ZONE SPEED LIMITS** For safety's sake, please drive slowly and cautiously as you approach Chaminade-Madonna, taking special note of the posted speed limits in the morning and at dismissal time. The Hollywood Police Department is closely monitoring the streets directly leading into C-M and Nativity School.

**PARKING** During the day, only students with a current parking decal may park in the student parking lot. Any car illegally parked may be towed. **The front of the school and the teacher's parking lots are off limits to students before and after school. Student drop off and pick up is to be in the front of the school (east side) only.** For everyone's safety, students should NOT be dropped off/picked up in either parking lot on West Chaminade Drive nor in the middle of the street. During school functions, parents are encouraged to park in the parking lot on the north side of the gym and not in the front circle area or on neighboring swales.



## IN THE WORLD OF ATHLETICS

Attention Lions fans! Admission to all regular season home games is \$5.00 and free to students with valid C-M ID. A variety of game/season passes are for sale. Visit the school website and click on Athletics/All Sports Booster Club for details.

## COLLEGE CORNER

Ms. Linda Fisher, Director of College Placement, will be working with the seniors to assist them in the college application process. Parents can call the College Placement Office at ext. 131 to schedule a conference or to ask a question. C-M students can now manage their college planning process online through *Naviance Family Connection*. Using a secured website, students can perform college and scholarship searches, keep track of college visits, compare their SAT and GPA data to students who have recently been accepted to a university, create a resume, practice for SAT tests, and more.

C-M College Fair will be held on Thursday, November 5, from 8:00-10:30 A.M. in the gym. Over 75 university reps will be present. Parents are welcomed to attend.

Parents and students should make sure they understand the admission and financial aid policies of the colleges and universities to which students plan to apply. Pay attention to deadlines, particularly FSU's priority deadline on October 14, and UF and UM on November 1. Apply on the university website for these and have the essays checked before they are submitted. Most of the other Florida colleges have rolling admissions and use the common FACTS.org website. Early applications increase your chances for acceptance, so don't delay.

### Mark Your Calendar . . . for these upcoming events!

(Updated October/November calendars are enclosed with this mailing.)

#### Saturday, November 7, 2009 at 6:30 P.M.

Mother/Son Dinner Dance

Father/Daughter Dinner Dance

#### Saturday, November 14, 2009 at 1:00 P.M.

#### OPEN HOUSE

Prospective students and families are invited.  
For information contact Mrs. Carol Manzella,  
at 954-989-5150, ext. 136.

#### December

- 2 Home & School Meeting, Library, 7:00 P.M.
- 4 **LATE START SCHEDULE**
- 5 SAT at C-M
- 6 Feed the Homeless, Cafeteria, 10:30 A.M.
- 8 School Liturgy, Nativity Church, 10:15 A.M.
- 10 Christmas Concert, Gym, 7:00 P.M.
- 16-18 Semester Exams
- 18 Last Day for Students / End of Quarter 2
- 19-31 **NO CLASSES** - Christmas Break, Classes  
Resume Tuesday, January 5, 2010

**TARDIES** Please remember tardies can really cost you. After the third tardy each semester, you will be charged \$10.00 each time your child is late to school. The cost can add up and is added to your tuition account each month. Help us teach responsibility and timeliness daily!

**HOMECOMING WEEK 2010** is the week of October 5. Many events are planned; information detailing the week's activities will be distributed to students the end of September and posted on the web.

**L.I.F.E.** ("Living In Faith Experience") is a program focused on young people sharing their lives in a God-centered environment. L.I.F.E. meets two Wednesdays each month at 7:30 P.M. in the chapel. All students are welcome.

**RETREATS** for this semester: Encounter II (for juniors and seniors) October 26-29 and Antioch (for freshmen and sophomores) November 17-19. *Encounter is a requirement for graduation.* Call Ms. LaMont at ext. 119 for information.

**EDLINE** Edline is an effective communication tool for parents to monitor academic progress. Teachers post updated quarterly grades every **Monday**. Students returning to C-M and their parents can continue to use their username and passwords from last year. New students and their parents were sent letters with their activation code and instructions on how to create the account. Activate your account today and begin experiencing the benefits of Edline.

The **HOME AND SCHOOL ASSOCIATION** has many exciting events planned for this year. Please check the website for upcoming events. If you have not made a donation to help support these events, you can still do so! Turn in your donation to the main office, attention Home & School, or leave any questions you may have at 954-989-5150, ext. 400, and your call will be returned by a member of the Board. *Thank you!*

**ALUMNI HALL OF FAME AWARDS DINNER** Starting at 5:30 P.M. on Saturday, October 24, the evening will begin with Mass at Nativity Church. A reserved area will be designated for our guests. After Mass, cocktails and dinner will be served in the C-M cafeteria. The cost is \$50.00 per person, children under 12 are \$20.00. The following graduates will be inducted into the 2009 Hall of Fame for their unconditional commitment to community, family, and school: William Hein '73, Julie Smith Lietaert '75, Mark S. Smith, '76, and Victoria Spadafora '84. The following students will also receive recognition for their outstanding service to the C-M community: Steven Betzing '11, Michael Serra-Jovenich '11, Aaron Van Scyoc '11, Blake Wilkins '11, Kelvin Fenelon '10, Chad Hazen '10, Jacquelyn Matamoros '10, and Alexandria Poitier '10. This year's recipients of the Alumni Appreciation Award are James Harrington and Kristi Tucker-Herrero. For information and reservations, contact Gina Varese at ext. 140 or visit the school website.