

# VERMILION CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL NEWSLETTER



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## PRINCIPAL

Greetings;

Welcome to the 2016-17 school year! This is the 50th year of operation. Vermilion Catholic opened its doors in October, 1967. I want to thank our parents and community for continuous and consistent support. As a faculty and staff we know we are truly blessed to work at Vermilion Catholic. Each year we commit to a theme for our faculty, students and community to rally around. We have selected "Together VC Strong", this seems to be a most appropriate theme, being the recent disaster of the floods. We truly came together to help each other in countless ways. I am so proud of everyone for doing so. I always encourage students to take part in both academic and extracurricular activities. Also, this year we offer Dual Enrollment courses for our students benefit. Again, I thank you for your involvement in school and your child's education.

Together VC Strong  
Michael Guilbeaux



## ADMINISTRATION

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## THEOLOGY

We began our school year with a Faculty Retreat given by Fr. Mark Miley of Holy Rosary Catholic Church in Kaplan. Fr. Miley spoke on the Year of Mercy and as teachers we have a responsibility to teach our students the value of mercy. We had opportunities to share our own experiences of God's mercy in our own lives. The morning concluded with a mass. What we didn't know was that soon we would be given an opportunity to practice mercy by helping our own VC family members recover from a natural disaster. We were grateful to Fr. Miley for his inspirational words that carried us through much of our service to others.

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## KEY DATES

**Sept 6 @ 6:30pm**  
Legacy Night @  
Vermilion Oaks

**Sept 7 @ 6:00pm**  
March for Life Meeting

**Sept 8 @ 6:00pm**  
Scholarship Dinner @  
VC Gym

**Sept 9**  
ACT

**Sept 12**  
Fall Photo Makeups

**Sept 16**  
Progress Report

**Sept 17**  
Dance Team Clinic

**Sept 19**  
Beta

# CURRICULUM

The 2016-17 school year is off to a great start! The entire staff has been very busy preparing for this school year. We want it to be a year filled with memorable learning experiences for all students.

Our Mission Statement reads as follows:

**VERMILION CATHOLIC ACTIVELY ENGAGES STUDENTS IN THE EDUCATIONAL PROCESS, WHICH IS ROOTED IN LEARNING AND SERVING CHRIST IN THE CATHOLIC TRADITION.**

One of the best ways to find success academically is to start the school year organized and plan your work carefully. The opening tests are usually a review so they are an opportunity to start with a positive grade. Also, completed homework assignments are points that can be useful in bringing up test grades.

Our teachers are very professional and will work with your student in their search to find success. Please check all teachers' class policy sheets because some of the teachers offer tutoring if your student is struggling in a particular subject, please contact either myself or the teacher.

Renweb is a very valuable tool for both students and parents. You should be able to access class objectives, homework, tests, and grades. Our hope is that every student starts off the school year successfully.

**REMINDER:** The Student/Parent Handbook contains valuable information that can quickly answer many questions. It is also on Renweb under Resource Documents. Please have your student review Uniform Requirements beginning on page 32. Also, our grooming requirements must be followed throughout the year. Boys must be clean shaven every day and hair **MUST** be above the eyebrows, over the ears, and above their shirt collar. Your cooperation in following these requirements is greatly appreciated!

If I can ever be of any help to you, please feel free to contact me. My email address is [christinedubois@vermillioncatholic.com](mailto:christinedubois@vermillioncatholic.com)

Yours in Education,  
Christine Dubois

# THEOLOGY (CONT)



On Wednesday August 20th a mass celebrated by Bishop Deshotel was cohosted with Mount Carmel for our school communities. Fr. Louie Richard, Fr. Michael Richard, Fr. Greg Cormier and Fr. Mark Miley concelebrated the mass. What a beautiful way to begin a school year!

Many freshmen and several seniors under the direction of Mrs. Ferne Leblanc staffed a Special Needs Retreat at St. Mary Magdalen Church. The day was filled with activities and

learning opportunities for the retreat recipients. This is an annual project for our freshmen class. Retreats are held for those with special needs in the fall and spring.



On the first Friday of the month we are providing Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament in the VC chapel. We would like to invite anyone who would like to come and spend some time with Jesus to visit our chapel on first Fridays. Adoration begins at 7:30am and ends at 2:30pm.

## GUIDANCE: FALL TESTING

Please mark your calendars for Wednesday, October 19th. We are asking that you do not schedule any appointments for your child on this day. All students in grades 9th -11th will be testing. Seniors will have a mentor day.

- Freshmen: Pre ACT
- Sophomores: Pre ACT
- Juniors: ASVAB
- Seniors: Mentor Day

COLLEGE FAIR:  
ON MONDAY,  
OCTOBER 17TH THE  
SENIORS WILL BE  
GOING TO  
BATON ROUGE  
FOR THE NATIONAL  
COLLEGE FAIR.

*VC will have visitors from various colleges throughout the school year.*

# GUIDANCE

Welcome back!

## **LUCK IS WHERE... PREPARATION MEETS OPPORTUNITY**

If you have visited my office you have seen the above words on my bulletin board. We at Vermilion Catholic are here to prepare your child for the future. We are striving in and out of the classroom to educate, guide and equip each student with the skills necessary for success beyond high school. I truly believe that if you are prepared you will have good fortune (luck) in life. The key is to be prepared so when the opportunities arise you are destined for success.

I have many educational resources in my office available to students on daily living topics such as, organizational skills, time management, stress management and etc. Please visit my office if you feel that you could benefit from reviewing the material.

Also, available in my office is information on the various colleges, universities and vocational colleges in our area, state and outside our state. Please take the time to review the information. We will have visitors from various colleges throughout the school year. I encourage students and parents to use this time to find out all of the answers to the questions you might have about life after high school.

## **Eagle Family Advisor Groups:**

\*The first Eagle Family Group will be held on Wednesday, September 7th.

The Advisor/Advisee system was developed by the staff as one of the essential principles of VC. It is a comprehensive support system for students, parents, and staff. Each student is assigned to an advisee group with a faculty member as the advisor. Groups were randomly assigned by grade level. The advisor program brings together a diverse group of students with a caring adult. Advisors will support the spiritual, social, emotional, and academic growth of each advisee by building and sustaining relationships with advisees, parents, and community. Advisors nurture, advocate for, and guide each advisee through his/her unique school experience. Eagle Families will meet approximately once a month. For more information on Eagle Families, please contact Cheryl Landry.

## **SENIORS:**

**Seniors** this is a very important year for you.

I will be emailing important information to you and your parents in regards to scholarships, college visits and deadlines for applications. **PLEASE** check your email often. If you are not receiving emails from the school, please stop by my office to give me your email address.

## **TOPS & FINANCIAL AID**

Stop by the counseling office or call to get any information about TOPS. I have TOPS bulletins and worksheets and FAFSA ([www.fafsa.ed.gov](http://www.fafsa.ed.gov)) pamphlets.

**REMEMBER** – TOPS eligibility begins during your child's FRESHMAN year. It is NEVER too early to begin striving for TOPS eligibility.

**GUIDANCE:**

**Vermilion Catholic's Composite ACT Scores  
surpass the state and national average**

Vermilion Catholic is pleased to announce the results of the recent ACT Profile Report for the 2016 Graduating Class. The ACT (American College Testing) is a test used by educators to measure student performance in the context of college readiness. Vermilion Catholic's composite school scores were above those of the state and nation. College admission offices use ACT scores for admission purposes. ACT scores are also used in Louisiana for TOPS, and scores are used for other scholarship opportunities. The average ACT composite score for the 2016 graduating class reported in the recent ACT profile report was 19.5 for the state, 20.8 for the nation, and 21.2 for Vermilion Catholic High School. The ACT Profile Report contains information in regards to benchmark scores. The benchmark scores reported are the minimum scores needed on the ACT subject-area test to indicate a 50% chance of obtaining a B or higher or about a 75% chance of obtaining a C or higher for the college level corresponding course. Benchmark scores are reported in four areas: English, Math, Reading and Science. Vermilion Catholic's percent of students ready for college-level coursework who met all four ACT benchmark scores (as reported in the ACT Profile Report) was 21%, for the state 16%, and for the nation 26%.

**ACT Prep Suggestions:**

- Take full length practice test using time constraint for the test. Practice!
- Know that just a couple of questions can make a difference in your score.
- If you are going to guess for an answer pick a letter of the day to guess and use the same letter all day.
- Use a program to help you prepare. Actstudent.org offers test prep for free



How do I register?

register online at  
[www.actstudent.org](http://www.actstudent.org)

Vermilion Catholic High School  
Code: 190-020

Please remember to include VC's school code when you register for the ACT. This is the only way that we will get students core sent to us.

Make sure to include the college and scholarship codes for the schools and scholarship organizations that you will be considering. Always, include TOPS. Below is a list of the most commonly used codes:

**TOPS - 1595**

**NCAA Eligibility Center - 9999**

**UL Lafayette - 1612**

**LSU - 1590**

**McNeese - 1594**

**LSUE - 1587**

**SLCC - 1615**

Learn more about the SAT test by visiting [sat.collegeboard.org](http://sat.collegeboard.org)

**SENIORS - INVITATIONS TO PARTICIPATE –  
seniors are asked to check their email for  
information on college preview days.**

**Seniors can attend preview days with prior  
permission from Mr. Guilbeaux.**

**Please pick up Request for Release Form  
in my office.**

## UPCOMING SCHOLARSHIPS:

**Wendy's High School Heisman** – senior athletes with a 3.0 gpa

### LSU

**November 15**---Priority date for students to be considered for first-year scholarships and Honors Colleges.

Entering freshmen must submit a completed admission application, official transcript and official test scores on or before this date of their senior year in high school for full priority scholarship consideration. All materials must be postmarked by this deadline.

Key fact: the admission bottom line for LSU – ACT composite of a 22, 19 college-preparatory units and 3.0 core academic GPA, ACT English score of 18 and ACT Math score of a 19.

[www.lsu.edu/scholarships](http://www.lsu.edu/scholarships)

You may also contact LSU via email by writing to [financialaid@lsu.edu](mailto:financialaid@lsu.edu) or by phone at 225-578-3103.

### LSU- Shreveport

Deadline for competitive scholarships is **Jan. 31, 2017** visit [www.lsus.edu/scholarships](http://www.lsus.edu/scholarships) for additional information.

Admission Requirements: 2.0 gpa, ACT 18 in English and 19 in Math  
20 on ACT or 2.0 core gpa

### ULL

#### **Priority Deadline - November 15th**

Students with an ACT Composite of 28 or higher (SAT 1250) are given early priority consideration and will receive award notification after December 1st.

Eligibility Requirements for Scholarships:

1. ACT composite of at least 23 or SAT composite of 1050
2. Minimum cumulative high school GPA of 3.0 on a non-weighted 4.0 scale
3. English ACT 18 or Verbal SAT 450
4. Math ACT 19 or Math SAT 460
5. Must have applied for admission to the University

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## Final Deadline - January 31st

All students meeting eligibility criteria must submit a completed scholarship application and apply for admission to be considered. ACT/SAT taken after January 31st will not be considered in the evaluation process.

Visit our website at: <http://admissions.louisiana.edu/scholarships>

## Southeastern University

It is advisable to get your application in **prior to December 1st**. Any beginning freshman student admitted with a 24 or higher on the ACT and a minimum 3.0 high school GPA qualifies for a scholarship at Southeastern.

## Nicholls State University

Scholarship requirements are at least a 3.0 GPA and at least a 24 composite on ACT.

Visit [www.nicholls.edu](http://www.nicholls.edu) or call 1-877-NICHOLLS

Scholarship consideration deadline is **January 5, 2017**.

Admission requirements: 21 on ACT or an overall gpa of a 2.35; a minimum ACT score of 18 in English and 19 in Math, and completed all 19 units of the core 4 curriculum

## Northwestern

By applying for admission (\$20 admission fee) you are considered for scholarships. Admission criteria 19 core units, high school GPA of 2.35, 18 or higher in English on ACT, and 19 or higher in Math on ACT, and one of the following: high school Regent's Core GPA 2.0 or ACT score of a 20.

Apply for scholarships by visiting applying to Northwestern at [nsula.edu](http://nsula.edu).

Louisiana Scholars' College Scholarship @ Northwestern: **October 31st** for early bird priority scholarship deadline. The criteria are as follows: 3.5 GPA, ACT score of a 28 or higher, and a 3.0 GPA each semester.

## UNO – University of New Orleans

### January 15th is priority deadline

An ACT subscores of 18 in English and 19 in Math, core GPA of a 2.5 or higher or ACT composite score of a 23. Apply early for full consideration for all scholarships. Visit [apply.uno.edu](http://apply.uno.edu) or [www.uno.edu/admissions](http://www.uno.edu/admissions) to apply.

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## Louisiana Tech

**General Application Deadline:** Apply for admission before January to be considered for scholarships. Updated ACT/SAT accepted through December test date

**STUDENTS** must meet the following requirements: **Either: High School Core GPA:** GPA on the Core of at least 2.5 with a minimum overall ACT/SAT of 15 or SAT 910 **ACT/SAT:** ACT/SAT composite of at least 23/1050 (CR + M) with a minimum overall HS GPA of 2.0 **NO Remedial Courses Needed:** Minimum ACT/SAT subscore of 18 in English and 19 in Math

## McNeese

Priority deadline for scholarships is December 1st.

**Submit an application at [www.becomeacowboy.com](http://www.becomeacowboy.com)**

Completion of core 4, no developmental courses, minimum high school GPA of 2.35 and one of the following – minimum core GPA of 2.0 or minimum ACT composite of a 20 or SAT composite of 940.

## LSU – Eunice

**June 1, 2017** deadline to apply

## Centenary

Priority deadline Dec. 1st Scholarships are based on ACT score and GPA (they super score the ACT scores)

Offering a \$5,000 visit scholarship for students who apply by February 15th ...get more details at **Visit [www.centenary.edu](http://www.centenary.edu)**

## Louisiana College

Score a 20 or above on the ACT (1410 on the SAT), and have an academic gpa of 2.0.

Score a minimum composite of a 17 or above on the ACT (1210 on the SAT), and have a 2.- gpa and ranked upper 50% of their graduating class.

Jan. 31, 2015 deadline to submit application for Smith Scholarship Competition & Louisiana College's Top 30 Scholarship...must have a 28+ ACT or 1860+SAT

## Dillard University

### December 1st priority scholarship deadline

Admission Requirements

2.5 gpa, 18 on ACT or 870 on SAT

Apply online at [www.dillard.edu/apply](http://www.dillard.edu/apply)

**Scholarships/Financial Aid searches:** As scholarships are made available in my office, I will put them on the Scholarships page on the VC website ([www.vermilioncatholic.com/scholarships](http://www.vermilioncatholic.com/scholarships)) in addition to announcing them at school, emailing the students and parents, and placing them in the newsletter each month. Scholarship information will also be posted on the Counseling department bulletin board in the main mall. To search for scholarships online, go to

[www.scholarships.com](http://www.scholarships.com)

[www.fastweb.com](http://www.fastweb.com)

[www.AESsuccess.org](http://www.AESsuccess.org)

The following information is taken from the Bureau of Labor Statistics, [bls.gov](http://bls.gov).

For more information on on employment projections for the 2014-24 decade search the following websites:

[bls.gov/ooh](http://bls.gov/ooh)

[bls.gov/careeroutlook](http://bls.gov/careeroutlook)

[www.bls.gov/emp](http://www.bls.gov/emp)

Fastest Growing Occupations 2014-24, projected:

- Wind turbine service technicians
- Occupational therapy assistants
- Physical therapy assistants
- Physical therapist aids
- Home health aids



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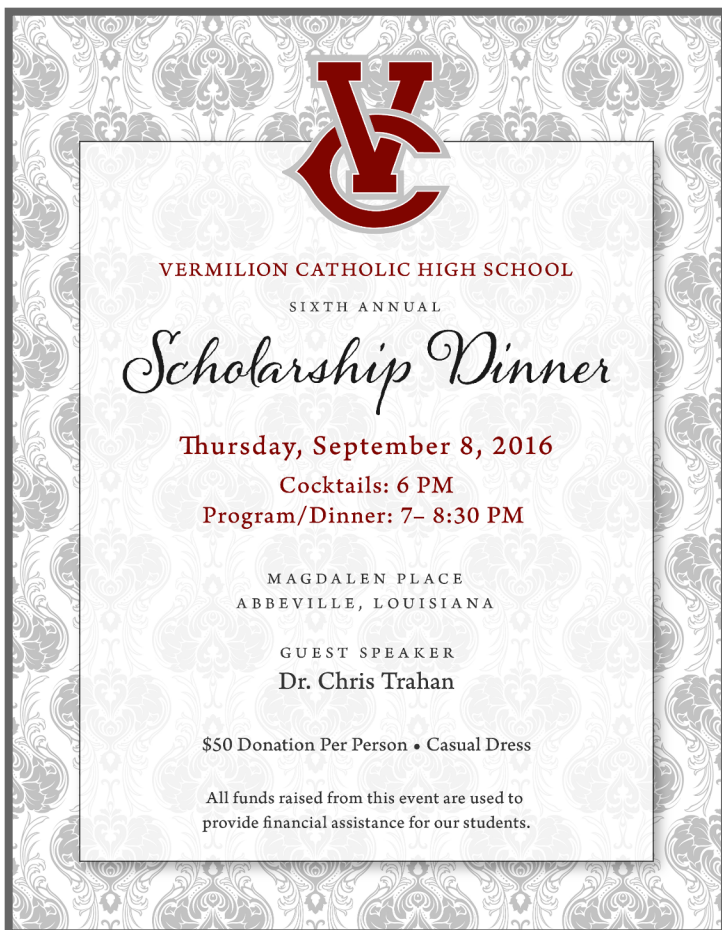
Fastest Growing Occupations with a bachelor's degree or higher, projected:

4/5 are related to health care

- Nurse practitioners
- Physical therapists
- Statisticians
- Physician assistants
- Operations research analysts

Projected occupations with the most new jobs:

- Personal care aids
- Registered nurses
- Home health aids
- Combined food preparation & serving workers, including fast food
- Retail salespersons



The invitation features a decorative border with a repeating floral pattern. At the top center is a large red logo consisting of the letters 'V' and 'C' intertwined. Below the logo, the text reads: 'VERMILION CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL', 'SIXTH ANNUAL', 'Scholarship Dinner' (in a large, elegant script font), 'Thursday, September 8, 2016', 'Cocktails: 6 PM', 'Program/Dinner: 7- 8:30 PM', 'MAGDALEN PLACE', 'ABBEVILLE, LOUISIANA', 'GUEST SPEAKER', 'Dr. Chris Trahan', '\$50 Donation Per Person • Casual Dress', and 'All funds raised from this event are used to provide financial assistance for our students.'

*Please consider joining us for our annual Scholarship Dinner. All proceeds are used for student tuition assistance.*

*Your support can make the difference in someone receiving a Catholic education.*

*Due to the recent flooding at Magdalen Place our event has been moved to the school gym.*



All School, Athletic Calendar

Sep 2016 (Central Time)

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
28	29	30	31	1 7 pm - FB @ Cath NI	2 Catholic Student 7:30am - Adoration	3
4	5 NO SCHOOL	6 7 pm - Booster @ 7 pm - Legacy Night /	7	8 7:30am - 9th 6 pm - Scholarship	9 7 pm - FB @ Kaplan	10 ACT Dance Team Clinic
11	12 Photo Make Up Day	13 7 pm - Booster @	14	15 7:30am - Student	16 PROGRESS REPORTS 7 pm - FB vs Erath	17 DANCE CLINIC
18	19 6 pm - Beta 7 pm - Booster @	20	21 ??? See Link & LG	22 7:30am - 10th	23 Cheer Clinic @ Half 7 pm - FB vs	24
25	26 NEWSLETTER INFO	27 7 pm - Booster @	28 ST JUDE JEAN DAY 6 pm - Advisory	29 7:30am - Student	30 7 pm - FB @ Hanson	1

## NEWSLETTER ADVERTISEMENT

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\$200.00 for Business Card

\$350.00 for Double Business Card

\$750.00 for 1/2 Page

Please contact Tricia Duhon at [triciadunhon@vermilioncatholic.com](mailto:triciadunhon@vermilioncatholic.com) for more information

