

# **Eagle Tales**

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**Vermilion Catholic High School**

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## FROM THE PRINCIPAL

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### Did You Remember?

If you had a change of address and/or phone number, did you notify the office?

Dec. 18-Jan. 2—Christmas Holidays—NO SCHOOL

Dec. 27-30—Yuletide Tournament

Jan. 17—Martin Luther King, Jr. Day—NO SCHOOL

Jan. 22—Sadie Hawkin's Dance

Dear Parents:

One of the memories one does not really experience in South Louisiana is the snow falling gently outside my window in the morning. As a child in the dead silence on a winter morning, seeing the snow gathering on the sill and branches of the tree opposite my window would bring back a lot of memories. The sound of the recess bell stirs the urge to go out with the children and roll a big snowball. I get flashbacks of winters long ago and memories as fresh as if they were yesterday. I remember Sr. Mary Shawn FSPA, a young nun who had this awesome accurate throw. She could hit a kid right in the middle of his back with a snowball at a distance of 30 yards. Sr Mary Dorothy was the Principal. It was quite a sight seeing her on skates with her veil flying and playing ice hockey with the guys.


After coming in from the playground with frozen noses, reddened cheeks, and soaked mittens or snow pants, we trundled to classrooms with tall windows decorated by Jack Frost and steam radiators hissing from wet woolen mittens. Dick, Jane and Spot; penny pencils and Big Chief Theme Pads; times tables and diagrammed sentences, a memorized Baltimore Catechism—all were a big part of my education in the 1950's. I would bet that many other

grandparents could still give you at least ten verbatim questions and answers from the old Baltimore Catechism.

Hearing the children rehearse their Christmas Concert songs would make me think back to countless Christmas Plays. I remember the joy of joys of every kid—the SNOW DAY. I remember dragging my American Flyer sled to the top of Fletcher's Hill and managing to run into that same old walnut tree at the bottom for the zillionth time. I remember being green with envy when Mary McCarthy came back from Christmas vacation sporting a pair of Mouse Ears from the just opened Disney Land in California.

Most of all, I remember Christmas: the sights, the sounds, and the smells. The Midnight Mass. The feeling of waking up on a cold winter's morning to a green tree and brightly wrapped packages. The smell of Mom's Carmel Nut Rolls. I wish I could share those feelings and those smells for every child to carry with them for the rest of their lives. Make a Christmas Memory for the next generation!

Merry Christmas and a Blessed New Year.



Joseph Steepleton

## EAGLE OF THE MONTH—NOVEMBER

Senior: Kevin Malone

Junior: Trey Touns

Sophomore : Andrew Kieu

Freshmen : Leryn Detraz

Nominees

Baron Andrus  
Jansen Trahan  
Taylor Meaux  
Aimee Duhon

Nominees

Andrew Bernard  
Macade Husband  
Kori David  
Ryan Domingue

Nominees

Hayden Ryder  
Duke Steen  
Sloan Trahan  
Kyrie Collins

Nominees

Kaylee White  
Andre Bertrand  
Matt Broussard  
Leah LeBouef



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## FROM THE GUIDANCE DEPARTMENT

ACT		
Test date	Regular Deadline	Late Deadline
February 12	January 7	January 21
April 9	March 4	March 18
June 11	May 6	May 20

If your child didn't register for the December ACT, but would like to take it, it's possible to get in on STAND BY status. A late fee of \$21 is charged, plus the regular ACT fee of \$33. Standby testing will cost an additional \$41. Go to [www.actstudent.org](http://www.actstudent.org) for more information.

### NCAA academic eligibility:

[www.ncaaclearinghouse.net](http://www.ncaaclearinghouse.net)

If you plan to enter college, you will need to complete 16 core courses to be eligible to practice, play, and receive financial aid:

- ◆ 4 years of English
- ◆ 3 years of mathematics (Algebra I or higher)
- ◆ 2 years of natural/physical science (one must be a lab science)
- ◆ 1 year of additional English, math or science
- ◆ 2 years of social studies
- ◆ 4 years of additional core courses (from any area listed above, or from foreign language, nondoctrinal religion or philosophy)

Comments regarding these newly adopted rules may be sent to: [academics@ncaa.org](mailto:academics@ncaa.org).

### Scholarships

**AXA Achievement Scholarship Deadline: Dec. 15, 2010**  
\$10,000 - \$25,000

[www.axa-achievement.com](http://www.axa-achievement.com)

### **Knights of Columbus Youth Leadership**

**Deadline: January 15, 2011**

Seniors who are practicing Catholics

Nomination form must be signed by nominee's Pastor and Council's Grand Knight

Apply online at [www.louisianakc.org](http://www.louisianakc.org) – click the CYLA menu on the left

**Boy Scouts of America Scholarships** Deadline: varies  
Applications can be found at [www.scouting.org/boyscouts/resources/scholarships.aspx](http://www.scouting.org/boyscouts/resources/scholarships.aspx)

**KFC Colonel's Scholarship Deadline: February 9, 2011**  
2.75 GPA

Enrolled in a college or university within their state of residence and plans to pursue a bachelors degree

Apply online at [www.kfcscholars.org](http://www.kfcscholars.org)

Many other scholarships can be located on the VC Website, at [www.fastweb.com](http://www.fastweb.com), [www.scholarships.com](http://www.scholarships.com) and many other online scholarship databases.

### TOPS & College Information

**DON'T BLOW YOUR TOPS!** Graduating in 2011? To qualify for TOPS, you need to know this: Complete all courses in the TOPS core curriculum (17.5 units). A qualifying ACT score must be achieved by the April 9, 2011 test date. A qualifying score achieved on the June 12<sup>th</sup> test date will be accepted by TOPS, but will result in a one semester penalty. Also, when registering for the ACT, don't forget to include the TOPS ACT code of 1595 as one of the four college and scholarship choices allowed. LOSFA must receive your scores directly from ACT.

**COLLEGE Info:** It is really important that seniors begin applying to colleges and universities now. The application process is different at each school, with varying requirements and levels of selectivity. I have some applications, however most schools are moving towards an online application. Many priority dates have either passed or will be approaching very soon. It is a good plan to apply to colleges before the Christmas holidays. Please research those dates or call my office!

## EAGLE OF THE MONTH—DECEMBER

**Senior: Baron Andrus**

Nominees  
Tyler Laperouse  
Amanda LeBlanc  
Jansen Trahan  
Taylor Meaux  
Emily Meaux  
Aimee Duhon  
Jeane Derouen  
Hunter LeBleu

**Junior: Jena Landry**

Nominees  
Leslie LaCour  
Kori David  
Mia LeBouef  
Markie Suire  
Nicole Bengston  
Ben Primeaux  
Andrew Bernard

**Sophomore : Matt Wilson**

Nominees  
Tyler Frederick  
Kyrie Collins  
Joey Faulk  
James Luquette  
Mary Ellen Stakes  
Sydnie Sonnier  
Hayden Ryder

**Freshmen : Tyler Lege**

Nominees  
Kaylee White  
Shay LaPorte  
Lindsey Franz  
Ellan LeBleu  
Nate Silar  
Brennan Gallet  
Gabby Leger  
Andre Bertrand

## FROM THEOLOGY

During the month of December all Mass collections will be donated to an adopted family for Christmas. Please help us to continue the teaching of charity by encouraging your child to be generous and to sacrifice for someone else. We will continue the adoption of a needy family for Easter.

A donation was made to the Bishop Services Appeal to help the unfortunate of the diocese. Mr. Brady Broussard, General Chairperson for the Diocese of Lafayette was presented this donation by assistant principal Mike Guilbeaux.



On December 3, our Music Ministry was invited to sing for a special Advent celebration at Maltrait Memorial Catholic School.

Music Ministry enhanced a liturgical celebration along with Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament with their angelic voices. The experience for our students to serve others was very rewarding. We would like to thank the principal, Mrs. Rene Meaux for the invitation to share in this special celebration.

On December 3, 2010, our Campus Ministry hosted a retreat for the seventh graders at Mt. Carmel. The theme of friendship was emphasized throughout the day. Students experienced small and large group activities as well as individual meditation time as part of their spiritual experience for the day. We thank Mrs. Margie and Campus Ministry for their willingness to spread the word and share their faith.

We would like to wish everyone a very blessed and safe holiday season. May Christ be centered in all of your gatherings with family and friends this holiday season.

## FROM DEVELOPMENT

Greetings to all...as we approach the holiday season we see many different ways to express our joy for the season. At Vermilion Catholic we would like to wish you and your family a very joyful holiday season filled with peace and love. We encourage everyone to take time to reflect on the reason for the season and don't just get caught up in all of the gift giving. The best gift you can give anyone is the gift of love. Enjoy your time with your family and friends and we'll see you in 2011.

Vermilion Catholic ornaments and merchandise make great gifts. Stop by the office to do a little Christmas shopping!

On Wednesday, October 20<sup>th</sup> the VCHS Quiz Bowl Team participated in the Diocesan Quiz Bowl tournament held at the Diocese of Lafayette. Our team finished their matches with a 3-1 record. Students representing Vermilion Catholic pictured left to right are

Cade Baudoin, Baron Andrus, Kyrie Collins, Jansen Trahan, Trey Toups and Tyler Laperouse.



The Eagle of the Month Award is given each month to a student in each grade level. The students are given this award for their enthusiasm and effort in and out of the classroom, satisfactory academic record, and school spirit.

# FROM DEVELOPMENT(CONT)

Vermilion Catholic announced the winners of the Eagle of the Month Award for the month of October at their Homecoming Mass on Friday, November 5th.



Pictured left to right are the winners, John McLain, Regan David, Father William Blanda, Darsha Patel and Shay LaPorte.

Vermilion Catholic announced the winners of the Eagle of the Month Award for the month of November. Pictured left to right are the winners, Leryn Detraz, Andrew Kieu, Trey Toups & Kevin Malone.



Vermilion Catholic High School celebrated Homecoming on November 5, 2010. Pictured are members of the Homecoming & Powder Puff Court.



Top Row: Gracie Freeman, Caitlin Duhon, Hannah Cobb, Jeane Derouen & Darsha Patel  
Bottom Row: Abby Langlinais, Queen Halie Winch, Taylor Meaux, Emily Meaux

Powder Puff Court:



Seated: Hunter LeBleu, Jacob Broussard, Tyler Laperouse, Creighton Broussard

Standing: Jansen Trahan, Alex Dartez, Brock Dronet, Seth Chapman, & Logan Broussard

VCHS Beta Club represented Vermilion Catholic proudly as they lived out the Beta Theme for the Year - "Beta A Volunteer State of Mind" when they helped for the Boys & Girls Club Halloween Party on October 28th. Twenty-four Beta members added to the success of the event by working the game booths and donating treats. At the event, our Beta members were able to meet up with VC alumni and Mayor of Abbeville, Mark Piazza from the VC Class of 1975.



Pictured above left to right: VCHS Beta Club President - Courtney Nash, VCHS Beta Club Secretary - Jansen Trahan & Mayor Mark Piazza



Pictured are members of the VCHS Beta Club that helped work game booths for the event.



# December 2010



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
5	6	7	8 8 am Mass MCVC Gym	9	10	11 ACT
12	13 Faculty Mtg 2:45	14	15	16 7:40 Mass @ VC	17 St	18
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
===== Mid Terms =====						
===== Christmas Holidays =====						
26	27 Yuletide	28 Yuletide	29 Yuletide	30 Yuletide	31 Yuletide	
===== Christmas Holidays =====						





# January 2011



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
2	3	4	5	6	7	8
			<i>Senior letters due</i>	7:40 Mass @ VC	Report Cards 7:30—2:30 Adoration Senior Retreat @ UL	<b>HAPPY NEW YEAR</b>
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
				7:40 Mass @ VC	Project Casserole	
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
	No School			7:40 Mass @ VC		Sadie's
					—Beta Convention in BR—	
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
	Faculty Mtg 2:45	Theology Projects Due	6 pm School Board Mtg Eagle Family Group	7:40 Mass @ VC 8-1 St. Cecilia Retreat @ St.MM 6:30 St.MM Parent Mtg		
30	31					
Chef's Choice Cook Off	8 am Mass MCVC <small>Gym</small>					
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