

Eagle Tales

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March Newsletter

2010

Vermilion Catholic actively engages students in the educational process, which is rooted in learning and serving Christ in the Catholic tradition.

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Vermilion Catholic High School

EAGLE TALES

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?

Mar. 1—Nursing Home Prom

Mar. 5, 12, 19, 16—Fish Fry at VC. 5pm.

Mar. 4, 11, 18, 25—Mass at 7:40am. Please join us.

Mar. 20—District Rally

Mar. 27—Social Studies Fair



Dear Parents,

First, I want to thank all of those who have returned their registration forms and payment. We are pleased with the return so far but want to encourage those who have not returned their paper work to get it done as soon as possible. If you are dealing with a specific concern, please call me. Financial Aid application forms are due by March 31st.

Secondly, as we head from the busy winter schedule to the even busier spring schedule we ask for your continued support in helping your young people get organized for their day. (i.e. the morning parental reminder: Do you have your books, lunch, gym clothes, homework, after school sports uniform, shoes, etc.) I have noticed an increase in the number of students coming in and asking Ms. Kathy to call home for one of the above mentioned items. Also, this is a reminder that students are responsible to turn in their clear folders ON TIME.

Thirdly, we ask for your continued support and assistance for our projects: Fish Fries in Lent, Booster BBQ Palm Sunday, and May Fest. If you would like to volunteer to help with any of these please call Ms. Cheryl. Sell those Raffle Tickets!

Fourthly, congratulations to the Girls and Boys Basketball teams on their successful seasons, Bowling has also been doing well. The best of luck to the Baseball, Softball, Golf, Tennis, and Track teams this spring.

Fifth, let me put to an end the wild rumors that have been going around about dress code. At this point in time, we are not planning any major changes in dress code for next year. I have heard everything from dress shoes to blazers and ties. These rumors are false. If there are any official changes, you will be notified by letter from my office.

Lastly, next time you enter school - look up - check out new ceiling tiles in the mall - thanks to all those volunteers who put them up. I want to thank all for your support and kind words this year. As principal, coming into a new school is always a challenging experience. I knew that there would be many things that would be something of a surprise. I have been pleasantly surprised on several occasions and by all accounts we seem to be having a very successful year.

As we continue to work on the Strategic Plan *Vision for the Future*, we are looking for new and creative solutions for some old concerns and challenges. We have identified many things that we do well and a number of things at which we can be better. A dynamic school like VC must be willing to take the next step, may the Lord be with us as we move through the remainder of the year and the future.

Signum Fidei,

Joseph Steepleton
Principal

FROM THE GUIDANCE DEPARTMENT

ACT		
Test date	Regular Dead- line	Late Deadline
April 10	March 5	March 19
June 12	May 7	May 21

The April 10th ACT test date is the last date accepted by TOPS to earn a full award.

Registration packets are available in the Guidance office or you may register online at www.actstudent.org

Don't Blow Your TOPS

Eligibility Requirements:

2.50 Core GPA	20 ACT	Opportunity Award tuition
3.00 Core GPA	23 ACT	Performance Award tuition + \$400
3.00 Core GPA	27 ACT	Honors Award tuition + \$800

In order to qualify for TOPS, the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) form for the school year 2010-2011 must be completed. It is preferable to apply online at www.fafsa.ed.gov, but you may obtain a paper copy by calling the Office of Student Financial Assistance at (800) 259-5626, ext. 1012. The priority deadline for TOPS is May 1, 2010. You may begin applying now through July 1, 2010. The April ACT test date is the last date accepted by TOPS to earn a full award.

Scholarships

Robert C. Byrd Honors Scholarship Due: March 5, 2010
\$1,500/year for 4 years

Seniors with a 3.5 GPA and a 23 on the ACT
Applications are available in the guidance office

LA Life Safety & Security Assoc. Inc.
March 31, 2010

Due:

\$500 - \$1,000

Must be a child of an active duty law enforcement officer or Fire Service Personnel

Horatio Alger Association Scholarships Due: April 15, 2010

▪\$2,500 - \$20,000

▪Students must have a 2.0 GPA, intend on pursuing a bachelors degree, and demonstrate critical financial need

Apply online at www.horatioalger.org/scholarships

Slemco Scholarships

Due: May 6, 2010

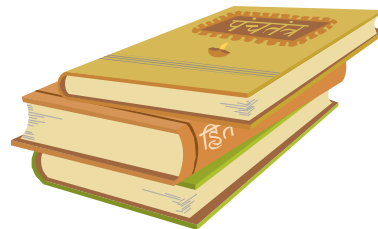
\$2,000

Must be a Slemco member

KEEP YOUR SCHOLARSHIP AWARD LETTERS

Please keep all award letters. All scholarships awarded to seniors, whether or not the senior intends to accept the scholarship, are announced during Senior Class Night. For a scholarship to be included, Ms. Kayla must have a copy of the official letter with the provider, the name of the scholarship and the amount offered.

Many other scholarships can be located in the Scholarship Database on the Counseling Department page on Edline or at www.fastweb.com, www.scholarships.com and many other online scholarship databases.



Check out VC's website!

www.vermilioncatholic.com

FROM THE CIA CLUB

As you may already know Vermilion Catholic has so many good things happening on and off its campus. Its success is contributed to the population of good students that we have walking the halls everyday. Great schools are because of great students. Therefore the CIA (Caught in Action) club has recognized those individuals that go above and beyond their call of duty. CIA members are awarded by a teacher because they were caught in the action of doing something great. Their deed could be anything from helping another student in tutoring to acting with courtesy and holding the door open for others. Every quarter each new CIA member will be placed in a drawing for a gift certificate to a local restaurant.

Vermilion Catholic would like to congratulate the following CIAs for the second and third quarter and applauds their actions in making this school great. Our newest CIA (Caught in Action) members are:

- Alexander Dartez
- Skylar Noel
- John McClain
- John Mouton
- Paul Padilla
- Caleb Zaunbrecher
- Andrew Kieu
- Joey Faulk
- Dustin Landry
- Garth Mitchell
- Ezra Dupuis
- Delani Duhon
- Dustin Desormeaux
- Duke Steen



Amy LaCour and Alexander Dartez were drawn as the winner for the second and third quarter and were rewarded with a gift card from Chili's.

EAGLE OF THE MONTH—FEBRUARY

Senior: Leanne Clapp

Junior: Amanda LeBlanc

Sophomore : Amy Williams

Freshman : Sydnie

Nominees

- Ashley Theall
- Elizabeth McLain
- Hannah Theriot
- Steven Deville
- Emily Trahan
- Sydney Broussard

Nominees

- Kasie Luquette
- Tyler Laperouse
- Jacob Broussard
- Amy Duhon
- Taylor Meaux

Nominees

- Nicole Bengtson
- Michelle Noel
- Amber Bruno
- Rebecca Young
- Reese Hebert
- Mia LeBouef

Nominees

- Natalie Camel
- Ashlyn Trahan



FROM BOOSTER CLUB



March is here, and with it comes Spring. And here at Vermilion Catholic, Spring Sports are in full swing - literally! But before we can report on the "New & Upcoming" we need to finish up our Basketball report. Our Lady Eagles finished 2nd in District and made it to the first round of playoffs, but lost to Westminster. Another impressive season thanks to Coach Gidge, Coach Larry and Mrs. Ferne. Our Eagle Basketball team finished 4th in District and made it to the playoffs as well. Our thanks also goes out to Coach Starks and Coach Paul Faulk. Thanks to all these coaches and their assistants for all the hard work and many dedicated hours they put forth for these young adults. A tremendous Thank You to all of the parents and staff who helped behind the scenes at the gate and in concession. I would also like to personally thank Kathy Langlinais and Gina Trahan for all their hard work and late hours overseeing concessions.

Softball and Baseball officially began their season's simultaneously at the Vermilion Parish Jamboree in Kaplan. The Lady Eagles Softball team will be enjoying another year on their "Field of Dreams", with their dedicated leaders, Coach Gidge and Coach Jessie. District play begins on March 9th at home against Central Catholic. The Baseball team hosted their Annual Eagle Classic Tournament

February 25-27th and headed to Monroe the following weekend to participate in Bayou Bash. Their District play begins on March 23rd at home against Delcambre. This will be Coach "Mac's" Inaugural season. He will be backed up by Coach Jared Duhon, Coach Howard Landry and Coach Josh Broussard.

Tennis and Bowling have begun their seasons and are enjoying success in each sport. We thank Coach Bill Broussard for his dedication and time he devotes to the Eagle Tennis Team and Mrs. Ferne for her support and dedication to the Bowling Team. Golf and Track have also now started their respective seasons. Golf under the direction of Mr. Vallee and Track under Coach George Veazey. Without these dedicated individuals and the many hours they put forth we would not have the success and participation in these Spring Sports.

Support squads have wound down their seasons. Tryouts were held March 5th and we welcome all of our new Cheerleaders and Dance Team Members.

Once again it is also the time of year for our Spring BBQ, which will be on March 28th (Palm Sunday). Tickets were sent home in February. Please continue to support Vermilion Catholic and all of our athletes and athletic programs through this very profitable fund-raiser.

And finally, let me close by saying, ALL Spring Sports here are important. They would not be possible without YOU - The VC "FAMILY". You are the Fans, the Backers, the Booster's of our Sports Programs. You Cheer our young athletes on to participate with determination, sportsmanship, love of the game and especially "EAGLE PRIDE!"

Kimble Broussard
President
Vermilion Catholic Booster Club

FROM THEOLOGY

Over \$1800 was collected and sent to Fr. Glenn Meaux's Mission House in Haiti. The money will be used to help feed and clothe earthquake victims from the area. Many victims have been making their way up the mountain to the mission to find some stability.

One of the highlights of Catholic Schools Week was the celebration of Future Day with the Mt. Carmel kindergarten classes. The kindergarteners were paired with the members of the senior class as they enjoyed an hour of story telling, crafts and treats. Each kindergartner was given a t-shirt to wear that said, Future Eagles, and Class of 2022.



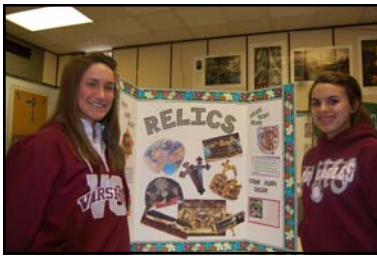
FROM THEOLOGY

THEOLOGY FAIR WINNERS- 2010

FRESHMEN



1st Place - The Biblical Reality of Purgatory
1. Katie Meaux
2. Natalie Camel



2nd Place – Sacramental - Relics
1. Lauren Duhon
2. Skylar Noel



3rd Place – The Catholic Mass
1. Valerie Robichaux
2. Hannah LeBlanc
3. Brittani Fusilier

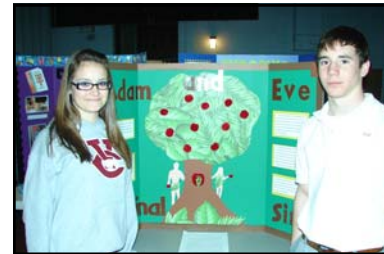


Honorable Mention – Saints - How You Get To Be One
1. Mary Ellen Stakes
2. Ellie Boudreaux

SOPHOMORES



1st Place – Contemporary Social Issues – the Ethical Dilemma of Cloning
1. Trey Toups



2nd Place – Adam and Eve and Original Sin
1. Stephan Guidry
2. Haley Gallet



3rd Place – Historical Social Issues – The Crusades
1. Macade Husband
2. Christian Off



Honorable Mention – The Church and the Rise of Nazism
1. Amber Bruno
2. Maddi LeBlanc

FROM THEOLOGY

JUNIORS – CHURCH MODELS



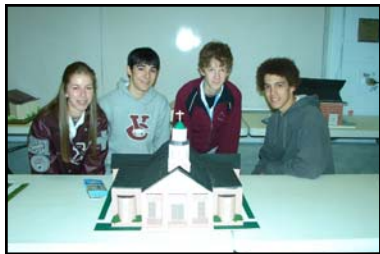
1st Place – St. Alphonsus

1. Abby Langlinais
2. Jansen Trahan
3. Baron Andrus



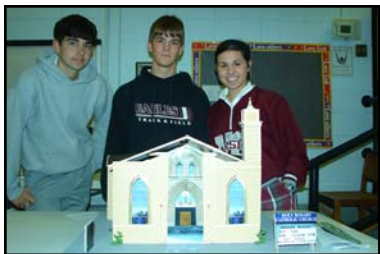
2nd Place – St. Peter's

1. Dustin Landry
2. Kasie LuQuette
3. Emily Hair



3rd Place – Our Lady of Lourdes

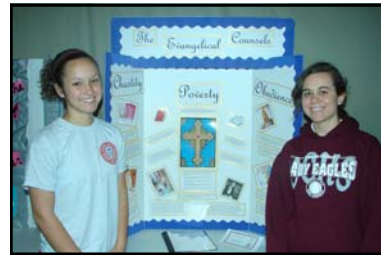
1. Tyler Laperouse
2. Amanda LeBlanc
3. Matthew Repp
4. Alex Dartez



HONORABLE MENTION – Holy Rosary

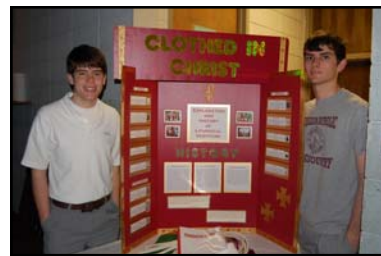
1. Blake Morgan
2. Hunter Luquette
3. Halie Winch

SENIORS – VOCATIONS



1st Place – Theology of the Evangelical Councils

1. Aimee LaCour
2. Emily Trahan



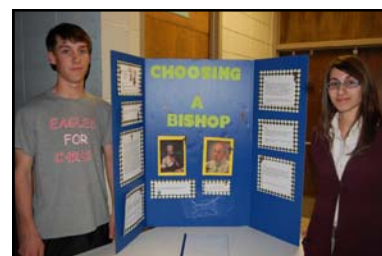
2nd Place – Explanation and History of Liturgical Vestiture

1. C. J. Miller
2. Zachary Romaine



3rd Place – Theology of Celibacy

1. Brooke Faulk
2. Noell Hebert



HONORABLE MENTION – The Choosing of a Bishop

1. Aubrey Primeaux
2. Stephen Deville

FROM DEVELOPMENT

As we begin this season of lent I would like to challenge our VC family to incorporate in their time of spiritual renewal, the act of giving to our VC school family. We have a busy three months ahead of us before the 2009-2010 school year comes to an end. Many of us are running in so many directions, we can't keep up. Our schedules are full and we probably feel like we can't give anymore. I challenge you to try and do a little something extra during this season for our school family. Go above and beyond to push yourself to give to our school. Whether it be to help at our Friday fish fry dinner fundraiser, our concession stand for athletic events, May Festival upcoming needs, or even pushing to sell more May Festival raffle books, your help is always greatly appreciated. Even adding your name to our pray group and spending time praying for the weekly prayer request we receive, is a gift that helps many. Anything extra you do can help our VC family. I have two quotes I would like to share with you in regards to giving. I ask that you read them carefully and then decide how you can best serve our VC family.

Mother Teresa

God doesn't look at how much we do, but with how much love we do it.

Amy Carmichael

You can give without loving. But you cannot love without giving.

....May you be filled with peace, as we all journey through the next few months ahead.

God Bless,
Cheryl Landry

The VC Annual Appeal will continue through the month of May. To date we have raised close to \$20,000. Work began on our ceiling tile replacement project. The main mall has been completed thanks to the many parent volunteers and alumni that helped to make it happen. I appreciate them sharing their Saturday with us.

May Festival work schedules are completed and will go home soon. I asked that you please note the day and time of your shift. If you need to switch with someone, I ask that you make the switch and then notify the development office in writing.

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Every year Fireside Catholic Publishing hosts an Essay Contest for Catholic high school seniors. The topic for the essay was "How has my Catholic education influ-

enced my life?" Emily Trahan's essay was chosen to represent VC. She was also chosen as a finalist in the competition. 350 essays were submitted from students in the US & Canada, and only 40 were chosen as finalists. Final judging will be held later this school year.



On Monday, Feb. 1, 2010 Vermilion Catholic and Mt. Carmel Elementary students, teachers, parents, grandparents and friends joined together for Mass in celebration of Catholic Schools Week. The two schools also joined On Wednesday, Feb. 3rd for a Living Rosary. On Thursday we held an academic pep rally in which we honored our students that achieved at 3.0 or greater the 1<sup>st</sup> semester. All students that had achieved a 3.0 or greater were eligible for a drawing in which gift cards could be won. The two lucky winners were Tyler Laperouse, who won a \$75 gift card, and Hunter LeBleu, who won a \$50 gift card. On Thursday morning we held Future Day in which our senior class of 2010 greeted the MCE kindergarten class of 2010. They spent time with us and had a fun time interacting with our seniors. They left with t-shirts that said "Future VC Eagle" on the front and "Class of 2022" on the back. A great time was had by all!



## FROM DEVELOPMENT (CONT)



Pictured above are: Father Carabello, Father Blanda, Mayor Mark Piazza, Mr. Joseph Steepleton (VCHS Principal) and Sister Janet LeBlanc (MCE Principal)

Vermilion Catholic announced the winners of the Eagle of the Month Award for the month of January. Pictured left to right are the winners, Hannah LeBlanc, Jena Landry, Amy Patout & Dustin Landry. 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.



The Beta Club attended the State Convention in late January and placed 2nd in Philanthropy and Rachel Segrest placed 3rd in English. Thanks for purchasing Sally Foster items and helping us to get this philanthropy award. While supporting this fundraiser you were also able to help us donate money to the Alzheimer's Association.

### VC Senior Signs at LSU-E

Emily Trahan, the daughter of Pat and Gina Trahan, signed a letter of intent on February 25th with LSU-Eunice. Emily will be a part of their softball team after graduating from Vermilion Catholic.



Pictured above:  
Bottom row: Gina Trahan, Emily Trahan, Pat Trahan  
Top Row: Jesse Faulk (VCHS Assistant Softball Coach), Andy Lee (Head Softball Coach LSU-E), and Kim Guidry (VCHS Head Softball Coach)

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Coach Beverlin's Civics class has been very busy sprucing up the school.

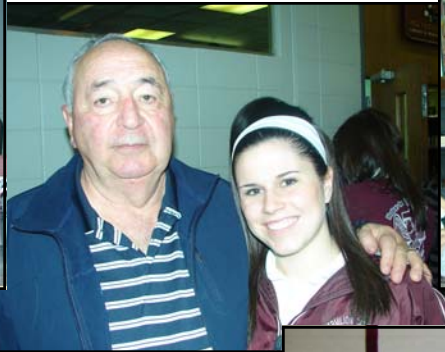


Pictured is Blaire Landry painting.



Pictured is : Mark Laporte, Aaron David & Stephan Guidry

# AROUND SCHOOL





# March 2010

## One Faith, One Family, One School!

| Sun               | Mon                                  | Tue                          | Wed                                             | Thu                                                                                                                          | Fri                                                         | Sat                       |
|-------------------|--------------------------------------|------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------|
|                   | 1<br>6 p.m. Nursing Home Prom        | 2                            | 3                                               | 4<br>7:40 Mass                                                                                                               | 5<br>Cheer/Dance Tryouts<br>5 p.m. Fish Fry                 | 6                         |
| 7                 | 8                                    | 9                            | 10<br>Sophomores visit State Capital            | 11<br>7:40 Mass                                                                                                              | 12<br>Spring Photo<br>5 p.m. Fish Fry                       | 13                        |
| 14                | 15                                   | 16                           | 17<br>Nursing St. Patrick's Day Dance           | 18<br>7:40 Mass                                                                                                              | 19<br>End 3rd Nine Wks BBQ Ticket \$ Due<br>5 p.m. Fish Fry | 20<br>District Rally      |
| 21                | 22<br>Grades Due<br>2:45 Faculty Mtg | 23                           | 24<br>Juniors visit D-Day Museum in New Orleans | 25<br>7:40 Mass<br>Report Cards                                                                                              | 26<br>5 p.m. Fish Fry                                       | 27<br>Social Studies Fair |
| 28<br>Booster BBQ | 29                                   | 30<br>Sophomore Angola Trip. | 31<br>6 pm Schl Bd. Mtg                         | For additional information please log on to our web site: <a href="http://vermillioncatholic.com">vermillioncatholic.com</a> |                                                             |                           |



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