

Eagle Tales

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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?

Sept. 6—Labor Day Holiday. NO SCHOOL.

Sept. 2, 9, 16, 23, and 30—Mass at VC 7:40 am. Please join us.

Sept. 10—Progress Reports.

Sept. 29—School Board Mtg.



Dear Parents,

The school year is off to a great start. I want to thank all for your cooperation on picking up students. I would request that parents not come too early and if you come after 2:15 PM and there are empty parking spaces that you take one of those. We are doing our best to keep cars from backing up onto St Paul Street.

We are now accepting registrations for the fall sessions of the ACT Prep Course. Experience has shown that in most cases, the prep course does help students prepare to take the ACT by giving them strategies for test taking and problem solving.

Research has also shown that it is in the best interest of students to increase the rigor of our courses. This means an in-

crease in the number of reading assignments (novels and passages) as well as writing assignments. We are also trying to include more labs and lab write-ups, as well as problem solving exercises.

We recognize that many would like us to expand the curriculum now rather than phase in some of these changes over the next few years. You need to understand that for many reasons it is neither practical nor affordable for us to do this.

Signum Fidei,

FROM CURRICULUM

The start of the 2010-2011 school year was smooth and productive. Classroom instruction began on the first day of school. A rather new tool that all Faculty and Staff will have access to and has been trained in is the use of Promethian boards. This will allow teachers to incorporate technology using this device.

Also, new at Vermilion Catholic is the Ren Web system which will be valuable in allowing parents to keep abreast of their child's Academic progress on a daily

schedule. Teachers are working hard to assure that all students are progressing academically in a timely way.

As always should you during the course of the school year have any concerns, please feel that you can call or visit school to discuss those concerns. I look forward to visiting with as many of you as possible. Lets collectively make this school year the best!

Mike Guilbeaux
Curriculum Coordinator

SAFE ENVIRONMENT

Persons interested in attending field trips, substituting or volunteering for school activities including decorating for Homecoming, Prom, etc. must attend Safe Environment Training. This is a mandate from the Bishop of the Diocese of Lafayette. Below are the scheduled dates for the classes. These will be the only classes offered at Vermilion Catholic. You must register for the classes in advance. Please call Mrs. Kathy Langlinais at Vermilion Catholic at 893-6636 so a packet may be prepared for you. If less than 10 individuals register for the class, the class will be canceled. If you are unable to attend the proposed dates, please contact your church parish or the Office of Catholic Schools at 261-5529 for other training sessions offered. Parents and volunteers are to attend these training sessions annually. The Initial Training takes approximately 2 hours and the Continuing Ed takes approximately 1 hour. The Continuing Ed will be an ongoing annual training and can also be done online at virtusonline.com.

All files of your training will be kept on location and forwarded to your church parish when requested. Thanks for your continued support and cooperation.

Initial Education Dates:

Monday, September 13, 2010
at Vermilion Catholic @ 6 p.m.
"Hear Their Cries"

Continuing Education:

Tuesday, September 14, 2010
at Vermilion Catholic @ 6 p.m.
ALSO can be updated online at virtusonline.com

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To set up your account:

1. Go to www.virtus.org
2. Click on "Registration"
3. Click on "Begin the Registration Process"
4. Select Lafayette, LA (Diocese)
5. You will be prompted to create a user ID and a password. **It is suggested that you use your full name (without spaces) or email address as they are more likely to be unique.**
6. You will be prompted to supply your address, email and phone number.
7. Supply your primary location and any other location you wish. You may include any school or Church Parish in the Lafayette Diocese.
8. Continue answering all required questions as prompted.
9. After the registration process has been completed, you may go to Virtus Online or close the browser.
10. To log on to your account go to www.virtus.org and log in using your screen name and password.
11. You will be prompted to begin your training.

If you have any questions regarding the instructions above or have any problems with Virtus Online please contact Kathy Langlinais at Vermilion Catholic, 893-6636 or by email kathylanglinais@vermilioncatholic.com.

PLEASE NOTE If you have not completed an Initial Training Class and the required paperwork, you are not eligible for the Virtus Online Continuing Education.

After School Tutoring/Study Hall

A reminder to all students: tutoring is offered after school from 2:45pm to 3:30pm Mondays through Thursdays. Various teachers will be tutoring students each day in a variety of subjects. Anyone interested may attend free of charge.

FROM THE ENGLISH DEPARTMENT

On Wednesday, November 3, the senior class will be traveling back in time when they attend the Renaissance Festival in Plantersville, Texas. They will be able to experience what life was really like during the Renaissance, including food, clothing, music, and entertainment. The class will travel via a chartered bus. If any parents would like to attend and can chaperone for the trip, please contact Tricia Duhon at VC to sign up—337-893-6636 or triciaduhon@vermilioncatholic.com.



FROM SPIRIT GROUPS

2010-2011 Eagleline Dance Team

Captain: Michelle Noel—Jr.
 Co-Captain: Angelle Laperouse—Jr.
 Secretary Treasurer: Haley Gallet—Jr.
 Amy Williams—Jr.
 Lindsey Sagrera—Soph.
 Rebecca Sagrera—Soph.
 Sloane Trahan—Soph.
 Abby McRee—Fr.
 Emily Husband—Fr.



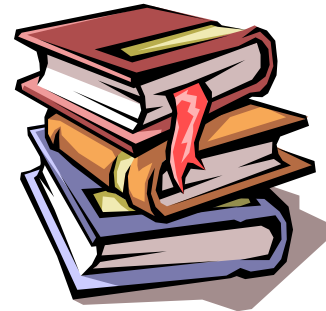
2009- 2010 Varsity Cheerleaders

Captain: Halie Winch—Sr.
 Co-Captain: Nicole Bengtson—Jr.
 Secretary- Treasurer: Emily Meaux—Sr.
 Jeane Derouen—Sr.
 Grace Freeman—Sr.
 Markie Suire—Jr.
 Morgan Theriot—Soph.
 Lauren Duhon—Soph.
 Mary Ellen Stakes—Soph.
 Skylar Noel—Soph.
 Whitney Freeland—Fr.
 Gabby Lege—Fr.
 Danielle Dubois—Fr.
 Danielle Laperouse—Fr.
 Mascot: Dillon Constantine

FROM THE GUIDANCE DEPARTMENT

Register online at www.actstudent.org

ACT		
Test date	Regular Dead- line	Late Deadline
September 11	August 6	August 20
October 23	September 17	October 1
December 11	November 5	November 19
February 12	January 7	January 21
April 9	March 4	March 18
June 11	May 6	May 20



ACT Prep Courses: VC will once again offer an ACT Prep course exclusively for our students. Students will be provided with a test review workbook by Kaplan and receive a detailed analysis of the practice tests through face to face instruction. They will also learn powerful test taking strategies for each test section and question type, frequently tested concepts and question patterns. The fee for the course is \$150. Registration forms can be found on the VC website or in the Counseling office.

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

Fall testing: Please mark your calendars for Wednesday, October 13th. We are asking that you do not schedule any appointments for your child on this day. All students will be testing. 9th and 10th grades will take the PLAN test. 11th grade will take the PSAT.

Scholarship/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) in addition to announcing them at school 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, www.fastweb.com, www.AESsuccess.org

Eagle Family Advisor Groups

We are introducing a new program at VC this year called Eagle Families. 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 and are as diverse as possible, considering such factors as grades and gender. 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 beginning in September. For more information on Eagle Families, please contact Kayla Gaspard.

Check out VC's website!
www.vermilioncatholic.com

FROM DEVELOPMENT

Vermilion Catholic is off to a wonderful start for the 2010-2011 school year. It all began with a large number of parents in attendance for our Back to School Night on August 5th. The parents roamed the halls and walked in the footsteps that the students would be walking on a daily basis. The parents were able to visit the classrooms and meet with the teachers to gain knowledge about their students' curriculum for the year. Student Council representatives were on hand to greet the parents and show them the way to the classrooms. Thank you to the student council for their assistance with the Back to School Night activities. Also, providing an inviting atmosphere with all of the decorating around the school.

On Thursday, August 19th, Vermilion Catholic holds its 1st Annual Scholarship Dinner at Magdalen Place. It was a great success and enjoyed by many. The money raised that evening will go into a scholarship fund at Vermilion Catholic to assist families that are in need of financial assistance for their student. Thanks to the following people for helping to make the event a success: Charles, Mary Ellen & Chuck Sonnier for allowing us to use Magdalen Place for the evening, Schilling Distributors, Robie's Food Center, Spic & Span Cleaners, Chef Bobby & Dot, Joseph Steepleton, Dr. David & Gwen Trahan, Duane & Liz Dartez, Jody Off, Dana Bourgeois, Stephanie LeBouef, Coach George Veazey, Coach Craig Beverlin, Reba Broussard, Claire Repp, Jackie Nash, Sean McRee, Troy LaPorte, Boyd Landry, Layne Picard, Kim David, Monique Laperouse, Dawn Guidry, Maggie Taylor, Kathy Broussard, Kathy Langlais and the VCHS Student Council. The event would not have been a success without the help of the many people listed above. Thanks to the many friends that attended the event and helped with our First Annual Scholarship Dinner.

The Vermilion Catholic 2010 Homecoming Raffle ticket books have been distributed to our students. Raffle tickets are \$5.00 each for a chance to win \$5,000.00 at half-time of our Homecoming Game on November 5th. Thank you to our raffle sponsors, Edward Jones Vermilion Parish, F & R Air Conditioning, KTC & PACE, Mahlen Meaux & Roland Broussard.

The 2010-2011 Annual Appeal brochures have been mailed. With last year's annual appeal money we were able to make some much needed improvements to our facility by replacing ceiling tiles, and by installing self flush valves on all the toilets in our bathrooms. We have developed a long term facilities plan for VC and by giving to the 2010-2011 Annual Appeal you can help us

to reach of our goals and update our school. Please send all donations to VCHS, 425 Park Avenue, Abbeville, LA 70510 attn: Development Director.

On Thursday, August 26th at St. Mary Magdalen Catholic Church, each student in the 2010-2011 freshmen class at Vermilion Catholic was presented with a bible by Father William Blanda and VC Principal Joseph Steepleton. The annual freshmen Mass instills the importance of books in the ability to enhance learning. At Vermilion Catholic, the bible is regarded as the most important book in our curriculum because of its' importance to the very foundation of our spiritual growth and well being. Fifty-two freshmen received their own personal bible and were welcomed as the newest members of the VC Family.



Elections were held for the 2010-2011 Vermilion Catholic Student Council Officers and the class officers. Pictured below are the officers for the 2010-2011 school year.



Pictured left to right:

Regan David (Vice President), Tyler Laperouse (Treasurer), Jansen Trahan (President), Jena Landry (Reporter) & Halie Winch (Secretary)



FROM DEVELOPMENT (CONT)

Senior Class Officers pictured left to right are: Halie Winch (Girl Representative), Amanda LeBlanc (Treasurer), Tyler Laperouse (Boy Representative), Dustin Landry (Reporter/Student Council Member-At-Large), Jeane Derouen (Vice President), Emily Meaux (President), & Taylor Meaux (Secretary)



The VCHS 4-H Club is having a car wash fundraiser on Saturday, September 18th from 8:00 until noon. Please come out and support the VCHS 4-H Club.



Junior Class Officers pictured left to right are: Angelle Laperouse (Reporter), Stephan Guidry (Vice President), Rebekah Young (Girl Representative), Josh Wilson (Secretary), Blair Landry (Boy Representative), Trey Toups (President), & Amy Williams (Treasurer)



The Vermilion Catholic High School officers for the 2010-2011 school year are pictured above. Pictured above left to right are Dillon Constantine (CRD), Charlotte LeBlanc (Secretary), Kasie Luquette (CO-CRD), Caitlin Duhon (President), Baron Andrus (Treasurer), Amanda LeBlanc (Vice President), Trey Toups (Reporter), & Hannah LeBlanc (Parliamentarian).

Sophomore Class Officers pictured left to right: Skylar Noel (Secretary), Katie Meaux (Girl Representative), Hunter Orgeron (Treasurer), John McLain (Reporter), Matt Wilson (President), Lauren Duhon (Vice President), & Andrew Kieu (Boy Representative)



The VCHS Dance Team will be having a Dance Team Camp on Friday, September 10th from 3:30 p.m. until 8:00 p.m. at the VCHS gym. The cost of the camp is \$35 and it includes a t-shirt, drinks and pizza. The VCHS Cheerleaders will be having a camp in the near future.



VERMILION CATHOLIC GOLFERS PLACE AT TOURNAMENT: Congratulations to Nick Hollier, Colby Berberich, and Josh Wilson for placing in the Gulf States Golf Tournament held on August 2nd at OakWing Golf Course in Alexandria, LA. Nick Hollier placed 2nd in his flight. Colby Berberich placed 2nd and Josh Wilson placed 3rd in their flight. In the Fall these 3 players will be joining other golfers from Vermilion Catholic High School to compete in various tournaments around Acadiana.

On Wednesday, June 23, 2010 Joseph Steepleton, Principal of Vermilion Catholic High School, received a check for \$5,000 from Scott Brazda with Stuller Family Foundation.

FROM DEVELOPMENT

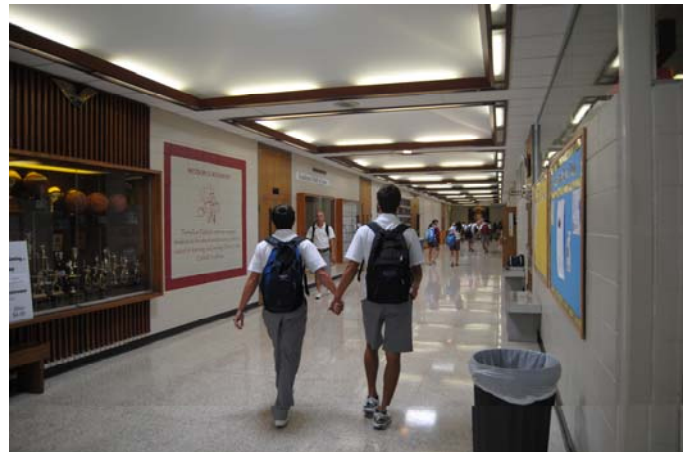
The school received a \$5,000 matching grant from the foundation in order to purchase promethean boards for their classrooms. The school received the matching donation from area businesses, parents, alumni and friends of Vermilion Catholic to raise the additional \$5,000.00 needed to receive the funds from Stuller Family Foundation. For more information on Vermilion Catholic High School please visit our website at www.vermilioncatholic.com.



Pictured left to right are Scott Brazda & Joseph Steepleton

Trey Toups represented Vermilion Catholic over the summer at HOBO (Hugh O'Brian Youth Leadership) conference in Baton Rouge. Trey also went to St. Anne's University in Nova Scotia, Canada for a French summer immersion program.

Even though our students are in high school, they still hold hands like preschoolers! (pictured are Ryan David & Mark LaPorte)



New Faculty & Staff:

Left to right:
 Megan Broussard, Frances Derby, Erin Hebert, Joe Buckley, Sean Comeaux, Claire Repp, & Michael Gulibeaux



FROM DEVELOPMENT (CONT)



LADIES NIGHT OUT



MONDAY NIGHT FOOTBALL 101 w/ COACH BEVERLIN

Former Professional College Coach and Vermilion Catholic Head Football Coach, Craig Beverlin, will conduct three Monday night classes on football for ladies. These classes will provide basic knowledge of the game making it easier for ladies to converse with the men in their lives about football.

*****Open to all ladies 21 years or older.*****

Location: Riverfront Restaurant

Time: 7:00 p.m. – 8:30 p.m. (lecture)

September 13th, September 27th & October 11th

Cost: \$10 per session

(Doors open at 6:00 p.m. with food & beverages available for purchase off the menu).

FROM STUDENT COUNCIL

Hello everyone! Welcome back to school. Student Council is very excited about this year. Our theme is "Super Mario Bros," and we hope our fellow students will strive to be excellent students all year! We have worked very hard this summer to make the school ready for this year, and we hope that you are all ready for the great year we have in store for you.

Student Council and Class Officers

Student Council Officers

President-Jansen Trahan
Vice President-Regan David
Treasurer- Tyler Laperouse
Secretary- Halie Winch
Reporter-Jena Landry
Representatives- Caitlin Duhon
Baron Andrus
Dustin Landry
Darsha Patel

Senior Class Officers

President- Emily Meaux
V.P.-Jeane Derouen
Secretary-Taylor Meaux
Treasurer-Amanda LeBlanc
Reporter-Dustin Landry
Boy Representative-Tyler Laperouse
Girl Representative-Halie Winch

Junior Class Officers

President-Trey Toups
V.P.-Stephan Guidry
Secretary-Josh Wilson
Treasurer-Amy Williams
Reporter-Angelle Laperouse
Boy Representative-Blair Landry
Girl Representative-Rebekah Young

Sophomore Class Officers

President-Matt Wilson
V.P.-Lauren Duhon
Secretary-Skylar Noel
Treasurer-Hunter Orgeron
Reporter-John McLain
Boy Representative-Andrew Kieu
Girl Representative-Katie Meaux

Freshmen Class Officers

President-Lyle Winch
V.P.-Shay LaPorte
Secretary-Emma Noel
Treasurer-
Reporter-Katherine Trahan
Boy Representative-Wes Meaux
Girl Representative-Kristen Cobb



September 2010

Vermilion Catholic High School



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
5	6 Labor Day No School	7 7 pm Booster	8 <i>Jrs. Visit College Fair at AHS</i>	9 7:40 Mass @ VC 2:20 Pep Rally	10 Progress Reports Freshmen Retreat VC Dance Team Camp	11 ACT
12	13 6 p.m. Safe Environment - Initial Football 101 6pm Riverfront	14 6 p.m. Safe Environment-continued Ed 7 pm Booster	15	16 7:40 Mass @ VC	17	18 4-H Car Wash
19	20 Fall Photo Retake including Senior Portraits	21 7 pm Booster	22	23 7:40 Mass @ VC 7:30 am Sr. to College Fair 7 pm BETA/NHS Induction	24	25
26	27 Faculty Mtg 2:45 Football 101 6pm Riverfront	28 Eucharistic Miracles 6:30 PM Presentation 7:30 Booster	29 6 pm School Board Mtg	30 7:40 Mass @ VC		

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