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Vermilion Catholic will provide educational opportunities for all students to develop thinking and decision-making skills in their search to find success spiritually, academically, and socially.

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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?

Feb. 4-6 — Mardi Gras Holiday

Feb. 9 — ACT

Feb. 15 — Progress Reports

Feb. 16 — Affair to Remember

Feb. 18 — 6:00 p.m. TOPS/ Financial Aid Workshop

Dear Parents,

As we conclude our celebration of Catholic Schools Week, we are able to look back at all of the good that Vermilion Catholic has to offer. We have an excellent faculty and staff, a great student body, and a very loving and generous school community that supports us. The theme for Catholic Schools Week was “Catholic Schools Light The Way”. This theme reminds us of the writings of St. Matthew concerning the Sermon on the Mount: “You are the light of the World. A city set on a mountain cannot be hidden. Nor do they light a lamp and then put it under a bushel basket; it is set on a lampstand where it gives light to all in the house. Just so, your light must shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your heavenly Father.”

I think that these words are very appropriate for Vermilion Catholic at this time.

We all need to let our light shine for everyone to see. We need to let the community know that our academic program is strong and that our ACT scores are above the state average and currently above the national average. We need to let the community know that we have a very well qualified faculty that is providing a great Catholic education for our students. We need to promote the success of our athletic teams and the great programs that we have. We need to promote the successes that our students have had and recognize their accomplishments.

As you can see, we have a lot to be proud of and we need to “Light the Way”. Let us all work together to accomplish this. Thank you for being a part of Vermilion Catholic. Help us light the way by promoting Catholic education at VC.

Gerard Richard

EAGLE OF THE MONTH—JANUARY

Senior:	Junior:	Sophomore :	Freshman :
Christine Meaux	Brittany Newman Justin Broussard	Morgan Derouen	Baron Andrus
<u>Nominees</u>	<u>Nominees</u>	<u>Nominees</u>	<u>Nominees</u>
Leah Patout	Lena Nelson	Zachary Romaine	Charlotte LeBlanc
Alyson Dronet	Lauren Fusilier	Elizabeth McLain	Darsha Patel
Jonathan Stokes	Alex Meaux		Hunter LeBleu
Leah LeBlanc			Brock Dronet



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FROM CURRICULUM

On January 8, 2008 several teachers and I had a very interesting meeting with Mr. John Clark. Mr. Clark is the secondary school consultant for the ACT Company representing the southwest region. The majority of our time was spent discussing BENCHMARK SCORES. These are scores that if obtained will indicate great success in introductory college courses. Research has been obtained that states if benchmark scores are obtained the student has a 75% chance of making a C or higher in those courses and a 50% chance of making a B or A.

We focused on Vermilion Catholic's graduating classes of 2005, 2006, and 2007. The four areas of the ACT are English, Math, Reading, and Science. The National average of the last three years in English is 20.6, Math 20.8, Reading 21.4, and Science 20.9, and with a composite score of 21.1. The new Benchmark scores are 18 for English, 22 for Math, 21 for Reading, and 24 for Science. As you can see some of the Benchmark scores are higher than national average scores. We were happy to see that the majority of our scores were above the national averages and many were at or above the new benchmarks. In fact 23% of the 2007 graduating class surpassed all of the benchmark

scores. These scores are significantly higher than state percentages which were 14%. This information is not only of interest to juniors or seniors, but sophomores and freshman as well. The Explore standardized test and the Plan standardized test can also predict success on the ACT and in college for our younger students. If you would like to discuss this information with me further or if you would like to study your students scores please just give me a call. Our accreditation process is focusing on new ways to make our scores even higher. It is an exciting time to be part of the Vermilion Catholic family.

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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ALL-STATE—FOOTBALL

Congratulations to the Jeremy Bertrand and Casey White. Jeremy was named to the Louisiana Sports Writers Class A All-State 1st Team as a Linebacker. Casey was named on the Honorable Mention list. Congratulations to both seniors on a great year.



VC PRAYER CIRCLE INVITATION

In the spirit of Christian family unity we would like to extend an invitation to all V.C. parents and grandparents to join the V.C. prayer circle. In this world of fast paced agendas it is difficult for us to get together. One thing we can do is pray for each other as we go about our busy lives. We may not be able to physically be together but we can unite spiritually in our efforts to support each other. All we ask is that if any parent or grandparent would like to help support members of our V.C. family through prayer simply send your email address to Reba Broussard at reba_bvrml@k12.la.us and indicate your interest in being part of this ministry. (Note the underscore after reba)

The prayer circle will function as follows:

Send your email prayer request to REBA BROUSSARD at reba_b@vrml.k12.la.us.

Ask permission to pass on a prayer request from the person or family member to whom the prayer request pertains.

USE ONLY THE FIRST NAME AND LAST INITIAL of the person to whom the request pertains unless the person requesting prayer indicates otherwise.

PRAY IMMEDIATELY upon request and as often as possible for the intention because some request may require immediate attention.

Once the prayer request is received REBA BROUSSARD will then forward the email to all members of the Prayer Circle.

FROM DEVELOPMENT



Thanks to Leslie and Denise LeBlanc with D.A. Landscape Company for helping to keep our school beautiful. Pictured above is one of their employees pruning a tree in the front of Vermilion Catholic.



Congratulations to Jeremy Bertrand, Beau Saunier and Robert Russo for being named first team academic all state. Chip LeBouef was named honorable mention. Pictured above are: (left to right) Jeremy Bertrand, Beau Saunier, Chip LeBouef and Robert Russo.

Tickets are available for our upcoming "An Affair to Remember". Please purchase your ticket in the front office. Proceeds from this year's event will go to salary increases for our teachers. We would all agree how valuable it is to have good teachers teaching our children. Please help us to maintain the quality staff we have and support our fundraiser. Over the last three years, ACT scores of Vermilion Catholic seniors have been above both the state and national average.

Thank you to the Bank of Erath for their generous donation which was used to purchase Choices Career Planner. This is a computer assisted career guidance program. This is a

great way for all students to plan for their future.

Plans for the May Festival are underway and soon we will begin taking t-shirt orders. The shirts will be on display later this month so you can pick your size and color. This year's t-shirt design contest winner was Leah LeBouef, a 6th grader at Mt. Carmel. Post Office turn in days have been scheduled for February 27th, March 5th and March 12th.



Vermilion Catholic announced the winners of the Eagle of the Month Award for the month of January. Pictured left to right are the winners, Baron Andrus, Morgan Derouen, Justin Broussard, Brittney Newman & Christine Meaux. 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.

What If

What if we spent some time in silence everyday? What do you think you would hear if you were quiet for 15 minutes each day? Take time each day to be alone. Light a candle, take a long bath and turn off the phone, computer, tv or any other electrical distraction. Spend time in complete silence. This is a good time to listen to the Lord. You may find it amazing as to what you will hear.



On Friday, February 15, there will be Teacher Enrichment program at 7:30 in the morning. Students will have an adjusted schedule and should arrive on campus by 8:45.

FROM THE GUIDANCE DEPARTMENT

CHOICES Career Planner: I am very excited to let everyone know that through a generous donation from the Bank of Erath, we were able to purchase Choices Career Planner. Choices® Planner is an online career information delivery system that helps students compare, connect and choose from a vast network of work and education options, effortlessly building powerful plans. Students can take an interest profiler, a basic skills survey, research over 2000 occupations, 8000 schools, and create a portfolio of what they have found. We purchased the online version, which will be available to our students on any computer with internet access! Call or stop by for more information!

SENIORS: Many of you have already applied to several universities and various scholarships. If you have not already begun the application process, you should start immediately! Stop by the Guidance office if you have any questions regarding the application process!

ACT		
Test date	Regular Deadline	Late Deadline
April 12	March 7	March 21
June 14	May 9	May 23

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

Eligibility Requirements:

- Opportunity Award 2.50 Core GPA 20 ACT tuition
- Performance Award 3.50 Core GPA 23 ACT tuition + \$400
- Honors Award 3.50 Core GPA 27 ACT tuition + \$800

In order to qualify for TOPS, the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) form for the school year 2008-2009 must be completed. It is preferable to apply online at www.fafsa.ed.gov, but you may pick up a paper form in the Guidance office, any college financial aid office, or by calling the Office of Student Financial Assistance at (800) 259-5626, ext. 1012. The priority deadline for TOPS is May 1, 2008. You may begin applying now through July 1, 2008. **The April 12th ACT test date is the last date accepted by TOPS to earn a full award.**

Louisiana Farm Bureau Scholarships Due: February 29, 2008

- ◆ \$500 - \$1,500
- ◆ Available to seniors who plan on majoring in an agricultural related field
- ◆ See Ms. Kayla for an application

Acadiana Alumnae Panhellenic Scholarship Due: February 29, 2008

- ◆ \$300
- ◆ Senior girls who plan on participating in sorority recruitment

Best Buy Scholarship Due: February 15, 2008

- ◆ \$1,500
- ◆ Apply online at www.bestbuy.com/scholarships

Gulf South Pipeline Scholarship Program Due: February 15, 2008

- ◆ \$1,000
- ◆ Seniors with at least 3.0 GPA are eligible to apply
- ◆ Apply online at www.sms.scholarshipamerica.org/gulfsouthpipeline

Many other scholarships can be located in the Scholarship Database on the Guidance Department page on Edline or at www.fastweb.com, www.scholarships.com

Congratulations!

Vermilion Catholic Supporters of the Year:
 Eugene & Phallie Sellers
 Cobb & Stephanie LeBouef

Teacher of the Year:
 Kimberly Broussard

Student of the Year:
 Paul Kieu

FROM BOOSTER CLUB

Eagle fans have much to cheer about so far in 2008!! Our girls and boys basketball teams remain undefeated in district play. Our boys will face Central Catholic this Friday and girls have completed their first district "round" of play. Congrats to all coaches and players on a good show! Thanks to all parents and volunteers who are hard at work around the court, especially all those who made our annual Yuletide Classic such a success.

The VC bowling team always has a good time, and is representing the school competitively with Jamboree victories – the boys took first and the girls, second!! Great job! Tennis matches are being scheduled, and our new courts are becoming a reality.

Plans are now underway for the resurfacing of 2 courts, and 2nd phase fundraising continues for the remaining courts with \$900 collected so far. Special thanks to Bill Broussard for his tireless efforts in spearheading this important project. Thanks also to Allen McClain, Pat Hebert, Tim Landry, Jude Broussard, Charlie Steen, Jesse Faulk, and David Trahan for your hard work.

Baseball and softball teams have begun practice and preparation for their upcoming seasons. The annual VC boys' baseball tourney will be held February 21-23 at Sellers field. This will be the inaugural season for our brand new girls' softball field!! The first game and dedication will be held on February 25. Many thanks to all who have made this "field of dreams" a reality.

In other Booster news, the spring Booster BBQ will be here before we know it! Mark your calendars on Palm Sunday for a delicious meal, or come out and help... or both!!

Also, we will be having a Booster Supper on THURSDAY, February 7 at 7pm in the Home-Ec room. Join us for a \$5 meal and lots of news about the school, on and off the court!

Scott Desormeaux
President
VC Booster Club



FROM THEOLOGY

Meet John North

John is our adopted seminarian for the present semester. A 1998 graduate of Vermilion Catholic, John, is presently attending St. Joseph's Seminary College in Covington. We are more familiar with the name St. Ben's but it is the same institution. We are asking every member our V.C. family to keep John and all seminarians in their prayers. The journey to the priesthood is filled with much joy and can also be filled with many demands. Our prayers and support can help make this journey a little easier.

Throughout the semester we will be asking each grade level to send care packages to John. We will collect some of his favorite things such as snacks, gift food cards etc.. Each

grade level will be notified through their Theology teachers.

Thanks

Thanks to the generosity of all students, faculty and staff we were able to donate \$600 to our adoptive family for Christmas. The family expresses a deep sense of gratitude to all who made this possible.

Our freshmen visited the Angola State Prison in December as part of their theology class. It provided them with the opportunity to meet trustees and witness the daily life of those who are incarcerated. The experience helped them to live out one of the corporal works of mercy; visit the imprisoned.

AN AFFAIR TO REMEMBER

Vermilion Catholic High School presents its sixth annual An Affair to Remember—A Night of Good Fortune.

Saturday, February 16, 2008

6:00pm until 12:30am

Magdalen Place

Two South Magdalen Square

Buffet Dining—Dancing

February 2008

Sun Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri Sat

					1 ½ Day Feeder School Night	2
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
		~~~~~Mardi Gras Holiday~~~~~		Lenten Program	7:40 Weekly Mass	ACT
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
				7:40 Weekly Mass	7:30am Teacher Enrichment Students arrive @ 8:45 Progress Reports	Affair to Remember
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
	6:00 p.m. TOPS/ Financial Aid Work- shop	4-H Meeting	Sophomore Retreat 7:40 Weekly Mass			
24	25	26	27	28	29	
			School Board	7:40 Weekly Mass		

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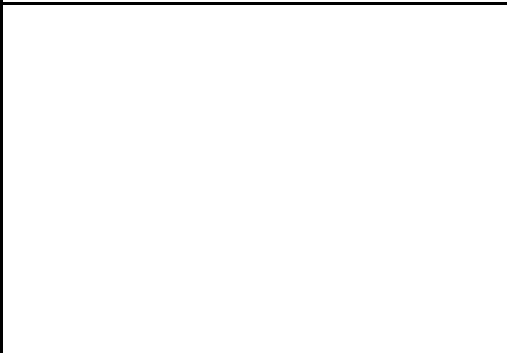
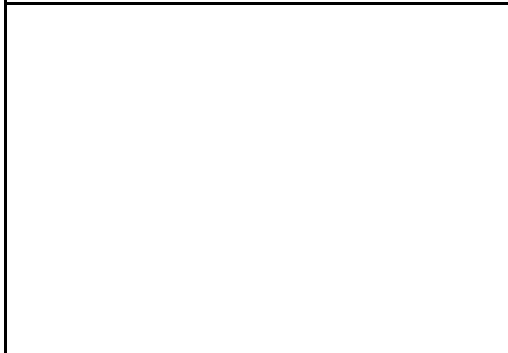
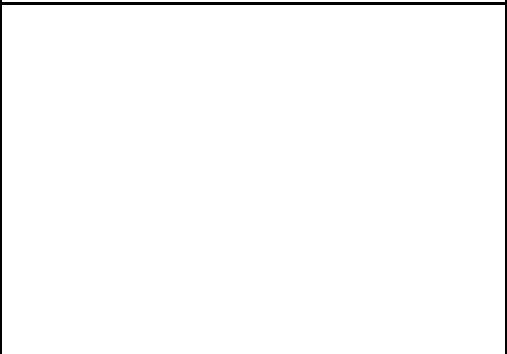
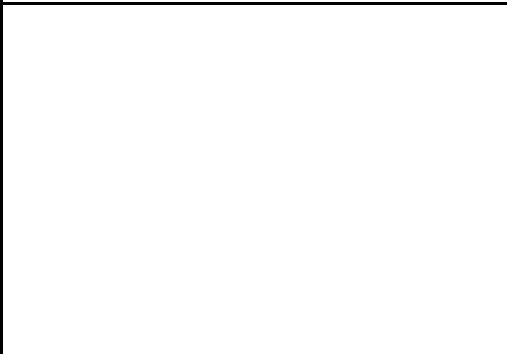
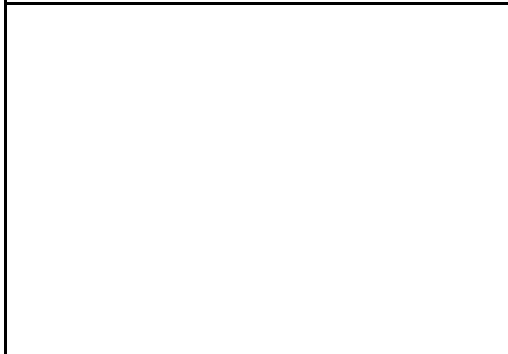
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