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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?

October 6, 13, 20, & 28—
Mass at VC at 7:40am.
Please join us.

October 12-School Testing
Day

October 14—Report Cards

October 23-29-
Homecoming Week

October 31—NO SCHOOL



Vermilion Catholic has been busy the first eight weeks of school.

As we all know, education is an ongoing process. Methods and techniques are constantly undergoing revisions in order to insure the best possible education for the students. We feel at VCHS that it is essential that all students be taught in the most efficient and effective manner possible.

Toward that goal, we are exploring the addition of new Dual Enrollment classes. We currently teach one class for our seniors in English in which they are receiving three college credits. The current Sophomore class will be the ones who would benefit the most by the time they are graduating Seniors. Classes we are looking at implementing could be for juniors and seniors who qualify academically. There is the possibility of earning 12 – 15 college credit hours. We will communicate with you as additional information

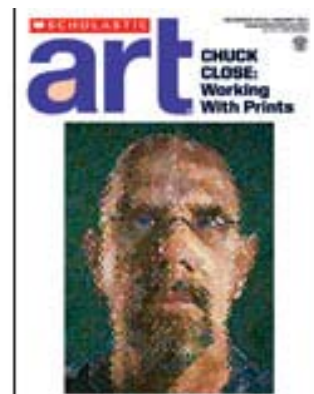
becomes available.

Let us all remember the vision of Vermilion Catholic which states “Vermilion Catholic actively engages students in the educational process, which is rooted in learning and serving Christ in the Catholic tradition.”

Michael C. Guilbeaux
Principal



Wishlist



Scholastic's *Art* magazine is a youthful publication filled with current artwork and issues. It will complement lessons and provide a variety of activities for students. If anyone would be willing to sponsor a school subscription to *Art* magazine, please contact Ms. Nealy Vardaman in the Art Department. The cost is only \$6.50 per year, per subscription if we subscribe to over 20 + copies.

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FROM THEOLOGY

A Mass honoring our freshmen was held on Thursday August 18th. As part of the celebration each freshman was invited to approach the altar with their parent or guardian to receive a Bible. The Bibles were a welcome gift presented by Fr. Blanda and Mr. Guilbeaux for the students to use throughout their high school career. As new members of our V.C. family we would like to extend a very special welcome to freshman class.

Bulletin Inserts Postures and Gestures at Mass



In the celebration of Mass we raise our hearts, minds and voices to God, but we are creatures composed of body as well as spirit and so our prayer is not confined to our minds, hearts and voices, but is expressed by our bodies as well.

When our bodies participate in our prayer we pray with our whole person, as the embodied spirits God created us to be, and this engagement of our entire being in prayer helps us to pray with greater attention

During Mass we assume different postures: standing, kneeling, sitting, and we are also invited to make a variety of gestures. These postures and gestures are not merely ceremonial. They have profound meaning and, when done with understanding, can enhance our personal participation in Mass. In fact, these actions are the way in which we engage our bodies in the prayer that is the Mass.

Each posture we assume at Mass underlines and reinforces the meaning of the action in which we are taking part at that moment in our worship. Standing is a sign of respect and honor, so we stand as the celebrant who represents Christ enters and leaves the assembly. This posture, from the earliest days of the Church, has been understood as the stance of those who are *risen with Christ and seek the things that are above*. When we stand for prayer we assume our full stature before God, not in pride, but in humble gratitude for the marvelous thing God has done in creating and redeeming each one of us. By Baptism we have been given a share in the life of God, and the posture of standing is an acknowledgment of this wonderful gift. We stand for the Gospel, the pinnacle of revelation, the words and deeds of the Lord, and the bishops of the United States have chosen standing as the posture to be observed in this country for the reception of Communion, the sacrament which unites us in the most profound way possible with Christ who, now gloriously risen from the dead, is the cause of our salvation.

The posture of kneeling signified penance in the early Church: the awareness of sin casts us to the ground! So thoroughly was kneeling identified with penance that the early Christians were forbidden to kneel on Sundays and during the Easter Season when the prevailing spirit of the liturgy was that of joy and thanksgiving. In the Middle Ages kneeling came to signify the homage of a vassal to his lord, and more recently this posture has come to signify adoration. It is for this reason that the bishops of this country have chosen the posture of kneeling for the entire Eucharistic Prayer.

Sitting is the posture of listening and meditation, so the congregation sits for the pre-Gospel readings and may also sit for the period of meditation following Communion.

Gestures too involve our bodies in prayer. The most familiar of these is the Sign of the Cross with which we begin Mass and with which, in the form of a blessing, the Mass concludes. Because it was by his death on the cross that Christ redeemed humankind, we trace the sign of the cross on our foreheads, lips and hearts at the beginning of the Gospel. Fr. Romano Guardini, a scholar and professor of liturgy wrote of this gesture:

*When we cross ourselves, let it be with a real sign of the cross. Instead of a small, cramped gesture that gives no notion of its meaning, let us make a large, unhurried sign, from forehead to breast, from shoulder to shoulder, consciously feeling how it includes the whole of us, our thoughts, our attitudes, our body and soul, every part of us all at once, how it consecrates and sanctifies us ... (Romano Guardini, *Sacred Signs*, 1927)*

But there are other gestures that intensify our prayer at Mass. During the Confiteor the action of striking our breasts at the words *through my own fault* can strengthen my awareness that *my sin is my fault*. In the Creed we are invited to bow at the words which commemorate the Incarnation: *by the power of the Holy Spirit he was born of the Virgin Mary and became man*.

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This gesture signifies our profound respect and gratitude to Christ who, though God, did not hesitate to come among us as a human being, sharing our human condition in order to save us from sin and restore us to friendship with God. This gratitude is expressed with even greater solemnity on the Feast of the Annunciation of the Lord and on Christmas when we genuflect at these words.

The *Our Father* is followed by the Exchange of Peace, the gesture which we express through a prayerful greeting of peace, that we are at peace, not enmity, with others. This exchange is symbolic. The persons near me with whom I share the peace signify for me, as I do for them, the broader community of the Church and all humankind.

Finally, with the new *General Instruction*, we are asked to make a sign of reverence, to be determined by the bishops of each country or region, before receiving Communion standing. The bishops of this country have determined that the sign which we will give before Communion is to be a bow, a gesture through which we express our reverence and give honor to Christ who comes to us as our spiritual food.

In addition to serving as a vehicle for the prayer of beings composed of body and spirit, the postures and gestures in which we engage at Mass have another very important function. The Church sees in these common postures and gestures both a symbol of the unity of those who have come together to worship and a means of fostering that unity. We are not free to change these postures to suit our own individual piety, for the Church makes it clear that our unity of posture and gesture is an expression of our participation in the one Body formed by the baptized with Christ, our head. When we stand, kneel, sit, bow and sign ourselves in common action, we given unambiguous witness that we are indeed the Body of Christ, united in heart, mind and spirit.

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FROM THE GUIDANCE DEPARTMENT

Mandatory Student/Parent Meetings: Thank you for your attendance at our Student/Parent meetings. My hope is that I was able to pass along valuable and helpful information necessary for our students to be successful throughout high school. If you have any questions, comments, or suggestions, please let me know!

ACT		
Test date	Regular Dead- line	Late Deadline
October 22	September 16	September 30
December 10	November 4	November 18
February 11	January 13	January 20
April 14	March 9	March 23
June 9	May 4	May 18

Register online at www.actstudent.org.

ACT Prep Courses

Enrolled students should be taking the ACT in October. We are eager to see the results for the students who participated in the course. Students interested in taking the Spring prep course should see Ms. Kayla.

UL & LSUE: To enroll in an ACT Workshop or an In-

tensive ACT Preparation Course call the University of Louisiana's Potpourri Division at 482-6386 or go to <http://potpourri.louisiana.edu/>. To enroll at LSUE call 1-888-FOR LSUE or go to <http://conted.lsue.edu/>.

Academics Plus ACT Prep: To enroll in this workshop call Edye Mayers at 991-9040 or 781-6475. You can also email her at aplusmayers@aol.com.

FALL TESTING:

ACRE test offered to Freshmen: All Freshmen will take the ACRE test on **Wed., Oct. 12, 2011**. NCEA ACRE is an integrated approach to assessment offering both faith knowledge (cognitive domain) as well as beliefs, behaviors, attitudes, and practices (affective domain) sections.

PLAN offered to Sophomores: Vermilion Catholic is pleased to offer ACT's PLAN assessment to all 10th graders on **Wed., Oct. 12, 2011**. Please do not schedule any appointments, etc., on that test date. PLAN, which is taken by nearly one million students in preparation for the ACT Assessment, includes academic tests in English, Math, Reading, and Science, and a survey of career interests. If students are undecided about what to do after graduation, PLAN can help bring their future into focus. Participating in PLAN gives them a head start on career and educational planning. Each student will receive a report that

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identifies academic strengths & weaknesses
 helps students explore career interests
 helps focus on career goals & the preparation needed
 to achieve them.

Please encourage your student to do his/her best on this assessment.

Juniors will be taking the PSAT/NMSQT on Wed., Oct. 12, 2011. The PSAT/NMSQT is a standardized test that provides firsthand practice for the SAT®. It also gives you a chance to enter NMSC scholarship programs and gain access to college and career planning tools.

The PSAT/NMSQT measures:

- Critical reading skills
- Math problem-solving skills
- Writing skills

You have developed these skills over many years, both in and out of school. This test doesn't require you to recall specific facts from your classes.

The most common reasons for taking the PSAT/NMSQT are to:

- Receive feedback on your strengths and weaknesses on skills necessary for college study. You can then focus your preparation on those areas that could most benefit from additional study or practice.
- See how your performance on an admissions test might compare with that of others applying to college.
- Enter the competition for scholarships from NMSC (grade 11).
- Help prepare for the SAT. You can become familiar with the kinds of questions and the exact directions you will see on the SAT.

Receive information from colleges when you check "yes" to Student Search Service.

Seniors will be taking a practice ACT administered by Sylvan Learning Center on Wed., Oct. 12, 2011.

After school tutoring: Tutoring is offered everyday after school. Athletic practices do not begin before 3:30 so everyone has an opportunity to attend tutoring!

Scholarships

♦ **LSU Scholarship Priority Deadline: November 15, 2011-** Applications must be in by this date for full consideration for all entering freshmen scholarships awarded by the Office of Student Aid & Scholarships

♦ **University of Louisiana Scholarships Deadline: November 15, 2011 (priority) January 31, 2012 (regular)** - Students must have applied for admissions and applications must be received by this date in order to be considered for scholarships

• **Coca-Cola Scholarship Deadline: October 31, 2011**

• \$10,000 - \$20,000

✦ Link to the application is on the VC website

• **Prudential Spirit of Community Award Deadline: November 2, 2011**

✦ \$1,000

✦ All students are eligible

✦ Check the VC website for application

✦

Many other scholarships can be located on the Scholarships page on the VC website or www.fastweb.com, www.scholarships.com and many other online scholarship databases.

EAGLE OF THE MONTH—SEPTEMBER

Senior: Leslie LaCour

Junior: John McLain

Sophomore : Shay LaPorte

Freshmen : Braxton
Cessac

Nominees

Amy Williams
Etienne Trahan
Jena Landry
Joshua Wilson
Kristin Chauvin
Michelle Noel
Rebekah Young
Regan David

Nominees

Aaron Melebeck
Dustin Desormeaux
Haley Jordan
Hannah LeBlanc
Katie Meaux
Mitchell Guidry
Paul Padilla
Rebecca Sagrera
Skylar Noel

Nominees

Andrea Delhommer
Andrew Kieu
Colin Primeaux
Danielle Laperouse
Emma Noel
Katherine Trahan
Kaylee White
Kristin Cobb
Lauren Touchet
Leryn Detraz
Rilee Trahan

Nominees

Chris Sagrera
Emily Bruno
Jacob Deville
Lexi Langlinois
Wyatt Hardee

FROM DEVELOPMENT

We are off to an amazing start and will soon wrap up our first 9 weeks. The VC school spirit is in the air and our students seem to be enjoying the school year thus far. Once again I thank the many parents who help us to carry out our mission at Vermilion Catholic. So many parents are behind the scenes getting things done for our school. We have dads painting the field before each home football game, moms stacking up the concession stand for the games, dads cooking hamburgers for games, alumni and dads cooking briskets for poby sales, moms helping with homecoming raffle, moms helping with the tickets for booster BBQ, moms helping answer phones in the office, moms organizing merchandise, parents selling raffle tickets etc. The list goes on and on with many helpful parents. Vermilion Catholic is all about family and I thank everyone for realizing the needs of our school and giving of your time and talent to make VC the best it can be for the students. I am looking forward to a wonderful school year and anticipate the end to be just a great as the beginning has been. A school filled with school pride and spirit.

Please mark your calendar for the upcoming Pre-Holiday Market on Saturday November 12th at the VC gym. The doors open at 9:00 a.m. and shopping continues until 5:00 p.m. 40 merchants will be here to sell wonderful merchandise and help to get your holiday shopping off to a great start. Any parent interested in helping with the market on November 12th, please email cheryllandry@vermilioncatholic.com.

During a recent Mass at St. Mary Magdalen, new students at Vermilion Catholic were welcomed into the VC Family and presented with a bible, the most important textbook used during your four years of study at Vermilion Catholic High School.



From the Bottom:

Row One: Maci Ardoin, Lauren Touchet, Kirsten Broussard, Elizabeth Daspit, Jasmine Coa, Caroline David, Halie Wright, Lilly Coa & Anna Dartez
 2nd Row: Mike Campbell, Alex Clark, Jacob Broussard, D.J. Demaracay, Jr., Kaylen Collins, Wyatt Hardee, Hung Hoang, Leighton Rabalais, Jacob Deville

3rd Row: Drew Baudoin, Emily Bruno, David Trappey, Lexi Langlinais, Hillary Fontenot, Elizabeth Gremillion, Andrew Hair, Brice Menard, Christopher Sagrera, 4th Row: Shakeir Ryan, Maddy Theriot, Abbey Zaunbrecher, Chelsey Benoit, Zach McNeil, Brooke Laperouse, Camille Lee, Ashalie' Brailey

Members of the Vermilion Catholic junior class were presented their letterman jackets at a recent pep rally held at the school. Students participating in school clubs, organizations or group/individual sports for two years were presented their jacket as a symbol of their involvement in the school.



Pictured left to right:

Bottom Row:

Haley Jordan, Lauren Duhon, Natalie Camel, Hannah LeBlanc, Katie Meaux, Rebecca Sagrera, Ellie Boudreaux, Ashlyn Trahan, Valerie Robichaux, Mary-Ellen Stakes, Lindsey Sagrera, Morgan Theriot, and Sloan Trahan

Top Row: Joey Faulk, Dustin Desormeaux, Nick Hollier, Mitchell Guidry, Aaron Melebeck, Hayden Ryder, Duke Steen & Matt Wilson



Recently the sophomore class at Vermilion Catholic went on a field trip to Angola State Penitentiary. The trip is used as an educational opportunity to re-enforce the Catholic values taught at Vermilion Catholic High School. Pictured above are the sophomore students at the entrance to the penitentiary.

Vermilion Catholic announced the winners of the Eagle of the Month Award for the month of September. Pictured left to right are the winners, Leslie LaCour (12th),

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John McLain (11th), Shay LaPorte(10th) and Braxton Cessac (9th). 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.



Vermilion Catholic announced the Teacher of the Month for the month of August. Mrs. Reba Broussard was named Teacher of the Month. She is the Religion Administrator and senior theology teacher and has been an employee of Vermilion Catholic for 19 years.

Assistant Football Coach Roch Charpentier was the winner of the "Kiss A Pig Contest" at a recent VCHS Pep Rally. The cheerleaders raised money for charity by having the students put money in a jar for the staff member that they wanted to see kiss a pig. Coach Charperntier had the most money in his jar so he had the honor of kissing a pig at the pep rally. Pictured is Coach Roch kissing the pig and VCHS student Tyler Frederick.



On Friday, September 2nd Mrs. Nealy Vardaman's Fine Arts Survey class at Vermilion Catholic High School earned the privilege of playing the Wii video game, Just Dance II. The class was rewarded for their determination in studying the fine art of dance as well as overall excellent behavior and attitude. Pictured dancing (front row, left to right) Haley Jordan & Matt Wilson, and (back row, left to right) Hannah LeBlanc and Courtney Nash

Vermilion Catholic announced the winners of the Eagle of the Month Award for the month of August. Pictured left to right are the winners, Katie Frith (10th), Josh Wilson (11th), Jordan Lattier (12), Justin Lattier (12th) and Ashalee Brailey (9th). 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.



HOME COMING



2011 VCHS HOMECOMING

Tuesday, October 25, 2011

6:00pm Powder Puff Game (VCHS Stadium)
(\$1 donation)

Thursday, October 27, 2011

8:00pm Bonfire (Near VCHS Practice Field)

Friday, October 28, 2011

7:30am Homecoming Mass
@ St. Mary Magdalen Catholic Church
8:00am Golf Tournament *
3:00pm Parade (Downtown Abbeville)
6:30pm Presentation of Court @ VCHS Stadium
7:00pm VCHS vs. Ascension Episcopal

Saturday, October 29, 2011

8:00 pm Presentation of Court
VCHS Gym

*Abbeville Country Club - to enter contact Troy LaPorte at 652-7947.

For more information: Contact Cheryl Landry at 893-6636 or
cheryllandry@vermilioncatholic.com



HOMECOMING

Dress Up Days

- Monday: Theme (Wizard of Oz)
- Tuesday: Tacky Day
- Wednesday: Backwards Day
- Thursday: Disney Character Day
- Friday: Mass Dress



2011 Homecoming Court

- Queen Jena Landry
- Nicole Bengtson
- Kristin Chauvin
- Kori David
- Regan David
- Haley Gallet
- Angelle Laperouse
- Mia Leboeuf
- Markie Suire



2011 Powder Puff Court

- Derek Broussard
- Emile Chiasson
- Aaron David
- Ryan David
- Stephan Guidry
- Blair Landry
- Mark LaPorte
- Christian Off
- Caleb Zaunbrecher

Cheerleaders and Dance Team

- Andrew Bernard
- Jake Davidson
- Ryan Domingue
- Reiss Hebert
- Macade Husband
- Jordan Lattier
- Justin Lattier
- Craig Lewis
- Caleb Luquette
- Hayden Luquette
- Eric Patout
- Ben Primeaux
- Chris Stakes
- Etienne Trahan
- Josh Wilson
- Peyton Wilson

Emcee

Trey Toups

The Powder Puff Queen will be announced at the Powder Puff game during Homecoming Week.

V. C. BOOSTER CLUB
Homecoming Golf Scramble
Friday October 28, 2011 – 8:00 a.m. shotgun start
Abbeville Country Club

18 Hole Scramble
 Registration: 7:00 a.m. – 7:45 a.m.
 Advanced registration to assure play
 Hole-in-one contest for a new vehicle
 Prizes for low net and low gross scores

4 Person Teams
 Food and Drinks Provided
 1st Place Class Prize
 Longest Drive contest
 Door Prizes

Sponsorship Types:

- ___ **\$600 Eagle Sponsor** – Includes 4 tournament entries, name prominently displayed on driveway and clubhouse and name displayed on all player carts
- ___ **\$400 Maroon Sponsor** - Includes 2 tournament entries, name prominently displayed on driveway and in clubhouse and name displayed on all player carts.
- ___ **\$100 Hole Sponsor** – Sign prominently demonstrated on one of the tee boxes on the course.
- ___ **Door Prize Sponsor** – (Contact Tammy White at 337- 344-7511 if you can provide us with anything).
- ___ **Mulligans \$10 for 2** (one per 9 holes)

Individual entries are \$100 per person. Look for Red Blast raffle on Hole #3.

 Player (1): _____ Player (2): _____
 Address: _____ Address: _____
 Phone: _____ Handicap: _____ Phone: _____ Handicap: _____
 Home Course: _____ Home Course: _____

 Player (3): _____ Player (4): _____
 Address: _____ Address: _____
 Phone: _____ Handicap: _____ Phone: _____ Handicap: _____
 Home Course: _____ Home Course: _____

Sponsor Information:

Sponsor's Name: _____ Phone #: _____
 Contact Name: _____ Fax #: _____
 Address: _____

Total to Invoice: \$ _____

Mail entry to:
 Golf Scramble
 425 Park Avenue
 Abbeville, LA 70510
 Or contact
 Troy LaPorte at (337)652-7947



October 2011



Vermilion Catholic High School

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
2 	3	4 7 pm Booster	5	6 7:30 Mass at St. MM 10:40 4-H Meeting	7 Adoration End 1st—9wks Feeder School Night	8
9 Fall BBQ 	10	11 7 pm Booster	12 School-Wide Testing 1/2 day	13 7:30 Mass at VC	14 Report Cards	15
16	17 18 7 pm Booster Break—Junior Ring Presentation Freshmen-Angola Visit	19	20 7:30 Mass at St. MM Lunch-Jr Ring Orders	21 Smoothie King Senior night	22 ACT	23
24 Break-Sr presentation 2:45—Library	25 7 pm Booster Quiz Bowl	26 Lunch—Sr orders School Board Mtg 6 PM—Library	27 Lunch-Sr. Orders	28 7:30 Homecoming Mass 3:00 Parade 7:00 Game	29 Homecoming Dance	30 31
<p><i>Homecoming week—See vermillioncatholic.com for daily activities</i></p>						
<p>For additional information please log on to our web site: vermillioncatholic.com</p>						



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