

Celebrating a Tradition of
Excellence



CHAMINADE-MADONNA
COLLEGE PREPARATORY

A Recognized School of Excellence

January 2007

Since 1960

OFFICIAL NOTICES

Happy New Year! Each new year gives us the opportunity to stop, reflect, and establish new goals in our lives. A family life nurtured in God's love is most important to our youth. Let us expend the time and energy to make sure that they have the opportunity to grow daily in His love.

REPORT CARDS First semester report cards will be mailed on Wednesday, January 17. Our Honors Assembly celebrating academic excellence in the second quarter and first semester will take Wednesday, January 17, at 10:00 A.M. at Nativity Church. Parents are invited to attend.

SECOND SEMESTER SCHEDULES will be mailed home January 3.

EARLY DISMISSAL Although parents should try to schedule all of their children's appointments at times that do not conflict with class attendance, that is sometimes not possible. When you know your child has an appointment scheduled, please have your child bring a note to the main office before 8:00 A.M. on the day of the appointment. He/she should be waiting for you in the office when you arrive. *So as not to interfere with the teaching and learning process of our students, students who do not bring a note may only be paged to the office during the change of classes.* Students who arrive late or leave school early because of a doctor's appointment need to bring a doctor's note to school to document the medical nature of their absence from class. Please also be reminded that early dismissals are not allowed on days the school attends Mass. The next schoolwide liturgy is scheduled to take place Thursday, January 18. Please do not schedule appointments on this and all other liturgy days.

STUDENT MESSAGES Students for whom parents leave a message will be called to the main office during afternoon announcements. The message will only be delivered at that time. Again, this is done in an effort to keep classroom disruption to a minimum.

VOLUNTEER BACKGROUND SCREENING The Archdiocese of Miami's Central Office for the Protection of Children and Vulnerable Adults mandates that any adult with access to children while in service to the school community must undergo a background screening. Volunteers are required to submit to Chaminade-Madonna a Volunteer Application, Code of Conduct, a fingerprint card with accompanying VECHS

form (allowing permission to conduct the screening), and a \$36.00 check made payable to Chaminade-Madonna. The background screening must be conducted every five years. The safety of our children is of the utmost importance and Chaminade-Madonna appreciates the time and talent offered to our school by our volunteers.

STUDENT PARKING All students must have a current C-M parking decal displayed in their car in order to park in the student parking lot or their car will be towed. In addition, any cars parked illegally will be towed. Cars parked in the two reserved spaces near the bookstore will be fined.

OFFICE DEPOT 5% BACK TO SCHOOLS Chaminade-Madonna has the chance to earn 5% of qualifying student school purchases made at any Office Depot location. Simply use our *school ID number 70021648* when checking out your items for purchase. By receiving credit for free supplies, your participation in this program helps ensure a better learning environment for all of our students.

<p>CHAMINADE-MADONNA OPEN HOUSE Saturday, January 20, 2007 11:00 A.M. to 2:00 P.M. Prospective students and families are invited.</p> <p>CHAMINADE-MADONNA 9TH GRADE ENTRANCE EXAM Saturday, February 3, 2007 7:45 A.M.</p> <p>For information on either event, contact Mr. George Sayour, Director of Admissions, at 954-989-5150, ext. 112, or email to gsayour@cmlions.org.</p>

HOME AND SCHOOL All are encouraged to attend the Home and School Meeting on the first Wednesday of each month. Join us at the next meeting on January 10 at 7:00 P.M. in the library.

FOUNDERS' DAY LITURGY is Thursday, January 18, at 10:00 A.M. at Nativity Church. All are welcome to attend!

JUNIOR RING CEREMONY Juniors will receive their class rings at an evening prayer service and blessing at

Nativity Church on Thursday, January 25, at 7:00 P.M. This is a class activity and all juniors are invited to attend even if they are not to receive a ring. A reception hosted by the sophomore class will follow in our cafeteria. Family and friends are invited.

GRADUATION ANNOUNCEMENTS The last chance for seniors to order graduation announcements will be January 29 and 30 during all lunches. After that, students/parents will have to order directly from Herff Jones.

TOP TEN RECOGNITION DINNER Our best and brightest will be honored on Tuesday, January 30, at 7:00 P.M. Invitations to the top ten students of each grade level and their parents will be mailed out shortly.

SPRING SESSION Our yearly opportunity for students to experience course work not within our regular curriculum will be held February 20-23. **Attendance on these days is required. Students are not to use them for vacation days or days off.** Course descriptions will be given to the students and parents are asked to review student choices and sign the registration form. Basic courses are without additional fees. Please note that some courses require an additional fee to cover supplies used by students. Courses that involve daily travel have a fee to cover expenses. Registration will take place the beginning of February.

COLLEGE CORNER

SENIOR PARENTS are to complete the 2007-2008 FAFSA form and mail it as soon as possible AFTER January 2, 2007.

SENIORS Mid-year reports require senior first semester grades. Fill out a transcript request form with \$2.00 and bring all to the College Placement Office. Only some schools require a mid-year report.

NEED MONEY FOR COLLEGE? Try the Internet's largest free scholarship search with 180,000 scholarships, fellowships, grants, and loans! Start today at www.fastweb.com. Check the scholarship window at least once a week for new scholarships (library window).

FLORIDA PREPAID COLLEGE PROGRAM Call 1-800-552-GRAD (4723) and press prompt 1 for details. Call anytime Monday through Friday, 8:00 A.M. to 9:00 P.M., or visit www.floridaprepaidcollege.com.

FLORIDA COLLEGE TOUR TRIP -- JUNIORS AND THEIR PARENTS A meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, January 31, 2007, at 6:30 P.M. in the library for the juniors attending the Florida College Tour Trip. It is a **mandatory** meeting for juniors and their parents. We will go over the full

itinerary, discuss the rules and regulations, and have a "Question and Answer" session. See you there!

FOUNDERS' DINNER-DANCE AND AUCTION will take place on Saturday, February 3, 2007, at the Hillcrest Golf and Country Club. We are honoring Valerie Panciera-Rieth '76 and Wayne Schuchts '79. Cocktails will be served at 7:00 P.M. with dinner to follow at 8:00 P.M. Tickets are \$125.00 per person; a table of ten is \$1,100.00. Please call Nikki Hanna-Agnew, Director of Special Events, at 954-989-5150, ext. 118, for information and reservations. We are accepting gifts for the auction and ads for the printed program. Check the calendar to join in the committee meetings.

CLASS REUNIONS Calling all Madonna Academy, Chaminade High School, and Chaminade-Madonna College Preparatory classes of '67, '77, '87, and '97. Contact John Anfuso, Director of Alumni Relations, at 954-989-5150, ext. 164, to join in the planning of your class reunion. Reunions will take place in June of 2007.

Mark Your Calendar . . . for these important events!

March

- 1 Multicultural Liturgy (No Early Dismissals), Nativity Church, 1:15 P.M.
- 2 **LATE START SCHEDULE** - Classes Start 9:00 A.M.
- 3 Softball Mexican Dinner, Cafeteria, 5:00 P.M.
- 4 Feed the Homeless, Cafeteria, 10:30 A.M.
- 7 Home & School Meeting, Library, 7:00 P.M.
- 9 Mother/Son Dinner Dance, Hillcrest
- 10 SAT at C-M, 8:00 A.M.
- 15 End of Third Quarter/Freshmen Retreat Day
- 16 **NO CLASSES**, C-M Annual Golf Classic, Inverrary Country Club
- 22 Honors Assembly, Nativity Church, 10:00 A.M.
- 22 Report Cards Mailed Home
- 23-25 Spring Musical, Hollywood Hills Auditorium
- 26-29 Encounter IV
- 30 Blood Drive
- 30 Cappuccino Night, Cafeteria, 7:00 P.M.

Celebrating Our Marianist Traditions

May this season bless you with the
joy of family, the happiness of friends,
and the love of Christmas.