



OFFICIAL NOTICES

PARENT/STUDENT HANDBOOK Students received their Student Handbook & Calendar their first day of school. This handbook should be read by both parents and students; it is intended to furnish important information that pertains to successful school life. The acknowledgement form was due back August 22, 2007. Students are encouraged to use the calendar section of the book to record their daily assignments in each class, thereby managing to be better organized and able to fulfill their scholastic obligations. We especially advise parents of ninth grade students to check that their child is doing this.

ACADEMIC POLICIES The criteria for honor roll are as follows: Principal's Honors requires straight A's, First Honors requires a 3.7 GPA with no grade below a B, and Second Honors requires a 3.5 GPA with no grade below a B. Students who fail more than 2.0 credits during the year (the maximum number that can be retaken during the summer) may not return to Chaminade-Madonna for the following school year. Students who fail a remedial summer school class will not be permitted to return to Chaminade-Madonna.

ATTENDANCE, TARDY, AND EARLY DISMISSAL POLICIES Please refer to page 13 of the Parent/Student Handbook for updates to these policies. So as not to interfere with the teaching and learning process, students who do not bring a note to leave school early for a doctor's appointment may only be paged to the office during the change of classes.

PARENT/TEACHER CONFERENCES The midterm meetings with teachers are scheduled for Thursday, September 27, from 5:00-7:00 P.M. Academic Status Reports will be distributed the day before. Parents should bring the Academic Status Reports with them to the conferences. A list of teacher locations will be distributed to those who need one. All parents are welcome to visit any or all of their children's teachers; however, parents of children who have received grades lower than a "C" are particularly encouraged to come speak with the teachers. Conferences must be limited to five minutes. Students are welcome to attend the conference with their parents; their presence may facilitate better communication about the nature of the problem.

Counselors are assigned to students as listed below:
Roggemann & Campbell Houses Mrs. Kristi Tucker-Herrero
Doyle & Danielle Houses Bro. Kevin Whelan, S.M.
Grace House Mr. Jim Harrington

SAFETY HOTLINE Please call the school's safety hotline at ext. 411 to report to the administration any threat of violence.

OPENING SCHOOL LITURGY will be held 10:15 A.M. on Wednesday, August 29, at Nativity Church. The Main Office will be closed from 10:15 A.M. to 11:30 A.M. The spiritual dimension that we offer our students is one of the unique aspects of our school. Though we are aware that not all of our students are Catholic, we feel that our liturgical events throughout the year can be understood and appreciated by those of all faiths. It is our hope that the students' personal faith will grow as a result of these experiences and that they will want to become more involved in their own faith development. It is for these reasons that we do require attendance at all liturgies. Students who have any uneasiness should express their concerns to Ms. Carol LaMont, Director of Campus Ministry, at ext. 119. **THERE ARE NO EARLY DISMISSALS ON LITURGY OR ASSEMBLY DAYS.**

PARENTS ARE INVITED to attend any and all assemblies/liturgies held at Nativity Church during the school year. Your presence is welcomed and encouraged. Please check the monthly calendar for dates and times of these events.

JUNIOR RING SALE will take place during all lunches on September 18, 19, and 20. Students will receive order forms during their English classes in early September.

UNDERCLASS PHOTOS will be taken on October 10 during the school day. Students are to wear the regular school uniform for the photographs. These pictures are used for our yearbook. Further information covering the different packages available and their prices will be mailed home from the photographer. Payment must be made at the time of the sitting.

SENIOR PAGES Families of seniors may reserve a special page in the family section of the 2007-2008 yearbook for best wishes and pictures. Contact Mrs. Faith Grossi, our Yearbook Moderator, for information. Note: The deadline for senior "With Love" ads in the 2007-2008 yearbook is December 7. Details regarding preparation of your ad will be forthcoming.

ENCOUNTER Recalled by many graduates as the most important experience of their C-M high school career, Encounter is held four times during the school year. The first

Encounter will start after classes on September 10 and finish September 13. This retreat is an opportunity for juniors and seniors to come to a greater understanding of God, others, and themselves. All students are required to attend at least one Encounter before graduation. For information, contact Ms. Carol LaMont at ext. 119.

HOMEcoming WEEK will be the week of October 1-6. Events include specific dress-down days, skits, rallies, and “the game” against North Broward Prep. The Lions Roar will take place at 7:00 P.M. on Thursday, October 4, in the gym. The Homecoming Dance will be held on October 6 from 8:00 P.M. to midnight at the Westin Diplomat in Hollywood. Tickets are \$75.00. This should not be thought of as a full prom. Parents are asked to discourage the renting of limousines and hotel rooms.

OFFICE DEPOT is *Taking Care of Education in 2007*. Every time students and families provide our school’s 5% Back to School Program ID #70021648 when purchasing supplies at Office Depot, C-M receives credit equal to 5% of the qualifying purchases to use for FREE SUPPLIES.

GoodSearch.com, powered by YahooSearch.com, is an internet search engine with a unique social mission: to help fund charities and schools. Founded by a brother and sister team who lost their mother to cancer, GoodSearch is a simple concept, search the internet and generate money for a charity or school. Now you can contribute to C-M every time you search the internet. Follow these simple steps to begin your contribution: (1) Go to www.goodsearch.com; (2) Enter Chaminade-Madonna in the “I’m supporting” box; and (3) Begin your search.

COLLEGE CORNER

Seniors - Welcome Back! We wish you all a successful and happy senior year. There are changes in the College Application Process this year:

Most colleges want on-line applications.

You still need a “Request for Transcript” form to complete an application.

Each school asks for different documents (profiles, essays, teacher and counselor recommendations, etc.).

Deadlines! Deadlines! Deadlines!

University of Florida -- One application deadline: November 1, 2007. One decision release date: February 15, 2008.

Florida State University -- Freshman application deadline for November 28, 2007 decision notification: October 10, 2007.

Requests for all transcripts or recommendations (if necessary) must be submitted to College Placement two weeks before the college deadlines.

Seniors are reminded that all colleges/universities require SAT and/or ACT test results as part of the application process. Please note the upcoming dates listed below. For your convenience, both tests are offered at C-M:

SAT Dates: October 6, 2007, November 3, 2007, December 1, 2007, January 26, 2008, March 1, 2008, May 3, 2008

ACT Dates: October 27, 2007, December 8, 2007, February 9, 2008, April 12, 2008

SERVICE LEARNING is an integral part of the C-M experience. Our service learning program is designed for students to develop appreciation for their blessings, an avenue to share their gifts and talents with the less fortunate, and a lifelong sense of service to the community. Each student is required to perform 20 hours of service per year. Failing to perform this annual service requirement will forfeit enrollment for the following school year.

Mark Your Calendar... for these upcoming events!

November

- 1 *All Saints Day* Liturgy, Nativity Church, 1:30 P.M.
- 2 **LATE START SCHEDULE**, Classes Start 9:00 A.M.
- 3 SAT at C-M
- 4 Feed the Homeless
- 7 Home & School Meeting, Library, 7:00 P.M.
- 12 Veterans’ Day / Regular School Day
- 12-15 Encounter II
- 14 Academic Status Reports Distributed
- 15 **PARENT/TEACHER CONFERENCES**, 5:00-7:00 P.M.
- 16-18 Main Stage Production, Cafeteria
- 21 **NOON DISMISSAL**, Thanksgiving Liturgy
- 22-23 **NO CLASSES**, Thanksgiving Holiday
- 26 Classes Resume, 8:00 A.M.

Celebrating Our Marianist Traditions

The theme for the 2007-2008 school year is Service, Justice and Peace. According to our Marianist charism, we are called to:

- Promote a missionary spirit for the reign of God;
- Educate for solidarity and justice and peace;
- Attend to the poor and marginalized;
- Promote the dignity and rights of all people;
- Promote programs of service, encouraging the formation of Christian service groups; and
- Under the prophetic influence of Mary, announce the goodness and justice of God and denounce oppression.