

The October Newsletter is an abbreviated version. We plan to be back at a full version in November.

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Comet News



...from the Principal's Desk

Dear Comet Family,

Each year in October I share with you the following prayer plan. With everything that has transpired over the last month, it is especially fitting for this time.

As events, challenges, and potential dangers present themselves, we begin to look for ways to address our concerns. Often, we immediately search for solutions or remedies. God tells us that He is the answer to all of these problems. To get in touch with what God is telling us, we must engage in prayer. A Catholic psychologist, Dr. Bob Wicks, offers a plan for prayer.

Dr. Wicks tells us that prayer is and should be the basis for addressing problems and challenges. In addressing challenges, we should first understand that to resolve a problem, we must first go through a five step process.

- 1) What is the challenge-RECOGNITION
- 2) Determine what causes it-DIAGNOSIS
- 3) What do we do about it- PLAN
- 4) Do something about it- ACTION
- 5) Let God take care of the rest-PERSPECTIVE

Once we have completed these steps, prayer is the initial ingredient to tie them together into a successful resolution to our challenge. When praying, there are different types of prayers we use to communicate with God: one-on-one conversation with God; formal prayer; silence and solitude; journal writing; reading the scriptures. May God inspire each of us to increase the time and quality of our prayer life.

I want to take this opportunity to welcome the many new families who have joined our COMET FAMILY. I hope that you have experienced a warm welcome into COMET COUNTRY. I must also thank our families who have been so supportive in this unique time. The outpouring of love and support for the families in need has been overwhelming. We had many parents who volunteered just after Hurricane Katrina to help us take information from incoming students. Many also donated uniforms and school supplies. Our faculty and staff also deserve thanks for their efforts. The administration worked tirelessly for two weeks to register and schedule students. Teachers are now teaching larger sections and, thus, grading more tests and papers. The students have been terrific! Classes are running smoothly and we are working to gather the resources to provide textbooks, desks, and other needs. There have been moments of uncertainty, and with those came much anxiety about how things would work out. As we have always said and believed- when everyone works together, there is nothing that we cannot accomplish. Thank you for your patience, understanding, and support through this journey.

Andrew Cupit

Important Info!!

- > Exams for the first nine weeks have been cancelled- see page 2 for more details.
- > Senior Retreat re-scheduled for November 2.
- > Progress Reports will be issued on October 6.
- > The deadline for Vanity Ads for the yearbook has been extended to October 14.
- > Ring and Announcement orders will be taken October 18 at lunch.
- > Senior Parent Conference Night re-scheduled for October 24.
- > ACT Prep Course with Mr. Hattier begins October 28- see insert for details.

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Comet News Flashes

1st Nine Weeks Exams

In order to gain more teaching time, the first nine weeks exams will not be given. Students will receive their average as their first nine weeks grade. Normal classes and rotations will be held during the week of October 17-21.

Lucky Pair

At our annual PTO Back to School Night, we held the annual drawing for two tuition scholarships. The parents of senior Danielle Champagne and freshman Melissa White were the winners.

Living Rosary

On Thursday, October 27, a living rosary will be held in the gym at 9:43 a.m.. All are invited to attend.

Vanity Ads Deadline Extended

The deadline for vanity ads for the yearbook has been extended until October 14, 2005. Please contact Peggy Bordelon with any questions.

Carnival Ball Meeting

A second informational meeting for court members will be held on Monday, October 10 at 6:30 p.m. in the library.

Open House Postponed

Open House for prospective students has been postponed until the Archdiocese office sets a new timeline for the admissions process. You are still encouraged to talk to friends and neighbors about considering SCC for their high school choice.

Vietnam Wall Postponed

The Vietnam Wall appearance scheduled for December 2005 has been postponed. We are working with the Vietnam Combat Veterans for a new date in 2006.

Balfour October 18

Representatives from Balfour will be on campus on October 18 to take ring and graduation announcement orders. Juniors who have misplaced their packet can pick up another in the office.

Balfour will have contact information for those juniors



who plan to return to their schools not serviced by Balfour. You can contact your representative to make plans for your class ring.

Balfour will also discuss plans for seniors whose schools are not open at this time.

PTO News

The PTO meeting scheduled for September was obviously cancelled due to the hurricanes. Our next regularly scheduled meeting will be on Wednesday, November 16 at 7:30 p.m. following Progress Report meetings. If the administration decides to hold progress report meetings after the October 6, progress reports, you will be notified through a bulletin at school. We pulled the names for the money day calendars on October 3 for all of September and the first week of October. The winners are:

- September 1- C.J. Clement (\$300- first drawing)
- September 4- Bobbie Potter
- September 11- Lewis Martinez
- September 18- Denise Falgoust
- September 25- Bobbie Potter
- October 1- Diane Rivers (\$100)
- October 2- Sara Guidry

Thanks to all families who sold or bought calendars. Drawings will continue each week, and winners will be posted on the parent page link on the school's website.

We will also be seeking volunteers to help prepare the holiday luncheon for our teachers. The luncheon will be held in either November or December. We will set a date in the coming weeks.

Just a reminder about the newspaper recycling program that benefits SCC. Just drop off your newspapers in the bin on Rue Du Bourg, and SCC receives a check each month.

Also, don't forget about the SCRIP program. This program benefits the school and you. Gift cards are a great idea for Christmas gifts. Contact the office to find out what businesses offer discounts.

Senior Retreat Re-Scheduled

Senior retreat has been re-scheduled for Wednesday, November 2 at Camp Abbey in Covington. Letters from parents can still be sent to the office. However, the deadline is Monday, October 24.

More information on lunch, transportation, and other details will be covered in a letter that will be distributed through religion classes later this month. Please pray for our seniors, retreat leaders, and a successful day of recollection.

College Day Held

Colleges and universities were on SCC's campus on October 3, 2005, for SCC's annual College Day. This event allows juniors and seniors to make personal contact with prospective post secondary institutions. Representatives from each school are allowed to give a short presentation to all juniors and seniors. Following the presentations, students are allowed to browse the table displays and ask questions about tuition, courses,

housing, and other pertinent information. College advisor Suzy Bologna organizes the event and felt it was again a huge success.



Senior Jared Nowell and junior Norbert Weinert fill out information cards at the Nicholls State University table.



Important Guidance Dates:

October 15- PSAT (juniors) November 4- PLAN Test (10th) and EXPLORE (8th & 9th)

Senior Parent Conference Night- Monday, October 24 7 p.m.

Mr. Hattier will be teaching an ACT Prep Course on Saturdays from October 29-December 3, 2005. See insert for details.

Students and Teacher of the Month

The SCC administration recently announced the students and teacher of the month for October. Teacher of the month is Mademoiselle Christine Klibert. She is a 1998 graduate of SCC and is in her third full year of teaching at SCC. The students of the month are Jennifer Marino (12th), David Entremont (11th),

Calvin Brewer (10th), Brooke Becker (9th), and Meg Gustafson (8th). Honorees were treated to lunch from WOW! Café' and Wingery and Smoothie King Smoothies. Congratulations!



Tentative Make-Up Day Schedule

In order to reach the required number of school days for this year, it will be necessary to make some adjustments to the school calendar. We have submitted the following plan to the Office of Catholic Schools for approval: November 21st and 22nd, March 1st, 2nd, and 3rd, and April 19th, 20th, and 21st. The Office of Catholic Schools must

approve this plan before it becomes final. We understand that this may cause some difficulty due to plans that were made in advance, however, we believe that extending the year into June would result in the same difficulty. Our seniors who are in Advanced Placement courses, as well as students who are preparing for the ACT, need the

class time to be ready for these tests. There are also some events, such as graduation, that cannot be moved. Therefore we have made the adjustments with planned holidays.

Tentative Make Up Days

November 21, 22

March 1, 2, 3

April 19, 20, 21



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Congratulations to the following Comets:

- ◆ Our apologies to Casey Robottom and Andrew Peyton, who were omitted from the 4th Nine Weeks Honor Roll in May
- ◆ 2005-06 Homeroom Representatives:
12A-Ben Bourgeois, Kelly Bourgeois, Mary Clement; 12B-Erica Fisher, Katie Fisse; 12C-Claire Loisel, Jessica Potter; 12D-Heather Simmons, Angela Suarez; 11A-Megan Bienvenu, Whitney Bowen, Lindsay Cheek, Danielle Cintron, ; 11C-Gina Monica, Zenailyn Mora, Melissa Newman; 10A-Calvin Brewer, Ashleigh Gaudet; 10B-Covanique Grover, Kaitlyn Nicholson; 10C-Adam Ratliff, Megan Roussel, Crystal Singleton; 9A- Rebecca Brock, Jessica Estorino; 9B-Brittini Landry, Kimberly Landry, Quinn LeBlanc, Courtney Millet; 9C-Ricky Poche, Ashley Reed, Carly Trepagnier; 8A- Paul Cupit, Robbie Eichhorn, Alicia Guillot, Meg Gustafson
- ◆ Brooke Becker, Freshman Class President and Chrissy Carter, Freshman Class Vice-President
- ◆ 2005 Homecoming Court: **Seniors**- Mary Clement, Carly Duhe, Katie Fisse, Amanda Kinchen, Camille Poche', Laura Thibodaux; **Juniors**-Chantelle Calmes, Jessie Casadaban; **Sophomores**-Kailey Hubbard, Alaina Jacob; **Freshmen**- Brooke Becker, Rachel Sellars; **Eighth Grade**- Candace McGaff
- ◆ Casey Robottom for being named Pelican Preps Player of the Week for his outstanding performance against Pine in the Comets' 49-6 victory over the Raiders
- ◆ 2005-06 Drama Club Officers: Erica Fisher- President, Russ Noles- Vice-President, and Chelsea Christy- Secretary