



SSA Four Pillars

## January 2010 Dove Newsletter

### From the Principal

There is a scripture reading from 1 Timothy 6:17-19

*Tell the rich in the present age not to be proud and not to rely on so uncertain a thing as wealth but rather on God, who richly provides us with all things for our enjoyment. Tell them to do good, to be rich in good works, to be generous, ready to share, thus accumulating as treasure a good foundation for the future, so as to win the life that is true life.*

When I read that scripture, it reminded me of the wonderful school community of which I am blessed to be a part. Recently, as you all know, one of our members suffered the tragedy of losing their home (just before Christmas). No sooner was the word out than you, members of this very special community, responded with incredible generosity and thoughtfulness. You defined the real meaning of Christmas.

Christ is "the Light that came into the world" to dispel the darkness of sin and to radiate the truth and love of God (cf. John 3:19-21).

Jesus came into this world to spread the concept of love of God and love of man. You, as the SSA family, have embodied that love by your response to others in need. This is certainly not the first time that I have experienced this from you. I have personally experienced this outpouring of love personally in my own family's time of need. You were so gracious and generous then. I have also seen your teaching of your daughters to respond to others' needs according to Christ's teachings. They give of themselves in service hours (many above and beyond the 20 that are required yearly), they give of themselves with their yearly "Outreach Day" experience (many continuing that service even though that day has ended), they give of themselves by participating in the various collections for people in need (like "Adopt-a-family, coats and warm clothes collection, teddy bears, food for the food bank, etc.) I do not think there has been a time in my 20+ years at SSA that I have ever been disappointed in your response to a call to help someone or an organization in need. I am humbled and very grateful to be able to learn from the love that you all have exhibited and are teaching your girls. And so there are two prayers that I offer to you. The first is a prayer for you in beginning the new year (It can be found on the bishops' site). The second you will recognize as the prayer of St. Francis; it is a reminder that we are called by Jesus to keep the meaning of Christmas alive in our hearts throughout the year.

Remember us, O God; from age to age be our comforter.  
You have given us the wonder of time,  
blessings in days and nights, seasons and years.  
Bless your children at the turning of the year and fill the  
months ahead with the bright hope  
that is ours in the coming of Christ.  
You are our God, living and reigning, forever and ever.

#### Prayer of St. Francis

Lord, make me an instrument of your peace:  
where there is hatred, let me sow love;  
where there is injury, pardon;  
where there is doubt, faith;  
where there is despair, hope;  
where there is darkness, light;  
where there is sadness, joy.  
O divine Master, grant that I may not so much seek  
to be consoled as to console,  
to be understood as to understand,  
to be loved as to love.  
For it is in giving that we receive,  
it is in pardoning that we are pardoned,  
it is in dying that we are born to eternal life.

Christmas, children, is not a date. It is a state of mind.

~Mary Ellen Chase

God bless you and keep you in His peace  
in each and every moment of this new year.

*Mary Kathryn Villere*

## Events - January

**CLASSES RESUME** on January 6.

**COLLEGE FORUM** for seniors on January 7 during lunch; senior parents college rap session at 2 p.m. in the Advancement House.

**APPLICATION DAY** for new and prospective 8th and 9th graders on SATURDAY, JANUARY 9 starting at 8 a.m. **Applicants must pre-register to attend this day.** They will take the IOWA test for placement purposes. Parents of these students must attend a mandatory meeting at 8:15 a.m. in the SSA Gym. Contact Elaine Simmons at 985-892-2540, ext.132/ esimmons@ssacad.com with any questions.

**MINI-SCHEDULE - January 12** - Do not miss meeting your daughter's spring semester teachers. Meet in the SSA Gym for 7 p.m., then walk through your daughter's class schedule and learn more about her courses. Parents are invited to bring a gift certificate to your favorite restaurant or spa for the 26<sup>th</sup> Falaya Fling, SSA's major fundraiser, on March 13. Thank you to all the parents who brought an item to the fall mini-schedule and for the Saints Ticket Raffle. The proceeds benefit our girls. The Falaya Fling Chairs: Stephanie Bachemin, Rose Beau, Laure Rooney, Rhonda Sceroler, will collect the items in the gym lobby before the meeting.

**SIPS SESSION-** Monday, January 11- Scheduling for 10th grade at 8:30 a.m.; 11th grade at 9 a.m.; 9th grade at 9:30 a.m. 12th grade reports to the gym at 10:00 a.m. for a meeting; 8th grade reports to the Cafeteria at 10 a.m.

**NEW YEAR'S LITURGY** on January 12. Mass starts at 9:15 a.m. in the gym. Parents are invited. (**Blazer Day**)

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**Mini-Schedule**  
**January 12**  
**7 p.m., Gym**

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**SENIOR RETREAT** - Wednesday through Friday, January 13-15 at the Solomon Episcopal Conference Center in Robert. Seniors will be dismissed at lunch on the 13th and all seniors must report back to school at 4:45 p.m. to depart for retreat.

**LASC (Louisiana Association of Student Councils** - January 16-18.

**HOLOCAUST TRIP** - January 16-19

**CLOSE-UP TRIP** - January 17-24.

**MARTIN LUTHER KING DAY - NO SCHOOL on MONDAY, JANUARY 18.**

**MARCH FOR LIFE** - Washington, D.C., January 19-22.

**RECOGNITION ASSEMBLY**- Thursday, January 21, SSA gym, 8 a.m., (BD).

**SATURDAY DETENTION** - January 23 from 8-10 a.m.

**CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK** - January 25-29.

**BLOOD DRIVE** - January 27, 9 a.m. - 2 p.m. The Bloodmobile will be in front of the Advancement House. Parents are invited to give the gift of life.

**ALUMNAE MARDI GRAS PARTY** - February 6, 4-10 p.m. SSA campus. Reserve your parking space and enjoy a family party for the Krewe of Olympia parade. \$10/parking space reservations available at the Advancement House. Music for entertainment, food and beverage available for purchase, security guard on duty.

**MOTHER-DAUGHTER** - Sunday, January 31. The 2 p.m. Mass will be held at St. Peter Church with Senior tributes starting at 1 p.m. in the church. The SSA gym will open at 3:30 p.m. for the Event. Pictures by Expressions for SENIOR MOMS AND DAUGHTERS ONLY will be taken from Noon - 12:45 p.m. Pictures for all others will start again at 3 p.m. in Benedictine Hall first-floor classrooms. \$20/ticket until January 22; \$25/ticket until January 31.

## CHAPEL ACTIVITIES

### **ADORATION**

ADORATION will be held EVERY FIRST FRIDAY of each month from 7:30 a.m. -3:00 p.m., but due to the holiday, Adoration for January will be January 8. All parents/grandparents/relatives/friends of SSA are invited to come. The more people we have praying for our SSA community, the more powerful our prayers will be. Please consider signing up for an hour or half-hour time slot with Mrs. Carolyn Downey at downey@charter.net.

### **ROSARY**

The Rosary is recited every Thursday at second lunch.

### **COMMUNION**

COMMUNION SERVICE will be held every Friday at 7:30 a.m.

### **BALLOON SHOP**

In January, we will start taking orders for VALENTINE'S DAY bouquets. Check the website for the forms or pick one up in the Front Office. Our hours of operation are from 8-9:30 a.m. every Monday through Friday. We look forward to assisting you with all of your balloon orders. Remember all proceeds directly benefit the school beautification projects. Thank you for your orders.

### **BASKETBALL**

...check Edline for schedule.

### **BOWLING**

...check Edline for schedule.

### **GOLF**

...Practice has started. Schedule to be posted.

### **SOCCER**

...check Edline for schedule. JV defeated Ben Franklin 8-0.

### **SOFTBALL**

... pitchers and catcher have reported. Varsity and JV practice starts January 11; 8th grade tryouts start February 8 at 4:00 p.m. at the SSA Softball Field on Hwy 190 just west of Covington High.

### **TENNIS**

... Mandatory meeting on Wednesday January 21 at 1st lunch in the Gym. Practices start at PAC on Monday, January 25.

### **INDOOR TRACK**

...the first meet was at LSU. The schedule has been posted on Edline.

## EVENTS

### **February**

- 3 Chick-fil-A Breakfast - Student Council
- 5 Career Day
- 6 ACT Test
- 6 Alumnae Mardi Gras Party
- 8 SIPS - 9th reports at 9 a.m.; all others at 10:30 a.m.
- 9 8th Grade Retreat
- 10 Feast of St. Scholastica; 8th Grade Induction
- 12 Uniform Variation
- 15-19 Mardi Gras Holidays
- 18-19 BB Bi-District Playoffs
- 22-23 BB Regional Playoffs
- 23 Pep Rally for God
- 24 New Student Registration
- 26 Sweetheart Dance, 7-10 PM
- 27 Detention

### **SCHOOL BOARD MEETING -**

Monday, January 25, 7 p.m.

...the Varsity / JV Cross country teams on winning the 7-5A District Championships...to the following All District Runners: Carley Boyce, Angela LaBorde, Clare Ledoux, Catherine Pereira, Lauren Salles and Catherine Schroeder.

...the Varsity Volleyball team for being District Runner-up.

**Catholic Schools Week -  
January 25 - 29.  
Thank you for sending your  
daughter to a  
Catholic high school.**

We would appreciate your support in honoring the school calendar when scheduling family trips.

# RECOGNITION AND CONGRATULATIONS

## SPECIAL THANKS TO...

...everyone for your prayers, donations and support for those in the SSA family who are ill.

...everyone who prepared meals for our SSA families in need...Gina Amato, Lori Barrosse, Kelly Battle, Michelle Bel, Charlene Bilbe, Andrea Blasier, Connie Boudreaux, Joan Boyer, Rose Brady, Mary Bravo, Ellen Brown, Barbara Campbell, Carolyn Downey, Theresa Elie, Julie Elliott, Ginny Kamath, Juliette Page, Parent Club, Student Council, Kelly Battle, Charlene Bilbe, Michelle Bel, Andrea Blasier, Ellen Brown

...our alumnae who brought delicious sweet treats for our students: Joanna Brandt Case '90, Jennifer Ballard Gitz '85, Susan Boudreaux Loesberg '68, Missie Arata Noel '84, Lisa Hernandez Pellegrini '87, Elise LaFrance Schell '79, Amie Boudreaux Post '97, Maria Piazza '81 and Elaine Simmons.

...our students and parents for their gift of giving to the Adopt-A-Families at Christmas. You are amazing!

...our SSA families and our community for their gift of giving to the Rauch's after fire destroyed their home.

Father-Daughter: More thank yous to the volunteers who helped at this special event: Carolyn Downey, Nancy Hewitt, Cindy Fekete, Steve Gaudet, Amie

Guttuso, Judi Kuebel, Susan Loveland, Lorraine McDaniel, Candy Modeen, Beryl Morgan, and Suzanne Myers.

...our SSA Choir and handbell choir for their wonderful performance at the SSA Christmas Concert ...to Charles Bridges for his remarkable work with the choirs

...to Connie Brennan for chairing the recent Sweet Treat Day and to the parents who donated the treats.

...to the Teacher Appreciation chairs Natalie Allain, Connie Boudreaux and Lisa Carey and all the volunteers who donated the delicious food and gifts for the wonderful faculty Christmas party.

...to our parents who support the athletic teams, who volunteer their time at the games and donate food for sports events.

...Karen Redd and Adrienne Laborde for decorating the campus for Christmas along with volunteer Lisa Zachmann

...our alumnae/friends for the Alumnae Trick or Trunk event: Courtney Pablovich Dodson '97, Kathy Greenwald, Susan Boudreaux Loesberg '68, Melissa Piazza Mannino '82, Angela Nichols, Missie Arata Noel '84, alum parent Dolly Piazza, Maria Piazza '81, Aimee Boudreaux Post '97, Meredith Lyon Ramke '59, Kim Colle Reagan '93, Elise LaFrance Schell '79, Shelly Smith Scoggins '83, Elaine Simmons, Nicole Jemison Siverd '95, Elizabeth Joanan Stokes '84, and Bridget Watson; students Meagan

Fontana, Elizabeth McCulla, Ashleigh Pichon and Megan Richardson.

...SSA Art III students – Mallory Stubbs and Leigh Barrosse – have been chosen to represent SSA in the first high school student art exhibit presented by Loyola University. “Shift Exhibition” hosted by the Visual Arts Department at Loyola University will be at the Danna Center Basement Gallery, Loyola Campus, opening Thursday, January 21, 5-7 p.m. Awards will be announced at the opening. The exhibit will run from January 21-February 22.

...Father John Talamo, OLL pastor for celebrating Mass on January 11...to Colin and Aimee MacIver who encouraged students to consider their life's vocation – marriage or religious life...to altar servers Elizabeth Holzenthall, Carly Loveland and Taylor Stewart; readers - juniors Leah Baumgartner, Diamond Moses, and Catherine Schroeder. Gift bearers: Amy Fairbank, Lauren Barratini, Maddie Myers, Annie Bates, and Haley Farris; Eucharistic Ministers: Danielle Krumm, Taylor Harvey, Kelly Kennedy, McKay Jordan, and Christina Grishman.

...to our seniors for a great senior retreat...to the senior retreat planning committee for a good job of planning this very special retreat.

Our LHSAA 5A State Cross Country Championship.  
Great job, Girls!

Results from Championship Meet:

Angela LaBorde - 3rd place - 19:33 - 5A All State  
Team - LHSAA Composite

All State Team (top 25 times out of all classifications)  
Carley Boyce - 6th place - 20:07 - 5A All State Team -  
LHSAA Composite All State Team (top 25 times out  
of all classifications)

Catherine Pereira - 8th place - 20:21 - 5A All State  
Team - LHSAA

Composite All State Team (top 25 times out of all  
classifications)

Clare Ledoux - 16th place - 20:47

Lauren Salles - 25th place - 21:11

Catherine Schroeder - 51st place - 22:11

Rachel Despeaux - 103th place - 24:41

Team Results: St. Scholastica - 1st place - State  
Champion - 58 points

Northshore Metro Meet Results:

Angela LaBorde - 2nd place - 18:01

Carley Boyce - 6th place - 19:17

Catherine Pereira - 7th place - 19:21

Lauren Salles - 9th place 19:55

Clare Ledoux - 12th place - 20:14

Catherine Schroeder - 16th place - 20:43

Ashleigh Sparks - 17th place - 21:03

Team Results: St. Scholastica - 1st place - Northshore  
Metro Champion - 36 points

LHSAA District 7-5A Cross Country Championship  
Results:

Angela LaBorde - 1st place - 18:01 - Individual  
District Champion - All District

Catherine Pereira - 4th place - 18:55 - All District

Carley Boyce - 5th place - 19:05 - All District

Clare Ledoux - 7th place - 19:41 - All District

Lauren Salles - 8th place - 19:42 - All District

Catherine Schroeder - 10th place - 20:05 - All District

Rachael Gautier - 25th place - 22:15

Team Results: St. Scholastica - 1st place - District 7-  
5A Champion - 25 points

New Orleans Track Field Coach's Association All  
Metro Team: (Voted on by Metro Coaches)

Cast for the RSC Version of the Wizard of Oz on April 14-  
19, 2010, St. Joseph Abbey, Benet Hall:

Dorothy Gale - Courtney Calato and Haley Farris  
Toto - TBA

Aunt Em - Lindsey Campbell and Theresa Schiro

Uncle Henry - David Kraus

Zeke - TBA

Hickory - Chris Calkins

Hunk - Andrew Winchell

Miss Gulch - TBA

Professor Marvel/Wizard of Oz - Bob Pool

Glinda - Ashley Giambelluca and Rachel Rees

Scarecrow - Cal Desmith and Payton Spell

Tinman - Maile Binion and Hunter Christopher

Lion - Charley Early and Carly Palazzo

Wicked Witch of the West: Colette Pellissier and Mimi  
Scardulla

Munchkin Teacher - Mrs. Patrice Cedor

Cast Number One - Lesley Achary, Dana Arthur, Faith  
Baggett, Shelby Bryan, Brighton Gunther, Diamond Moses,  
Maggie Murphy, Nicole Klibert, Merritt Parsons, Lauren  
Richard, Ellen Rosenow, Karen Rosenow, Kurt Thompson  
and Thomas Williamson.

Cast Number Two - Amanda Boe, Hallie Braud, Abbey  
Caruso, Amber Cathcart, Alaina Chifci, Allison Ducote, Allison  
Dugas, Mollie Dutel, Ariane Fabre, Elise Fourchy, Zoe Gaber,  
Emily Gremillion, Sydney Griffin, Emily Hebert, Katie Hebert,  
Hailey Holmes, Angelle Jurasin, Christie Miller, Savannah Miller,  
Anneliese Moore, Marie Motahari, Caterina Picone, Kayla  
Riecke, Mei-Lin Roussel, Amanda Seal, Olivia Seal, Ashley  
Solek, Helene Tavormina, Shelby Thompson, Victoria Vercher,  
Jessie Vicari, Jenny Wang, Jaynee Williams, and Whitney  
Williamson.

Dancers - Lesley Achary, Alexa Aertker, Kortney Cleveland,  
Abbey Caruso, Abigail Collins, Allison Ducote, Cal Desmith,  
Emily Hebert, Savannah Miller, Diamond Moses, Sara  
Rodriguez, Theresa Schiro, and Andrew Winchell.

Little Munchkins - Rylee Abadie, Madeleine Berrigan, Gabrielle  
Bradford, Keirsten Bryan, Madeline Campo, Ella Cheramie,  
Kaitlyn Cleveland, Megan Drane, Mary Claire Dubreuil, Claire  
Ducote, Kendall Duncan, Isabel Esquerre, Holly Fuselier,  
Samuel Giberga, Katie Higgins, Kellianna Hopkins, Anna  
Hummel, A.J. Lacroix, Emilie Lasseigne, Sebastian Malbrough,  
Angelle Martin, Luci McCaleb, Dylan McNulty, Meg Mercante,  
Emily Meyers, Ella Millet, David Needles, Annie Noel, Stefanie  
Nuccio, Austin Peak, Maggie Picone, Devin Power, Lydia  
Richard, Heather Riecke, Olivia Sadler, Kyle Shiell, Delaney  
Stanworth, Gabriella Verdigets, and Samantha Vintruella.

**FALAYA FLING**  
**MARCH 13, 2010 - CASTINE CENTER**  
**CELEBRITY GUEST/AUCTIONEER:**  
**SEAN PAYTON, COACH OF OUR NEW ORLEANS SAINTS**

Falaya Fling tickets have been sold, raffle tickets purchased, and auction items are coming in.

Laura Iverson won the two tickets to the Saints game.

THE BLUE MEANIES will provide the live music for your dancing and fun.

We will need parents to volunteer to help with the event and would like to have each SSA family donate one auction item. Items are being accepted at the Advancement House. Thank you to those parents who have already donated items.

If you can help with any of these things, contact Elaine Simmons at the Advancement Office (892-2540, ext. 132).

**FALAYA FLING RAFFLES**

**\$50/TICKET:**

**\$5,000 CASH RAFFLE** - Only 300 tickets will be sold.

**\$50/TICKET:**

**\$5,000 TUITION RAFFLE** - Only 300 tickets will be sold.

Buy your ticket now and still have an opportunity to get your lucky number.

ALL FLIERS ARE ON EDLINE.

**FALAYA FLING CLASS CREATIONS/ITEMS**

Thank you to all our students who participated in the themed Class Creations/Items for Falaya Fling. These are always a big hit at the Falaya Fling. Classes of Coach Danny Davis and Francie Rich won the pizza parties.

