



August 2011 Dove Newsletter

From the Principal

Summer! Did anyone say “summer?” I thought we had one, but there was so much happening during these past few weeks that the time literally flew by. Obviously our tech team have been very busy along with some very special parents and teachers, who gave many hours to make sure that the iPad initiative got off to a successful start. It seems like a simple idea to order the iPads and give them out to the students. However, from the moment the decision was made to go with the iPads, the planning and the re-planning were intense and ongoing in order to keep current with the changes, as well as comprehensive, taking care to address every detail. I think the most important thing that we have discovered with the iPads is that things change every day - from new Apps to new exciting ways to do things. As a school, indeed as a school community, we all need to be flexible in order to be responsive to the consistent and ongoing changes that will provide our students with a phenomenal learning experience. I keep using the word “exciting” but that truly is the best word to describe what the students will be experiencing.

I want to thank the tech and office staffs, teachers and some very special parents and students who worked so hard to get the iPads ready in such a short period of time. We were determined to put the machines in the hands of the students as soon as possible so that they had as much time as possible to become comfortable with them. This will give our students an edge in their learning process. While I am expressing thanks, I would like to let our school community know that it is our tech team that is leading the charge in terms of providing critical information to the rest of our Archdiocesan high schools of the best way to ready the machine and deploy them efficiently to the students with the necessary training. They have even been very instrumental in providing some essential information to Apple and some companies that provide auxiliary services for this new iPad to make the machine work as an extremely efficient tool in the education arena. We should

all be so proud of these folks! SSA is definitely leading the way in technology for the Archdiocese, if not in the region.

As a bookend to this information on technology, I had the opportunity to attend a national technology conference in June. Interestingly enough, the thousands of exhibitors who were there are scrambling to catch up with the seeming revolution the iPad has introduced to the education arena, unbeknownst perhaps even to Apple when they released it. Even while those exhibitors were saying that their R& D departments were furiously working on compatible support pieces, over half of the conference participants were carrying iPads. The content of several of the sessions addressed the use of the iPad in the classroom. I certainly came away with the confidence that SSA is on the forefront of educational technology in terms of providing our students with the best and most current of learning tools-not just in the high school environment, but what now appears also to be the trend of universities’ expectations.

Many of our teachers attended conferences this summer as well. Our new French teacher Elaine Guillot participated in a week-long intensive Advanced Placement workshop. Jennifer Grimley-LeTendre joined the ranks of School Leadership Fellows within the SSA faculty (Marguerite Celestin, Lee Caston, and myself) attending a five-day institute with the main focus being effective teaching. Lynne Fritscher '07 (our new religion teacher and assistant track coach) along with Colin MacIver (religion department chair and campus minister) and Jeannell Sullivan (science department) attended the Benedict XVI Institute for Faith, Ethics, and Science at Springhill University hosted by McGill Toolin High School presented by university theology, science, and education professors and Archbishop Lipscomb, former Archbishop of Mobile. Mrs. Sullivan also attended a “differentiated instruction” (DI) training at Tulane University, which was a week-long institute for the purpose of aiding us in sustaining and maximizing our DI efforts for our students best learning experience. Caroline Capps attended a Naviance seminar. Our coaches have all attended

clinics sponsored by LHSAA including Rebecca Bonnafee, our new H&PE teacher and volleyball assistant coach. Matt Lopez, our new chemistry/physics teacher will be working with SSA's robotics initiative. Bill Gallop attended Notre Dame's Vision summer workshop. Doreen Picone attended the National Board for Professional Teaching Standards in Washington, DC. Charles Bridges, music director, participated in the NPM Convention for Choir Directors in Louisville KY. Erin Crawford Kessler '98 attended Partners in Mission workshop for advancement. Our student council, including Liz Tocco, participated in the LASC workshop in preparation for this school year.

Various members of our faculty held 14 summer camps which provided wonderful, fun learning experiences for young students and at the same time allowed these young people to learn about SSA. We are actively telling the good news story that defines SSA in terms of educating young women in every aspect of their learning process.

We have also begun our new outdoor gathering area and bathrooms. There is indeed much going on this summer at SSA! Yes, an exciting time to be a part of the SSA EXPERIENCE! Welcome to our new year!

Mary Kathryn Villere

In reading the rest of this newsletter, you will read about several learning experiences of our students as well as teachers and administrators. It has indeed been a busy summer. We are excited to begin the new school year with a vision of continuing our work to be the best school in the Gulf South. With your support this will absolutely become a reality.

A few reminders:

- * **Senior parents**, August 9, 6:00 PM, SSA gym. This is an important day for you. The **mandatory** student/parent meeting will present all the information that you will need to successfully navigate through your daughter's senior year with great memories. One component of this night is a tradition that involves the senior parents in anticipation of your daughters receiving their rings. We will have a light supper provided, because many of you will not be able to get home from work, have dinner, and manage to get to school in time for the meeting. Hopefully, this will make things somewhat easier for you. It will also give us an opportunity for some fellowship as we begin this memorable year together.

New Parents – a few dates for you to remember:

- * **Book Day**, August 8, 8:30 a.m. in the Gym. The girls must come dressed in their complete uniform, including blazer. On this day the girls will experience many school-related activities such as taking their school I.D. photo, getting their assigned locks and lockers, paying for supplemental course fees, choosing a lunch plan, etc.
- * **Orientation for 8th graders**, 8:00-11:00 a.m., August 9 and **Freshman Friendship Day** (all 9th graders), 9:30 - 11:00 a.m., August 9. These two events are designed to help your daughters maneuver the school year successfully
- * **iPAD TRAINING for ALL STUDENTS WHO WERE UNABLE TO ATTEND THE SUMMER SESSIONS** - August 9, 11:30 a.m. - 2:30 p.m.
- * **New Parent Meeting**, August 18, 6:00 p.m., SSA Cafeteria. **Mandatory** meeting that will provide parents with necessary information about the school program for the year. This will be followed by **Mini-Schedule** at 7:00 p.m. in the SSA gym, which allows you to walk through each of your daughter's classes and meet her teachers.

Back to School Dance, August 12, 7–10 p.m., SSA gym.

This is the very first dance of the year and it does not require a date.

8th Grade Social, August 12 at 6:00 p.m. before the Back-to-School Dance in the SSA gym

REMINDER - IPAD AUP VIOLATIONS

Any student altering the iPads in any way without authorization will result in their machine being locked down, the student will have to come to the Help Desk to reactivate them and additional consequences. This has occurred already on three separate occasions. We would like to, however, congratulate the girls and thank them for living up to our expectations. Three issues out of 695 is exceptional. Enjoy the rest of the summer and the use of your iPad.



From the President

I begin this newsletter with a reflection on the tragic and sad circumstances that have engulfed our SSA family in the past few days and weeks leaving us with many questions and emptiness in many ways. But our Faith fills us with deep hope for God's continued love and peace. Several of our families have faced tragic accidents and death has taken away their loved ones. Let us continue to remember in prayer the Cole, Gensler, Vinturella, Perrault, and Battle families. We know that God writes straight with crooked lines, and it is often very difficult to understand the things we have to undergo in our journey that we take with Christ. We must remember that God sent His only begotten Son to prepare the way for us. We must believe that the Lord will strengthen our Faith and lead us to everlasting life with Him. The precious young people, Catherine and Samantha, are now basking in the full love of the Lord awaiting to be reunited with us at a later date. I thank all of you who have walked with these families during these difficult days. The power of prayer is truly awesome. The love and compassion from the SSA family will give these families peace. We pray that they will find strength in that God will hold His arms around them and guide them through this difficult time.

A new beginning is always an exciting time, as well as one filled with great anticipation. As we embark upon this school year 2011-12, we eagerly anticipate the new challenges which lie ahead of us, offering all of us a possibility for new growth and achievements as we continue to fulfill one of the tenets of our Strategic Plan "Innovation, Purpose, and Promise" to make SSA the best school in the Gulf South!" The most obvious way we are doing this now is with the deployment of the next phase of our 1:1 computer program – the iPad2. All but a few students have received their laptops and the initial training. Our technology department and faculty have worked most diligently to put this program in place through training sessions and conferences. This is only the beginning of this endeavor. Never content to "rest on our laurels," we continue to explore methods to upgrade this initiative on a recurring basis as opportunities become available. This is an exciting time as we move forward!

As you arrive on campus in August, you will notice some construction taking place in the main area. A covered, open pavilion will soon offer our students additional opportunities for "hanging out", eating lunch outdoors, and even having some outdoor classes. Additionally, a restroom extension is being added on the driveway side of the cafeteria. These projects are funded by the generosity of the donors to our

Centennial Fund. We continue to be blessed by those who believe in the mission and vision of SSA.

The chapel of Our Mother of Perpetual Help continues to be a source of many graces and blessings as our students and faculty and community visit Christ in the Blessed Sacrament and participate in Masses and prayer services such as Reconciliation, Holy Communion, and Adoration. The icon of the Visitation and the Holy Family were added this past year. These icons symbolize the concepts of "family" and "sisterhood" which are so important to us at SSA. May God bless all who have supported this endeavor through their prayers and generous donations. Commemorative and memorial opportunities continue to be available. Contact Elaine Simmons for more information 892-2540, ext. 132.

We have high hopes for successful futures for the Class of 2011. I am proud of them and congratulate them on their successes and wish them well in the years ahead. We take time to celebrate the impact this group has had upon us all. They have grown and blossomed in their years at SSA. We are proud of their accomplishments. They have worked hard and contributed much to SSA. Now is a time of transition as they embark upon their futures and journey on to new paths in their lives. The Benedictine tradition of prayer, work, study and community goes with them to become a natural part of their every day life.

The Class of 2012 is "waiting in the wings"! In just a short while their last year will begin. They have an empty slate of pages waiting to be written on with their accomplishments of this year. Our hopes and prayers are with them for a highly productive year, filled with many opportunities for growth and development. We offer our unconditional support and blessings to them during this year.

This school would not be the same without the service of all who work here and volunteer as well. It takes a whole community to contribute to making a school as excellent and as successful as SSA. Let us celebrate the outstanding happenings of this school year! May God bless you and your families and reward you for all the good you do for SSA.

We look forward to beginning a new school year with you and your daughters in August. Our new students are eagerly busy with preparation for the new experience they will have in August. This newsletter should keep you abreast of information you will need to be ready for that day—August 8! Until then, may the remainder of your summer free you to experience joy and peace, renewal and recreation of your hearts and souls, spending time together and enjoying each other. The office will be open on August 1 should you have any questions that this newsletter cannot answer.

Let us remember that Christ can calm the difficulties we go through on a daily basis in our lives if we turn to Him often in prayer and frequent reception of the Eucharist. May God bless you and may He hold you in the palm of His hand.

Marguerite S. Celestin

Summer Reading List is Available on the SSA Website. Hopefully, you have read your books!

SUMMER READING AND MATH WORK PACKETS - Students are reminded to finish their required summer reading and turn in their summer reading packets in Homeroom on August 15. Math packets are done online. The math packet is not going to be graded, BUT, it is a partial review of the material from their previous math class. The purpose of the problem sets is to provide the students with the opportunity to review and practice the skills they will need to have definite mastery of to succeed in their new math course for this upcoming year. Also, they should be practicing their ACT skills using the ACT online studyguide.

(Reminder: Eighth grade and new incoming students need not complete a summer math assignment. All students are required to complete the summer reading assignment.) If you have any questions regarding your schedule, the counselors will be available on August 1.

NEW STUDENTS: Your EDLINE access codes were mailed to you earlier in the summer - one for the student account and one for the parent account. If you have not activated your accounts, please do it before Book Day. You must click on the boxes provided that you will receive emails from SSA. If you have any questions or problems setting up your account, please email jbuller@ssacad.com (Jeannie Buller).

RETURNING STUDENTS: It is critical that both you and your parents activate your separate EDLINE accounts. Note that there are TWO accounts with individual access codes, one for the parent and one for the student. It is equally important that parents provide a viable e-mail address for the school to use.

All communications, both informative as well as safety issues, will be addressed through this media.

SCHEDULES and demographic information (homerooms and locker numbers) for current and new students are available on Edline. Please bring your schedule to Book Day, Orientation and the first day of class. It is the school's policy to adjust only those schedules for which the school is in error. Schedule issues are being addressed in the order in which they are received at the schedules@ssacad.com email address. Phone messages will be processed after the communications sent to the schedules email address.

Falaya Fling

Our 28th annual auction, dinner and dance held on

Saturday, March 24, 2011

at the Castine Center, Pelican Park

from 6:00 - 11:30 p.m.

Tickets / Raffle Tickets can be purchased on Book Day and forms will be available on the SSA website and Edline.

We are proud to announce our co-chairs:
Kimberly Hahn and Stacey Rase

The Band is **Burgundy**

SSA DOVE CLASSIC GOLF TOURNAMENT

The Dove Classic Golf Tournament will be held at Tchefuncta Country Club on Friday, October 7, 2011. Sponsorships and player registration are available at this time. Thank you to those who have already committed to play. Don't miss this opportunity to enjoy the day and support SSA's athletic program. We welcome and encourage lady golfers. \$175 Single Player, Foursome \$700, Foursome with Signage \$800. Call the Advancement House for information, 985-892-2540, ext. 130 or email esimmons@ssacad.com. Form available on Edline or SSA Website.

BOOK DAY
MONDAY, AUGUST 8

COMPLETE SCHOOL UNIFORM INCLUDING BLAZER must be worn on BOOK DAY. A uniform inspection will be your first stop on Book Day!

BOOK DAY for ALL STUDENTS will be in the Gym as scheduled:

8:30 AM	8th Grade
9:30 AM	11th Grade
10:30 AM	10th Grade
11:00 AM	9th Grade

Seniors may come any time **BETWEEN** 8:30 - 10:30 AM.

TUESDAY, AUGUST 9

STUDENT ORIENTATION

For 8th Graders ONLY

8:00 - 11:00 AM

Dress: Must wear Uniform without Blazer

FRESHMAN FRIENDSHIP DAY

for 9th Graders ONLY

9:30 - 11:00 AM

Dress: Casual - NO Uniform

ALL STUDENTS WHO DID NOT ATTEND iPad SUMMER SESSIONS MUST ATTEND iPad TRAINING ON AUGUST 9, 11:30 AM - 2:30 PM
Students report to the Help Desk (upstairs in the library) to receive the iPads. They will then be directed to the appropriate classroom in LaSalle Hall.

*8th and 9th grade students who did not attend an iPad training session, must remain at school after Orientation or Freshman Friendship Day to receive their iPads and the appropriate training. Bring a lunch (11:00-11:30 a.m.)

~~Handbook Review of policies for the 9th, 10th, 11th and 12th graders will be during Homeroom on Wednesday, August 10. Parents please review Student Handbook located in the Student Planner with your daughter and sign the Consent page at the end of the Handbook. Turn it in to the Front Office or give consent via website.~~

Lockers, I.D., school pictures, and P.E.

Book Day

uniforms can be taken care of during Book Day times.

August 8

For Your Information

TRANSPORTATION - Limited bus service is

available from Bogalusa and Mandeville. Service is not available to individual homes and subdivisions. Central stops are located along the routes. Bus service will be in operation beginning August 10. If you have any questions regarding the Bogalusa or Mandeville buses, please call Wendy Bertucci (892-2540, ext. 129).

SERVICE HOUR REMINDER - Students should be working on their service hours. If you have any questions, please call Mrs. MacIver (892-2540, ext. 148). The completed paperwork must be turned in as soon as possible. (Form is on Edline, under Contents).

The following will be posted on the SSA website and on Edline: **CAMPUS MAP** showing drop-off and pick-up routes for before and after school and designated student parking areas. Please note designated visitor parking spots.

PARKING REGISTRATION FORM - AT THIS TIME OUR PARKING IS FULL. Parking on campus is ONLY available for 11th and 12th graders (8th, 9th and 10th graders are not allowed to drive to school). All cars must be registered every year and registration tag must be displayed in car. (NOTE: No one is allowed to park in the Covington Supermarket lot or block any other business/residence.)

SUPPLY LIST - A list of supplies required by teachers was sent to new students earlier. The list is also posted on Edline. Those teachers not listed will notify students of school supplies once school begins. (See Office Depot 5% Back to Schools Program flier.)

BOOK DAY - If parents are not accompanying students to Book Day, students are to bring **three blank checks**: One for course fees; one for P.E. uniforms, shorts and shirts from the Doves Nest and Dove Spirit items, and one for any extra items or incidentals.

SCHOOL PICTURES ARE TO BE PREPAID. Romaguera accepts cash, Visa, MasterCard, Discover, and checks made payable to ROMAGUERA PHOTOGRAPHY. (Form enclosed)

COURSE FEES can be paid before or on August 4. Any student not attending Book Day on August 8 will **NOT** be allowed to begin classes on August 10 until all arrangements have been completed. This could take a good portion of the morning.

TUITION - It is imperative that every family be represented at Book Day. Students will not be allowed to go through Book Day if tuition and fees have not been paid. **TUITION WAS DUE BY JULY 1, 2010. Bank financing is still available.** If you are interested in bank financing, please contact Mary Willem, Business Manager at 892-2540, x144 by **August 1.**

SENIOR EVENTS

***SENIOR NIGHT** will be on August 9 at 6:00 p.m. in the Gym. All Seniors and Senior parents are expected to attend.

***SENIOR PORTRAITS** - Any senior who did not take Senior Portraits in June at Expressions Photography or who needs retakes, must schedule an appointment for August 20 starting at 10 a.m. Please call Paula in the Advancement Office, ext. 104 for appointment times. All picture proofs must be returned to Expressions whether ordering a package or not. \$25 retake charge.

***SENIOR RINGS** - If you have a balance due on your Senior Ring, please bring payment to Book Day. A Balfour representative will be on hand. Checks should be made payable to *Balfour*. Students are reminded that only official SSA rings will be allowed to be part of the ring ceremony!

***SENIOR RING MASS** - August 25, Mary Queen of Peace Church, 6:30 p.m. Seniors dismissed at 11:00 a.m. for practice. Reminder - limited seating is available.

***RING DAY** - August 26, 9:00 a.m., SSA Gym. Blazer Day for all students except Seniors. Senior parents are invited to attend.

8TH GRADE SOCIAL - August 12, 6 p.m., SSA Gym. Come to the social and then stay for the Back-to-School dance.

BACK-TO-SCHOOL DANCE FOR ALL STUDENTS - August 12, 7-10 p.m., SSA Gym. St. Paul's students are also invited to attend.

MASS - Commissioning of Faculty on August 15. (Blazer Day). **ALL PARENTS ARE INVITED TO ALL SCHOOL MASSES.**

NEW PARENT MEETING - Parents of all new 2011-12 students are asked to attend a **mandatory** meeting on August 18, 6:00 PM in the SSA Cafeteria.

JUNIOR PARENT COLLEGE INFORMATION MEETING - 6:00 PM, Gym. on August 18.

MINI-SCHEDULE - August 18 - Parents will not want to miss this evening. Meet in the SSA Gym at 7 PM for a brief meeting, then walk through your daughter's class schedule, meet her teachers and learn more about her courses.

UNIFORM VARIATION DAY (Athletic Association) - August 19. Day set aside for variation in uniform dress code to benefit designated club or group. There is a \$1/charge. Dean of Students stipulates the uniform variation dress. If not participating in uniform variation day, the complete school uniform must be worn. (Outlined in Handbook under Appearance & Dress.) Dress on the 21st: Blue Jeans or Blue Jean Capris (not torn or ragged) and a SSA shirt.

DOVE SPORTS

ATHLETIC FORM - The LHSAA forms are available on Edline under Forms and on www.lhsaa.org. The forms are **REQUIRED** to participate in high school sports. The parent and student athlete **MUST** sign the forms. No student can practice or participate until it is completed and turned in to your coach prior to the first practice.

ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION SELLS A YEAR-ROUND PASS - This pass will admit all immediate family members to all home sports events all year for the low cost of \$75. Complete the enclosed form and turn it in on Book Day. Join us in support of the Doves. You'll enjoy the games and be proud of the athletic talent of our teams!

ATHLETIC POLICY - Students may participate in only one sport per season (See Athletic Section in Handbook).

SPORTS TRYOUTS

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VOLLEYBALL - 8th grade tryouts will be held in August. Date TBA.

SWIMMING - Practice starts on August 15 (Monday-Thursday) at Tchefuncta Country Club as follows: Varsity (3rd or 4th year swimmers or anyone named to Varsity the previous season) - 3:45-5:00 PM; JV - or anyone new including 2nd year swimmers and 8th graders (unless named to varsity last year) - 5:00-6:00 PM.

BASKETBALL - October 10

SOCCER - October 24

INDOOR TRACK - January 3

SOFTBALL - January 17

OUTDOOR TRACK - January 30

Other sports will be posted as soon as the dates are established.

CAR-LINE DROP-OFF for students is in front of the Advancement House on E. 21st street. Students will receive Dove Reductions for being dropped off anywhere else on campus. We hope you will understand. This is a safety and traffic issue. Please do not arrive for car-line before 3:00 PM. If you are first, please pull up all the way on 21st Street to the parking lot by the Advancement House and on both sides of the street in front of the Advancement House. The police will require you to continue to circle if you park blocking the intersections or while waiting for the car-line to move and other cars cannot get passed on that street. A helpful tip - Traffic clears up by 3:30 PM. You might want to pick up your daughter for 3:25 PM.

UPCOMING EVENTS

August

- 8 Book Day for All Students - Uniforms must be worn on that day *BD
- 9 Orientation for 8th graders, 8-11 AM, Chapel
- 9 Freshman Friendship Day, 9:30-11:00 a.m.;
- 9 All students who did not attend iPad training, must attend iPad training from 11:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m. Mandatory. 8th and 9th grade students bring lunch (11-11:30 a.m.) if staying for iPad training.
- 9 Sr. Night with Parents, 6 p.m., Gym - Mandatory
- 10 First Day of School
- 12 8th Grade Social, 6 p.m., Gym
- 12 Back to School Dance, 7-10 p.m., Gym
- 18 New Parent Meeting - 5:30 p.m. - Mandatory
- 18 Junior Parent College Information Meeting - 6 p.m., Gym
- 18 Mini-schedule, 7 p.m., meet in the SSA Gym
- 19 Uniform Variation Day, Ath. Assn.
- 25 Senior Ring Mass, 6:30 p.m., Mary Queen of Peace Church
Seniors dismissed at 11 a.m.
- 26 Ring Day Celebration at SSA *BD

September

- 5 Labor Day - NO CLASSES
- 10 ACT Test
- 12 SIPS Morning Session - Balfour at 9 a.m. for Seniors; all other students report at 10:30 a.m.
- 12 8th Grade Elections
- 14 Mass *BD
- 15-16 Suicide Prevention, 10th Grade
- 22 Senior Balfour Orders at Lunch

***BD - Blazer Days**

SSA Telephone Menu

Press	Description
2	Report Absences
4	Admissions and Records, Advancement, Alumnae Affairs (Elaine Simmons/Erin Kessler/Maria Piazza/Yvette Cardinale/Paula Hullivan/Kristen Blackburn)
5	General School Information (Maria Kieff/Stephanie Cassesi)
6	President's Office, Principal's Office, Current Student Records (Heather Klechak)
7	Guidance Office (Caroline Capps/Susanne Hepburn/Toni Pettavino/Carol Pool)
8	Accounting Office (Mary Beth Willem/Nancy Caston)
9	Athletic Office (Coaches)
129	Dean of Academics, Dean of Students /Accounts Receivables (Wendy Bertucci)
195	Athletic Director (Charles Richard)

PARENT CLUB

You are a member of the PARENT CLUB by virtue of your daughter being a student at SSA. Your personal involvement in our various activities is vital to our school and your daughter will enjoy seeing you on campus. Please stop by our table at Book Day to sign up for helping with these activities, to ask any questions about the Club's activities, or just to say "Hello". (See letter from Parent Club President on website).

BALLOON SHOP

...will open the first day of school. An order form is online for your convenience. Please remember to stop by the Balloon Shop table on Book Day. We will be accepting "Welcome Back to School" bouquet orders or any future birthday, special occasion, Halloween or Valentine's Day orders. Come see what is new for the 2011-12 school year. An order form that can be dropped off on Book Day is online for your convenience. We look forward to assisting you with all of your balloon orders. Remember all proceeds directly benefit the school beautification projects. The Balloon Shop phone number is 892-2540, ext. 364.

SCHOOL UNIFORMS

EmbroidMe store hours are Monday-Friday, 9 AM - 5 PM; Saturday, 10 AM - Noon. If you have any questions about your uniform, please call EmbroidMe at 624-9718. REMINDER: All students must attend school in correct SSA uniforms.

CRISIS MANAGEMENT PLAN

SSA is participating in a parishwide plan for crisis management. Several administrators have undergone special training. Part of this plan consists of aerial photos of the campus and complex specification of all campus buildings, which allow first responders to be able to act more quickly and efficiently in a school emergency. In the event parents would need to pick up students because of such an emergency, they should report to the cafeteria or wherever the SchoolReach message states. In a weather emergency, if St. Tammany public schools are out, SSA will also not be in session. Our school crisis plan can be found on the website.

ASBESTOS MANAGEMENT PLAN

In accordance with the Asbestos Hazardous Emergency Relief Act (AHERA), a management plan has been prepared and approved by the State Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ). The school is following the plan in accordance with the guidelines of the Archdiocese of New Orleans, Office of Catholic Schools. The plan is available for you to review in the school office during regular school hours. If you desire a copy of the plan, it will be made available to you at a cost of \$25 which covers the reproduction cost.

RECOGNITION AND CONGRATULATIONS

CONGRATULATIONS AND THANK YOU...

CATCHING UP WITH SPORTS NEWS....

Athletic Awards for 2010-11 bowling, golf, outdoor track, soccer, softball and tennis teams...each athlete received a participation pin from SSA Athletic Director, Charles Richard.

The bowling team, coached by Pete Bertucci, is Regional Finalist. The golf team, coached by Meredith Berry (Head Coach) and Bill Gallop (Asst. Coach), is Regional Finalist. The Outdoor Track team is Regional Finalist coached by Kristi Becerra (Head Coach), Sam Sanders (Asst. Coach) and Howie Inman (Asst. Coach) and Faron Henault (Asst. Coach). The Varsity Soccer team, coached by Mike Ortner, is State Runner-Up.

The bowling team awards were: Most Improved – Amanda Meibaum; Coach's Award – Samantha Bopp, Melanie Dutel and Alicia Nuccio. Melanie Dutel, Amanda Meibaum and Christine Melancon are First Team All District. Alicia Nuccio, Sarah Player, Ashley Solek and Natalie Spedale are Second Team All District. Golf team awards: Coaches Award – Emily Deas; MVP – Lauren Barattini; Most Improved- Remi Landry.

Outdoor track team awards: Eighth Grade team: Track MVP Award – Madison McDaniel; Field MVP Award- Victoria Despeaux; Track Most Improved - Marisol Moreno; Field Most Improved - Kaylyn Cuadrado; Junior Varsity: Track Most Improved – Faith Andras; Field Most Improved – Monica Guillot; Track Coach's Award- Lauren Naquin; Field Coach's Award – Madison Robert; Varsity: Coach's Award – Catherine Pereira; Track MVP – Carley Boyce and Lauren Salles; Field Most Improved – Lauren Despeaux; Field MVP – Mary Grace Gitz.

Soccer team awards: Eighth Grade team: Coach's Award - Kaitlin Childress; Top Offense - Annalise Shepherd; Top Defense - Molly Lynch; Junior Varsity: Coach's Award - Sarah Schellang; Offensive MVP – Mary Duet; Defensive MVP – Emilia Perera; Varsity Soccer: Natalie Childress – Defensive MVP, Academic All State, All Metro Defensive MVP, All State Team; Emily Descant – Offensive MVP, First Team All District; Ashley Martinez – MVP, Academic All State, All District, All Metro, Second Team All State; Lindsay Achary – All District Honorable Mention; Rebecca Beatty – All District, Second Team All State; Meagan Due – All State Freshman Team; Sarah Gaudet – All District Honorable Mention, LHSSCA Desarmoux Award for Come Back Player of the Year Award; Kate Gutterman – All State Freshman Team; Sara Kuebel – Academic All State, All District Honorable Mention; Ashley Lyon – Academic All State; Kimberly Moreau – Second Team All District, Lauren Sales – Academic All State. The State Runner-up team members were: Lindsay Achary, Amy Bavido, Rebecca Beatty, Brittany Bosarge, Abby Childress, Natalie Childress, Emily Descant, Meagan Due, Lucy Duet, Sarah Gaudet, Kate Gutterman, Natalie Helm, Drew Kinchen, Sara Kuebel, Lauren

Lilly, Ashley Lyon, Ashley Martinez, Kim Moreau, Madeleine Morgan, Elena Naccari, Abbey Rester, Lauren Salles and Laine Zammit and manager Tori Pittari.

Softball team awards: Eighth Grade team: Most Improved – Maddie Hyver; Outstanding Players – Kaitlin Childress and Holly Huhn; Junior Varsity: Most Improved JV – Emily Daigle; Outstanding Players – Lindsey Berns and Sam St. Pierre; Varsity: MVP- Kristen McDaniel; Most Improved- Alexandra Hontas; Coach's Award- Devin Hyver. Academic All State players are: Allison Dastugue, Amanda Krause and Kristen McDaniel. First Team All District - Kristen McDaniel; Second Team All District - Chloe Conravey and Alexandra Hontas; Honorable Mention - Morgan Bounds and Devin Hyver.

Tennis team awards: Varsity: MVP – Elise Michaelis; Most Improved- Dana Stanton; Coach's Award- Zoe Gaber.

St. Paul's Cheer team attended a SCA cheer camp in San Destin, FL this summer. The team received first place in the Home Pom category, received Spirit Sticks all four days of camp, and were named Runner-Up Camp Champions. Four girls received All American recognition; Ericha Chaney, Caroline Cole, Lexi Patterson and Emmie Salles. Haley Vervaeke was awarded a Ribbon of Excellence for her Toe Touch jump and was one of only 12 campers selected as a Jump Off Finalist. SPS/SSA Cheerleading Director is Audrey Pool.



Back Row: Alayna Almeida, Ericha Chaney, Abbey Caruso, Caroline Cole, Kendall Kramer, Alyssa Hebert, Margaret Eckert, Catherine Hughes, Becca Magee, Madison Kotara, Hannah Frosch, and Haley Vervaeke; Middle Row: Caitlin Landry, Abby Sembera, Ashley Inzina, Caroline Gallaspy, Caroline Bilbe, Elizabeth Lyon, Chrissy Pfister Front Row: Alex Morgan, Brittany Sharp (Co Captain), Lexi Patterson (Captain), Emmie Salles (Co Captain), Maddie Toups

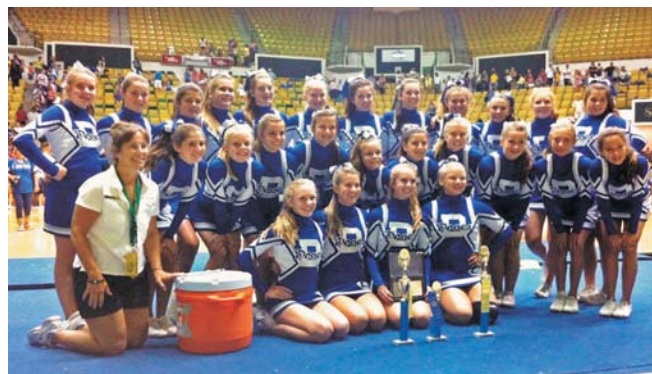
RECOGNITION AND CONGRATULATIONS

...SSA Royallettes attended UDA Elite camp at ULL in June. The team received 1st place and Superior trophy for their Wizard of Oz themed home routine. They also competed in team routine on the final night and received a Superior trophy and the UDA Full Out award that recognizes the teams with the best overall creativity and team effort of the Team Routine. This award was only presented to three teams at camp! The team received a bid to UDA Nationals in February because of their tremendous achievements. The Royallettes also received all blue Superior ribbons on the final day for their individual evaluations of their B and C Routines learned at camp! The team was recognized by their peers and awarded the Leadership Award. This award is voted on by all other teams at camp and only given to one team. Congratulations to the Royallettes for this amazing accomplishment considering they were the youngest team at camp surrounded by all Varsity squads! Laurell Szczepanski, SSA Royalette Director, was also awarded the coaches Leadership Award also voted on by her peers at camp!



First Row: Olivia Priola, Lili Poulsen, Allyson Lacoste, Peyton Boudreaux, and Hannah Battle; Second Row: Ellen Lambert, Breanne Bizette, Katherine Riecke, Hannah Noel, Madison Pope; Back Row: Kerilyn Walsh, Abigail Landwehr, Sarah Read, Camille Royerre, Isabelle Pellegrini, and Director Laurell Szczepanski

The SSA Cheerleaders attending the UCA summer camp and won first place in Home Pom Routine; second place in Extreme Routine and first place in Cheer; winning - Camp Champs. They also won the UCA Team Leadership Award. This award is given to the team that UCA votes as the best team overall at camp in all elements: most importantly exhibiting leadership skills throughout the week at camp in relation to how the team interacts together and also with other teams at camp. Five members achieved All American Cheerleaders: Hadley Rase, Maggie Abide, Daly Andrus, Maddie Wells, and Murphy Conlin. They also earned 5 blue ribbons for Excellent performances and 3 yellow ribbons for Superior performances.



Front row: Hayley Todaro Co-Captain, Savannah Fos Captain, Ashley Huval, Captain, Murphy Conlin Co-Captain; Second row: Jennifer Walkenford coach, Maggie Abide, Maddie Wells, Hadley Rase, Margaret Ohler, Daly Andrus, Kate Rovira, Mallory Sceroler, Michelle Chatry, Jennifer Fiorella, Grace Grundmann; Back row: Emily Meyers, Madison Boudreaux, Caroline Spadafora, Rachel Prescott, Sarah Swiger, Miranda Ledet, Sara O'Krepki, Conner Murphy, Madeline Campo, Kyley Catalano, Olivia Booth, Elise Candies

DOVE'S NEST SPIRIT SHOP - The Dove's Nest will feature new spirit items available for purchase. Some items will be on-hand to buy, but most will be on a pre-order basis. Stop by the Dove's Nest table on Book Day and see the new spirit items. Great for gifts or just to show your Dove Spirit. Go Doves!!

THANK YOU TO...

...Colin MacIver, Ann Costa, and our girls for organizing and setting up the prayer service and rosary for Cat Gensler...to the 500+ people who attended and pledged spiritual bouquets for Cat and her family. Please continue to pray. Also keep the following in your prayers: the Paille family, the Kevin Cole family, Leslie Ellinghausen, John Chambless, the Vinturella Family, Battle Family, Perrault Family, and for others in need of prayer...also to Mrs. Ski and Mrs. Lagraize for organizing the Rosary for the Vinturella Family.

...the choir members who sang at Catherine's funeral: SSA students - Molly Stalter, Amanda Boe, Brandi Corkern, Kelsey Hebert, Grace Dale, Maddie Touts, Logan Walther; SSA alumnae: Brittany Doussan '08, Maile Binion '10, Courtney Calato '10, Merritt Parsons '10, Dana Arthur '11, Theresa Carollo '11, Diamond Moses '11, and Rachel Traylor '11

...our SSA community - parents, students, alumnae and friends for all their support and food donations to the families during this difficult and sad time.