



# SHRINE

CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL

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### Basic Calendar for

2009-2010

August 26th Student

Orientation Day

Final Exams

Dec 18, 21, 22

Christmas Break

Dec 23-Jan 3

Classes Resume

Jan 4, 2010

Winter Break

Feb 12, 13, 14, 15

Classes Resume

Feb 16

Easter Break

April 1-April 11

Classes Resume

April 12

Final Exams

June 7th, 8th and 9th

**Summer Begins**

**after last exam**



## PRINCIPAL'S LETTER

### Dear Shrine Catholic High School Parents and Students:

As the last months of school approach, teachers and parents wonder where the time went. Was it just yesterday that our students were filling out college applications that it was snowing, that we celebrated Christmas? that the freshmen were trying to find their new classes? The precious 48 months of high school go by very quickly and each year flies faster and faster. Our incoming Ninth Grade class is very excited to join the High School and we are very excited to have them! Our Seniors are experiencing a little senioritis, as they transition to a new stage in life. And our Sophomores and Juniors, just keep on working.

As Winter Sports Season ends and Spring Sports commence, our other co-curricular activities hold center stage (literally). Order your tickets to *Annie Get Your Gun*. The actors are dancing up a storm, the music is memorable and the set is fabulous... a real treat for the community. Thank you to our directors, Mrs. Sawyer, Mrs. Malloy, Ms. Skok, and all the other adults who give so much of their time and talent to develop our music theatre program. Next year they will present in our Sanders Performing Arts Auditorium!

Congratulations to our Shrine Quiz Bowl team on another successful year of competition. Our Novice Team placed second in their half of the division and our JV Quiz Bowlers came in 4<sup>th</sup> in their division, competing against much larger schools. Mrs. Crowley has given countless hours as team moderator and mentor to over 150 students over the last fifteen years.

Good luck to the Mock Trial Team who will be presenting this week-end at the Oakland County Courthouse. Under the able direction of Mr. Tom Cardelli, alumnus Mr. Joe Richotte and club moderator Mr. Michael Fenbert, the team will be representing the school at the Mock Trial District Match, Saturday March 14. Good luck to the team.

On a final note, I will be traveling in China and Korea for 10 days at the end of this month, as part of an effort to develop the budding Shrine International Program. We currently have 17 students in the building (Academy and HS) from several Asian countries. Parents who host a student provide hospitality, food and shelter to a teenager and receive so much more in return. We continue to develop our program, offering ESL classes and cultural support to host parents, siblings and the international students. In a tight economic climate this program can provide immediate financial support to families who can use the \$800 per month stipend to reduce tuition fees. Please contact the school office if you are interested in learning more about the program.

*Gabrielle A. Etkin*

*Check It Out-[highschoolsports.net](http://highschoolsports.net) has all of our sport teams schedules and location at your finger tips. Come and support all of your Shrine Catholic High School sports teams!*

Please check out the Royal Oak Community Coalition Page under contents on edline. They have some wonderful programs for our community. This folder will be kept up to date with new programs available as they come to us.



### Come Pray the Rosary

*Come join us in the chapel every Thursday that school is in session @ 2:15. The 1st Thursday of the month, please join us at 2:15 at Waltonwood next door and pray with the residents.*

### SCRIP UPDATE

Beginning with **Monday, March 2** and ending with the **MARCH 30** SCRIP order, all families who submit a SCRIP order for **each of those five weeks** (five Monday SCRIP orders) will be entered into the **SCRIP March Madness Raffle**. The prizes will be a choice of **\$20 and \$25 Gift Card prizes** from some the local retailers who participate in the SCRIP program.

For example some of the prizes may be from: *Chicken Shack, Doll Hospital & Toy Store, Ewe-Nique Knits, Hiller's, Holiday, Hollywood Market, Miner's Den, National Coney Island, Oakridge, Papa Joe's, Produce Palace, Superior Fish, Westborn, Whole Foods*. A final raffle prize list will be emailed on **MARCH 30**.

All orders need to be turned in on time to either the GS and HS office by 8:30 a.m. on Monday mornings.

The drawing will take place on **APRIL 2**. Again, five SCRIP orders with your SCRIP ID# need to be placed every **MONDAY** in the month of **MARCH** to qualify for one **SCRIP MARCH MADNESS** raffle entry! *One entry per family. Questions? Please let me know :) Let the games begin...*

The HS Spring Mother's Club Fashion Show is around the corner. Please consider donating a Miner's Den gift certificate. Order the gift certificate in denominations of \$20, \$50, \$100 and \$250. **We will forward the donation and your name to Miner's Den Fashion Show committee.**

Please utilize the [www.shrineschools.com/scrip](http://www.shrineschools.com/scrip) website. The most recent list of retailers, SCRIP info, etc. is posted on a regular basis.

TUITION STATEMENTS from the Rectory Office have been sent out. PAYOUT for those on the 10 month tuition payment will be posted on the March tuition statement. This will include SCRIP earnings and KROGER earnings. If you pay in JULY or are on the JULY - DEC payment plan, all earnings are banked till JUNE. MEIJERS and ONECAUSE are paid out in JUNE only. Also, we do not facilitate the MEIJERS rewards programs, so you will need to contact them directly for any questions and information regarding your account. - Please direct all calls to me first if you have questions about your SCRIP. The Tuition office gets the information from my reports.

Lastly, please contact me and not the school offices if your child is sick or absent from school to make SCRIP pick up arrangements. The school administrative staff is very busy during the school day. If you want your SCRIP to go home with another child, please call or email me. I check my messages on a regular basis. If your child is sick or absent, the SCRIP will be held in the school offices. As always, if you have any questions or have a problem with your order, *please contact me directly at 248/546-4411*

**SAVE THE DATE: FRIDAY, MARCH 20 - Pierogis made in Hamtramck will be at the FISH BAKE again.**



**Shrine Catholic High School will present their annual spring musical, *Annie Get Your Gun* March 26-29. All performances are at 7:30pm with the exception of March 29 which is a 2:00pm Matinee. Tickets are on sale now for this entertaining musical. Tickets are \$10 general admission or \$12 reserved seating. Our team of talented students of the cast, crew and orchestra, alumni and directors has been working hard during the last several months to bring another fantastic show to our audiences. Remember-  
“*There’s no business, like show business*”**



**Emma Jack 09’  
(Dolly Tate)**

**Will Butler 09’  
(Buffalo Bill)**

**Lindsey Brenz 09’  
(Annie Oakley)**

**Billy Adams 09’  
(Frank Butler)**

## **Heifer International Lenten Project**

**All grades of the High School and Academy will be holding fundraisers during Lent to purchase animals through Heifer International.**

**Please encourage students to participate in these fundraisers so we may purchase as many animals as possible!**

**Academy: week of 3/9 Frosh: week of 3/16**

**Soph: week of 3/23 Juniors: week of 3/30**

**Seniors: week of 4/6**

## From Campus Ministry Office:

As our Lenten project this year we will be raising funds for an organization called Heifer International. Each class, grade 7 through 12, will select an animal they would like to purchase to send to a developing country. Each will select one fund raising project in which the entire building, Academy and high school, will participate. The faculty and staff are also taking one week and selecting an animal. More information will be announced each week as to what the fund raiser will be. Feel free to donate from your whole family if you wish.

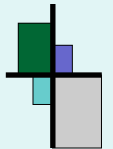
This organization purchases animals or seeds that are given to local communities so that they can begin to raise their own animals and crops and learn to make a living for themselves. They in turn give to their neighbors, e.g. eggs, meat, milk, etc.

Just a friendly reminder that **each student should have completed their required 10 service hours by the end of third quarter which is Friday, March 13<sup>th</sup>**. All paperwork must be turned in, in order to receive full credit.

March 10 and 11 will find our seniors and freshmen teaming up with alumni to go out on service projects during the day. If any parents are interested in coming along with us, please call Sr. Mary Ann. It is a great opportunity to put our faith into action together as a family. We will be going to Focus: Hope, Capuchin soup kitchen, St. Pat's Senior Center, Mary's Children, St. Christine soup kitchen and food pantry, Infant Mortality Project, Yad Ezra food pantry, Angel's Place, etc.

On those days the juniors will be taking the Michigan Merit Test and the sophomores will be on retreat at the conference center on Wednesday.

There will be a Mass on Wednesday, March 18<sup>th</sup> in the chapel at 9:30. It will be planned and attended by the junior class as part of their Prayer and Sacraments class. Please feel free to join us.



## Archdiocese Tuition Assistance Program

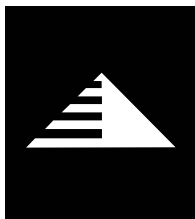
Applications for the Archdiocese of Detroit Tuition Assistance Program (PSAS) are available in the school office, on edline and on the school web-site. The application deadline is  
April 10, 2009.

To be considered for financial assistance from Shrine Catholic High School you must fill out a PSAS form. Please contact the Development Office for any further questions regarding financial assistance. 248-549-2925 ext. 113.



**High School Blood Drive**  
**Tuesday, March 17<sup>th</sup>**  
**8:00am to 7:00pm in the library**  
**(Please note extended hours)**

**To set up an appointment,**  
**please call Megan Davidson at**  
**248-549-2925 ext 140 .**  
**Walk-ins are welcome too!**  
**Help us meet our goal of 61 pints!**  
**All blood types are dangerously low.**



## **Art News**

Advanced Art students are traveling twice this month to visit the entire Kindergarten class to create Paper Mache' Maracas. It is something we do every Spring so the students can use them for their Cinco de Mayo celebration in May.

Several video students, along with Mrs. Laidlaw, are making preparations for the premiere of "Room 107, Room 107, Who Do You See?" This is a video project that Mrs. Laidlaw and four of her students worked on with Mrs. Katie Bernacki's Kindergarten class at Shrine Catholic Grade School. It is part live action and part pixilation, where the students are animated.

Five Advanced Art students also had their art work on display at Oakland Schools for the Young at Art competition in February sponsored by the Michigan Art Education Association. Carol Ban '09 (scratch board), C. J. Leonard '09 (graphic story), Christopher Oniciu '09 (digital photography), Becky Sase '10 (mixed media), Nicolette Snook '09 (digital photography). C.J.'s piece was selected to advance to the state level in Lansing.

## COUNSELING NEWS

On March 10<sup>th</sup>, 11<sup>th</sup> & 12<sup>th</sup> the Junior students took the Michigan Merit Exam as a class. The students who qualify will be eligible for the \$4,000 Michigan Promise Scholarship. In the past our Shrine students have been very successful in this area--we expect the same from the class of 2010.

All of the classes have been working with Mr. Frankhart and Mrs. Sparks on selecting classes for the 2009-10 school year. The students should be bringing home the course selection sheet for your perusal. Please sign and return. If you have any questions or comments please note them on the sheet or give us a call. Please note that these are not schedules but course selections. The actual schedules will be sent home with the final report card in June.

On that same subject, we ask that parents register their students as soon as possible. In order to figure out the schedule for next year, we need to know how many students will be in attendance. Please turn your paperwork in to Mrs. Cobbledick in the Main Office as soon as possible.

The class of 2009 has been very busy applying to colleges and universities and have been most successful in that endeavor. Now that most of the acceptance letters have been received, the students are now seeking out all the scholarships to finance their education. Scholarship opportunities are posted on Edline as soon as they are received in Counseling.

Senior parents, please remind your student to bring in all their college acceptance and scholarship award letters. Even if they will not be attending the colleges where they were accepted or accepting the scholarship awards. We would like to recognize all their accomplishments but require written documentation of their awards. Also it is highly recommended that the seniors contact the schools where they will not be attending, thank the admissions personnel for their attention, and let them know that they will not be a student in the fall of 2009. Someone may be waiting for that spot.

Mr. Frankhart will be going into the AP classes very soon to discuss the upcoming May testing. A student enrolled in an AP class is required to take the test in order to receive AP credit. Mr. Frankhart will go over the registration, testing fee and schedule for the AP tests.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact us:

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**Trish Guarino ext. 114**

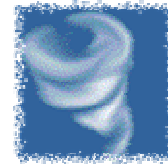
[guarino@shrineschools.com](mailto:guarino@shrineschools.com)

### Protecting God's Children

Just a reminder that if you are planning on volunteering in any capacity at Shrine Parish Schools you must attend a Protecting God's Children Workshop. If you attend a workshop at another parish/location other than Shrine, please bring your certificate to the school office as soon as possible so that we can make a copy and file.

**You must register at [www.virtus.com](http://www.virtus.com)**

You can find local workshops online at  
[aodonline.org](http://aodonline.org).



In an effort to promote severe weather safely preparedness, Oakland County Emergency Response & Preparedness will conduct a special test and activation of the **OUTDOOR WARNING SYSTEM WEDNESDAY, April 1st@ 11:30 am**

## A Knight of Fashion!!

The Fashion Show returns to the High School!  
Join us Thursday, April 2, 2009 in the new Fieldhouse

Doors open at 6pm, \$30 per person  
Strolling dinner, beverages, raffles and  
fabulous fashions.

Fashions by Somerset Collection, Lexi Drew, Cabi and Golf and  
Tennis!

Want to help? Contact Laura Bonnell  
Support the MC while honoring our Seniors and their moms.



### Market Day:

Thank you for supporting our March Market Day sale. Pick up is Saturday - March 14th from 9:30 - 10:30 am in the Grade School Cafeteria.

Look for the April order form next week. April is Sweet Rewards month. Our schools receive bonus dollars for delicious Easter desserts including Apple Deep Dish Pie, Carmel Pecan Braided Bread, Chocolate Fudge Volcano Cakes, Cherry Pie, Chocolate Bavarian Creme Braided Bread, French Silk Pie, Carrot Cakes, Strawberry Swirl Cheesecakes, Strawberries 'n Creme Pie and Turtle Cheesecake. You can order on-line at [www.marketday.com](http://www.marketday.com) until midnight, Mon - Mar 30th, phone it in at 1.877.MDA.PPLE or return it to the school office by March 27th. The April delivery is Saturday - April 4th. Questions – Cheryl Kennelly, 248.546.6406 or Jennifer Tenorio, 313.316.8163.



The Shrine High School and Academy Mother's Club  
Cordially invites  
All the ladies of the Parish  
And other interested women  
To join us for

## **A Lenten Evening of Retreat**

### **Discovering your Path to Peace**

**Thursday, March 19, 2009**

**6:30 to 9:30pm.**

**Mass (Shrine Church)**

**Dinner and presentation/reflection to follow**

**Shrine Conference Center**

**Presenter: Margaret Mullin - a Consecrated Woman**

**Cost per person:\$25.**

*For more information or reservations please contact:*

**Suzanne Fisher @ 248-549-9323**

*or email* **fisher\_suzanne@hotmail.com** *by* **March 13, 2009**