

GENERAL INFORMATION—MAY, 2007

FINAL LETTER TO PARENTS & REPORT CARD DISTRIBUTION will be mailed before exam week. We will give you details about the summer schedule, the beginning of next year, the books the students are to read during the summer, and other items which will be of interest to you. I am sending this now as an extra communication so you will know how we will end school. It is a different procedure from what we did in the past since we will mail the final report cards to you if you do not come to get them on **Friday, June 1**. If you or a student plan to come on Friday to get the report, please enter the **student entrance** of the **Assembly Center** where the report cards will be available. **We will distribute report cards between 9 AM and 12 Noon on Friday morning.**

REQUIRED SUMMER SCHOOL—Students are notified by their counselors if they are to attend summer school. Any student who fails a subject is required to attend summer school to earn the required credit. It is not possible for students to repeat courses here because we cannot schedule the classes. It also interrupts their program of studies. We cannot fit all the students who might want to repeat classes here, and it is unfair to say “yes” to some and “no” to others.

Students who have a “D” in a continuing course can be required to attend summer school in order to be better prepared for the next course in the subject matter. Other students may receive a recommendation for summer school from a teacher and counselor. This is to help the student to prepare better for her future. Please send documentation for any work done during the summer to satisfy the recommendation. The counselors are available for consultation immediately after the close of school. It would be better to do summer school to prepare so grades can be better, and fewer low grades appear on the records.

TOPS SUMMER SCHOOL—LOFSA will accept a higher grade in a course repeated in summer school to improve a student's grade point average for TOPS eligibility. A permission form signed by Sister Camille Anne is required for summer school. The Mount Carmel Academy grade point average will **not** change for a course taken to increase a GPA for TOPS standing.

CLOSING MASS AND AWARDS ASSEMBLY for the ninth, tenth, and eleventh grade students of 2006-2007 will be on **Friday, May 25**, after the last exam. Students who have an exam on that day must report to school for 8 AM to take their exam. At 10 AM, students will attend the closing Mass and awards assembly, after which they will report to homeroom for roll call and to receive their awards envelope. Dismissal will follow at approximately 12 noon. **Students are required to wear their school uniform on that day.** We have this award program because the girls need to put closure on the year, to thank God for all that has occurred, and for them to experience an awards ceremony which becomes very important to them in their senior year. They can learn what type of student one needs to be to receive an award and the proper behavior for such an occasion.

CLASS OF 2011 (EIGHTH GRADE) COMMENCEMENT MASS AND AWARDS ASSEMBLY will be held on Friday, May 25, 1 PM, on campus. Most of the girls will have an exam that morning from 8 to 10 AM. The girls will stay at school after exams for Mass practice, song practice, and a class activity. If your daughter does not have an exam on that day, she will report to school at 10 AM. The girls will wear their school uniforms with the brown sweaters for the mass and commencement ceremony. The Mass and ceremony should last approximately an hour and a half and will be followed by a video presentation featuring the eighth grade. Refreshments and video will be in the Louviere Dining Center.

SCHEDULE FOR 2007-2008—The students and parents reviewed their schedules and you signed off on the listing of classes for next year. Miss Simno has tried to answer all questions you have. The master schedule will be built based on this information. A review of the final report card for all students will be done to assure that a student is correctly placed.

Tenth, eleventh, and twelfth grade students, any request to change a schedule must be sent to Miss Simno IN WRITING along with payment for this change. A \$50 schedule fee is assessed after May 9. This fee will increase to \$65 June 15, and will remain that amount until Book Day. On Book Day the fee will increase to \$75. Please plan your schedule so we can finish it and you can save money! Telephone calls will not be accepted for the purpose of changing a schedule. We must have the request in writing together with a check made payable to “Mount Carmel Academy” in the amount indicated depending on the date. You may provide a written explanation, if necessary. For elective courses, enrollment will be based on availability.

Eighth and ninth grade students beginning attendance with us next year, Miss Simno is still returning phone calls regarding your placement for next year. No schedule change fee will be assessed for you at this time. Once Miss Simno receives all the report cards and credit information which the elementary schools send to Mr. Nugent, she will then be able to mail you a new course listing to begin to build your schedule. At that time, you will be informed of the procedure to follow. There are no fees at this time.

If you have any questions concerning your daughter's schedule, **please e-mail Miss Simno at bsimno@mcacubs.org.**

CLASS OF 2012 & NEW STUDENTS FOR 2011—Class of 2012: We requested copies of your seventh grade report card and standardized test scores. **New students for the Class of 2011:** We requested copies of your eighth grade report card and test scores. Please make sure we receive these **no later than Friday, June 1**. Please send them immediately if you

did not already do so. If you had any unexpected difficulties with seventh or eighth grade subjects, attendance or conduct, please call to speak with **Mr. Jerry Nugent, Director of Admissions, 288-7630.**

2007-2008 TUITION was due on **Friday, May 4.** Mrs. Pam Holahan, Treasurer, was not available as she usually is due to the death of her father-in-law. If you have not made arrangements for your tuition, paid online, or spoken to Mrs. Holahan, please call her at **288-7626, Ext. 140,** as soon as possible.

EARLY WARNING! The last day of school, Awards Day, on the calendar, is an **official school day.** Each year some young ladies lose their perfect attendance, and fail to receive awards, and miss a ceremony which we consider important because it teaches the girls about the many ways one can be recognized. It becomes very important to the seniors who want to be recognized. It is also very important each year. Please make sure that your daughter does not convince you that we do not have school. We had some very disappointed parents and students in the past when they found out that their daughter did not get perfect attendance because she missed the awards ceremony.

SOPHOMORE PARENTS who have not already scheduled an appointment with your daughter's counselor, please call the guidance secretary, Mrs. Libby Holmes, 288-7626, Ext. 204, to schedule your interview. It is so important to planning for the future with your daughter.

MOUNT CARMEL ACADEMY SUMMER CAMPS — We have already sent you a brochure for this year's summer camps which offer a variety of interests for your daughter. Please refer to the brochure, make your decision, complete the form and return. If you have any questions or wish to register, please contact **Ms. Denna Cheramie, Camp Director, 288-7626, Ext. 149,** or visit us at www.mtcarmelcubs.org to register.

THEATRE CAMP—SUMMER 2007 — The three-week theatre camp information is included in the Summer Camp 2007 brochure you received earlier in the year. Note that there is a \$60 registration fee and a \$240 camp fee for the Theatre Camp three-week session. If interested, complete the form which is part of the brochure, detach at perforation, and send your check for either the \$60 deposit or for \$300, the registration (non-refundable) plus the camp fee. If you have any questions, please contact **Ms. Denna Cheramie, Camp Director, 288-7626, Ext. 149,** or visit us at www.mtcarmelcubs.org to register.

CRAFT BOUTIQUE (FALL FEST) — Please join us to have fun crafting on the **first and third Wednesdays** of every month, **7-9 PM,** in the **FEMA cafeteria.** For additional information, please call **Kay Clemons, (h) 455-5244, or (pager) 560-0665.** You may also do crafts at home or with us. Donations of plywood or craft supplies will also be welcome.

NON-UNIFORM EXAM DAY PASSES — Students are asked to make a contribution of \$5 if they choose not to wear uniforms during exam days (May 22, 23, 24). This contribution will be used to assist charitable requests. **Passes are on sale in the bookstore.**

10TH & 11TH GRADE STUDENTS AND PARENTS — Peterson's on-line test prep has been available throughout this school year for student use from home or at school. Students may still access it throughout the summer if they wish. Each student is able to work at her own pace and at her convenience so the summer may be a good time to consider using it more often. The site may be reached through The Cub Zone on Mount Carmel Academy homepage. Students should know how to do this; however, if they have questions about Peterson's, they should ask their counselor.

SCHOOL SHOE — The Mount Carmel Academy **required** shoe for the 2007-2008 school year for **all** students is the **Dr. Marten.** The **Dr. Marten** will cost **\$89.95** per pair plus applicable taxes if purchased from **Schiro's Shoes & Uniforms.** Schiro's Shoes & Uniforms is offering the **Dr. Marten** at a **reduced** price of \$89.95 to Mount Carmel Academy students. **IF YOU ORDER YOUR SHOES BEFORE JULY 1, 2007, YOU WILL RECEIVE AN ADDITIONAL 10% OFF YOUR PURCHASE IF PAID IN FULL AT THE TIME OF ORDERING.**

Two major errors are made by the girls in regard to the school shoe: failing to untie the shoes to put them on or take them off and walking on the backs of the shoes which places stress on the shoes in areas not made to support this type of wear. The girls are ruining their shoes and parents are permitting it. We need your help to prevent this and to prevent accidents

OFFICE DEPOT 5% BACK TO SCHOOL PROGRAM — Throughout 2006, every time parents, students and school supporters give Mount Carmel Academy's 5% Back to School's ID number **70042602** when buying school supplies at Office Depot, the school will receive credits equal to 5% of the qualifying purchases to use for free supplies. When shopping at Office Depot, please remember to give Mount Carmel Academy's ID number **70042602.** Every little bit counts!