

## GENERAL INFORMATION – FEBRUARY, 2007

**MARDI GRAS HOLIDAYS** will be the **entire Mardi Gras week** this year. Begin Lent well. Do your school work.

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**MOTHER-DAUGHTER LUNCHEON/FASHION SHOW** — This year's event is scheduled for **Sunday, March 11**, at the **Hilton New Orleans Riverside, beginning with Mass at 1 PM. Doors open at 12 Noon**. Fashions will be presented by **All About Me** and **The Red Carpet**. **Cost: \$35 per person. Ticket sales will be Friday, March 2, Monday, March 5, and Tuesday, March 6**. This is always such a wonderful event; kindly mark your calendars and have your daughter purchase your tickets.

**SPRING FLING 2007** — Our annual **Spring Fling** is planned for **Saturday, April 21, 2007, at Place St. Charles, 201 St. Charles Avenue. The Patron party begins at 6:30 PM; main event, 8 PM**. Mark your calendar for this fun fund-raiser for parents, alumnae, and friends. If you are interested in helping, please call chairpersons, **Mrs. Maria Naccari, 352-6943**, or **Mrs. Wendy Vitter, 710-5683**. We are in need of auction items for the Silent and Live Auctions. If you or someone you know can donate items, services, or gift certificates, please contact **Mrs. Maria Naccari, 352-6943**, or **Mrs. Wendy Vitter, 710-5683**.

**\$5,000 CASH RAFFLE** — Raffle tickets will be issued to the girls. We are asking that each one sell twenty-five (25) raffle tickets, \$1 each, for a drawing for \$5,000. The drawing will take place at the Spring Fling, Saturday, April 21. Thank you for helping us.

**DRUG TESTING** — Psychemedics Corporation (the company that provides our drug testing) now offers a web site which parents will find informative. The site addresses the different technologies, federal requirements, and procedural approaches along with statistical data. Take a look at it. It may serve as a conversation starter with your daughter on the topic of drug use. The web address is [www.schooldrugtesting.com](http://www.schooldrugtesting.com).

### **HOW TO BATTLE CYBER-BULLYING —**

#### **Parents. . .**

- Keep computers in a common room.
- Understand and monitor your child's Internet use.
- Discuss "netiquette" and online safety with your child.
- Ask questions if your child seems upset after going online.

#### **Online Users. . .**

- Never give out passwords or PINs to friends.
- Don't send messages when you are angry.
- Never say something in an e-mail that you wouldn't say to somebody's face.

#### **If you are a target. . .**

- Do not open, forward, read, or respond to messages from cyber bullies.
- Save all messages as evidence.
- Tell a trusted adult about the problem.
- If you are threatened with harm, call the police.

(Sources: [isafe.org](http://isafe.org), [novabucks.org](http://novabucks.org), [cyberbullying.ca](http://cyberbullying.ca), and [cyberbully.org](http://cyberbully.org))