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# Parent's Message

## Love of Neighbor – Commandments IV and V

On Mount Sinai God initiated a covenant with humankind. We call this covenant the Ten Commandments. Correctly understood, the commandments are not isolated rules and regulations. They are expressions of what love looks like.

The first three commandments relate to love of God and the remaining seven highlight love of neighbor. This second article will present Commandments IV and V as formulas for expressing our love of neighbor.

### **Commandment IV: “Honor your father and your mother.”**

This commandment suggests that charity and love begin at home. It calls us to love our parents—to honor, to respect, to obey; to fulfill the reasonable expectations of our parents and to anticipate their needs during our years in the family home and then to cherish and care for them in their senior years.

Children show appropriate respect to their parents in the following kinds of ways:

- Modulated volume and tone of voice
- Quick response to parental suggestion
- Cooperation and self-control
- Exerting responsible independence
- Accepting correction
- Being accountable for their actions
- Expressing appreciation and seeking ways to help

### **Commandment V: “You shall not kill.”**

This commandment insists that we protect and promote life in all ways: physically, socially, spiritually, and psychologically. Respect human life. Respect the dignity of all persons. We must practice responsible self-love and responsible love for neighbor.

- Take proper care of your health – choose food, sleep, hygiene, and exercise that benefit your body.
- Reduce stress through limiting schedules, breathing exercises, simplifying your surroundings, and avoiding persons and situations that exasperate your spirit.
- Avoid excess in all things.
- Treat people kindly and justly, speak respectfully to and about others, and be inclusive of all others.

*Today's Catholic Teacher*

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# Spiritual Formation



**“According to the law of Moses, they brought him up to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord...And the child’s father and mother were amazed at what was being said about him.”  
Luke 2:22**

**Romanino, Girolamo**  
Presentation of Jesus at the Temple

## **Being Amazed**

In only a few instances in the New Testament do we catch a glimpse of Jesus’ life within the Holy Family. Here we see Mary and Joseph, observant Jews, following the Law of Moses, which required that they bring their male child to the Temple for the purification rite. It’s a bit puzzling to us that they would be “amazed” at what was said about this baby. They must have known he was very special.

But the Gospel’s message is a story for every family. How many times do we as parents hear good things about our children, and we are surprised? We learn things about our kids from teachers, other parents, neighbors and friends, things we never knew, good things, amazing things. When some of those things are acts of kindness and generosity that have been taught in our homes, we can’t help but be pleased. So go ahead and be amazed and thankful, just as Mary and Joseph were.

*Paul Pennick*

## **Daily Mass**

All students, faculty, and parents are welcome and encouraged to attend daily Mass here at Vanderbilt. Mass is celebrated by Father Jerry Daniels in the Vanderbilt chapel every morning at 7:20 a.m. The Sacrament of Reconciliation is offered immediately after Mass or by contacting Father Jerry to set up a time.

## **Weekly Adoration**

Our weekly Wednesday Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament is held in the chapel from 12:00-1:07 p.m. All students and faculty are encouraged to stop by for a few minutes to pray in silence and adoration.

## **Catholic Schools Week**

The theme for Catholic Schools Week 2012 is "Catholic Schools: Faith. Academics. Service." The theme expresses three priorities that make Catholic schools stand out from other educational institutions. We learn about faith – not just basic Christianity, but how to have a relationship with God. We concentrate on academics, which in Catholic schools are held to the highest standards so that each student can reach his or her highest potential. We practice service – giving time, talent, and effort to help others – as an expression of both faith and good citizenship. This combined focus on faith, academics, and service prepares students for full and meaningful lives.

Our February Mass will be celebrated on Thursday, February 2, instead of February 9, to coincide with Catholic Schools Week. Mass will be held in the Kolb Center at 9:15 a.m. All parents and friends are welcome to attend.

## **Praying**

Praying with students in the classroom environment provides teachers with frequent and influential opportunities to advocate Gospel values. Whether traditional, teacher-composed, student-composed, or spontaneous, daily classroom prayer provides an opportunity for the teacher to witness to the Gospel in such a way that it becomes routine, begun from day one – in a sense, like the air students breathe – and thus it nurtures and forms them.

*Beyond Methodology – Teaching in the Tradition of Brothers of the Sacred Heart*

## **Trivia Teasers**

What do you remember about the Ten Commandments?

<http://www.funtrivia.com/newflash/trivia.cfm?qid=317618>

## Prayer Requests

Please remember in your prayers the following members of the Vandebilt family:

Mrs. Vanessa Abbott  
Mr. Matt Arceneaux  
Mr. Steven Billiot  
The family of Mr. Richard Bollinger  
Mrs. Wendy Couvillon  
Mr. Bobby Domangue  
Mrs. Connie Ghirardi  
Mrs. Judy Landry  
Ms. Shelly LeBlanc

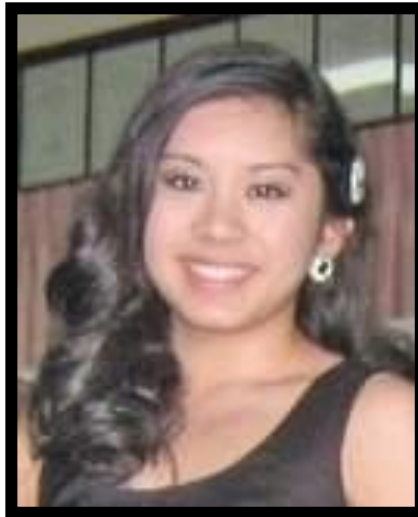
Mrs. Valerie Manns  
Ms. Rae Marrero  
Mr. Matthew Matherne  
Mrs. Evelyn McElroy  
Mr. Ross Mullooly  
Mr. John Tipton  
Mrs. Vanessa Laurent Walker  
All those battling cancer  
Alumni, Benefactors, Students, Staff

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## Accomplishments

- Super Students



**Gabrielle Espiritu**

Congratulations to Gabrielle Espiritu on being selected as 2012 Terrebonne Parish Teenager of Year. Gabrielle has spent her past five years as a highly involved student here at Vandebilt Catholic High School. She has maintained a 4.0 GPA throughout high school. She is a five-year member of choir and serves as this year's president; she is also a four-year member of and president of Key Club. She is highly involved in National Honor Society, VC Theatre, Foreign Language Club, and Pro-Life Group. She is a contributing writer for *Point of Vue* magazine of Houma and has been a Louisiana State Literary Rally winner in English. She was recently named Vandebilt's 12<sup>th</sup> Grade student of the Year and a National Merit Commended Scholar. Gabrielle is donating her Teenager of the Year scholarship monies in honor of two teachers at Vandebilt who are battling cancer to the Change for Change, a group she started that in turn donates to the Mary Bird Perkins Cancer Center at TGMC.

Congratulations to the Knights of Columbus Essay Contest winners for K of C Council 1317: Austin Porche, Stephanie Alevizon, and Tanei Armendariz. They will each receive a \$50.00 cash prize from Council 1317.

Congratulations to junior Allie Beyer, who has been named the district winner in the Daughters of the American Legion Essay Contest. She will now compete for state honors.

Congratulations to junior Christina McCain, who was named the district winner in the American Legion Oratorical Contest this past Saturday in Raceland. She now advances to the state competition in Baton Rouge in March.



**Elise Armand**

Congratulations to ninth grader Elise Armand for placing second in the essay contest in the middle school division this past weekend at the Louisiana State Student Council Convention.

- **Basketball**

The boys basketball team defeated Southern Lab 74 – 70. Lionheart Leslie led all scorers with 34 points; Elijah McGuire finished with 16; and Seth Ward and Joseph Cantrelle added 8 and 9 points respectively.

Payton Barrios led the JV team with 15 points in the effort against Southern Lab.

The boys basketball team defeated H. L. Bourgeois by the score of 77 – 74. Lionheart Leslie and Elijah McGuire led in scoring with 33 and 22 points, respectively. Seth Ward finished with 13 points, and Aaron Smith added a much-needed 7 points.

The boys basketball team held off Assumption High School by the score of 74 – 71. Lionheart Leslie led with 25 points, Seth Ward added 23 points, and Elijah McGuire finished with 16 points. It was an exciting district win, and the team would like thank all the fans for their support.

Congratulations to the girls varsity basketball team for its fifth place ranking in the state polls and undefeated district record up to this point.

The eighth grade boys basketball team defeated Montegut 44 – 23. Leading the way for the Terriers were Chase Hutchinson with 14 points and Ross Reaves with 8 points.

The boys basketball team gave an unbelievable effort in its win over the Ellender Patriots with a score of 66 – 62. To go along with total team defensive effort, Elijah McGuire led with 20 points; Lionheart Leslie finished with 15; JoBo Cantrelle added 12; and Seth Ward and Bailey Pere' chipped in 10 and 8, respectively.

Congratulations to the varsity boys basketball team who defeated South Terrebonne 60 – 53.

- **Bowling**

Congratulations to the girls bowling team for a victory over South Terrebonne. In a close match the young Terrier team stayed focused and won the third game by two pins to secure the victory.

- **Soccer**



Congratulations to the boys varsity soccer team in the 5 – 0 win over South Terrebonne. Scoring in the game were Seth Miller with two goals; and Adam LeBlanc, Andrew Teuton, and James Schwab each with one goal. Patrick Watson was goal keeper in the shutout.

Congratulations to the boys 8th grade soccer team, who beat St. Paul's 2 – 1. Scoring goals were Jonah Pitre and Blake Barker with an assist from Gabe Sonnier.

The Terrier Boys Varsity Soccer Team improved to 4 – 0 in district play by beating Ellender 8 – 0. James Daigle had a hat trick with three goals, and Chris Wood scored two goals. Also, scoring one goal each were Cody Glaviano, Seth Miller, and Hunter Blandino. Evan Ellender and Patrick Watson were goalies in the shutout.

Congratulations to the Lady Terriers Varsity Soccer Team in the 7 – 0 win over E. D. White. Scoring in the game were Meghan Philp with three goals, Marci St. Germaine with two goals, and Caitlyn Daigle with one goal.

Congratulations to the Lady Terriers Varsity Soccer Team in the shutout over South Terrebonne. Marci St. Germaine and Meghan Philp had hat tricks with three goals each, and Taylor Tanner scored two goals. Also scoring with one goal each were Makelle Pena, Kim Grasso, Whitney Champagne, and Julia (Chi Chi) Callejas.

Congratulations to the Lady Terriers Varsity Soccer Team in a 4 – 0 win against Morgan City. Meghan Philp and Whitney Champagne each scored two goals, and Hailey Billiot was the goalie in the shutout.

Congratulations to the Lady Terrier Varsity Soccer Team in a 4 – 1 defeat over Hahnville. Meghan Philp, Kim Grasso, Shannon Matzke, and Makelle Pena each scored one goal. The Lady Terriers were undefeated in district play this season.

The boys varsity soccer team defeated E.D. White 2 – 0 in district play. Mitchell Blanchard got the first goal with an assist from Seth Miller. Mitchell followed up with the second goal off a deflected shot from Cody Glaviano. Patrick Watson got the shutout in goal.



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# Academics

## ACT

- **Testing Dates**

The ACT will be offered at Vandebilt several times throughout this school year. It is recommended that juniors take the ACT for the first time in February. The dates that these tests will be offered are as follows:

<b>ACT Dates</b>	
February 11, 2012	June 9, 2012

## Guidance

- **Seniors**

BigSun Organization Scholarship: All student athletes are eligible. Deadline is June 22, 2012. Amount of award is \$500.

St. Edward's University in Austin, Texas, has scholarships available for students graduating in the top 10-15% of their class. In addition, you must have scored at least a 28 on the ACT. If interested, visit the Web site, [www.stedwards.edu/scholarships](http://www.stedwards.edu/scholarships), or see Mrs. Matherne.

The Women's Business Alliance (WBA) scholarship application is available in guidance. Applicant must be a female entering a Louisiana college in the year of graduation and have at least a 3.0 GPA. Other requirements are a 250 - 500 word essay and two letters of recommendation. The WBA will award two \$1000 scholarships to two recipients in the tri-parish area.

The Louisiana Farm Bureau Foundation Scholarship application is available. To be eligible, you must be pursuing a degree directly benefiting the agricultural sector, must have an overall GPA of a 2.5, and must attend an accredited Louisiana college or university after graduation.

The Knights of Columbus announces the Catholic Youth Leadership Award. If you have contributed greatly to your school, community, and church parish and are a practicing Catholic, then you are eligible. One boy and one girl in the state will be awarded a check for \$4000. The student must obtain the signature of his or her parish priest and then turn it in to the local Knights of Columbus Council. Please see Mrs. Matherne or Mrs. Voss for an application.

Applications for the Boardwalk Pipeline Partners scholarship are available in guidance. This will award one senior \$1,000. To qualify, you must maintain an overall 3.0 GPA and enroll fulltime in an accredited 2 or 4-year university. Other consideration will go towards work experience, community service, and student organizations and activities. Deadline for application is February 15, 2012.

The retired Teachers' Association Scholarship application is available in the guidance area. To be eligible, you must have an overall 7-semester GPA of a 3.0 or better. An essay and two letters of recommendation will be needed.

Attention male students planning to attend LSU in the Fall 2012: The Balanced Man Scholarship information is in the guidance area. This is a scholarship based on outstanding achievement in four categories: Scholar, Athlete, Leader, and Gentleman. If interested, please see Mrs. Matherne for further details.

If you live in the SLECA service area and plan on attending Nicholls or LE Fletcher for your freshman year of college, SLECA is offering an opportunity for a \$1,000 scholarship. You must have a "C" average and a need for financial help.

Delta Sigma Theta Sorority is offering a scholarship. Applications are available in the guidance area and include a 250 word essay, two letters of recommendation, acceptance letter from an accredited school, and a 2.5 GPA.

Buick Achievers Scholarship applications are available in the guidance area for those students planning to major in a field of study that focuses on engineering, technology, design or business with an interest in the automotive industry.

LSU spring testing procedure has been added to Edline. If you have any questions about spring testing procedure, please access the letter sent from LSU on Edline at the following link.

[http://www.edline.net/pages/Vandebilt\\_Catholic\\_HS/Guidance\\_Department/LSU\\_SPRING\\_TESTING\\_INVITATIONA](http://www.edline.net/pages/Vandebilt_Catholic_HS/Guidance_Department/LSU_SPRING_TESTING_INVITATIONA)

- **All Students**

Course selection sheets should have been turned in to the Guidance Department on Friday, January 27. If you have not turned in your course selections for the 2012-2013 school year, please do so immediately.

## **Tutoring**

The National Honor Society is providing free tutoring available to all students every Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday in room 212 from 7:30 a.m. until bell time.

Peer tutoring is available to all VCHS students at our school. Tutors are senior high students who have already taken the subject they wish to tutor and have passed it with at least a "B" average. Morning sessions are held in the school library Mondays through Thursdays from 7:30 until bell time at a cost of \$5.00 per session. Afternoon sessions take place in Room 214 from 3:00 until 4:00 and cost \$8.00 per session. For more information, please contact Mrs. Debbie Theriot by phone at 876-2551, voice mail #218, or by e-mail at [deborah\\_theriot@htdiocese.org](mailto:deborah_theriot@htdiocese.org).

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## Cocurricular Activities

### Art

◆ Art Show - March 23, 2012

Vandebilt students and their family and friends are invited to travel to New York in June of 2012. Information packets are available in the front office and from Mrs. Laurie Robichaux.

WorldStrides is the organization that coordinates the five-day trip to the Big Apple. The WorldStrides Web site, [www.worldstrides.org](http://www.worldstrides.org), is filled with great information about their services. A sample itinerary is included in the information packet.

Registration may be completed online, by mail, or by turning in the completed form to Mrs. Robichaux. Worldstrides.org has a form letter that may be downloaded for any students wishing to have businesses or friends sponsor their trip. This can be found under the heading of "The Gift of Education" after registering as a potential traveler on their site. You may access Vandebilt's trip information by using our trip ID# 69248. Please contact Mrs. Robichaux with any questions or for more information regarding this wonderful travel opportunity.

Contact information: [lrobichaux@htdiocese.org](mailto:lrobichaux@htdiocese.org) or 876-2551

### Athletics

The purpose of the Terrier Club is to raise money to assist in the sporting programs at the school including maintenance of the playing fields, installation of sprinkler systems, purchasing uniforms, and most recently, the construction of dressing rooms, and purchasing of a concession trailer. Our goal is to continue to improve the facilities for our student athletes and fans. Membership applications are available on our Web site. We encourage all parents to join. <http://www.vandebiltcatholic.org/athletics.html>

All Vandebilt athletes must complete an athletic packet each year to participate in any Vandebilt sport. Athletic packets can be downloaded at <http://www.vandebiltcatholic.org/images/AthleticPacket11-12.pdf>

- Terrier Club Golf Classic

It's time to get your clubs out and come play golf with friends and alumni! The Terrier Club Golf Classic will be held at Ellendale Country Club on Monday, April 9, 2012. The number of teams will be limited to sixty and a huge amount of interest has been expressed already, so get your registration with payment in as soon as possible. Come out and support Vandebilt Athletics and have a great time!

<http://www.vandebiltcatholic.org/athleticnews.html>

## **Junior High Student Council**

This year's state convention for the Louisiana Association of Student Councils was held January 14 - 16 at East Jefferson High School. Members attending were Elise Armand, Jennie Bouzigard, Mary Francis Cannata, Maddie Cronan, Reese Dantin, Jackson Erny, Rachel Haydel, Monique Oncale, and Catherine Swindel. In addition to meetings, members participated in various contests. Elise Armand was awarded second place in the middle school division for her essay. These outstanding young men and women are congratulated for a job well done.

Each month Junior High Student Council elects a girl and a boy as Pups of the Month for the previous month. Nominees for December were Jennie Bouzigard, Morgan Donaldson, Jewel Triggs, and Devin Molina. Pups of the Month for December were Jennie Bouzigard and Devin Molina.

It's not too early to start thinking about running for a Jr. High Student Council or 9th grade class position. The election process will begin sometime around mid-March.

### **Quiz Bowl**

Congratulations to the JV Quiz Bowl Team on its 48 – 24 win over Patterson. The team advanced to the quarterfinal round.

Congratulations to the members of the Varsity Quiz Bowl Team on their 54 – 38 victory over South Terrebonne in the Morgan City tournament.

Congratulations to the members of the Varsity Quiz Bowl Team on their 64 – 24 victory over Evergreen in the South Louisiana Quiz Bowl Tournament in Morgan City. The team advances to the semifinals against Central Lafourche on February 14.

### **Terrier Regiment**

Congratulations to the following members of the Regiment for being selected to participate in the All-South Honor Band: Emily Matherne, Marc Rivet, James Long, Jasmine Singleton, Brittany Johnson, Andrew Olivier, and Rachel Billiot.

For the latest and greatest news concerning the Terrier Regiment, click on the following link: [www.vcband.org](http://www.vcband.org).

### **Yearbook**

Do you want to see yearbook pictures, or do you have pictures yearbook could use? Please go to [www.ReplayIt.com](http://www.ReplayIt.com) and register. ReplayIt.com is an interactive Web site that allows you to upload and share photos from the year. It's your chance to have more of you and your friends in the yearbook. Parents and students can register – no password is needed.

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## Miscellaneous



Vandebilt Catholic High school is pleased to provide its donors with a safe and convenient method of supporting our educational mission and ministry. Donating to Vandebilt has never been more convenient than with our new interactive Donate Now button. Donations can be made securely and quickly with this new icon on our Web site [www.vandebiltcatholic.org](http://www.vandebiltcatholic.org). Please support the mission of Vandebilt Catholic High School by making your tax-deductible contribution.

The 2011 - 2012 Annual Fund Drive, *Carrying the Needs of Others*, has officially begun. Our goal for this year is \$90,000. The parent phase of this drive is in full progress. Each family should have received an information packet highlighting how past Annual Fund Drive donations have benefited all students in a variety of ways.

We ask you to complete and return the response envelope in a timely manner. Your prayerful consideration as to the amount of generosity you can show with your contribution to this fund drive is greatly appreciated. One of our objectives this year is to achieve 100 percent participation. Prayer pledges are encouraged and are certainly considered as participation. Questions pertaining to the Annual Fund Drive may be directed to Mrs. Lisa Vegas, Advancement Director.

Two panels on our Hollywood Road marquee are available for purchase. Sponsorship gives your business the opportunity to advertise and support Vandebilt. A five-year commitment will include a lighted panel along with a scrolling message, which will be operable twenty hours per day, 365 days per year. The cost of this bundled advertisement is \$5000 per year – a true bargain for advertising in this area. If you would like more information, please contact Mrs. Lisa Vegas at 580-1868.

We are offering to a limited number of patrons to have your business advertised on our marquees located on Tunnel Boulevard and Hollywood Road. A sponsorship gives exposure to your business name 146,000 times per year on one marquee. With some nine million cars passing these locations each year, the number of people viewing a business name probably exceeds those viewing newspaper and television advertisements. The cost to become a patron is \$1500 per year, or 1 cent per exposure. If you are interested in becoming a patron, please contact the Advancement Office at 580-1868.



## **Registration 2012-2013**

The Application for Readmission will be mailed to the homes of current Vanderbilt students on February 1. These applications should be completed, checked for accuracy, and returned to Vanderbilt by Friday, March 2. Students new to Vanderbilt should have their Application for Admission returned to Vanderbilt by that same date, March 2. Prudent planning requires that we hire staff only for students we know we will have enrolled. Therefore, a student who has been with us for several years but does not apply for readmission by March 2, or a new student who does not apply for admission by March 2, will not be in our count as we begin hiring staff. Delays in applying for admission could result in a student being put on a waiting list or even being denied admission. Applications may be mailed in or hand delivered to the school office (we have a mail slot near the front door if the office is closed) or to the Brothers' Hall on the south end of campus. If you are financing all or part of your tuition through Coastal Commerce Bank, the paperwork is included with the application.

## **Tuition Tax Deductions**

A statement outlining a student's tuition at Vanderbilt Catholic High School for the year 2011 is available upon request. If a statement is needed, please e-mail Ms. Penny Breaux at [pbreaux@hdiocese.org](mailto:pbreaux@hdiocese.org) with your request; please include your return e-mail address. If you prefer to pick up your statement at the Brothers' Hall, please call Ms. Penny at 580-1868.

## **Cash for Vanderbilt**

Office Depot is also offering a 5% Back to Schools Program. Every time schools, teachers, students, parents, and school supporters mention Vanderbilt's name when buying school supplies at Office Depot, that school will receive credits equal to 5 percent of the qualifying purchases to use for free supplies.

## **Edline**

Vanderbilt offers Edline as a wonderful communication tool for teachers, students, and parents. Every student and parent should have received an activation code for Edline; if not, please contact Mr. Moreaux's office. Please remember to activate and use your Edline account. Correspondence with students and parents is made through Edline on a daily basis. Daily announcements and postings are constantly being updated. Please check your account often. Vanderbilt's official Web site, [www.vanderbiltcatholic.org](http://www.vanderbiltcatholic.org), is also an excellent source of information for ongoing news and events.

## **Library News**

- **Tools For Student Achievement**

Students have choices when doing online research for papers and projects. Rather than use Google or Yahoo, they can choose online databases. The Vanderbilt Library subscribes to an online resource package from Gale/Cengage Learning. The package includes a variety of subjects –

Academic Onefile, Gale Biography in Context, Gale Science in Context, Gale Student Resources in Context, Gale U.S. History in Context, Gale World History in Context, General One File, Health & Wellness Resource Center, Infotrac Newsstand, Kids Infobits, Literature Resource Center, and Student Resource Center Junior. These databases are reliable and user-friendly, and they provide quick access to magazines, reference books, and newspaper articles selected for use by eighth through twelfth grade students.

The library also subscribes to Noodle Tools. Noodle Tools is an online note-taking software and bibliography composer. It guides students through paraphrasing. Note cards are linked to citations that conform to current MLA rules. Students can share working bibliographies and note cards with teachers for feedback.

To access these online tools, students can go to the library link on their Edline account. Passwords are listed on the Library Resources page.

## **Mothers' Club**

Make sure to come by the "Stop and Paws" bookstore trailer to see all our new merchandise. We have beautiful new scarves and two styles of headbands to choose from. The scarves have been approved to wear to school and inside the school building. The scarves are \$15.00 and the headbands are \$10.00 (\$25.00 for the set). We also have girls' royal blue Nike-style shorts on the way! Come by and get your cold weather accessories. What a great way to showcase our Vandebilt Catholic identity!

We would like to send a thank you out to our members who give their valuable time to come out to work the trailer every Tuesday and Thursday and especially to those who helped with the 7th grade tours on such short notice. We could not do it without all of our special volunteers, and you are greatly appreciated.

March will be a busy month for us with New Student Interviews and Grandparents Day. We will need lots of moms to help out with these very special events. Please continue to check the VCH Web site, Edline, and e-mails for event dates and new announcements.

## **Seventh Grade Visits**



Last month Vandebilt welcomed more than two hundred seventh graders from the elementary schools of St. Bernadette, St. Francis, St. Gregory, Maria Immacolata, and St. Matthew's. The students gathered in the Kolb Center for a welcome from principal Jim Reiss and various talks concerning academics, spirituality, clubs, and activities. They were treated to a quick breakfast and a full tour of Vandebilt's facilities. Thanks to all our wonderful students and staff for welcoming our next group of Terriers!

## **Technology Update**

We invite you to join us for an informational meeting about the implementation of our One-to-One iPad Program. We will offer parents three opportunities to join us in the school library for a presentation about the use of the iPad to enhance learning in the classroom. This new phase of technology integration is exciting for the entire Vandebilt community. However, we are aware that there are many questions that you may have. We will follow each presentation with a question-and-answer session to help everyone completely understand our goals and means of meeting them.

Among the topics to be discussed are security, apps, textbooks, covers, maintenance, warranties, classroom use, insurance, distribution, and personalization. We welcome discussion on these topics or any other topics that you feel are related to this program.

We encourage you to attend one of these meetings. All meetings will begin at **7 p.m.** in the school **library**. Dates offered are as follows: **Wednesday, February 15; Monday, March 5; and Wednesday, March 14.**

Your support of this program is vital to its success. We look forward to seeing you at one of these meetings!

## **Thank You**

We are grateful for your dedication, service, and time in helping Vandebilt to thrive as one of the finest Catholic high schools in the state of Louisiana.

- Students
- Faculty
- Support Staff
- Parents
- Benefactors
- Cannata's Family Market

*Merci*

# February Dates to Remember

## **February**

- 2 School Mass
- 11 ACT
- 13 Freshman Retreat
- 14 Late Take In – Faculty Meeting
- 20-24 Mardi Gras Holidays
- 29 Lenten Project Begins

## **Major Dates for 2011-2012**

### **February**

- 2 School Mass
- 11 ACT
- 13 Freshman Retreat
- 14 Late Take In – Faculty Meeting
- 20-24 Mardi Gras Holidays
- 29 Lenten Project Begins

### **March**

- 6-9 Third Quarter Exams
- 15 School Mass – National Honor Society
- 15 Winter Athletic Banquet
- 17 Elementary Rally
- 20 Reconciliation/Pastors Day
- 21-22 New Student Interviews
- 23 Art Show
- 24 District Literary Rally
- 26 Grandparents Day

### **April**

- 3 School Mass – Student Council
- 4 Passion Play
- 5 Social Justice Day
- 6-13 Easter

- 17 Late Take In – Faculty Meeting
- 21 Prom
- 21 State Literary Rally
- 26-29 VC Theatre
- 5 Social Justice Day

### **May**

- 1 Elementary Band Concert
- 2 High School Band Concert
- 3 Vandypalooza
- 4 Senior Breakfast
- 6-11 Staff Appreciation Week
- 7-10 Senior Exams
- 10 Choir Concert
- 11 Senior Grades Due
- 12 Band Dance
- 14 Athletic Banquet
- 15 Underclass Awards
- 15 Thanks-for-giving Band Dinner
- 16 Honors Convocation
- 17 School Mass – Ring Mass
- 19 Graduation
- 21-24 Final Exams
- 25 Teacher Records Day



# 2011 – 2012 Mass Schedule

## Daily Morning Mass

7:20 a.m. in the school chapel

## School Mass (There is no daily morning Mass on these days.)

9:17 a.m. in the Kolb Center

Thursday, February 2	Catholic Schools Week
Thursday, March 15	Honor Society Induction/Golden Reunion Mass
Tuesday, April 3	Easter Mass/Student Council
Thursday, May 17	Ring Mass

## Staff Mass (All are invited. There is no daily morning Mass on these days.)

8:00 a.m. in the library

Tuesday, February 14  
Tuesday, April 17

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