



# Announcements

Monday, November 1, 2020

# Native American Heritage Month

In the month of November, we celebrate Native American Heritage Month. To kick off this month, we honor one of the most beloved modern day saints, St. Kateri Tekakwitha. Born in 1656 in Auriesville, NY, her mother was part of the Algonquin Tribe of Native Americans. After being captured by the Mohawks and forced to marry their chief, an outbreak of smallpox wreaked havoc on her tribe and family killing most of her relatives and leaving her disfigured. St. Kateri's life changed one day when she heard Jesuit missionaries talking about God in her camp. It was at that time that she fell in love with Christianity becoming a devout Christian spreading the good word, which was very unpopular amongst her tribe. St. Kateri lived a simple and obedient life and satisfied her religious devotions with extreme fasting and penance. St. Kateri died on April 17, 1680, the day before Holy Thursday at 24 years old. After her death, members of her community noticed that her face changed and her disfigurement was gone! St. Kateri was beatified in 1980 and canonized in 2012. She is now recognized as the patron saint of ecology, the environment, Native Americans, and exiled people.



# General Announcements

## Tomorrow is Throwback Tuesday!

Students may dress in the style of the 70s, 80s, or 90s.

**The 70s:** Students may wear tie-dye shirts, jeans, fringe vests, denim jackets, boots, 70s accessories (flower headbands, colored sunglasses, big earrings, bandanas, socks), and face masks.

**The 80s:** Students may wear neon/bright print shirts, pastel/bright colored polo shirts, bright colored jeans or pants (no leggings), skirts over jeans/pants (no leggings), denim jackets, tracksuits, 80s styled hair, 80s accessories (big jewelry, headbands, socks), and face masks.

**The 90s:** Students may wear denim shirts, plaid flannel shirts, big logo or 90s music t-shirts (no crop tops), flared or wide-leg jeans (no leggings), denim overalls, boots, 90s accessories (scrunchies, bandanas, jewelry, belts, socks), and face masks. Students may also wear VCHS t-shirts, jeans, tennis shoes, and face masks.

At lunch, we will have a contest for the Most Authentic from each decade.



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**This week, the Archdiocese is celebrating “School Food Service Employee Appreciation Week” to recognize the efforts of all food service employees. Each school day the cafeteria staff perform many difficult tasks to provide a nutritious, inviting meal while trying to make the cafeteria experience a pleasant one for our students. Please take time this week to thank our cafeteria staff for all that they do.**

**All 8th grade students should check their email in order to cast their vote for 8th grade class president. Voting will end at 4:00pm today. Any votes cast after 4:00pm today will not count.**

**Seniors, a representative from the University of Alabama will be on campus today at your 6th period lunch in the quad. Please be sure to stop by their table to get more information and ask any questions that you may have.**



# General Announcements

**The Alumni Director (Coach Hamilton) would like to thank all the students that participated in the "GUESS THE ALUM" contest! Out of all the students that earned a perfect score, one girl and one boy were chosen from each grade to receive a \$5.00 Starbucks gift card. The**

**winners are:**

**Seniors: Kenedi Labat and Spencer Bonnecarre**

**Juniors: Emily Poincot and JeanLuc Lapeyre**

**Sophomores: Bethany Mauldin and Ross Abboud**

**Freshman: Gabrielle Neal and Christopher Staszak**

**8th Grade: Jamyri Jackson and Cooper Bennett**

**Please see Mrs. Cindy in the front office during lunch or recess to claim your prize.**



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**Juniors, if you are interested in taking the PSAT/NMSQT on Tuesday, January 26th, the deadline to sign up in Mrs. Stephanie's office in the counseling center is by the end of the school day on Thursday, November 19th. The cost of the test is \$17.00. You can pay by cash or check made out to VCH. The Preliminary SAT/National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test measures the knowledge and skills you have developed in reading, writing and language, and math. Taking this test is great standardized test preparation. If you have any questions, see Mrs. Bliss in the counseling center.**



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The deadline is quickly approaching for 10th grade students interested in participating in the Hugh O'Brian Youth Leadership Seminar in the summer of 2021.

Selected students will spend 3–4 exciting days exploring leadership from an individual, group, and societal perspective while collaborating with students from throughout the state. Students return from HOBY with a new sense of self-awareness and an elevated confidence in their individual potential. They will be inspired to make a positive impact in their schools and communities and will be equipped with the leadership skills to enable action.

Any 10th grade student interested in attending the Hugh O'Brian Youth Leadership Seminar (HOBY) this summer should submit a resume and essay describing the most rewarding and challenging aspects of being a leader in our school and community to Mrs. Katie Champagne in the Counseling Center by Friday, October 30th at 3:00pm. No late entries will be accepted. Please see Mrs. Katie in the Counseling Center with any questions.



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**It is time for the Vanderbilt Catholic Choir annual HoneyBaked Ham gift card sale! They make great gifts for family, friends, and employees. Here is why a HBH gift card is a great idea - they never expire, they can be used at any HBH store or online, they can be used on anything the HBH store sells, and they are a lot easier to deliver than a sticky ham! They can be purchased in increments of \$10, \$20, \$25, \$35, \$50, and \$100. You may purchase your gift cards through a choir student or by contacting Sarah Todd at [stodd@htdiocese.org](mailto:stodd@htdiocese.org). Orders placed by November 13 will be delivered before the Thanksgiving holidays. Orders placed by December 4 will be delivered before the Christmas holidays.**



# Activities

**STEM Club will meet today at 3:10 in room 202.  
Members who have not submitted dues and  
paperwork are asked to do so by Tuesday.**



# Sports

**Congratulations to the cross country team for their performance at their meet on Saturday. The boys finished in 1st Place. Top finishers in their respective races were Brynn Kelso, Mary Ellen Haydel, Thomas Thompson, and Brennan Fick. Brynn and Brennan were the winners of their races.**

**Congratulations to our swim team state qualifiers: Vivian Cobb, Emma Danos, Caroline Lindsay, Claire Ramirez, Madison Richoux, Hamilton Barnes, Julian Bourgeois, Logan Carmouche, and Kaden Howard.**

**Tryouts for 8th grade boys interested in playing basketball this season for Vandebilt Catholic will be held on Monday, November 16th, and Tuesday, November 17th, from 3:15 to 4:30pm in the upstairs gym. Boys must have a current physical to participate in basketball tryouts. Contact Coach Pitre if you have any questions.**



# Sports

**Bowling team tryouts will be held November 9th and 10th at Creole Lanes starting at 3:30pm. Students interested in trying out can sign up by the athletic department. There will also be a meeting for students and parents on Friday, November 6th at Creole Lanes starting at 3:30.**





# What's for lunch?



## Hot Plate

**Monday**-Salisbury Steak, mashed potatoes, carrots, fruit

**Tuesday**-Crispy or soft beef tacos, corn, fruit, cinnamon roll

**Wednesday**-Chicken fajita Alfredo pasta, green beans, strawberries

**Thursday**- Chicken and sausage gumbo, rice, potato salad, carrot souffle, pineapples, bread

**Friday**- Lasagna, broccoli, fruit, garlic roll, cookie

## Sandwich

**Monday**-Personal pepperoni pizza

**Tuesday**-Grilled cheese sandwich

**Wednesday**-Chicken sandwich

**Thursday**-Hamburger

**Friday**-Chicken Nuggets



# Terrific Terriers



## Happy Birthday

**Cooper Bennett  
Noah Moran  
Mina Nguyen  
Enrico Calpestri  
Mrs. Sarah Todd**

## Student of the Day

**Carter Bergeron**

# General Announcements

**Mrs. Elise LeBouef will be hosting an ACT Prep Class to help students prepare for the December ACT. These classes will take place on **November 28th, November 29th, and December 5th**. Email Mrs. LeBoeuf at [eleboeuf@htdiocese.org](mailto:eleboeuf@htdiocese.org) to reserve your spot. The registration form can be found in students' Counseling Center Google Classroom under the ACT folder.**



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**Seniors, the Knights of Columbus LA State Council has opened applications for the Catholic Youth Leadership Award. Use the interactive form to apply at [www.louisianakc.org](http://www.louisianakc.org). Be sure to follow all instructions carefully. The deadline to submit all documentation is **January 25th, 2021**. Contact Delmas Forbes, Jr. at [dcforbes1@cox.net](mailto:dcforbes1@cox.net) with any questions.**



# Scholarships

The Lela Choose Louisiana Scholarship is now available at <https://lela.org/register/>.  
This is a \$1000 scholarship available for seniors.  
The deadline to apply is **December 31st, 2020**.



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**Juniors and Seniors who hold elected or appointed offices in school or community groups listed at**

**<https://ussenateyouth.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/09/2021-US>**

**SYP-Official-Brochure.pdf are eligible to apply for the 2021 Virtual United States Senate Youth Program. Two outstanding students from Louisiana will be selected to virtually participate in a series of online meetings during the week of March 15th, 2021. Upon participation of all these meetings, each delegate will receive a \$10,000.00 college scholarship from the Hearst Foundation. To apply, you must complete the application packet at [https://www.louisianabelieves.com/docs/default-source/awards/u-s-senate-youth-application.pdf?sfvrsn=c612991f\\_2](https://www.louisianabelieves.com/docs/default-source/awards/u-s-senate-youth-application.pdf?sfvrsn=c612991f_2). The deadline to submit your application portfolio is **November 16th**. Please see Mrs. Bliss with any questions.**

