



Monthly Newsletter

March 2017

The mission of Vandebilt Catholic High School is to provide students with a holistic education that is rooted in religious values, structured through friendly discipline, nurtured by personal attention, and committed to academic excellence.

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Dear Parents,

So much has transpired since our last Newsletter. I want to start by thanking all of you for your continued prayers and support as our school begins to try to heal from the tragic loss of Katarina Bazet. I was overwhelmed by the student attendance at the memorial service. Our students, faculty, and staff are truly special. The love, grace, and compassion that was shared amongst our community is something that will stay with me forever.



During this Lenten season we all try to draw ourselves closer to God through prayer, sacrifice, and service. Personally, I have given up Blue Bell ice cream, which is always a battle!! In our faculty Bible study this week we talked about “more of Him and less of me.” What a great thought, the idea of being less about ourselves and more about God is something that we should all call ourselves to on a regular basis. Our school-wide Lenten project is to support the Brothers’ school, Amatongas, which is in Mozambique, Africa. This school desperately needs our support and I ask that all of our families give however they can. For some, financial assistance will be possible, and for some prayer will be all they can give. Both are equally important to the success of Amatongas.

In our ongoing attempt to improve, we have decided to change our process for the selection of Teacher of the Year. We are asking for students, parents, and teacher input in selecting our semi-finalist. We will use the guiding principles of our mission statement to make the selections:

- Religious Values
- Friendly Discipline
- Personal Attention
- Academic Excellence

If you would like to nominate a teacher, please do so by emailing me that teacher’s name and why you think he/she should be our Teacher of the Year. We value your input greatly, and I look forward to hearing from you.

I would also like to congratulate Emma Domangue and Lia Martin on representing Vandebilt Catholic as our Student of the Year candidates at the Diocesan level. Congrats ladies!!!

I hope you find this month’s newsletter informative and helpful. If you have any questions or concerns, please don’t hesitate to call or email me.

Geaux Terriers,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Jeremy Gueldner". The signature is fluid and cursive.

Jeremy Gueldner
Principal, Vandebilt Catholic High School

SPIRITUAL FORMATION

As we begin our Lenten journey, the school community of Vandebilt Catholic seeks ways to live out the call to prayer, penance, and almsgiving. Our Lenten project this year will be to prayerfully adopt Mission Amatongas and the Propagation of Faith for the diocese. Mission Amatongas is a mission run by the Brothers of the Sacred Heart in Mozambique, Africa. Each week, the campus ministers will go into the homerooms to further share the lives and stories of the people of Mission Amatongas and those missionaries supported by the Propagation of the Faith. Each Friday, the school will collect funds to assist these amazing causes. Please join us in praying for this project.



During Mardi Gras break, our Catholic Social Teaching class went on a mission trip to Klagetoh, Arizona, to minister to the Navajo people at St. Anne Mission. Throughout the week, the students were able to provide needed work and services while getting to be the face of Christ to many of the people of the reservation.

Everyone is welcome to attend all Masses at Vandebilt Catholic High School. Daily Mass is celebrated in the school chapel at 7:20 a.m., preceded by the Liturgy of the Hours at 7:00 a.m. Each Wednesday, during both junior and senior high lunches, Reconciliation and Adoration is

offered in the chapel. School-wide Mass is held at 9:20 a.m. in the Brother Alfred Kolb Center twice a month.

VANDEBILT CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL LITURGICAL CALENDAR	
Thursday, March 23, 2017	Mass
Tuesday, April 11, 2017	Holy Week Mass
Wednesday, April 12, 2017	Passion Play and Adoration
Thursday, May 4, 2017	Senior Mass
Friday, May 12, 2017	Ring Mass
Saturday, May 20, 2017	Graduation Mass

Service hour information is available at <http://www.vandebiltcatholic.org/catholic-identity/service-hour-requirements/>

We remember in our prayers:

*Ms. Becky Gueniot
Mrs. Irma Colasurdo
Mrs. Janie Roger
Mr. Harold Haydel*

*Evan Fanguy
Mrs. Wendy Couvillon
Ms. Anne Belanger
Liam Bascle*

*Mr. Spice Vegas
Ms. Julie Fanguy
Mr. Donald Banowitz
Alaina Maiorana*

Prayers for Healing

Please e-mail prayer requests to Wendy Couvillon (wcouvillon@htdiocese.org).

EVENTS

During Lent, Catholics are called to penance, fasting, and almsgiving. To foster a spirit of charitable giving and fellowship with our brothers and sisters in Christ, Vanderbilt Catholic will be conducting a Lenten Project during our Lenten season. As a school community, we will be adopting Mission Amatomgas (A Brothers of the Sacred Heart Mission in Mozambique) and Propagation of the Faith through our diocese. Each Campus Minister will share information, videos, and stories of these projects with our students in their homeroom classes. On Friday of each week in Lent, we will collect funds to help out these causes. We ask that you pray intentionally for these causes and for our students to be transformed by this project. We also encourage you to ask your student about the projects, stories, and information. Please encourage your student to give generously and to pray for these causes. If you have any questions about our project, please contact our Campus Minister, Wendy Couvillon at wcouvillon@htdiocese.org.

Vanderbilt Catholic Calendar of Events *March - May*

All Vanderbilt Catholic school events and schedules are available on the Vanderbilt Catholic Web site at:
<http://www.vanderbiltcatholic.org/about-vchs/calendar/>

March

01-03 Mardi Gras Break
06 BOSH In-service at VCHS *
07 Classes Resume
09 Mass (Golden Anniversary – Class of 1967)
13 Grandparent's Day
16 Reconciliation Day
23 Mass
25 Elementary Rally
31 Art Show

April

08 ACT
11 Mass
12 Passion Play
14-21 Easter Break
28 Vandyfest
29 Prom

May

02 Band Concert
04 Senior Mass
05 Senior Breakfast
08-11 Senior Exams
11 Choir Concert
12 Mass – Junior Ring
13 Band Dance
15 Athletic Convocation
16 Underclassman Awards
17 Senior Honors Convocation
20 Graduation
22-25 Final Exams
26 Records Day

* No School for students

ACADEMICS

Wow! We are already in the fourth quarter of the school year. Senior students only have about seven weeks left with us. Scheduling for the 2017-2018 school year has been completed. If there are any concerns, the guidance department will contact you.

Report cards for the third quarter will be sent out by e-mail on Wednesday, March 15. Interims for the fourth quarter for seniors will be available on April 3 and for underclassmen on April 10.

Just a reminder: 3rd quarter is averaged at 49% and 4th quarter at 51% for the second semester grade. Each semester stands alone. If a student did not successfully complete the first semester, he/she has to make a C second semester to receive credit for the course. If a student fails second semester, he/she will have to repeat that semester of the course.

Aspire testing for 8th-10th graders will take place on Thursday, April 6. ACT for juniors will occur on Wednesday, May 3. Please make every effort to make appointments for students in the afternoon on these dates.

ACT TEST DATES FOR 2016-2017		
TEST DATE	REGISTRATION DEADLINE	LATE REGISTRATION (EXTRA FEE REQUIRED)
June 11, 2016	May 6, 2016	May 7-20, 2016
September 10, 2016	August 5, 2016	August 6-9, 2016
October 22, 2016	September 16, 2016	September 17-30, 2016
December 10, 2016	November 4, 2016	November 5-18, 2016
February 11, 2017	January 6, 2017	January 7-20, 2017
April 8, 2017	March 3, 2017	March 4-17, 2017
June 10, 2017	May 5, 2017	May 6-19, 2017

STUDENT LIFE

Early checkouts for medical or dental appointments during the school day should be avoided. Requests for such dismissals, when necessary, must be in written form and signed by the student's parents. The student must present this note before 7:55 A.M. in the Dean of Student Life's Office for an early dismissal slip.

Students should check with Mrs. Robertson's office for lost and found items; this includes lunch boxes, school sweaters and jackets, and P.E. bags.

Reminder to students and parents: You can anonymously report bullying and harassment issues by sending an e-mail to bethechange@htdiocese.org. This e-mail is seen only by the Dean of Students, Mrs. Amanda Robertson.

ATHLETICS

- The 2017 TERRIER GOLF CLASSIC will be held on Monday, April 10 at Ellendale Country Club. Tee times for both morning and afternoon rounds are still available.
Morning Tee Times (7:30 A.M.) are \$540 and Afternoon Tee Times (1:00 P.M.) \$600. There are plenty of sponsorship opportunities available as well. For more information about tee times or sponsorships opportunities, contact the Terrier Athletic Department at 985-876-2551 ext. 123.
- Congratulations to 2017 Girls Soccer Team for winning Back-to-Back State Championships. The girls beat Loyola Prep 2-1, in overtime, to capture the 2017 State title.
- Congratulations to Kevin Besson for bowling a near perfect 300 game. Kevin nearly achieved perfection with a 278 game at Creole Lanes. GEAUX TERRIERS!
- **Free Physicals:**
Free physicals will be held at the Terrebonne High School Gymnasium on Saturday, May 13, from 9:00 A.M. -9:30 A.M.
- **Eligibility Reminder:**
If a student athlete received an "F" on his/her report card for the 3rd nine weeks marking period, he/she will not be dismissed from attending the class he/she received the "F" in for an athletic event.

Terrier Club Golf Classic 2017

Monday, April 10, 2017

Ellendale Country Club

Click the following link for more information:

<http://www.vandebiltcatholic.org/parent-groups/terrier-club/>

MUSIC

The District VII Large Ensemble Contest performances are coming up. The Wind Symphony will perform on Tuesday, March 21st at 8:00 A.M. in Talbot Hall, on the campus of Nicholls State University. The choral performances will occur at Central Lafourche High School. The 8th Grade Choir will perform on Thursday, March 23rd at 11:20 A.M., and the Women's Choir will perform the same day at 3:40 P.M. On Friday, the Mixed Choir will perform at 10:40 A.M.

The Winterguard, Indoor Percussion, and Indoor Winds are enjoying a successful season. The LMCGPC Championships will occur at the Warren J Harang Civic Center in Thibodaux, LA, on April 1 and 2. We ask for prayers and best wishes for all of our ensembles competing and performing this month.

ART

February and early March have been a busy and productive time for our Visual Arts Department. We are extremely proud and excited to announce that senior Art IV student Morgaine Trahan was selected as a finalist in this year's George Rodrigue Foundation for the Arts scholarship competition. Morgaine's artwork will be featured along with 10 other seniors and 6 juniors, all from Louisiana high schools at an awards luncheon on March 25th, when the order of awards will be announced and presented. Three of our other senior advanced art students received honors at the Visual Arts division of this year's district literary rally which was hosted at Nicholls State University. Artworks created by our talented students were awarded as follows:

Kirsten Bazet-first place
Jacob McManus-3rd place
Lily Guidry-honorable mention

The Vanderbilt Art Club and Art Department will have representatives from each grade competing in the Terrebonne Fine Arts Guild's annual Student Art Show. Awards will be announced on Sunday, March 12th during an opening reception from 2-4 P.M. Works by the following students will be on display from March 12-17 at the Downtown Art Gallery:

8th grade:	9th grade:	10th grade:	11th grade:	12th grade:
Bailey Bergeron	Kristen Sonnier	Lillie Neal	Richard Haydel	Lily Guidry
Kayla Trussell	Annelise Zorn	Emily Huddleston	Madeliyn Duplantis	Kirsten Bazet
Emma Moreau	Brittany Theriot		Sophie Babin	

We invite all of our Vanderbilt family to view the works of our talented Art Department and Art Club at our upcoming Art Show on March 31 at 6 P.M. in the Kolb Center.

ADVANCEMENT

"Terriers to the Top" - \$10,000 Raffle

1. One book of tickets was mailed to each family this past month.
2. Ticket stubs, collected money, and/or unsold tickets will be collected in homeroom each Tuesday beginning March 21.
3. The oldest child in a family is responsible for returning ticket stubs, collected money, and/or unsold tickets.
4. Ticket stubs, collected money, and/or unsold tickets can be returned at other times to the front office.
5. All ticket stubs, collected money, and/or unsold tickets returned should be in a sealed envelope with the oldest child's name on it as well as the homeroom teacher's name and the word "raffle."
6. To donate \$2.00 to an organization, team, or club, the name of the group must be clearly written on each ticket stub in the space provided.
7. Only return money when a complete book is sold or with unsold tickets when you have completed your participation in the raffle.
8. Additional books of tickets can be obtained in the front office or at Brothers Hall.
9. Students requesting additional books of tickets should have a signed note from a parent. Parents can e-mail permission for students to receive additional books to vandebilthi@htdiocese.org.
10. All ticket stubs, collected money, and/or unsold tickets must be returned to school by May 2, 2017, for seniors and May 16, 2017, for all others.

MOTHERS' CLUB

The Mothers' Club would like to extend its continued sympathy and prayers to the Bazel family for their tragic loss of Katarina. May God continue to hold them in His loving arms.

Our first annual King Cake Sale was a huge success! We cleared almost \$800 to put towards our donation to the school. The students thoroughly enjoyed this event, and we will definitely do it again next year. Thank you so much to everyone who donated and/or participated in any way.

Mothers' Club continues to offer our hospitality services to the school by having assisted at both the 50th Reunion Luncheon and Grandparents' Day this month. Thank you so much to the volunteers who assisted with these events.

We would also like to extend our heartfelt thank you to everyone who contributed in some way to make our first annual Garage Sale a huge success as well. The final numbers are not in, but we had a wonderful turnout and made a lot of money to donate back to the school. A special thank you to members Mona Wiemann, Rachel Hebert, Lynette Callahan, and Rana DaSilva. These ladies truly were the backbone of the operation.

Our next Mothers' Club Rosary will be held on Friday, March 17, at 2 P.M. Anyone is invited to attend, even if you are not a Mothers' Club member. We will be offering our next Rosary in honor of Katarina Bazel.

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LIBRARY NEWS

Mrs. Danae' Jackson (school librarian) and Mrs. Barbara Bourg (library aide) would like to invite all students to visit the Vandebilt Catholic Library.

Please remember that the library is continuing to collect Box Tops for Education and Community Coffee labels all year. We send these off a few times in the school year and have already collected \$149.20 from Box Tops. The money earned from both goes toward the purchasing of new books and e-books, or anything else the library may need. Thank you for your participation in this beneficial library fundraiser.

The Vandebilt Catholic Library also has a memorial program in which a person can honor another by donating money to purchase a book in his or her memory.

Required reading novels for English classes (\$1.00 per book) are sold in the library (by the Mother's Club). These sell out quickly!

Ask us about our new books and e-books that are ready to be checked out. Do not forget about our numerous online resources that will help with your class projects.

Check the school web-site or Plus Portals for more library information and links, such as databases that students can utilize on or off campus. The library page on Plus Portals is under Groups.

Mrs. Jackson and Mrs. Bourg would like to give a shout out to the Social Justice class (especially Michael Larose and Sean Folse) for assembling our new library shelving units and helping move books! We greatly appreciate all of these amazing, helpful seniors.



The VCHS Book Club has already had several meetings. The Book Club is reading its second book, *The Fifth Wave* by Rick Yancey. Students may still join Book Club, even though they may not be able to attend every meeting.

MISCELLANEOUS

FINAL EXAM SCHEDULE 2016-2017

Senior Final Exams

May 8 - 3rd & 4th
May 9 - 1st & 2nd
May 10 - 5th/6th & 7th
May 11 - 8th

Finals (8th- 11th Graders)

May 22 - 3rd
May 23 - 1st & 2nd
May 24 - 5th/6th & 7th
May 25 - 8th & 4th

Interims

4th Quarter- March 30(seniors)
April 6 (8th-11th graders)



Vandebilt Catholic Bell Schedule 2016-2017

1 Regular (50 min. Classes)	2 Mass (40 min. Classes)	3 Pep Rally (46 min. Classes)	4 EXAM
7:56 Warning Bell	7:56 Warning Bell	7:56 Warning Bell	7:56 Warning Bell
7:59 – 8:49 1 st Period	7:59 – 8:39 1 st Period	7:59 – 8:45 1 st Period	7:56 – 8:05 Prayer & Announcements
8:52 – 9:42 2 nd Period	8:42 – 9:22 2 nd Period	8:48 – 9:34 2 nd Period	8:05 – 9:35 Exam
9:45 – 10:01 Homeroom / Recess	9:25 – 10:35 Mass	9:37 – 9:55 Homeroom / Recess	9:35 – 9:50 Recess
10:04 – 10:54 3 rd Period	10:35 – 10:51 Recess	9:58 – 10:44 3 rd Period	9:53 – 11:23 Exam
10:57 – 11:47 4 th Period	10:54 – 11:34 3 rd Period	10:47 – 11:33 4 th Period	
11:47 – 12:15 LUNCH I	11:37 – 12:17 4 th Period	11:33 – 12:01 LUNCH I	
11:50 – 12:40 5 th Period	12:17 – 12:45 LUNCH I	11:36 – 12:22 5 th Period	
12:18 – 1:08 6 th Period	12:20 – 1:00 5 th Period	12:04 – 12:50 6 th Period	
12:40 – 1:08 LUNCH II	12:48 – 1:28 6 th Period	12:22 – 12:50 LUNCH II	
1:11 – 2:01 Prayer & 7 th Period	1:00 – 1:28 LUNCH II	12:53 – 1:39 Prayer & 7 th Period	
2:04 – 2:54 8 th Period	1:31– 2:11 Prayer & 7 th Period	1:42 – 2:28 8 th Period	
	2:14 – 2:54 8 th Period	2:28 - 2:54 Assembly	