



# Did You Know ?

- ◆ During the month of May all students will participate in a prayer service honoring the Blessed Virgin Mary. A May Crowning will be incorporated into the student masses in church during the week of May 5<sup>th</sup>.
- ◆ Forrest Canfield, one of our eighth graders, is the recipient of John W. Shaw Merit Award scholarship to attend Archbishop Shaw for high school. This scholarship is renewable throughout his years at Shaw. We are very proud of Forrest's accomplishment.
- ◆ Three of Visitation's seventh graders also received scholarships to Archbishop Shaw High School for 8<sup>th</sup> grade in 2008 – 2009. David Plaisance is the recipient of the St. Dominic Savio Top Eighth Grade Award. Ryan Dale and Travis Evans each received the John W. Shaw Scholarship which is renewable throughout their years at Shaw. Congratulations to each of these boys.
- ◆ Two of Visitation's girls received scholarships to attend Academy of Our Lady for high school in 2008-2009. Seventh grader Samantha Paitsel is the recipient of the AOL Eighth Grade Academic Scholarship. Eighth grader Jennifer Kenyon is the recipient of the Fiat Voluntas Tua Freshman Honor Scholarship which is renewable for four years. This is a true honor for each of these girls.
- ◆ Congratulations to our 2<sup>nd</sup> grade class. They will receive the Holy Eucharist for the first time on Saturday, May 10<sup>th</sup>.
- ◆ Congratulations to our 8<sup>th</sup> graders who will be graduating from Middle School this month. We wish them all the best as they move on to high school.
- ◆ Visitation received a check for \$220.64 from Sicily's for April. For other ways to support VOL through our community fundraisers please visit our school website at [www.vol.org](http://www.vol.org). Click on **Ways to Support VOL**. There you will find a list of local and online businesses where proceeds from your purchases benefit VOL.
- ◆ Congratulations to our 5<sup>th</sup> graders for completing the D.A.R.E. program. This is a drug awareness program taught to students by the Jefferson Parish Sheriff's Office. A special thank you to Officer Bill Stravinsky who has for the past thirteen years taught this program to our students. The students will receive their certificates at a special ceremony on May 8<sup>th</sup>.
- ◆ Every year Duke University sponsors a Talent Search for qualifying students in 7<sup>th</sup> grades. This school year 19 of our 7<sup>th</sup> graders qualified and were eligible to take the ACT or the SAT college entry exam. Based on their test results, Tyler Becker, Ryan Dale, Travis Evans, Samantha Paitsel, David Plaisance, and Todd Tidwell received State Recognition. Congratulations!
- ◆ Forty-three students of Visitation of Our Lady School recently participated in Academy of Our Lady Academic Fair. sponsored by the AOL's National Honor Society. The following students won medals:
  - Reading Comprehension:**
    - 2<sup>nd</sup> grade – Ella Brown 3<sup>rd</sup> place
    - 3<sup>rd</sup> grade – Ian Doskey 3<sup>rd</sup> place
    - 4<sup>th</sup> grade – William Nichols 3<sup>rd</sup> place
  - Math:**
    - 2<sup>nd</sup> grade – Cathy Huynh 1<sup>st</sup> place
    - Craig Schexnaydre 3<sup>rd</sup> place
    - 3<sup>rd</sup> grade – Scott Hotard 1<sup>st</sup> place
    - 5<sup>th</sup> grade – Alex Vedros 2<sup>nd</sup> place
  - English:**
    - 6<sup>th</sup> grade – Danielle Bourg 2<sup>nd</sup> place
    - Allison DiMaggio 3<sup>rd</sup> place
  - Religion:**
    - 5<sup>th</sup> grade – Jenna Melerine 2<sup>nd</sup> place
  - Spelling:**
    - 4<sup>th</sup> grade – Abby Alleman 2<sup>nd</sup> place
- ◆ Sonya Potter, one of our eighth grade students, was nominated and received recognition for the Young Hero's Award sponsored by Cox Communications. On Wednesday, April 30<sup>th</sup>, Sonya was honored at the Young Hero's breakfast and ceremony at the Pontchartrain Center. Congratulations to Sonya for representing Visitation of Our Lady School in this honorable way.

Summer Office Hours: Monday – Thursday 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.  
Closed every Friday in June and July.

1<sup>st</sup> day of school – August 13, 2008

Full day for all 1<sup>st</sup> through 8<sup>th</sup> graders

Pre K-3, Pre K-4, and Kindergarten will use a phase-in process during the week of August 18<sup>th</sup>.