



THE CHIMES

WEEK OF APRIL 30, 2008

He who wishes to prevent his heart from being sullied by earthly things should remain in the company of Our Lady, virgin and mother. Such a person will have his heart fixed in Heaven.

Saint Francis de Sales

Please invite your families to join us in the lovely traditional May Procession honoring Our Lady at the Visitation Academy on Friday, May 2nd at 11:00 a.m. All of our students participate in this occasion. Students should arrive at the Academy between 10:30 and 10:45 a.m., dressed in their white dresses, and go directly to the auditorium. Parents and guests may assemble in the inner courtyard along the sidewalks to observe the procession. Should rain prevent our holding the procession outside, the ceremony will take place in our Chapel. Benediction will be given at the end of the procession, and students then leave with their families. There are NO CLASSES on Friday.

CAMPI CLASSIC: Our annual golf tournament, the Campi Classic, was held last Thursday in perfect weather. Thank you to all who supported the Academy by participating in this tournament. Special thanks go to Braden French and Rob Edwards for their work toward a successful endeavor. We also send sincere thanks to Mark Matan and Frey & Grove for their sponsorship of this event. We appreciate all of your efforts!

BENZIGER FAMILY LIFE PROGRAM: Religion classes in Grades Kindergarten-8th will begin implementing the Family Life Program as recommended by the Archdiocese of Baltimore. As part of this program is grounded in Catholic doctrine regarding human sexuality, a parent opt-out form has been sent home. Should you not wish to have your daughter participate in these classes, please complete and sign the form and send in to the school office by Monday, May 5th.

HOME-SCHOOL ASSOCIATION MEETING: Please remember that the first meeting of our Home-School Association will be held on Thursday, May 15th at 7:00 p.m. – this is a time change to accommodate the most parents possible. As noted in the letter being sent home with the Chimes today, members of our Board and advisors will be present at this meeting to update you the situation regarding our location.

THE DAISY TROOP THANKS YOU!: Thank you! Thank you! to all those who *generously* donated to the Daisy Troop clothing drive. The Lifestart Program will benefit greatly, and the children

and their families are very appreciative! Thank you so much.

EARLY-BIRD GIRL SCOUT REGISTRATION: Early-bird registration is taking place for all girls and their parents interested in participating in Girl Scouts next year. Early registration allows organizers to know how many troop leaders are needed so the activities begin as quickly as possible in the new school year. Girls who will be in Kindergarten and up are encouraged to participate. Parents, too, can be registered Girl Scouts. And don't forget the dads! To receive a registration form, please contact Betsy Day at 301-371-6016 or email her at eyday@aol.com.

APRIL BIRTHDAY BLESSINGS: Birthday blessings to Clara Schall! Thank you for supporting our Birthday Book program.

TUITION SAVINGS WITH SCRIP!: Join the families who have saved money on their tuition through the Scrip plan! Please remember that orders must be in by Tuesdays at 12 noon so you receive your gift cards in a timely manner. Should your tuition for this school year already be paid, Scrip savings will roll over into the 2008-2009 school year.

SPRING CALENDAR REMINDERS: There are lots of activities coming up at the Academy, so make sure your calendars have these dates noted:

- Thursday, May 1st – Summer Camp Registration Due
Nominations for H-S A officers due
- Friday, May 2nd – May Procession, 11:00 a.m.
- Thursday, May 15th – Home-School Association Meeting, 7:00 p.m.
- Saturday, May 17th – Mother-Daughter Tea, 1:00-3:00 p.m.
- Tuesday, May 20th – 4th-8th Grades Chorus and Band Recitals, 1:00 p.m.
- Wednesday, May 21st – Spanish Recital, Grades Pre-K-4-8th; 5th Grade
Recitation of "The Midnight Ride of Paul Revere",
10:00 a.m.
Professional Day, 11:30 a.m. Dismissal, After Care Available, Charges Begin at Noon
- Monday, May 26th – Memorial Day Holiday, School and Offices Closed
- Wednesday, May 28th – Tap Recital Performance for Parents of Students in
Grades 4th-8th, 1:30 p.m.
- Thursday, May 29th – Tap Recital Performance for Parents of Students in
Grades Pre-K-3-3rd, 1:30 p.m.
- Friday, May 30th – Eighth Grade Graduation Ceremonies, 9:30 a.m.
- Wednesday, June 11th – Field Day
- Thursday, June 12th – Field Day
- Friday, June 13th – Last Day of School, Grades Pre-K-7th
11:30 a.m. Dismissal, No After Care Available

We sincerely thank you again for all of your expressions of support. Please remember to attend the Home-School Association meeting on Thursday, May 15th at 7:00 p.m. Your efforts on behalf of the Visitation Academy are very much appreciated.