

PRINCIPAL'S NEWSLETTER #18

May 14, 2012

DATES TO REMEMBER

- May 14 Summer camp information will be mailed to participants this week
15 Feast of St. John Baptist de La Salle – Last student-body Mass of the school year (sponsored by Homeroom 5P) at 8:00 in the Cultural Center
15 Chess Club Party in the cafeteria
15 All library books and materials are to be returned
16 Mr. Barker will meet with 7th graders registered as Junior Counselors at recess
17 Math Exam for the 6th and 7th graders
18 Spanish and History Exams for the 6th and 7th graders
18 7th Grade Morning of Reflection – 10:00-12:00
18 Founders Day Activities – 1:00-3:00
19 Saturday Detention – 9:00-11:00
19 Children's Miracle Network Baseball Game – 9:30 at Brother Martin
20 2011 Tackle Football Team Banquet – 12:00 in the Cultural Center
20 Kayak – Cane Bayou at 9:30
21 Science and English Exams for 6th and 7th graders
21 Graduation practice for 7th graders – 10:00
21 12:00 Dismissal – No After School Care
22 Literature and Religion Exams for 6th and 7th graders
22 5th Grade Auction
22 12:00 Dismissal – No After School Care
22 End of the 4th quarter
23 Detention – 8:00-10:00
23 Records Day: No school for students.
23 Report Cards and Awards Night for 5th and 6th graders at 7:00 in the Cultural Center
24 7th Grade Graduation Mass and Awards at 9:30 in the Cultural Center
- June 11 Summer Camp begins
- July 20 Summer Camp ends
- August 13 New Student Orientation
14 First full day of 2012-2013 school year for all students



DAILY SCHEDULE ROTATION

May	14 th	15 th	16 th	17 th	18 th	21 st	22 nd
Day Number	7	1	2	3	x	x	x



SCHOOL NEWS

The feast of the founder of the Brothers of the Christian Schools, St. John Baptist de La Salle, is May 15th. We will celebrate the final student-body Mass on Founders Day at 8:00 in the Cultural Center. All parents are invited to attend. In addition, we will conduct special activities this Friday afternoon, May 18th, to recognize the occasion.

Exams in the 6th and 7th grades begin this week. The daily schedule is indicated above. All exams will be administered first thing each exam day. The policy for exemptions from fourth quarter exams as stated in the handbook is: *A student is eligible to be exempt from a fourth quarter exam if he has at least a 94 for each of the first three quarters and has at least a 94 at the time of the fourth quarter exam in that subject.* A student who earns an exemption may take the exam if he so chooses. (Yes, some students who are exempt have asked for permission to take the exam anyway!) However, the exam grade will be counted toward the final average – even if the performance lowers that student’s average. Students who are exempt from exams will be given the choice to remain in the classroom in order to use the time to study quietly for an upcoming exam or to report outside for structured play activities under the supervision of the PE coaches. Once a student makes a choice, he must remain in that location for the duration of the exam.

Please make a note that both Monday, May 21st and Tuesday, May 22nd are half-days with dismissal at 12:00. Furthermore, After School Care will not be offered on either of those days. Please plan accordingly. In addition, some students (particularly those who are exempt from exams on those days) have asked if attendance is required. The answer is: Yes! Other activities are scheduled for those mornings following the exams including graduation practice, auctions and special activities to name a few. Most importantly, those are the days when all books and materials will be collected and classrooms will be prepared for the summer. Consequently, student attendance is necessary. We won’t need them here all day – that’s why the dismissals are at noon. But, we do need them here in the morning. Thanks for your cooperation in having your sons in school on those half days.



Fifth and Sixth Grade Report Cards and Awards Ceremony – Wednesday, May 23

All fifth and sixth graders are asked to arrive for 6:45 and should take a seat in a designated and reserved area of the Cultural Center with his homeroom. Parents and guests are invited to attend. The program will begin at 7:00. During the program, awards will be presented to deserving students from each homeroom. I expect the ceremony to last just over an hour. At the conclusion of the ceremony, each homeroom teacher will be located at a table in the Cultural Center. Students should report to the appropriate table to collect his final report card and standardized test results from his homeroom teacher. Finally, teachers will remain in the Cultural Center for pictures, farewells, etc. until 8:30. Should you have any questions or concerns about this ceremony, please give me a call.



Seventh Grade Graduation Mass and Awards Ceremony – Thursday, May 24

Graduation for the CBS Seventh Grade Graduating Class of 2012 is set for 9:30 in the Cultural Center. The students will practice for graduation during the day on Monday, May 21st when they shall receive specific directions regarding the ceremony. As you have already been made aware, graduates are asked to report to the 7th grade classrooms for 9:10 in the appropriate attire. The ceremony will include Mass, presentation of diplomas and awards, student speeches, and a video presentation. A brief reception will follow. Additionally, a professional photographer will be available for formal photographs. Picture envelopes will be distributed at the graduation practice. I expect the ceremony to conclude for 11:30. Teachers will remain on campus until 12:00 to say good-bye to graduates and their families.

Announcements

- Christian Brothers School is participating in the Children’s Miracle Network Baseball Game on Saturday, May 19th at 9:30 a.m. at Brother Martin High School. CBS students will be asked to assist the special athletes participating in the game. Those who participated last year described the experience as life-changing. We hope that your schedule will permit for your son to join us in this very special event. For more information, contact Mr. Constant through the school office.



- The CBS Canoe & Kayak Club will conduct its final outing of the school year on Sunday, May 20th at Cane Bayou (one mile beyond the Fountainebleau State Park on Hwy. 190) on the Northshore. We will launch at 9:30 a.m. Email Mr. Moreau at dmoreau@cbs-no.org by Wednesday, May 16th if you need to rent a canoe and if you plan to participate. Check Edline for more information.
- Loyola University is once again offering a Summer Reading Skills Program for students entering grades Pre-K through 11. For more information or to register, call 1-800-979-9151.

As we approach the end of the school year, I realize that you may be struggling to have your son's uniform make it through the last day. Please know that I have received numerous requests that students be excused from uniform obligations as the end approaches. I have denied all requests in the interest of maintaining order and discipline during a time of year when that objective is often more difficult to obtain. Once one or two students are permitted to be out of uniform, then a flood of similar requests follow. When many students are not in uniform, student discipline is compromised. Therefore, I ask for your cooperation in this matter as we work our way down the home stretch. Thanks for your understanding.

All outstanding fees for the library, the After School Care program, the extracurricular program and the school are now past due. Should there be any outstanding fees due for your son, please remit payment at this time. Your cooperation shall be appreciated and will help to avoid an uncomfortable situation for you and your son when the final report cards are distributed. Thank you.

Summer camp is just about full. If you have not registered your child yet and are interested, you should submit the registration form this week. Mr. Barker will meet with all 7th graders registered to be junior counselors on Wednesday, May 16th to discuss their responsibilities and confirm the sessions they are scheduled to participate.

On the occasion of this final newsletter of 2011-2012, I wish to thank you for blessing us with the gift of your sons this school year. I hope that after reflecting upon the challenges and achievements of this school year, you conclude that it has been a good one. For those families who are not returning, you have our prayerful best wishes for a wonderful future. May a part of CBS always be with you as you will always be a part of CBS. For those who are returning, enjoy your well-deserved break. On behalf of the faculty, staff, and administration of Christian Brothers School, we thank you for all you have done to make 2011-2012 memorable. Have a great summer!

Sincerely,

Joey M. Scaffidi, AFSC
President/Principal

