

From The Principal

With the May issue of Rapport we begin the last full month of the academic school year. It is the month dedicated to honoring the Mother of God. It is the perfect time to remember this as you pass the beautiful statue in front of our school, "Our Lady of Victory".

We welcome the families of the Class of 2012. We are all very thankful that you have chosen Ursuline Academy for the high school education of your daughters. We look forward to getting to know this class and watching them grow through the next four years.

At the end of April we had a very successful Spirit Week. We are grateful to this year's Student Council Leadership Board: **Marie Magner, Hillary Dale, Lizzie Egbers, Janey Carman, Andrea Corker, Audra DeChristopher, Aly Eagan, Jen Weitzel, and Grace Debbeler** for their hard work and organization of the week. A special congratulations and thanks to **Jill Hallahan** and **Brian Harsh**, the moderators of Student Council, for a job well done.

The activities, events and daily happenings here at UA have made the year fly by. I feel very blessed to have shared this year with the gifted and welcoming Ursuline family of teachers, students, parents, and staff. I have truly loved sharing this special time of high school with your daughters.

We would like to ask for God's blessings on the class of 2008 as they prepare to graduate. This class is very special; they have been a pleasure to watch grow and develop into the confident, competent young women they are today. We will miss them, but we will keep them in our thoughts and prayers as they move into a new phase of their life filled with opportunities and excitement. I ask for your prayers for a peaceful and fulfilling conclusion to our academic year. God bless you and your daughters during this month of May.
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END OF YEAR CALENDAR 2008

May 5-9 --May 12-16 - AP Exams

May 6 – Mallory Nabb Spring Concert – 7:00 p.m.

May 12 - Senior Art Show - 7:00 p.m.

May 19 – Golf Outing - Senior Spirit Week Day

May 21 – Student Recognition Assembly and Academic Awards Program - 7:00 p.m.

May 22 - Sending Forth Liturgy – Spring Sports Awards 7:00 p.m.

May 23 - Senior Exams

May 27 - Senior Exams

May 28 - Graduation practice at Ursuline 9:00 a.m. -11:00 a.m.

May 29 - Mother/Daughter Mass and Luncheon 11:00 a.m.

The Manor House Mason-Montgomery Road

May 31 - Baccalaureate Mass, 3:00 p.m. at Ursuline Academy Besl Theatre

June 2 - Graduation Practice at Oasis Conference Center, 10:00 a.m.-12:00 noon

June 2 - Graduation – 7:00 p.m. at Oasis Conference Center on Loveland-Miamiville Rd.

Seniors must arrive at the Oasis by 5:00 p.m.

June 3-6 – Exams

From the Assistant Principals

EXAM DAYS – Exam days are Tuesday, June 3- Friday, June 6 for grades 9-11. The final schedule has not been completed as yet, but these are official school days in the calendar, and all students should plan to be in attendance. Arrangements for any makeup exams should be made with **Mrs. Bender (ext 1103)**. The makeup exams will take place beginning the week of June 9.

UNIFORMS – if uniform skirts are not in good condition, please place your order with Schoolbelles as soon as possible to insure delivery before the beginning of school. Next year Student Council will also offer an official fleece jacket that should be available through the bookstore (not through Schoolbelles) at the beginning of the school year.

Spectacular Summer Surprise in the Auction World

Our Ultimate Auction is in November which means that in the past we have turned down donations dated prior to the auction. That just did not seem right! So this summer we are offering a new way to let you purchase fun & exciting items. We will have a silent bidding opportunity for select items through an email blast. Please make certain the school has your email address!

Our first item is a Box Seat at Paul Brown Stadium for the St. Xavier vs. Colerain High School football game. Before the end of the school year please look for an email detailing how to make a silent bid. Don't let your tickets go to waste. If you have concert tickets, play tickets, ATP tickets or any other item that you could donate to this email summer bidding, please call Lori Haines in the Development Office at 791-5794 ext 1218 or email lhaines@ursulineacademy.org. This should be fun!

Film Festival Award Winners

The first annual Ursuline Academy and INTERalliance of Greater Cincinnati Film Festival was held on Saturday, April 26th in the Besl Theatre. UA girls took home Golden Lion trophies in the following categories:

Category	Winner	Film Title
Commercial	Michelle Phan	<i>Ursuline Academy: Are You a Lion?</i>
Comedy	Mary Price	<i>Leave Me Once, Leave Me Twice, Kiss Goodbye That Will Suffice</i>
10 Second Comedy Challenge	Erin Walsh	<i>The Affects of Underage Drinking: The Real PSA</i>
Documentary	Allie Rayome/Missy Gottschlich/Allyson Dattilo	<i>What is Service-Learning?: Mayerson Foundation Workshop</i>
Short Film	Emily Schlager/Kristin Tappel	<i>Cappies of Cincinnati</i>
Animation	Katie Price	<i>Slate</i>
Alternative	Katie Price	<i>iUnite: Parody of an iPod Commercial</i>
Music Video	Kirsten Bladh/Veronique Allaer	<i>Honey</i>

Food and drinks for the event were sponsored by Krogers and judges for the event came from industry. During the event, films in each category were shown. UA girls entered 36 films total.

"Best of Show" and a mini DVD camera were awarded to **Katie Price** for her film, *iUnite: Parody of an iPod Commercial*. "Honorable Mention" and a prize of \$75 were awarded to **Kirsten Bladh** and **Veronique Allaer** for their original music video, *Honey*.

Guidance Department

Important Graduation Information for Seniors: By now seniors will have completed their exit survey on PrepHQ as a requirement for graduation. It is very important that the information reported is accurate as the names of scholarships and awards will be listed in the graduation program. Please remind your daughters to be thorough and to submit scholarship additions and/or corrections ASAP since graduation programs will be submitted to the printer by early May.

Amy Hermanns, Andy Holmes, and Jan Abernathy have been holding conferences on college planning with juniors. The Junior Parent College Planning Program was a success and well attended. If parents have additional college questions, they need to contact their daughter's counselor: **Andy Holmes, Albrinck – Guay; Amy Hermanns, Gula – Naylor; Jan Abernathy, Neumann – Zorko.**

Advanced Placement (AP) exams will be given during the weeks of May 5 - 16. Exams will be administered in Calculus, Statistics, Biology, Chemistry, Physics, Spanish, French, Latin, English Literature, U. S. History, American Government, Psychology, Economics, and Studio Art. Students who earn a 3, 4 or 5 out of a possible score of 5 may earn college credit for this coursework. The amount of credit awarded is determined by the college. Most students earn between 6 and 8 college credits for each AP course.

Information regarding **summer school** courses from various local high schools has been arriving at the guidance office. Interested students should see their counselors to inquire about such courses.

Attention parents of the senior class of 2009! Mark your calendars now for the **Senior Parent Breakfast** to be held on Friday morning, **August 22** from 8:30-10:30 a.m. The three college counselors will present a program designed to inform you about the upcoming college application season and answer your questions about the procedures and policies unique to the application process at UA. In addition, a parent panel will also answer your questions and provide their guidance and experience, as they just went through the application process with their daughters this past school year. It will hopefully be a worthwhile 2 hours and you will leave with the necessary information to support and assist your senior as she embarks on applying to college. Stay tuned for RSVP information in the mail.

All **juniors** have been advised to take both the American College Test (ACT) and the SAT I-Reasoning Test by the end of junior year. There will be time for retakes in the fall should some students desire to do that. Some juniors may also need to take the SAT II-Subject Tests by the end of the school year.

Remaining college entrance test dates for this school year are:

TEST	TEST DATE	REGISTRATION POSTMARK DEADLINE
ACT	June 14	May 9
SAT I/II	June 2	May 6

Quilt in Need of Spirit

Don't toss out your uniforms & spirit shirts. Please donate your old skirts, retired skirts, shirts & spirit wear to Genie Libis in the science department or Lori Haines in Development. Over the summer, she will be working her magic and making a Spirit Quilt for the Auction. This is always a big hit and big seller. Please help be a part of history.

Canned Food Drive—An Amazing Learning Opportunity

What does 18,000 pounds of food look like? Students, faculty and visitors to Ursuline got to see for themselves this April, since that is how much food was brought in during our annual canned food drive. Cereal, pasta, tuna, peanut butter, peaches and pears were special request items, and our students responded generously! Thank you to all who supported our drive.

Small groups of students had the opportunity to deliver our donations to Mercy HOME Project and to Hope Emergency Center. Students learned about the needs of these two agencies. Our students were amazed to learn that, while we delivered many jars of peanut butter to Hope Emergency, it still was not enough to for all the families they serve in a month to get one jar. It was eye opening for our students to learn how severe the need is in the rural area served by Hope Emergency Center. This small group of students is looking forward to finding new ways to teach their classmates about the needs of our community, to make our drive even more of a success next year.

UA takes Second Place at German Day Competitions!

The University of Cincinnati German Department has been hosting academic and creative competitions for local high school students who study German for over 20 years. In past years UA German students have won prizes in free speaking, grammar, reading, baking and for their creative interpretations of the yearly theme. This year's theme was "Bist du Bio?" (*Are you environmentally conscious?*) The culminating competition of the day each year is the **Culture Bowl!** This year our students competed on stage for the first time in a game-show setting with buzzers to signal their answers. Their competing school was Anderson, a school that normally brings 80 or more students to German Day; we were represented by 13 girls. Nevertheless, Stacy Buschhaus (08), Katie Price (08) and Emily Cleary (10) managed to take second place in this difficult competition, bringing home a trophy!! Test yourself! Can you answer any of these questions? "When did Germany join the European Union?" "Which German federal state has the largest percentage of its land set aside for the protection of the environment?" "What is the German Green Party symbol?"
Bravo! Bravo! Bravo!

Ursuline Students Earn Cappies Nominations

Ursuline Academy's fall musical, "Once On This Island" has earned nine Cappies nominations from the Greater Cincinnati Cappies Organization. "Once On This Island" was presented by the Ursuline Academy Stage Company under the direction of Ronald Blankenbuehler.

The Cappies (which stands for Critics and Awards Program) voted on their nominations for awards in more than 30 writing, performing and technical categories April 23. The Cappies is much like the Tony Awards for local high school theater. Winners will be named at the organization's annual Awards Gala Sunday, May 18, at the Aronoff Center downtown.

In the non-performing categories senior **Natalie Adler** has been nominated for Best Female Critic. Students **Elizabeth Ellerbrock**, **Joyce Ogban**, **Alexandra Schroer**, **Christina Shen** have been nominated for their work in the Best Makeup category. A Best Choreography nomination was earned by junior **Katie Florez** and senior **Allison Turner**. On the performing side, Ursuline earned a nomination for Best Ensemble for the portrayal of "The Gods" in "Once On This Island" by **Natalie Adler**, **David Berger** (St. Xavier High School), **Megan Gorman** and **Allison Turner**. Junior **Tori Lange** has been nominated in the Best Cameo Actress in a Musical category. Senior **Jessica Kline** earned a nomination for Best Female Dancer. The Best Female Vocalist category includes a nomination for UA junior **Christina Jackson**. Senior **Megan Gorman** was nominated for a Cappie in the Featured Actress category for her portrayal of the evil "Papa Ge." The entire cast of "Once On This Island" was nominated in the Best Song in a Musical category for their performance of "Mama Will Provide." The students will perform their "best song" on the stage of the Aronoff at the May Awards Gala.

Ursuline students also earned nominations for their extraordinary theater work in the recent St. Xavier High School production of "Scarlet Pimpernel." Senior **Emily Berg** was nominated for a Cappie Award for Sets. **Jenna Bertke** received a nomination for Costumes, while **Stephanie Szarwark** was nominated for excellence in Makeup. A Props and Effects nomination went to senior **Karen Inkrot**. Nominated in the performing categories for "Scarlet Pimpernel" were senior **Allison Turner** for Choreography, senior **Erin Mullin** for Cameo Actress in a Musical, **Allison Turner** for Female Dancer and senior Sarah White for Lead Actress in a Musical for her portrayal of Marguerite St. Just.

Senior Art Show

The opening reception of the Senior Art Show is Monday, May 12 from 7:00 PM until 9: PM. This is one of Ursuline's most beloved spring traditions. Come see the masterpieces of these talented students! Studio IV - **Beth Bailey, Katie Groneman, Kate McGreevy**. AP Studio - **Andrea Amaya, Janey Carman, Julie Chase, Aly Goard, Leah Noumaff, Catherine Stein and Susie Strachan**.

Seniors and Senior Mothers *A special day for our senior moms and seniors from the mothers club*

mark your calendars

What: Mothers Club Mass and Luncheon

When: May 29th from 11:00am-2:00pm

Where: Manor House in Mason Ohio

Really something you do not want to miss!!
Arrive earlier for a picture perfect moment!!

Faculty Travels

Brenda Kristof (Religious Studies) and Marilyn Herring (English) will join the "Pilgrimage to St. Angela Merici's Italy" June 5-16 lead by Ursuline Sisters Ruth Podesta and Lucia Castellini. In addition to visiting sacred sites in Rome, Florence, Assisi, and Venice, they will also explore Desenzano and Brescia, home St. Angela Merici.

NHS

National Honor Society (NHS) members are busy working with students of North Avondale Montessori this spring, taking part in Super Saturdays. On Saturdays from 9 – 12pm, NHS members tutor 4th – 6th graders who were not able to pass the Ohio Achievement Tests. After the first Saturday, the volunteer coordinator raved about our Ursuline students' enthusiasm, respect, and their work with the kids.

Academic Team

The academic team, Dan Nieman, moderator, competed at the Buzzerpolooza Tournament at Solon High School in Solon, OH near Cleveland. The girls competed with 19 other teams from all over the state. We finished the tournament in second place and won a trophy and qualified to compete in a special round in order to qualify for a national tournament (we came up short for that, but it was an outstanding effort.) The team consisted of Captain Chelsea McGill, Marie Magner, Tessa Polakowski, Kate Geyer, Lisa Guay and Regan Harrell. This caps off a year during which the team won a trophy for finishing second in the league and another trophy for finishing second in our league tournament. This makes this academic team the most decorated in UA recent history.

LaCrosse Victory

Congratulations to the Lacrosse teams who won the GGCL Championship for the first time. The Varsity and Junior Varsity teams went 5-0 in the league to win the title. The Varsity team outscored the other competing league schools 69-16. Congratulations ladies!

Multicultural Activities

On April 30th, Steve Elliot, former teacher at Ursuline Academy and current program director of the Mayerson Foundation, hosted an Urban Splunge for 32 students from Ursuline Academy and Shroder Junior High School. This group of students with diverse backgrounds teamed up to learn how they can make a difference to create communities that are just, caring and respectful. Each student was able to see how the power of one could work with many to serve those in need in the city of Cincinnati.

The teams assisted and served at Our Daily Bread, the Drop-Inn Center, the Emanuel Community Center and the Over-the-Rhine Soup Kitchen. The students heard from Bonnie Neumeier, Director of the Peaslee Neighborhood Center, Donald Whitehead, motivational speaker from the Greater Cincinnati Coalition for the Homeless and Dr. Steve Sunderland, professor of Educational and Peace Studies at the University of Cincinnati. They spoke about the current situations affecting many unfortunate adults and children in our city. They were given great insight to the students as to what they could do to make a difference.

On Friday, April 25th, the entire school was treated to a Multi-Cultural assembly. Dr. Reddy, Dr. Malloy, Dr. Dalia and Ms. Saccucci, shared many wonderful aspects of their cultures. Students were enlightened to hear about the many family traditions of the Indian, Irish, Arabic and Columbian cultures. Students were also entertained by the Bollywood style of dancing performed by **Priyanka Bodalia**, **Melvi Chacko**, **Trisha Reddy** and **Maria Thomas**, Irish dancing, performed by **Paige Bartoszek** and **Mary Malloy**, and an incredible salsa dance by **Ms. Saccucci** and her partner, **Raul Puliada**. We all have many cultures that help make us who we are as a nation, a city, a school. However, students were encouraged to look at the area that really helps form their beliefs, values, traditions and faith by recognizing the gifts and talents that come from being a part of their own family culture.

In Conjunction with Guidance

The Freshmen Learning Life Skills classes completed a project to celebrate Women's History Month. Each student shared with their classes a story about themselves, their mothers and both of their grandmothers. They also looked at the education and careers of their mothers and grandmothers. Educational Attainment statistics from the U.S. Census Bureau of the decades of the 1970's to 2000 were looked at and compared to their mothers. When nationally only 8% of women in the 70's graduated from college and 12.8% of the women of the 80's graduated from college, 93% of the mothers of the Class of 2011 attended higher education.

The diversity of the careers from the grandmother's era to the professions chosen by their mothers were explored. The traditional occupations of the grandmothers, nurses, teachers, secretaries, were enhanced in the mother's generation with careers as lawyers, doctors, engineers, software writers and more. Recognizing the educational opportunities that they have been given, and the wide open choices that they have today for careers, was a benefit that will allow these students to help make a difference in the world around them.