

Ursuline Academy *Rapport* for February 5, 2010

Calendar of Events for the Upcoming Week:

- February 8** Freshman/Sophomore Parent Meeting for Course Selection – 7:00 p.m.
- February 10** Survive Seminar - 7:00 p.m.
- February 12** Theater Arts Group Show – “Ghost of Rhodes Manor” - 7:00 p.m.
- February 13** Theater Arts Group Show - “Ghost of Rhodes Manor” - 7:00 p.m.

Teens for Life Club Baby and Maternity Drive

Teens for Life Club is sponsoring their annual baby and maternity drive, February 16 – 19. New and gently used baby and maternity clothes and baby items will be accepted. If you have questions regarding donations please contact Ms. Kristof, bkristof@ursulineacademy.org.

UA Stage Company Show Auditions

Ursuline Stage Company will present the timeless classic *Arsenic and Old Lace* March 26-28. Auditions for the show will take place February 16-18. Callbacks, if needed, will be Friday, February 19.

ACT-prep Class Starting on February 24th

Prepare your student to do her best on this college entrance test.

The ACT measures a student’s academic achievement through high school. It is a very different test than the SAT, and requires a different strategy for success. Many universities examine the ACT score not only for admittance and scholarships, but also for placement in specialized programs within the university, especially programs related to math or science. A high score on the ACT converts to a broad choice of universities, more scholarship money to attend the chosen university, and early admittance to competitive programs within the university.

Several spaces still remain in the Ursuline ACT-prep class beginning February 24. The class will be taught by a faculty member from each department: math, English, and science.

Registration forms are available through Guidance and in the main office.

Updates from the Parent Associations

Bonjour Madames and Mademoiselles...

Mothers' Club Fashion Show 2010 ~ April in Paris~

Save the Date

Mark your calendars! Make plans now to attend the Ursuline Mother/Daughter Fashion Show and Luncheon, *April in Paris*, on Sunday March 21, at the Oasis Conference Center. This year's fashion show will feature popular favorites such as the Basket Raffle, Grand Raffle as well as many great items for sale in the UA Boutique.

Look for your invitation in the mail in early February.

Grand Raffle

This year's Ooh La La Grand Raffle is in need of additional donations to make it a success. Gift cards to any of the following places would be greatly appreciated: Banana Republic, Forever 21, J Crew, Panera Bread, Starbucks, or any downtown establishment or local favorite restaurant or shop.

Please contact Joanne Kennard via email at jkennard@cinci.rr.com if you would like to donate.

Basket Raffle

The Mother's Club is looking for volunteers to donate a themed gift basket for the Basket Raffle. It's easy to put together. Just call a few friends or fellow parents from a sports team or club, come up with a theme, and keep the value of your donated basket between \$75-100.

Please contact Trish Tagariello via email at Ttags6@aol.com if you would like to donate a basket or any item that could be added to a basket. Email or call Trish at 236-1804 if you have any questions.

Merci Beaucoup!

Are You a Survivor?

Ursuline students, along with their parents and friends, are invited to attend **Survive!** on Wednesday, February 10, at 7:00 p.m. in UA's Besl Auditorium. **Survive!** Is a personal protection seminar presented by Debbie Gardner, renowned self defense expert and Director of the Survive Institute. See the attached flyer and visit www.surviveinstitute.com to learn more about Debbie Gardner and her informative lifesaving program.

Reservations for the **Survive!** program may be made in advance for \$7.00 (for groups of 10 or more), \$8.00 (for individuals or groups less than 10) or \$9.00 at the door. Students can purchase their reservations outside the Café on February 8, 9 and 10, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Advanced reservations will be held at the door. Actual tickets will not be distributed. Please see the attached flyer for reservation details.

UA Parents Benefit from Second Parent-to-Parent Program

Eighteen UA parents attended the Parent to Parent workshop at UA on Saturday, January 30. It was an excellent program and everyone went away with ideas for better communication with their daughters, became more aware of the pressures and temptations faced by teens, and felt better equipped to help provide safe passage to adulthood.

A very special thank you to Dayna Foote and Debbie Rauh-Neuman for facilitating the program!

ART DEPARTMENT NEWS

Congratulations to 16 UA art students who had work accepted into the Regional Scholastic Art Award Exhibition. The opening of the exhibit will be Friday, February 5, at RiverCenter in Covington 6 to 10 p.m.

The show is open to the public every day through February 20 at RiverCenter.

Honorable Mention awards went to: Chelsea Cleary(2), Christine Phan, Emily Sullivan, Kara Strasser, Monica Melink.

Silver Key awards went to: Diana Wiebe, Madi Kennard, Sheridan Seitz, Megan Wandtke and Monica Melink.

Gold Key awards went to: Jordan Rendell, Mary Kate Strang, Nicole Volpenhein, Sarah Volpenhein, Steffi Homan, and Virginia Dickens.

The art that won Gold Keys will be sent to New York for the National Scholastic Art Award competition. Congratulations girls on your creative achievements!

Spanish Club to Sponsor ZUMBA Class for Charity

The Spanish Club is sponsoring a fund raising event on February 18 at 3:15 p.m. Nico Gonzalez, international fitness trainer and Fitness Director at Mercy Plex in Fairfield, is donating his time to give us an hour of ZUMBA.

Zumba is a dance exercise that combines high energy and motivating music with unique Latin style moves. It is based on the principle that a workout should be "FUN AND EASY TO DO."

We will accept donations at the door. If you would like to make a tax-break donation, please write a check to: **SMPAC/Semillas para el Futuro**. This money will provide scholarships so that young Guatemalan women in Chocolá, Guatemala can attend high school. It costs \$200.00 a year for a girl to attend school and without this scholarship they will never receive a high school education.

We are inviting everybody to come: students, parents, teachers, and friends. There will be a couple of door prizes of Mr. Gonzalez's pilates DVD. There will also be some of his DVD's available for purchase.

Hope to see you in the old gym ready for a fun workout. Be sure to wear your gym shoes!

Antiques & Art Show at Sycamore High School

The Montgomery Woman's Club, an all volunteer, community service group, is proud to sponsor the **38th Annual Antiques and Art Show** at Sycamore High School, 7400 Cornell Rd, Montgomery OH on Saturday and Sunday, March 20-21. Show hours will be 10 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. on Saturday and 11 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. on Sunday. Admission is \$7.00 at the door (children 12 and under are free). Tickets are good for both days. **For information call 513-852-1901 or go to www.montgomerywomansclub.org.**

With the successful addition of arts in many medium, this year local artists will again be featured with works on display and for sale. Paintings, photography, sculpture and mixed media works will be available for purchase along with an exciting selection of antiques of all kinds. Dealers from all over the country will offer a diverse selection of furniture, silver, china, pewter and much, much more.

Lunch is also available with menu that includes barbeque, vegetarian options and homemade desserts.

The show is managed entirely by volunteers and all profits go to support local charities, children's groups, and community projects.

Starry Starry Night...

Ursuline Academy proudly presents Starry Starry Night on Friday evening, March 5, at 7p.m. in the Besl Theatre. Please join us as we transform the Besl Theatre into the Stardust Room and welcome our guests Broadway Star and UA Alumna Sharon Wheatley, The Jump 'n' Jive Show Band, the UA Show Choir, the UA A'Capella Choir, and our own UA version of the Ziegfeld Follies. It promises to be a spectacular evening of musical entertainment. All proceeds for the evening will benefit upgrades to the Ursuline Academy Besl Theatre. Formal invitations will be sent shortly.

Ursuline Students' Haiti Relief Efforts: February 8-12, 2010

Ursuline Academy has developed a relationship with the Jean Cadet Restavek Foundation based out of Cincinnati. This foundation works to end the Restavek (also spelled restavec) system in Haiti, which traps children in slavery. The earthquake in Haiti has profoundly affected the children already served by the Restavek Foundation. Many of the schools that the children served by the foundation attend have been damaged or destroyed. The following is from the Restavek Foundation website: “**100%** of all contributions go directly to relief efforts. Your contribution is allowing us to provide not only for immediate needs such as food, fuel, medical supplies and tarps/tents, but also provide sustainable efforts.” We are pleased to partner with an agency that is working not just to help with immediate needs but also working to make a long term difference in the lives of children in Haiti.

Ursuline students will be raising money for the Restavec Foundation through February 12. Already, they have placed change boxes at the café cash registers, so students can donate their extra change to this cause. On February 11, all money raised from the French Club's Casual Dress day will go to the Restavec Foundation. The primary fundraisers, though, will take place from February 8-12. During this week, students, parents, faculty and staff will be able to purchase plastic bracelets (like the Livestrong bracelets) with a phrase of support for Haiti. Students will also be able to purchase t-shirts, created by students in French Club and UA French classes, as a fundraiser and to create an awareness and sense of solidarity with the Haitians. T-shirts and bracelets will be pre-ordered so they will be available for sale during the week on February 8-12 in the school lobby during the day. Students will sign up to sell the shirts and bracelets during their free mods. Once t-shirts sell out, students, faculty and parents may place an order for a shirt. Shirts will be paid for at the time of ordering. An order form is attached in Rapport.

Students are energized about putting together these projects. All ideas came from students at our brain-storming session during long homeroom on Jan. 28. It has been a joy empowering our students to put their plans into action. Thank you so much for your support of this effort as well! To learn more about the Restavek Foundation, visit their website at www.restavekfreedom.org.

UA for Haiti

all proceeds will benefit the Restavek Foundation

(restavekfreedom.org)

t-shirt order form

Name _____

(circle one) **2010 – 2011 – 2012 – 2013 – faculty – other**

Homeroom number (this is how we will get the shirt to you)

t-shirt size (circle one) small medium large x-large

payment (circle one) cash / check (payable to Ursuline Academy)

bracelet only - \$5

t-shirt only - \$12

t-shirt and bracelet - \$15

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With A Little Courage and Know How

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SURVIVE!

*A Courage Based Personal
Protection Seminar*

Ursuline Academy invites you to attend SURVIVE! A Personal Protection Seminar unlike anything you have ever experienced.



Debbie Gardner, Director of Survive Institute, will show you that it is not size, sex, age or strength that will save you from an attacker, but a bottom line that you believe. This seminar is not about complicated physical techniques, but personal empowerment. This seminar is appropriate for men, women, and mature adolescents.

Wednesday, February 10, 2010

7:00 pm

Ursuline Academy
Besl Auditorium
5535 Pfeiffer Rd.
Blue Ash

Tickets: \$7 Groups of 10 or more in advance
\$8 in advance
\$9 at the door

REGISTER NOW

Name(s): _____

Quantity _____ @ \$7.00 each, _____ @ \$8 each Total Check \$ _____

UA Graduation Year (if applicable) _____ (for spirit points)

Make Checks Payable to: UA Parents Associations

Return to the school office or Mail To: Ursuline Academy
Attn: Survive Seminar
5535 Pfeiffer Road, Cincinnati, OH 45242

Questions – Call Katie at 604-6999 or Peter at 271-2332 x12