



Archbishop Chapelle High School

We Provide...They Succeed

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Principal's Message

Cathy Yaeger

*Thanksgiving has come and gone, and our first semester is nearing an end. We look back with pride on our successes; we **welcome the advent season** and anticipate the **birth of Christ**.*

*State playoffs for fall sports were held in November. Our **volleyball, swimming, and track teams** had **successful** seasons. The **volleyball team** made it to the **quarter final round** under the guidance of **Coach Jennifer Gandolph**. The **swim team**, coached by **Liz Campbell**, and the **cross country team**, coached by **Chrissy Schlaudecker**, also made a strong showing. We are very proud of the hard work, confidence, and school spirit these athletes and coaches displayed throughout their seasons.*

*Our committed **student and parent volunteers, teachers, and staff** also personified the spirit of Chapelle at **Open House**, which was successfully orchestrated by **Mrs. Kelli Ramon** and **Mrs. Cathy Lambert**, Admissions Director and Assistant Admissions Director, respectively.*

*While November was busy, the next three weeks will prove to be even busier. On **Saturday, December 5**, children of our alumna are invited to enjoy **Breakfast with Santa**. If you haven't made reservations to attend yet, you can print a **reservation form** from our website.*

*The **Winter Formal** will be held on **December 5** at the **Pontchartrain Center** from **8-11p.m.** We have posted the regulations governing formal dances on Edline so that you and your daughter can review them. We want our girls to have a wonderful evening, but we also want them to exemplify the Christian values on which our school was founded. If you have any questions about whether your daughter's dress meets Chapelle regulations, please have her bring it to school and show it to **Mrs. Alphonso**.*

*Chapelle's annual **Christmas Concert** will feature our choirs, under the guidance of **Ms. Kathryn Claverie**. The theme for the night is Christmas Jazz. The concert will be held on **Sunday, December 6** at **6:00 p.m.** in the Chapelle gym.*

*The **feast of the Immaculate Conception** will be celebrated on **Tuesday, December 8**. The liturgy will take place at **9:05 a.m.***

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*Also on December 8, at 6:30 p.m. our band students will participate in the **Rummel High School Band Christmas Concert**. The concert will be held on the Rummel campus.*

*Because of the success of Chapelle's craft fair in September, the **Parents' Club** will sponsor the **Christmas Village Shop** on **December 10** from **5:30-9:30 p.m.** The event will include select Christmas gifts, decorations, and personal items from 24 crafters in the convenience of our own **school cafeteria**. On **Friday, December 11**, the seniors and their "Lil Sisters" will share lunch and a little Christmas cheer.*

***Congratulations to Madeleine Rappold and Emily Radcliffe**, winners in the "**Keep Christ in Christmas**" contest, sponsored by the Council of Catholic School Cooperative Clubs. **Madeleine** took **first place** for her poster and **Emily** took **first place** for her essay. Their work will appear in the Christmas edition of **The Clarion Herald**.*

*As our academic quarter draws to a close, our students will begin reviewing for their **exams**, which are scheduled for **December 15-18**. The stress and excitement of the season are distractions that can cause grades to drop. As parents and educators, let us guide our young people in setting and honoring priorities so that we can relax and enjoy a blessed Christmas season.*

I wish you the happiest and holiest of holidays.



In the holiday spirit of Christmas we give, but more often we expect to receive. We spend, and spend, and spend with one question often in the back of our minds, "What will I be getting this year?"

I'm sure that we can all say we've been there, caught up in the midst of consumerism. We've been tempted by the sales, the decorations, the spending, the greed, but does anyone even remember why we're celebrating? We've become so overpowered by society's version of how Christmas should be that we've forgotten why we're coming together in the first place.

Thousand of years ago, a child was born.

A virgin dedicated herself to the Lord. Because of her profound devotion, she would bear a son, so the angel said, through the grace of God.

His name would be Jesus.

Emmanuel! Messiah! Prince of Peace! As foreseen by the prophets, Jesus was finally coming! While many were ecstatic, others were fearful. Kings wanted him dead, while eager bystanders just wanted a glimpse of the holy child.

Thousand of years ago, a Savior was born.

Jesus is the reason we are here today. Often we are so blinded by the glitz and glamour of the holiday season that we entirely forget this. How can anything even compete with God's ultimate gift to the world?

God's Son had been sent to us, God's Son was here, and God's Son would die to redeem us all.

What a shame it would be if humanity were to overlook such a magnificent gift.

Emily Radcliffe 11th grade

Congratulations to the band for their performance at the Louisiana Showcase of Marching Bands on November 7, 2009 at the University of Louisiana – Lafayette.

*Drum Majors – Excellent Rating
Drum Section – Superior Rating
Chapelles – Superior Rating, First Place in Class AA
Band Overall – Superior Rating, Second Place in Class AA*



It's getting close to the time of year when everyone is looking for the perfect **Christmas gift**. The **Bookstore** has just gotten several **new items** that are great for gift giving.



We also have a number of items that are on **SALE**.



Director of Student Life
Erin Alphonso

Christmas Dance Information

The **Christmas Dance** will be held at the **Pontchartrain Center** on **December 5, 2009** from **8:00 p.m.—11:00 p.m.** with **Lock In** from **9:00 p.m.—10:00 p.m.** Picture packets and dance tickets will be sold in advance to prevent long lines that evening. Ladies should wear a semi-formal dress with the length or slit not being any shorter than four inches above the knee. Open backs and low necklines are **NOT** allowed. Gentlemen should wear a suit or sportcoat with dress pants, dress shoes, and a tie. Details regarding the **dress code** can be found on **page 58** of the student handbook. Students are welcome and encouraged to bring in their dress to **Mrs. Alphonso** ahead of time for approval. Please review Chapelle's drug and alcohol policy on page 44-45 in the handbook.

Lost & Found

Just a reminder to please check our lost & found box in the bookstore



Travel to England & Scotland in Summer of 2010

We will be visiting London, Oxford, Stratford Region, Bath, Stonehenge, Yorkshire, and Edinburgh Region. Price includes air fare, all breakfasts/dinners, entrances to all museums, theaters, etc., Private EF Tour Director and more!!!!

***Email Mrs. Perdomo at eperdomo@archbishopchappelle.org
or call her at 779-9979 for more info.***



*A reminder to keep clipping those
Campbell's products
Labels for Education
and remember to also turn in those
Community Coffee UPC's.*

***Congratulations to the following girls who
auditioned and were selected for the
LMEA Junior High Honor Choir***

***Madeline Butler
Amy Cassiere
Anna Kitchen
Devyn Lambert
Abby Lavigne
Ashley Scaffidi***



Frosty Santa Claus
Parties, Festivals
Decorations, Lights
Mall Santas, Fake Snowflakes
Gift Wrap, Presents
Cashiers, Budgets
Give, Take
Happy Holidays.

Light of the World, Son of God
Mary, Joseph
A Stable, A Manger
Angels, Shepherds
Magi, Star of David
Frankincense, Myrrh
The Message, The Reason
God's Son, in the Flesh
The Cross, His Resurrections
A Savior is Born
Merry Christmas.



Katie Wright, 11th grade