



FONTBONNE HALL ACADEMY

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PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Dear Parents,

I am happy to welcome everyone back after what I hope was a very joyous Easter celebration, as well as a time of rest and renewal. As we begin the "home stretch" of the 2015-2016 school year, we refocus our attention on what is probably the most challenging part of any academic year, and we also look forward to some exciting spring events. Please make sure you read about our World Language Expo, STEM Fair, our school production of Little Shop of Horrors, and College Fair. April is going to be a very exciting month at Fontbonne!



Additionally, our third quarter ended on March 23rd, and grades were finalized by Thursday, April 7th. Parent-Teacher conferences will be held on Thursday, April 14th from 6 PM until 8 PM. Please do not miss this very important opportunity to discuss your daughter's grades with her teachers. It is important to communicate to your daughter that the school year is not over, and that between the 4th quarter and the Regents/Final Examination, 40% of her final grade is yet to be determined. Our faculty will be available on the 14th and want to speak to you about how to encourage your daughter to maintain her exceptional work level through the end of June, or about how there is still ample time for her to put forward her best efforts in order to improve her grades.

We hope to see you on April 14th!

Best,

Mary Ann Spicijaric

Principal



Brown University Pre-College Scholars Program in Engineering

The Brown University Pre-College Scholars Program in Engineering completes its pilot year in May. Brown will award Dean's Scholarships to four of our highest performing students for the Summer@Brown program for high school students.

In addition, two of our partner schools involved in our dual enrollment program--St. John's University and St. Joseph's College-- also offer summer programs: St. John's University Scholars Program for rising Juniors, and St. Joseph's College College Experience Program. These are both wonderful opportunities for your daughter's academic and social enrichment. Please visit their websites for additional information.



Child Development Elective

April brings an innovation to the Child Development students of the Class 2016. For the first time, Seniors studying Child Development will partake in field work at St. Patrick Catholic Academy. FHA, working in conjunction with Principal, Mrs. Andrea D'Emic, will have students working in Nursery through grade 3 to apply theory they have studied and researched since September.

Students will serve as observers of developmentally appropriate programs and environments and will also be able to observe the growth of the young child from nursery into primary grades.

They will also examine the role of play in classrooms that are now Common Core compliant and apply their knowledge of the data supported evidence and theories to real world settings. This course and field work has provided a solid entry into college Early Childhood programs and we are proud of the work these Seniors have accomplished.



Going Paperless with PowerSchool

During this first year using our new student database, PowerSchool, we hope that you have enjoyed having electronic access to your daughter's grades and other information. We have seen it as a useful tool for communication, and we plan to use it even more extensively

next year. **Starting at the end of the first quarter in the 2016-2017 school year, we will no longer be mailing report cards home.** Parents will have access to their daughter's grades via our electronic gradebook. As always, parents are welcome to request a hard copy of their daughter's report card at any time. If you have questions about this paperless transition, feel free to email Mrs. Wierzbowski at wierzbowski@fontbonne.org.



Schedule Structure for 2016-2017

The 2016-2017 school year has many new course offerings, and we are excited to begin creating our master schedule for next year based on the course requests all of our students have made. In an effort to accommodate some of our new courses, we will be changing the structure of the school day. **The official school hours will remain 8:00 a.m.-2:45 p.m., but first period will begin at 8:00 a.m., and FA will meet after first period.** This will provide some flexibility for student programming, in particular for some of our new elective offerings. Questions about the schedule structure for next year should also be directed to Mrs. Wierzbowski.



Athletic Update

Our **swim team** completed another successful season ending in 4th place out of ten teams. We congratulate our graduating seniors Caralyn Kelly, Veronica Lombardi, Shannon Maroney, Deirdre Mooney, Samantha Sblendorio, Jenna Schmitt and Mary Wrynn.

Our **basketball teams** completed their seasons with strong performances in the league playoffs. The varsity team made it to the semi-finals and the JV team ended up as a runner up. We congratulate our graduating basketball seniors Megan McKenna and Sarah Sypa. Out JV Coach Anthony Bartholomeo was awarded Coach of the Year Honors from the league.

Our "newest" team sport, **cheerleading** (now a state sanctioned sports program), competed with enthusiasm, determination and spirit as only Fontbonne Cheerleaders can! We congratulate our graduating seniors Kristina Angilletta, Catalina Gaya, Samantha Najjar and Anna Sullivan

Our spring sports programs are in full swing with **golf**, **softball** and **outdoor track** starting their seasons in earnest. We wish our seniors the best of luck in their college careers!



Middle States Accreditation

The next meeting of the Planning Team will take place on **April 12th** at 6PM in the Cafeteria. The objectives, which include increasing the average mastery level on Regents Exams, the completion of a full STEM program, and a faith-based-student-objective activity involving reflections on their community service, will be presented and discussed. The next steps including the process for developing seven-year action plans will be addressed.

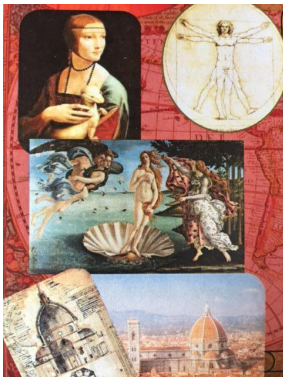


STEM Fair

This year we are hosting a brand new experience for the Fontbonne community. Right now, only 24% of the STEM workforce is filled by women. In accordance with our mission, our goal is to increase the number of women represented in these 21st century workplaces. The STEM Fair is an opportunity to support and encourage our young women as we showcase their accomplishments throughout the year.

Our students will be displaying the work that they did as they completed advanced placement, pre-college and technology based classes.

STEM Fair will take place on **Wednesday, April 13th** from 3PM-6PM (gymnasium). RSVP is not required. Come and share this moment as we move into the future together!



World Language Expo

We cordially invite you to partake in our Second Annual World Language Expo! It will be held on **Tuesday, April 19th** from 4PM-6PM (Gym and FHA's courtyard).

It is with great pleasure that we introduce you to the powerful *De Medici Dynasty* and their political, economical and artistic impact on the beautiful age of art, literature and music known as the Renaissance. It is with equal excitement that we invite you to take a voyage along with Christopher Columbus to the Americas as well as the Spanish Conquistadors and their exploration of the New World. Please make sure to join us for this cultural event organized by our students and teachers of the World Language Department.



Junior Ring Day

On **April 22nd**, our Junior class will celebrate their Ring Day ceremonies! The day will begin with a Prayer Service celebrated by the entire student body. The evening will begin at 7PM (gymnasium) with a Blessing of the Rings and a Liturgy celebrated by our Chaplain, Monsignor Romano. All are welcome!



College Fair

Please join us on **Tuesday, April 26th** from 7PM to 9PM for FHA's annual Spring College Fair! This is a great way for your student and family to begin the college search. The fair is open to all grade levels and will showcase over 60 colleges and universities. Remember, it's never too early to start the college process!



Spring Production

Fontbonne Drama Club is hungry to present our Fifth Musical Production following our successful run of Little Women, Legally Blonde, Grease, Ghost, The Musical, and now, from who-knows-what planet, **Little Shop of Horrors!**

Ticket information will be posted on fontbonne.org.

Showtimes

April 29th: 7:30PM

April 30th: 3PM and 7:30PM

May 1st: 3PM



Fleur de Lys Dinner Dance and Hall of Fame Induction

We hope that you will join us for our 14th annual dinner dance at Gargiulo's on **Wednesday, May 4th**. Please consult the invitation that you received via email for specifics about the tickets and journal ads or email Mrs. Fell at fell@fontbonne.org.

HONOREES

Michael Caso: parent of an alumna

Maria Capetanakis Grigos '86: member of Fontbonne's Board of Trustees and an alumna

Rev. Msgr. Michael J. Hardiman: pastor of St. Patrick Church, Fontbonne's parish

Laura Longo: Co-President of Fontbonne's Parent Association

James McKeon: Principal of St. Anselm Catholic Academy, a feeder school for Fontbonne

Marie Marrone Moriarty '81: Fontbonne alumna and benefactor

Gloria Musto '71: Fontbonne faculty member and alumna



Cigar Night

Cigar Night is on **Monday, April 18th!** It promises to be a relaxed evening of wonderful company, food and cigars at Gargiulo's Restaurant (6PM-9PM). For \$150.00 per person, guests will enjoy a gourmet dinner and an excellent selection of cigars. For additional information: Pat Russo (P '17 and '19) 917-981-4544.



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