THE CARDINAL CHRONICLES

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Thanks to Mr. Brett Bourgeois, the PJCC Board, and everyone who worked to make Trunk or Treat a success!

On Friday, October 30, students may wear Halloween shirts with their uniform bottoms, socks, and shoes. Please see page 2 for information on how our Cardinals will be "Celebrating the Hallowtide Together."

Daylight Saving Time ends this weekend. Don't forget to fall back on Sunday (11/1).

Join us **next week** as our 1st graders present Saints Alive on Wednesday (11/4: 1S and 1T) and Thursday (11/5: 1A and 1C) at 7:30 AM in the Chotin Center. Please be courteous to neighboring businesses when parking for school events. Please do not park in lots belonging to businesses during the school week, even if the establishment appears to be closed at the time.

Please note that, due to Election Day, we will have NO BUS SERVICE next Tuesday (11/3). We will utilize the 2-carline system for dismissal. Please see the attached flyer for details.

GO CARDINALS!
Vita Dickens, Principal



REMINDERS & RECOGNITIONS

Congratulations to our 5th Grade Flag Football and 5th Grade Volleyball teams on competing in the Northshore Catholic League's Championship Games and ending their seasons as league runners-up! Go Cardinals!

The Northshore Kiwanis Club is collecting coats for families in need! Please see the attached flyer for details.

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CELEBRATING THE HALLOWTIDE TOGETHER

Halloween or "All Hallow's Eve" celebrates the evening before the very "hallow," meaning holy, Solemnity of All Saints on November 1. Hallowtide is the three-day observance of All Hallow's Eve, All Saints' Day, and All Souls' Day (11/2).

Trick-or-treating originated in the Middle Ages when less fortunate children would go "souling," going door to door trading prayers for food. This Friday, your children will observe this Hallowtide tradition at school by offering prayers for loved ones in exchange for a "soul-cake" or sweet treat.



Here are some ways your family can observe Hallowtide:

- While trick-or-treating, say a prayer for the families of the houses you visit.
- Pray for the souls in Purgatory on 11/2, All Souls' Day.
- In November, visit the graves of some loved ones who passed away and pray for them.

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Accepting applications for Little Cardinals (2-4 years) through December 12th and K-4th grades through January 9th.

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2026 KEEP CHRIST IN CHRISTMAS
ESSAY, POETRY, AND POSTER CONTEST

Sponsored by: **Council of Catholic School Co-operative Clubs and The Clarion Herald**

Theme: **KEEP CHRIST IN CHRISTMAS**

Due: All entries must be turned in to the school office by the ***end of the school day on Friday, November 6th.***

Category 1: Grades 3, 4, and 5 Category 2: Grades 6, 7, and 8
Poster: 11 inches by 14 inches, white poster board Black ink, very dark pencil, or colored pencil (must be able to reprint artwork); chalk is not permitted **Must be labeled on back with student name, grade level, and school name** Essay: 250 word minimum (300 word maximum) Typed (preferred) or legibly handwritten Typed/printed on only one side of paper **Must staple cover sheet to entry containing student name, grade level, and school** Poetry: Any length Typed or legibly handwritten Typed/printed on only one side of paper **Must staple cover sheet to entry containing student name, grade level, and school**

After judging is completed, winners will be contacted, and arrangements will be made with the school for the presentation of awards. Winning entries will be given to The Clarion Herald for publication.

News from THE NEST

OCTOBER 27, 2026

CARDINAL KUDOS

A HUGE Cardinal Kudos to Brett Bourgeois and all of our amazing volunteers who helped make this year's Trunk or Treat such a success!

A special shoutout to The Graceful Host for providing the beautiful balloon arch that greeted everyone upon arrival and immediately set the tone for a SPOOKTACULAR evening! Along with the beautiful weather, incredible trunks, and festive decorations, it helped make the night truly unforgettable!

Seeing our OLL families come together, our kiddos having a blast, and our Cardinal community enjoying the night was truly the best part! Thank you to everyone who planned, decorated, volunteered, and helped make this family favorite a night to remember! ❤️🎃

A heartfelt thank you to our PTCC Board for coordinating a week full of love and appreciation for our incredibly deserving Cafeteria and Maintenance teams!

From breakfasts and lunches to snacks, sweet treats, and special gifts, each day brought a little something extra to show just how much they mean to our school.

While we appreciate these amazing team members all year long, it was wonderful to dedicate an entire week to celebrating them! Thank you to our Board for making it happen and to our Cafeteria and Maintenance teams for all they do for OLL!

HAPPENING NOW

🎄 **CHRISTMAS GREENS FUNDRAISER!**

Support our PTCC and all the events, activities, and opportunities that help support our school and students in every way!

Our Christmas Greens Fundraiser is happening now! Order forms went home with your youngest child, and an attached flyer is included below. Celebrate in your own home, give greens as a gift, decorate your office, and share the fundraiser with family and friends!

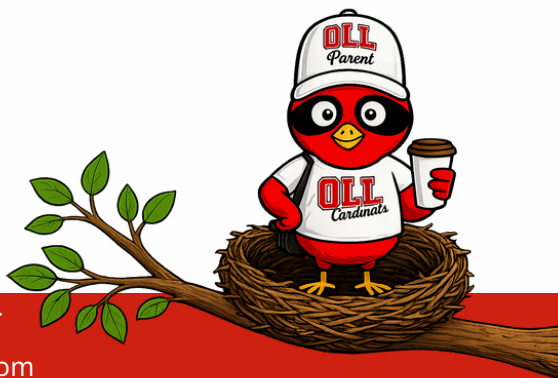
Order forms are due November 3! ❤️

SAVE THE DATE!

OCT 26 - 30	Red Ribbon Week
OCT 30	Hallowtide Celebration Middle School Fun Night (6th & 7th Grades)
NOV 3	Christmas Greens Order Forms Due Picture Day Retakes
NOV 6	Jersey Day - $2 Donation
NOV 3 - 11	Thanksgiving Basket Collection
NOV 11	Veterans Day Prayer Service
NOV 16 - 19	St. Nick's Workshop
NOV 18	Parent Rosary

VOLUNTEER CORNER

Calling all helping hands! We have a new volunteer opportunity available for our Hallowtide Celebration on Friday morning, October 30!
Help us bring this special OLL tradition to life for our Cardinals! Whether you have a little time or the whole morning, we'd love your help!
Sign up to volunteer using the link here! ❤️



QUESTIONS? REACH OUT!

ABBI GUIDRY, PTCC PRESIDENT
337-789-0077 ollptcc@gmail.com



Celebrate the Christmas Spirit
Support Our Lady of the Lake School

Christmas Greenery & Poinsettias

Premium quality at lower-than-retail prices!

Order Form on Back

Poinsettias

8" Red Poinsettias with covered pots

Provided by Perinos

$25



12" Centerpiece

Cedar, noble fir, pine, and berried juniper arranged in an oasis block and bowl for your table. Accented by snowy white cones and red faux holly berries for easy attaching. Includes candle holder.

$30





Western Cedar Garland

10 feet of fragrant, fresh cut western Cedar garland made especially to adorn your front door or railing.
(2 garlands pictured)

$40



Noble Fir Door Swag

The perfect alternative to a wreath, this door swag includes one set of snow dusted cones and a red bow.
Approximately 30"x19"

$35



28" Mixed Evergreen Wreath

An aromatic combination of noble fir, berried juniper, and incense cedar. Touches of color provided by red faux holly berries and a red bow.

$50



22" Mixed Evergreen Wreath

An aromatic combination of noble fir, berried juniper, and incense cedar. Touches of color provided by red faux holly berries and a red bow.

$35

CHRISTMAS GREENS ORDER FORM

Our Lady of the Lake Roman Catholic

School Order Form Due: **Tuesday, November 3rd**

FAMILY REPRESENTATIVE

DESCRIPTION	ITEM	QUANTITY	UNIT PRICE	TOTAL
8" Pot Red Poinsettia	**RP**		$25	
22" Mixed Evergreen Wreath	**W4**		$35	
28" Mixed Evergreen Wreath	**W3**		$50	
10' Western Cedar Garland	**G3**		$40	
Centerpiece	**C5**		$30	
Swag	**S4**		$35	
(Please make checks payable to OLL PTCC)			**TOTAL DUE**	

Tentative pickup date is **Wednesday, December 2nd**. Only one order form per Family Representative. Helpful tip: take a picture of this completed order form to remember your order on pick up day. **Greens will be picked up by**:

Name: _____

Cell: _____

Email: _____

Please direct any questions to Christmas Greens Chairs:

Mikaela Ford
985-400-9924
MikaelaFord81@gmail.com

Leah Mumford
985-237-9214
LeahMumford@yahoo.com

Thank you for your continued support of OLL PTCC!



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SAINT PAUL'S OPEN HOUSE

OCT. 29
4-6PM

SAINT 1911 PAUL'S

WHAT



WILL YOU ADD TO IT?

Saint Paul's School is non-discriminatory. We admit students of any race, color, national or ethnic origin to all the rights, privileges, programs and activities generally accorded or made available to students at the school. We specifically, but not exclusively, make no discrimination on the basis of race, color, national or ethnic origin in administration of educational policies, application for admission, financial aid, athletic, and extracurricular programs.



Visit Opportunities

- Shadow Days for 7th Grade and Above:
  Aug 25, Sep 8, Sep 22, Oct 6, Oct 20, Nov 3, Nov 10
- Wolf Cup: Sat, Sept 12 - speak with *your* school to apply
- Open House for 6th Grade and Above: Thurs, Oct 29, from 4-6
- STEAM Night - Wed, March 24
- Blue and Gold Night - Fri, April 23

Important Dates

- Aug 1: begin taking applications for the 2027-28 school year
- Nov 20: Applications Due
- Jan 9: Archdiocesan Assessment Day
- Jan 12-13: Prospective Student Interviews
- Feb 25: Acceptance Letters mailed
- Feb 26: Acceptance emails sent

email: m.monteiro@stpauls.com | tel. 985-892-3200 ext. 1903

SAINT SCHOLASTICA ACADEMY

BEST OF ST. TAMMANY 2026 WINNER

OPEN HOUSE

4:00–6:30 PM

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 5

122 S. Massachusetts Street
Covington, LA 70433

Registration opens October 6.
Spots go fast, register early.

SSACAD.ORG/OPENHOUSE

Questions? Emily Borne ‘20, Director of Admissions
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In 2025–26, our students’ ACT performance exceeded state and national averages, while juniors and seniors earned 1,722 hours of college credit through dual enrollment courses.



Northshore Mandeville Kiwanis Club

COATS

for

KIDS

PLEASE DONATE COATS

(all sizes needed – infant through adult)

Oct. 5 - Nov. 20

CATHOLIC SCHOOLS NIGHT

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 18th | PELICANS VS. PISTONS | 7:00PM

Celebrate Catholic Schools Night! Catholic Schools will be represented in the National Anthem, and pregame performances. Recognition for schools attending will be shown on our Pelivision boards. With purchase of a ticket your student(s) will be entered for a chance to participate in our Anthem Buddies or Pregame Fan Tunnel experience. A portion of every ticket sold will benefit the Archdiocese of New Orleans Catholic Schools.



FOR MORE INFORMATION, CONTACT FRANKIE TIMPHONY (504-593-4988) OR FRANK.TIMPHONY@PELICANS.COM

What? There's No Bus Service?!

No need to worry, just follow your Morning Carline procedure:



Please note that ALL STUDENTS IN A FAMILY WILL BE PICKED UP AT THE SAME CARLINE. The YOUNGEST child in the family determines which carline you should use. Please call the school office (985-626-5678) with questions.

Nope, on No Bus Service days use the Lafitte St. Carline BOTH in the morning AND for dismissal.