



Did You Know ?



- † All of the students in grades K – 8 participated in “Try Prayer! – It Works!” contest during the month of January. This is an annual contest sponsored by the Holy Cross Family Ministries. The students who placed first in each grade level had his/her entry sent in for the national competition. Please visit our school website for a complete list of the school winners.
- † Ms. Carla Sumner and Mrs. Lisa Miller, VOL's Middle School Religion teachers, attended the Hofinger Conference January 11th and 12th. Both teachers expressed that this conference was an incredible experience that began and ended with a beautiful Mass. The conference had many guest speakers that addressed a variety of topics, such as "The Eucharist", "Discipleship", "Using Art to Teach Religion", and "Racial Harmony".
- † The Parenting Center at Children's Hospital in New Orleans is sponsoring two programs. *Growing Up for Boys* is a two-hour program for boys ages 10 – 13 and their father. Sessions will be held on March 11th or May 27th from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. Topics include physical and emotional changes during puberty and hygiene issues. *Growing Up for Girls* is a two-hour program for girls ages 9 – 12 and their mother. Sessions will be held on March 18th, April 15th, or May 20th from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. Topics include practical information about body image and feminine hygiene. The cost for either program is \$20 per boy or girl. Pre-registration is required – call 896-9591.
- † On Wednesday, January 30th Visitation held its annual Open House for incoming perspective families. Despite competing with a popular Westbank, Mardi Gras parade, we had over 90 families visit our school. Thanks to the Co-Op, School Board, Men's Club, teachers, and volunteer students for helping to make this night a success. Please continue spreading the word about the many programs and great things that are happening here at VOL. New student registration will be February 25th through 29th.
- † Congratulations to one of our 1st grade teachers Mrs. Ashley Bourg and her husband on the birth of daughter Hadley Amalia on January 31st.
- † Congratulations to one of our 4th grade teachers Mrs. Gail LeBlanc on the birth of her first grandchild. Abbie Lane was born on January 31st.
- † Visitation staff and faculty is busy preparing for the SACS accreditation visit. The SACS Quality Assurance Review Team will be visiting VOL on April 8th and 9th.