



Did You Know ?

- ❖ There has been a population explosion at Visitation. Some of our faculty members have new additions to their family. Congratulations to our technology director George Kocke and his wife Pam on the birth of their triplets – Miles, Oliver, and Linus. Middle School teacher Mrs. Tiki Sauerwin and her husband Raymond have added a baby boy, Remy Robert, to their family. Kindergarten teacher Mrs. Kelly Guidry and her husband Rob had a baby girl who they named Emma Claire. We welcome all of these beautiful, healthy babies to the V.O.L. family.
- ❖ Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. T. Bordelon the \$10,000 Golden Apple winner. Also a congratulations to Mrs. Pasty Byars winner of the tuition drawing which was part of the Golden Apple Raffle. Thank you to all the families and friends who supported the raffle and made it a big success!
- ❖ In an effort to recruit new families to Visitation, our 2007 Open House has been scheduled for Wednesday, January 30th at 6:30 p.m. Please inform your friends, families, and neighbors about this opportunity to see what Visitation has to offer. If you would like to help us promote our Open House by placing a yard sign or flyer at your home or business, please contact the school office at 347-3377.
- ❖ Each year Louisiana schools submit a 5th and 8th grade student to represent their school in the Student of the Year program. Students are chosen based on excellent academic achievement, leadership ability, and citizenship. This year we are proud to announce Visitation's Students of the Year:

5th grader Emily Oncale

8th grader Jennifer Kenyon

Congratulations to both of these hard, working students.

- ❖ Visitation of Our Lady School received a check from the Winn-Dixie Community Pals program in the amount of \$1796.72. Please continue to use your Visitation Community Pals card when shopping at Winn-Dixie. This is an easy fundraiser that helps our school.
- ❖ In December PreK-4 and Kindergarten students were treated to a visit from Ronald McDonald. The students were delighted with Ronald's interactive variety act which included magic tricks, juggling, and animal balloons.
- ❖ During the month of December two Visitation students performed in area plays. Chase Lubag, an 8th grader, performed in "A Christmas Carol" at the Westwego Performing Arts Theatre. Samantha Paistel, a 7th grader, danced in "The Nutcracker" with the Jefferson Ballet Theatre. We are proud of both of these students.
- ❖ As an incentive for the school's recent Reader's Digest fundraiser students who sold an established quota of merchandise were invited to attend the magic show. Canadian Sean Watson, a professional magician and illusionist who is currently performing in Las Vegas, delighted PreK-3 through 8th grade students with his magic tricks. The kids thoroughly enjoyed the show.
- ❖ Under the guidance of Mrs. Pam Lorio and Ms. Cheryl Bertoniere a selected group of fourth grade students and students from the 5th and 6th grade Honor Math classes represented Visitation at the De La Salle High School Elementary Math Tournament II on Saturday, December 15th. Two teams from each grade level were sent to the tournament. The team members are:

4th grade Team A

Destiny Mamolo
Cuong Tran
Katelyn Galaforo
Cameron Bertot

5th Grade Team A

Leah Williamson
Emily Oncale
Hannah Ferguson
Alexis Musacchia

6th Grade Team A

Meghan Kenyon
Danielle Bourg
Mindy Parker
Craig Braud

4th Grade Team B

Hannah Pizani
Linh Nguyen
Gabrielle Brown
William Nichols

5th Grade Team B

Stephani Vidrine
Jamie Landry
Raymond Nash
Alex Vedros

6th Grade Team B

Melissa Le
Samantha St. Pierre
Allison DiMaggio
Brittany Plaisance

The following students place in the Individual Test Event. 4th grader Cuong Tran – 9th place, 5th graders Alex Vedros – 5th place and Alexis Musacchia - 9th place, and 6th grader Meghan Kenyon – 9th place.

VOL students competed against students from 12 area schools and did very well against some tough competition. In the Interscholastic Test Event V.O.L. placed 4th. In the Ciphering Events 4th grade Team A placed 7th and Team B placed 2nd, 5th grade Team B placed 6th and Team A placed 3rd, and 6th grade Team B placed 10th and Team A placed 4th. In the Sweepstakes Results, based on the accumulated points earned in all events, Visitation placed 3rd. We are very proud of these students!