



Did You Know?

- † Nineteen Visitation of Our Lady Catholic School seventh graders have qualified to participate in the 2009 -2010 Annual Duke Talent Identification Program. They are: Christopher Batista, Mandy Bourgeois, Joseph Casso, Hannah Ferguson, Nicholas Galle, Keith Gonzales, Daniel Guidry, Tanner Hernandez, Colby Johnson, Peyton Matherne, Jenna Melerine, Alexis Musacchia, B.J. Novonty, Emily Oncale, Toni Orgeron, Raymond Nash, Shayne Rollins, Alex Vedros, Stephani Vidrine, and Leah Williamson. These students qualified for the Duke TIP program by scoring in the 95th percentile or higher on grade level standardized achievement tests. The students are invited to take the ACT or SAT along with high school students, and will receive information geared to college-bound students as well as information on academic programs across the United States.
- † On Friday, October 23rd our librarian Mrs. Brenda Verret attended the Archdiocese of New Orleans Technology Day at Archbishop Chapelle High School. The librarians were presented with information about e-books and their importance with regards to student research.
- † Visitation's Cross Country team has been very busy this fall taking part in many meets. Alex Ourso, one of our 8th grade students has done exceptionally well placing in the top ten of many events. In the Holy Cross/Chalmette meet Alex placed 5th, in the St. Matthew Crusader's Classic he placed 6th, in the Jesuit/Dominican meet he placed 7th, in a meet sponsored by the New Orleans Track Club he placed 4th, and more recently in the Brother Martin Crusader's meet he placed 7th. Congratulations to Alex. We are proud of all the runners in Cross Country and we wish them luck as the season continues.
- † Our Boys Flag Football Teams have had a winning season. The Junior team finished 4th in district and the Senior team finished 3rd in district. This advanced both teams to the Westbank playoffs. In the first round of playoffs the Junior and Senior teams defeated St. Andrew, but after a valiant effort the teams were defeated in the 2nd round. Both teams placed 3rd in the Westbank League and advanced to the City playoffs.
- † Visitation's Girls Volleyball Teams had a successful season this year. Both teams made it to Westbank playoffs. The Senior team finished 4th among the Westbank teams and the Junior team finished 3rd. The 3rd place finish advanced the Junior team to the City Playoffs. Unfortunately the girls were defeated in the first round. Congratulations to Coach Richoux and the girls that represented VOL.
- † Community Fundraisers continue to provide Visitation with extra funds. With the help of Visitation families and friends the school received the following donations for the month of October: Sicily's Pizza - \$164.68 and One Smart Cookie Company - \$97.54. Thank you to these organizations and our families and friends who support these programs on our behalf. Please visit our school website at www.vol.org for ways you can support VOL through purchases. Click on **Ways to Support VOL** and then click **Community Fundraisers**. You will find a list of local and online businesses where proceeds from your purchases benefit VOL.
- † Visitation has a budding actress in our mist. Allison Chartier, a seventh grade student, recently performed in the Academy of Our Lady High School production of *The Sound of Music*. Allison played the part of Louisa von Trapp. In December Allison will be performing at the Westwego Theater of Performing Arts with the JPSA Theater Kids production in *A Christmas Carol* playing the part of Mrs. Crotchet. We are very proud of Allison.