



# Redemptorist Schools of Baton Rouge



## Parent Newsletter: November and December 2011

Dear Parents and Guardians:

I am pleased to share that the new combined Board of Advisors appointed by Bishop Muench earlier this fall recently held its first meeting. At this meeting, the Board gave its approval to a pair of tuition discounts beginning in the 2012-2013 school year. First, the "Legacy Discount" recognizes the important role our alumni play in the Redemptorist community by giving an annual \$250 discount to children, grandchildren, or great-grandchildren of alumni from Redemptorist High School, St. Gerard Elementary, or St. Isidore Elementary. That means that families sending their children to the Redemptorist Schools of Baton Rouge from Kindergarten through 12th grade can save \$3250 per child over the years they are enrolled.

Second, the "Referral Discount" recognizes the important role of our parents in spreading the good news of Redemptorist through word-of-mouth by giving a \$250 discount off total family tuition each time a newly matriculating family cites a current family as the reason

they are sending their child to RSBR. If one family cites you as the reason they come, that means \$250 off your tuition bill next year. If four families cite you, that means \$1000 off. The more you share with friends, family, and neighbors what a great investment RSBR is, the greater the discount from next year's tuition. Make sure to spread word quickly, though: applications for 9th grade are due on November 18 (with non-9th grade applications due later).

One important change this year is that any families seeking tuition assistance from the school must complete and submit a SMART form between October 31 and December 31. This is a calendar change from previous years when it was done in the spring, and it allows us to have a better sense of how much tuition assistance will be available as we create next year's budget. Submitting a form is no guarantee that tuition assistance of any kind will be provided, but families cannot receive tuition assistance without first submitting the form. SMART forms are available in the upper school main office beginning October 31.

Finally, I told parents attending "Back to School Night" in August that this fall I would be asking all parents to support our Annual Fund drive. The Annual Fund is a typical way for schools like Redemptorist to fully fund their budgets despite tuition providing only a portion of the total cost of educating each student. Parents form one of the key stakeholder groups whose participation rate is an indicator of constituent support when potential major donors and foundations consider investing in Redemptorist. For this reason, it matters less how much you give than that you give something, allowing us to count you in our parent participation rate. Look for a letter to come from me soon asking for your participation.

Thank you for trusting us with your children. They, and you, are a blessing to us.

Peace,

Brian R. Menard  
Administrative Head of Schools

### PERSONAL NOTE FROM MR. SANDERS...

It is hard to believe that over one-fourth of the year is already over. So far, you, the parents, have been great in staying informed and involved. Please keep up the good work. Read the parents' newsletter, check ed-line regularly, and call if you need anything.

Sincerely,

John Sanders  
Redemptorist High School Principal



### Administration

**Brian Menard**  
Administrative Head

**John Sanders**  
RHS Principal

**Jane LeClair**  
RHS Asst. Principal

**John Ramsey**  
Dean of Students

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## FROM THE FINANCE DEPARTMENT -

All financed school tuition is to be paid by mail or in person to First Bank & Trust. If you have an outstanding balance owed for Graduation or the Star Lab, those fees are now past due, and payment should be made to the school as soon as possible. NOTE: As stated in the handbook on pg. 7, any student whose indebtedness to the school (i.e. tuition, fees, and charges of any kind) becomes delinquent will be declared ineligible to participate in any school activity (i.e. clubs, athletics, spirit groups, etc.). In addition, no student will be allowed to take midyear exams until all indebtedness is paid (Graduation fee, Star Lab fee, Bus fees, cafeteria balances, etc). If you have financed a loan with FB&T, your loan is required to be made current through November's payment, in order to take midyear exams.

## REPORT CARDS DISTRIBUTED -

First Quarter Report Cards have been given to the students. If you did not receive your child's report card, please call the school office at 225-357-0936.

## RHS SCIENCE FAIR -

The RHS Science Fair will be held on Wednesday, November 16, 2011 in the RHS Media Center.

## HOLIDAYS -

This is a reminder that we will not have school on the following days: Monday, November 21st, through Friday, November 25th for Thanksgiving. Our Christmas holidays will officially begin at 11:16 a.m. on December 16, 2011. Our holidays are December 16 through January 3. School reopens January 4, 2012.

## MIDSEMESTER EXAMINATIONS IN DECEMBER -

We would like to remind all parents that we will be holding our midyear

examinations on December 12th through December 15th. These examinations cover material from the beginning of the school year and constitute one-fifth of a student's midyear grade.

Our mid-term exam schedule will be as follows:

### Monday, December 12, 2011

7:16 - First Bell  
7:20 - Report to First Hour for Prayer, Pledge and Announcements  
7:30 - 9:30 - First Hour Exam  
9:30 - 9:40 - Break  
9:43 - 10:06 - Second Hour  
10:10 - 10:33 - Third Hour  
10:37 - 11:05 - Fourth Hour

### Regular afternoon schedule, dismissal at 2:27

### Tuesday, December 13, 2011

7:16 - First Bell  
7:20 - Report to Second Hour for Prayer, Pledge and Announcements  
7:30 - 9:30 - Second Hour Exam  
9:30 - 9:41 - Break  
9:45 - 11:45 - Third Hour Exam

### Wednesday, December 14, 2011

7:16 - First Bell  
7:20 - Report to Fourth Hour for Prayer, Pledge and Announcements  
7:30 - 9:30 - Fourth Hour Exam  
9:30 - 9:41 - Break  
9:45 - 11:45 - Fifth Hour Exam

### Thursday, December 15, 2011

7:16 - First Bell  
7:20 - Report to Sixth Hour for Prayer, Pledge and Announcements  
7:30 - 9:30 - Sixth Hour Exam  
9:30 - 9:41 - Break  
9:45 - 11:45 - Seventh Hour Exam

### Friday, December 16, 2011

7:16 - First Bell  
7:20 - 7:50 - First Hour  
7:54 - 8:24 - Second Hour  
8:28 - 8:58 - Third Hour  
9:02 - 9:32 - Fourth Hour  
9:36 - 10:06 - Fifth Hour  
10:10 - 10:40 - Sixth Hour  
10:44 - 11:16 - Seventh Hour

On Friday, December 16, all exams will be returned to the students and gone over.

If there are any mistakes, this is the only time those mistakes will be corrected. Report cards will be distributed after the holidays. Parents can check the nine weeks exam and first semester grades on Ed-line beginning Friday afternoon.

Please remind the students that no one is allowed to take exams early; everyone must stay the entire two hours for each test. On Monday, December 12, the students will be dismissed at 2:27 p.m., and the school busses will take the students home at that time. However, on Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday, December 13, 14, and 15, the busses will not take the students home, and the students will have to make arrangements to provide their own transportation home on these days. This is because we share busses with elementary schools, and they will dismiss at their regular time. Please make arrangements for your children to leave campus as soon as they are dismissed. The busses will transport the students to school at the regular time on those days.

## CPR REQUIREMENT FOR GRADUATION -

Redemptorist mandates that a Certified Course in CPR (Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation) must be completed and recorded on each senior's diploma for state approval. All senior parents are asked to see that their senior attends as soon as possible. The information is to be turned into the school office by the FIRST WEEK OF JANUARY so that all records can be posted.

## NOTICE FOR PARKING LOT BY MAIN OFFICE-

Parents and visitors please be observant of the signs when you enter the parking lot by the Main Office. Numbered spots are reserved parking for faculty, staff, and students. There are visitor parking spots available for drop off and office visits. Please locate these spots. Also be observant not to block parking spaces and entrances to parking lot during drop off and pick up.

## Parent Newsletter - Advancement

### COMPANIES & VOLUNTEER PARENTS-

Check to see if your company is one that donates funds to volunteer school workers. We have already received funds from companies that reward volunteer efforts. THANKS PARENT VOLUNTEERS! For more information contact the Advancement Office @ 356-7790 or e-mail sbritt@rhsbr.org.

### GRANDPARENT FORMS-

If anyone has not yet turned in his grandparent addresses, please go to the Redemptorist Upper school website to print the form, complete it, and return it to the Development Office, 4000 St. Gerard Ave., B.R., 70805. Grandparents' Day is not until February, but your early response is essential to ensure that all grandparents receive an invitation.

If you are not sure whether you have turned in this information or if it has changed (deceased, etc.), please contact the Advancement Office @ 356-7790 or e-mail sbritt@rhsbr.org.

## Parent Newsletter - Alumni

### CLASS CAPTAINS-

The Redemptorist Alumni Association would like to begin getting volunteers to be class captains of their graduating class. Class captains will help with communication between the Alumni Association and their class.

### HALL OF FAME NOMINATIONS-

Hall of fame nominations for the 2012 Hall of fame are now being accepted. please contact cporche@rhsbr.org or call 356-3558 for more information.



## Parent Newsletter - Home and School

### OPEN HOUSE-

A big "Thanks" to all of the parent volunteers who helped Home and School make Open House a success! Many volunteer hours were recorded, and a flood of donations were received. We would like to extend a special thank you to Jason's Deli and Sam's Wholesale for providing food donations and to Moran's Printing for donating the posters.

### EMPLOYEE AND STUDENT OF THE MONTH-

Congratulations to:

September's Staff Employee of the Month

– Mrs. Leblanc-Smith nominated by Christian Do and Shyra Deshan

September's Student of the Month – Norvel Shelby – nominated by Susan Rachal

October's Staff Employee of the Month

– Mrs Shaffet –nominated by Shyra Deshan

October's Student of the Months – Preston Thompson – nominated by Susan Rachal

All were awarded a certificate and a gift certificate to WolfMart.

Keep those nominations coming!!

### HOME AND SCHOOL EVENT-

The next event that Home and School will be involved with will be the Faculty Brunch in December. We will need volunteers to serve, donations of desserts, and door prizes. Contact homeandschool@rhsbr.org if you would like to help show our teachers how much we appreciate the fantastic job they are doing. We plan to send an email with all of the specifics soon.



*The Redemptorist Campus Ministry team directed by Theology Coordinator Lynette Shaffett, led a retreat at Holy Family on Friday, October 21st in Port Allen. Pictured is the retreat team: back row (l-r) Philip H., Bryan M., Langston B., Luke L., Deno M., middle row (l-r) Taylor W., Haley E., Victoria M., Allison R., front row (l-r) Kristen A., Hadley S., and Anne G.*