



The Guardian

"Like trees, we have our common roots,
but our growth is very different." Nancy Wood

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News from the Guidance Department

The College Search, 2009-2010 Update

Members of the Class of 2010 continue to receive those coveted college acceptance letters. The administration, faculty and staff are very happy and proud of the girls' accomplishments thus far. Congratulations to **Melissa Allen** upon her acceptance to Westfield State College, Wagner College and Manhattanville College; to **Rachael Bennett** upon her acceptance to St. Joseph's College; to **Lisa Carr** upon her acceptance to the University of Massachusetts, Lowell; to **Lauren Connolly** upon her acceptance to Regis College; to **Rebecca Cronin** upon her acceptance to Bridgewater State College and Suffolk University; to **MaryKate Duggan** upon her acceptance to Stonehill College, Suffolk University, Merrimack College and the University of New Hampshire; to **Caitlin Flanagan** upon her acceptance to LeMoyné College and Merrimack College; to **Krystelle Ghanem** upon her acceptance to Emmanuel College and the University of Massachusetts, Boston; to **Meagan Grimm** upon her acceptance to Assumption College and Keene State College; to **Jillian Hardy** upon her acceptance to Johnson & Wales University; to **Eva Haschak** upon her acceptance to Curry College, Worcester State College, Suffolk University and the University of Massachusetts, Dartmouth; to **Jillian Hathaway** upon her acceptance to St. Anselm College and Keene State College; to **Cynthia Hession** upon her acceptance to Brandeis University; to **Sarah Houston** upon her acceptance to Keene State College and Springfield College; to **Ashley Kelleher** upon her acceptance to McNeese State University and Long Island University; to **Jillian Kervin** upon her acceptance to St. Joseph's College, ME; to **Julianna King** upon her acceptance to Bentley University, Emmanuel College, Regis College and the University of Massachusetts, Dartmouth; to **Mary Rose Largess** upon her acceptance to Wentworth Institute of Technology, Rochester Institute of Technology and the University of Maine, Orono; to **Brianna Marin** upon her acceptance to Lesley University, Regis College, Emmanuel College, Keene State Col-

lege, Suffolk University and Salem State College; to **Gabrielle Mobayed** upon her acceptance to Quinnipiac University and the University of Connecticut; to **Michelle Morganelli** upon her acceptance to Curry College, Franklin Pierce University and Rivier College; to **Siobhan Ryan** upon her acceptance to Regis College, Emmanuel College and the University of Maine, Orono; to **Katherine Shea** upon her acceptance to Stonehill College; to **Alexis Tice-Alarcon** upon her acceptance to Emmanuel College, Suffolk University and Quinnipiac University; to **Danielle Trahon** upon her acceptance to Worcester Polytechnic Institute and Stonehill College; to **Erin Treseler** upon her acceptance to the University of Vermont, Juniata College and Iona College; to **Katherine Willard** upon her acceptance to Florida Atlantic University, East Carolina University, Marymount University and Lynchburg College; and to **Amy Zahlaway** upon her acceptance to Johnson & Wales University and Westfield State College. Once again, congratulations to each of you for your achievements, and to Mount Alvernia and its teaching staff for providing an academic program that is so well-received by the various colleges.

The College Search, 2010-2011

The Class of 2011 is about to embark on that annual junior ritual, *The College Search*. **Junior Information Night, scheduled for March 16th**, is the kick-off for this phase of activity. Check out the following web sites for information on the college search, SAT or ACT, and scholarship/financial aid.

- www.collegeboard.com
- www.act.org
- www.gocollege.com
- www.collegenet.com
- www.finaid.org
- www.college-scholarships.com
- www.bostonscholarshipguide.com
- www.educaid.com

Parents of the Class of 2011 must schedule a mandatory appointment with Mrs. O'Rourke. This can be done between March 17th and June 16th, or in the Fall between September 20th and November 22nd.

Dates to remember

- March 3**
Accepted Student Info Night-7:00
- March 4**
Snow Date—Accepted Students Info Night
- March 11**
National Latin Exam
Senior 3rd Quarter Grades close
- March 13**
SAT I
- March 16**
Mandatory Junior Information Night—7P.M.
- March 17**
Happy St. Patrick's Day!
- March 18**
World Awareness Day
- March 22**
Prom Fashion Show
- March 25**
National Honor Society Induction Ceremony
- March 30**
Snow date—Jr. Info Night



Happy St. Patrick's Day! Cead Mile Failte

*"May the Leprechauns be near you to spread luck along your way, and may all the Irish Angels smile on you St. Patrick's Day."

*"May the blessings of each day be the blessings you need most."

We are now more than halfway through the third quarter and soon we will begin planning for next year! This month, we will begin meeting with the students regarding course selection for next year. The 10th grade meetings will also include interpretations of the PLAN tests.

It is never too early to begin preparing for the SATs. Summit Educational Group will be offering PSAT and SAT workshops for 9th and 10th graders. The 9th grade workshop will be held on Mondays from 3pm until 5pm starting Monday, March 1st, and ending Monday, March 15th. The cost is \$65.00 and must be made prior to the first session of the program. The 10th grade workshop will begin on Monday, March 29th. It will meet 3 other Mondays: April 12th, April 26th, and May 3rd. The cost of this program will be \$20.00.

Beginning in March, Ms. Brandt will be filling in for Ms. Reilly as the 7th and 8th grade guidance counselor while Ms. Reilly is on maternity leave. Please do not hesitate to contact Ms. Brandt at sbrandt@mountalverniah.org or 617-969-2260 ext. 49 if you have any questions or concerns regarding your daughter.

Attention 8th Grade Parents and Students: Ms. Reilly and Ms. Brandt have been meeting with each 8th grade student and her parent(s)/guardian(s) regarding the transition into 9th grade. Some of the topics discussed at this meeting include course selection for next year, quality points and class rank, and community service. If you have not already scheduled your meeting please contact Ms. Brandt at 617-969-2260 ext. 49 or by e-mail at sbrandt@mountalverniah.org to select an appointment slot.

Thank you,

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