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Mount Alvernia High School



Dear Parents,

“The blossom time of souls...”

Katherine Lee Bates

These words come from an Easter poem by the 19th century author of “America the Beautiful ” and they reflect both an image of the season and the theology of the feast. Spring is a time of increasing light and flowering filled with new growth, budding branches and tiny shoots. It also marks the greatest feast day in Christianity, celebrating an event in time that does, in fact, touch our souls.

From the same century Emerson’s observation about Christ, “He takes men out of time and makes them feel eternity.” is a reminder for us of the essence of Christianity. The historical Jesus lived in a certain place at a certain time; however, His divinity transcends time and inspires us to think beyond its limits. God’s compact with humanity adds a limitless dimension to our temporal life – the promise of eternal life. Christ’s human existence embodies the alpha and omega of our faith– the miracles of the incarnation and the resurrection- occurring within time with timeless implications. “For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him might not perish but might have eternal life.” John 3:16

Each year Easter calls to mind the wonder of this love. The symbols of Holy Thursday, Good Friday, Holy Saturday and Easter Sunday help us to relive the last week of Jesus’ earthly existence. After the thoughtfulness of Lent, we follow day by day the apparent finality of the Crucifixion and the darkness afterwards. The absolute astonishment of Easter morning is filled with light, wonder and joy. Christ’s triumph over death gives hope to our existence.

There is no better way to say Happy Easter than the words of Pope John Paul II echoing St. Augustine, “We are the Easter people and Hallelujah is our song.” It truly is “The blossom time of [our] souls...”

Sincerely yours,

Kathleen Kent

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Head of School

GRADE 11 RETREAT

On Wednesday, April 14 grade 11 will go on retreat at Regis College.

REPORT CARDS/PROGRESS REPORTS

Quarter 3 report cards for students in grades 7 through 11 will be mailed home in early April. Quarter 4 progress reports for seniors will be mailed home the first week in April.

FINANCIAL MATTERS

All tuition matters should be handled through Mrs. Patricia Morley at extension 12. If you have **any questions** please call her. Payment of tuition deposits for next year for students currently in grades 7, 9, 10, and 11 are due on April 15.

SCHOLARSHIPS AVAILABLE

We have two scholarships available to students at Mount Alvernia High School:

THE GIFT OF GIVING SCHOLARSHIP

The Gift of Giving is a scholarship given in memory of the Bonica and Lynch families to honor the community service of a girl in grades nine through twelve. Students may apply for the award of \$300.00 by writing a 300-500 word essay entitled: "How Community Service Has Changed My Life." Members of the family and a scholarship committee will evaluate the anonymous essays. All students in grades 9 through 12 will submit an essay through their English classes by April 7.

JAMES MANNERING SCHOLARSHIP

This scholarship is given to a **senior** who is a resident of the Parkway area (West Roxbury, Roslindale, Hyde Park). Students may apply for the award of \$1,000.00 by writing a 300 - 500 word essay entitled "What My Country Means to Me". Members of the family will judge the anonymous essays. **Deadline for the essays is 9:00 a.m. Tuesday, April 7.** They should be turned in to Mrs. Herlihy in the office. Essays should be submitted anonymously in an envelope with the student's name on the envelope only.

GRADE 9 AND 10 SEMI-FORMAL

The grade 9 and 10 semi-formal will take place in the school gym on Saturday, April 10 from 7:00 p.m. to 11:00 p.m.

REMINDER

Mount Alvernia High School does not support or endorse any trips involving students traveling alone during vacations. Of course, we always enjoy hearing about family vacations

REMINDER

All co-curricular and community service requirements must be fulfilled in order to take final exams. Seniors must have all requirements fulfilled in order to graduate.

NO SCHOOL/EARLY DISMISSALS

Easter Break - NO SCHOOL

Holy Thursday

Good Friday

Easter Monday

Faculty Meeting - Early Dismissal

April 9th 11:33 a.m.

Spring Break - NO SCHOOL

April 19 through April 23

SENIOR PARENT INFORMATION

Life for the seniors and their parents will be very hectic for the next few weeks. We thought we would give you all of the dates that pertain to seniors so you can plan ahead.

April 28	Foundress Day Student awards Senior exemptions announced Senior goodbye to students
April 29	Junior/Senior Prom - Venezia, Boston
May 3-7	Final Exams and AP Exams Students will know their schedules
May 10,11,12	Senior activity (attendance required)
May 17,18,19	Practice for Graduation, Baccalaureate Mass and Symposium. (full school days)
May 17	Senior Banquet (Seniors and faculty only)
May 19	Senior Symposium 7:00 p.m.
May 20	Baccalaureate Mass 7:00 p.m.
May 22	Graduation 1:00 p.m.
June 3	Varsity Sports Night - Oakley Country Club

