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- Coming Soon to Verb...
- Mother-Son Prayer Breakfast
- Important Dates
- Verb Student and Teacher Honored

May & June 2012

Principal's Message

Dear Verbum Dei Families,

As we enter into the final weeks of the 2011-2012 school year, I wish to express my deepest gratitude a number of people who have helped make this another successful year for Verbum Dei. First and foremost, thank you to all of our parents, who see the value in a Verbum Dei education and make sacrifices on a daily basis to give their sons a high quality, Catholic, college prep education. Second, thank you to the students. Our students have made tremendous strides this year in improving their grades, doing their homework, reading independently, CWSP performance, serving the community, and coming together as Verbum Dei brothers. I am grateful to our students who accept the challenge every day and get the job done. It's not always easy, but the rewards are bountiful.

Next, I am so indebted to all of our teachers and staff members for their ongoing service to our young men, for their openness to new initiatives that better serve our students, and for their single-minded focus on student success. All of our faculty and staff are constantly striving to improve themselves and the school. In fact, five of our teachers recently graduated from Loyola Marymount University, earning master's degrees in secondary education. I wish to congratulate Kirsten Hochman, Suaronne Angeletti, Terrance Starnes, Nicole Pedroche, and Krista Frankovic for this monumental achievement.

Finally, we would not be able to provide a Verbum Dei education without the generous support of our benefactors, supporters, and Corporate Partners. We are blessed that so many generous people throughout Los Angeles and the country believe in the students of Verbum Dei and invest in their future.

Congratulations to the class of 2012 on their many accomplishments and achievements. This class has a special place in my heart, and I pray for their continued success

and well-being as they go on to college and their lives ahead.

God bless,
Dan O'Connell
Principal

Scripture of the Month

Sometimes we can get so stressed with all we have to do and all that is expected of us. As Christians, we are expected to consciously live our lives in a way that best carries out Christ's mission. When we are so caught up with our long to-do lists, though, Christ's mission often gets put on the backburner. Perhaps now is a good time to remember that, yes, expectations are high for us, but we are not expected to carry out Christ's mission all by ourselves. St. Paul reminds us, "To each individual the manifestation of the Spirit is given for some benefit...As a body is one though it has many parts, and all the parts of the body, though many, are one body, so also Christ" (1 Cor. 12:7, 12). Together, we can support and encourage one another, we can use our gifts together in a community, we can lean on one another for help and inspiration, and we can live out the mission of Christ in the world.

May 18, 2011. This is also the day before Prom and all hours must be completed in order for your senior to attend Prom. This requirement also must be met in order for your senior to attend Grad Nite at Disneyland and to get his diploma.

Freshmen, sophomores, and juniors must have their 20 hours completed by June 1, 2011. Please encourage your sons to finish their hours soon, as Urban Compass and Saturday Service Trips fill up quickly near the end of the year. Students who do not finish their service hours by the deadline will need to finish their hours over the summer and will have an additional research paper to complete before the following school year begins, in order to sit in classes the following year.



Christian Service

Please remember that the deadline for completing Christian Service hours for the year is quickly approaching. The deadline for Senior to have their 20 hours (6 of which must be with Urban Compass) completed is



VERBUM DEI
HIGH SCHOOL

Message from the Dean of Academics

In February, you received a letter explaining the changes in our Math program. We are now at the time of year when we decide a student's courses for the next year. The changes in the Math program may affect your student's list of courses.

This is how it will work:

- ◆ If a student has a D or F in a previous year's course, they must take that course during the summer this year.
- ◆ If a student finishes this year with a D or F in their

Math course, they must repeat that course in the next year.

- ◆ If a student fails the same Math course two years in a row, they will come to summer school to work on the specific learning targets they need in order to attempt to pass the course.

I realize that this new way of approaching Math can seem confusing. Please feel free to contact me with any questions. Our main goal is that students truly learn and master Math, not

simply move to the next course.

Thank you for allowing us to work together with you for your student's success.

Peace.

George M. Favell

Academic Dean

Important Dates to Remember

May

- May 4 National Commitment Day
- May 5 SAT for all Juniors
- May 8 Parent Association Meeting, 6pm
- May 11 Registration Deadline for 2012-2013 School Year
- May 11 Blood Drive
- May 12 Mother-Son Prayer Breakfast
- May 18 Senior Christian Service Hours Due
- May 19 Senior Prom

- May 24 Spring Sports Banquet
- May 25 Senior Final Exams
- May 28 Memorial Day—No Classes / No Work**
- May 29 Senior Final Exams
- May 30 Senior Final Exams
- May 31 Seniors Last Day of Work

June

- June 1 End of 4th Quarter; Grad Night; Christian Service Hours DUE for 9th, 10th & 11th grades

- June 2 SAT for all Juniors
- June 4 Finals Exams for 9th, 10th & 11th grades
- June 5 Finals Exams for 9th, 10th & 11th grades
- June 6 Finals Exams for 9th, 10th & 11th grades
- June 6 Baccalaureate Mass LMU at 5:30 am
- June 7 Graduation Commencement OLA Cathedral, 7pm
- June 7-15 Possible CWSP Make-up Days
- June 18 Summer School Begins

July & August

- July 27 Summer School Ends
- Aug 20 2012-2013 School Year Begins



Spring Immersion Trip to the Navajo Nation, April 2012