

Advancement Newsletter
November 2011

Calendar of Events

- December 2, 8:15 am - Oak Hill First Friday Liturgy followed by Eucharist Adoration until 3 pm
- December 3, 10 am - A Little Bit of Science/ Early Childhood Open House
- December 6 & 13 - 7:15 am Masses
- December 8 - Feast of the Immaculate Conception Masses at 8:15 and 9:55 am
- December 10, 9 am - Alumnae Association Gingerbread Houses with Santa
- December 15, 8:15 am - Liturgy followed by Barat Hall Reception
- December 21, 9 am - VDOH Christmas Basket Liturgy
- December 24, 10 pm - VDOH Christmas Eve Liturgy
- January 10, 17, 24 & 31 - 7:15 am Masses
- January 18, 9 am - Oak Hill Prospective Parent Tour

Please view our [school calendar](#) for the numerous events scheduled this year and join us.

YEAR-END GIFTS

Please remember, in order to claim a gift to VDOH on your 2011 tax return, we must receive your gift or payment in full by December 31. You can give online immediately at www.vdoh.org and you will receive a tax receipt right away. Need a gift idea for those on your list who have everything? Consider giving a gift to VDOH in their honor. To ensure accurate record-keeping, please notify the Advancement Department of any stock gifts and wire transfers you plan to make. Please contact the Advancement Office at 314.432.2021 if you have any questions.

HOLIDAY SHOPPING BONUS

You can support our school while you are shopping at Schnucks and Target by designating Villa Duchesne and Oak Hill School as the beneficiary of your Schnucks eScrip Card or Target RedCard. It's simple! Read [more](#) ...

2010-2011 ANNUAL REPORT

Your fall issue of our Heart to Heart magazine, which includes our 2010-2011 Annual Report, mailed recently. The report includes gifts received between July 1, 2010 and June 30, 2011. Any gifts received on or after July 1, 2011 count for the current 2011-2012 fiscal year and will appear in next fall's Annual Report. Please note: for tax purposes, pledges and gifts must be paid in full by December 31, 2011 to be claimed on your 2011 tax return. If you have other questions about the Annual Report, please contact the Advancement Office at 314.432.2021. Thanks again for your commitment to our students.

MISSION PARTNERS HONORED

This year's Duchesne Dinner honored a variety of our most committed mission partners including: donors at the Duchesne Society giving level and above for any fund in the most recently closed fiscal year (2010-2011); trustees and former trustees; Les Fidèles Society members; and Mater Admirabilis Legacy Society members. Each group was recognized for how vital their gifts of time, talent, and treasure are for the success and sustainability of our educational programs each year. For descriptions of and the most recent list of members of these special giving societies, please refer to your 2010-2011 Annual Report.

Before dinner, Oak Hill's student council President Jacob Schlattman '12 and Vice President Thomas Fonseca '12 presented a [video](#) on the many reasons why Oak Hill students love their school and expressed their gratitude to those present. Villa Duchesne Advanced Show Choir members Katie Callahan '12 and Caroline Behan '13 sang a captivating, original blessing song written by our very own Performing Arts Teacher Steve Neale. The night ended with a moving testimonial from Jane Gerritzen '51 on why she and her husband, Ray, decided to include VDOH in their estate plans. Jane and Ray are former trustees, former parents, and current grandparents. This year and every year, we are most thankful for all of our donors and volunteers.

If you would like to learn more about joining one of our giving societies or including Villa Duchesne and Oak Hill School in your estate plans, please contact Director of Advancement Debbie Schlattman at 314.810.3589 or dschlattman@vdoh.org.



Lucie Nordmann, RSCJ, greets Ray and Jane Gerritzen '51 and Shirley and Charles Drury outside the Villa Duchesne Auditorium at the November 18th Duchesne Dinner.



VILLA DUCHESNE SAINTS CLASS 3 STATE VOLLEYBALL CHAMPS 2011
Your gifts support all aspects of our students' education, including athletics.

GINGERBREAD HOUSES WITH SANTA

Villa Duchesne, Oak Hill, City House and Barat Hall Alums! Bring your children and grandchildren and join us at Gingerbread Houses with Santa on Saturday, December 10. Read [more](#) ...

A LITTLE BIT OF SCIENCE

In partnership with The Magic House, Oak Hill's Admissions Department is hosting [A Little Bit of Science](#) on Saturday, December 3 from 10 a.m. to noon in the Duchesne Building. If you would like the Admissions Office to extend a personal invitation to a prospective family or to register a child for this interactive event, please respond by Thursday, December 1 to Kathy Meyer at kmeyer@vdoh.org or 314.810.3417. Children must be accompanied by an adult.



BARAT HALL ALUMS!

It's time to receive your Christmas Lamb by attending the Barat Hall Christmas Mass and Reception on December 15. Mass begins at 8:15 a.m. in the Villa Duchesne Chapel with Oak Hill students. A Breakfast Reception follows at 9:15 a.m. in the Parlor Dining Room.

Spouses and guests welcome. Please contact Megan Kahn Lee at mlee@vdoh.org or 314.810.3420 with any questions or to RSVP.

ALUMNAE/I AMBASSADORS

On Wednesday, November 16, more than 25 Alumnae/i Ambassadors gathered for a Kick-Off Luncheon Meeting in the Villa Duchesne Conference Room. The Alumnae/i Ambassador program's primary goals are to improve communication between the school and its alums, increase attendance at alum-related events, and increase alum involvement in



philanthropy at Villa Duchesne and Oak Hill School including volunteering, Annual Giving, and other opportunities. Read [more](#) ...

BONNE CHANCE AUCTION TRÈS BIEN!

Heartfelt thanks to the 2011 Bonne Chance Auction Committee, led by Co-chairs Matuschka Briggs and Susie Sheahan, for the outstanding job they did providing leadership for this year's Auction. The Bonne Chance Auction could not have happened without them and without the tremendous support of the families, faculty and staff that attended and volunteered.

Here are some fun facts about the evening:

- ♦ 335 guests enjoyed the Bonne Chance Auction;
- ♦ handheld "Bid Daddy" bidding devices were a huge success—no more standing around tables to manually write bids;
- ♦ the highest bid for a single item was \$5,200 for a precious, black Labrador puppy;
- ♦ the autographed "5-6-7" photograph of Pujols, Musial, and Holliday went for \$3,900;
- ♦ the \$10,000 Reverse Raffle was won by Erin and Hillary Williams whose winning ticket was returned from the auction solicitation packet that they received in August;
- ♦ the bottles of wine in Lucky Libations sold out at 6:30 and the hand-painted martini glasses sold out before the Live Auction started;
- ♦ 79 Villa Duchesne students volunteered to help as servers, bid runners, overhead assistants, photographers, puppy handlers, raffle ticket sales people, and to manage the coat check;
- ♦ 39 faculty and staff members volunteered their services to manage registration and the bank and to work as spotters and live auction coordinators; and
- ♦ 24 parents volunteered as student coordinators, Bid Daddy trainers, and booth managers.

Congratulations to all and a final merci beaucoup for demonstrating true Sacred Heart spirit at the Bonne Chance Auction!



Lucie Nordmann, RSCJ, with Auction Co-Chairs Susie Sheahan and Matuschka Briggs.