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Lauralton Hall

September 2010 Information for Parents

Announcements

Athletics

– **Mandatory Meetings for Parents of Athletes – August 19 or 24**

Meetings are scheduled for 6:30 p.m. in the gym on Thursday, August 19 and Tuesday, August 24.

Attendance at one of these meetings is mandatory for parents of any student who intends to try out for a sports team at any time during the school year and has not participated in a varsity or JV sport at Lauralton Hall in a previous year. Lauralton Hall believes it is important for the athletic program to be explained, the philosophy understood and the policies outlined before a student is involved in the program. No student will be allowed to participate in the athletic program if a parent does not attend one of these meetings. These meetings are for parents of athletes in all three sports seasons; they are not limited to fall sports.

– **Mandatory Sports Physicals**

Annual current physical examinations are required of all students participating in all sports, including cheerleading. The Health Assessment Record Form must be completed and returned to school marked for the Athletic Director prior to August 28. Students are not permitted to try out for, practice with, or play a varsity, JV or club sport unless a current Health Assessment Record Form is on file at school. Forms are available in the office of the school nurse and the athletic office, and the form is posted on the [Athletics](#) page of the school's website.

– **Tryouts for Fall Sports – August 28**

Fall sports tryouts begin on Saturday, August 28, 2010. All students, including freshmen, are eligible to try out for all sports. It is strongly recommended that prospective athletes begin conditioning prior to the first practice. [Click here](#) for detailed tryout schedules

New Staff

Please join us in extending a warm welcome to our new staff members. [Click here](#) to meet Alice Thomas, Dean of Students; Lauren Korman, Social Studies Teacher; and Erin Pinsince, Science Teacher. [Lisa Hottin](#), our new Executive Director of Development, was introduced in July.

Admissions Open House – Parent Volunteers Needed on October 3

Parent volunteers are needed at Open House on Sunday, October 3, between 12:30 p.m. and 3:00 p.m. to direct traffic, staff registration tables, act as tour guides for prospective families and serve as ambassadors to answer questions about all things Lauralton. Please join us and share your enthusiasm about our school. To volunteer please contact Volunteer Coordinator Catherine Lopata at clopata@lauraltonhall.org or 203-877-2786, ext. 142. Those who want to help with traffic control should contact Fathers Club President Ed Dlugos at edwarddlugos@aol.com.

Parent Email Addresses

Since email is our primary method of communication with parents, please be sure to notify Debbie Bowley at dbowley@lauraltonhall.org if your email address should change during the school year.

Irish Night Volunteers Needed

Please join a dynamic group of volunteers to help plan and execute Irish Night, set for Saturday, March 5, 2011. This event brings together the Lauralton community and friends for a night of fine food, friendship and entertainment. Volunteer time and talent is needed to make this fundraiser for scholarship a great success. Please come to the volunteer info session in the mansion on Tuesday, September 28, at 7 p.m. If unable to attend, please contact kdonahue@lauraltonhall.org or 203-877-2786, ext 114.

Events for Parents

Welcome to the 2010-2011 school year at Lauralton Hall!

Please mark your calendar now so you won't miss these September events for parents:

September 2 - Class of 2014 Matriculation Ceremony - 7:00 p.m. - Gymnasium

Members of the Class of 2014 are required to participate in this decorous event when they will be formally inducted into the Lauralton Hall community. Parents, relatives and friends of incoming freshmen are welcome and encouraged to attend. Please email Ann Bubbico at abubbico@lauraltonhall.org if a problem with your freshman daughter's attendance is anticipated or if you have questions or need additional information. The invitation provides all the details: [Matriculation Ceremony 2014 invitation.pdf](#)

September 7 - Welcome Coffee - 7:15 a.m. to 8:30 a.m. - Claven Auditorium

Not only are we looking forward to seeing your daughters in September—we're looking forward to seeing you! Please join us for a morning Welcome Coffee on the first day of school. Meet other Lauralton parents who will be on hand to greet you. Questions? Please contact Cheryl Monk at cmonk@lauraltonhall.org.

September 9 - Fathers Club Meeting - 7:00 p.m. - Cafeteria

The dads of all Lauralton students are encouraged to attend this opening meeting. The agenda will include the selection of event chairs for several Fathers Club activities. Contact Ed Dlugos at edwarddlugos@aol.com for more information.

September 16 - Welcome Reception for Parents - 7:00 p.m. - Mansion

Sponsored by McAuley Guild, Lauralton's mothers' club, this event provides an opportunity for you to get to know your daughter's friends' parents, meet new moms and dads, meet school administrators, put a name to a face, learn more about events at Lauralton Hall and have a fun night out! To help us plan for refreshments, please contact Lisa Sheffield at lsheff8817@aol.com to let us know you can come.

September 23 - Back to School Night - 7:00 p.m.

The evening will begin with a general address in the gym at 7:00 p.m. After that, you will have the opportunity to follow your daughter's modified schedule and meet her teachers briefly. Please note that this is not a time for individual parent/teacher conferences.

We look forward to seeing you!

Student Calendar Highlights

August 28	Fall Sports Tryouts Begin
September 1	Freshman Project Adventure
September 2	Freshman Orientation
September 2	Class of 2014 Matriculation Ceremony
September 7	Classes Begin
September 9	School Photos
September 13	Student Club Fair

September 14	Sophomore Retreat
September 14	Drivers Ed Session I Begins
September 15	Last Day to Change Schedule
September 15	Class Meetings
September 15	Class of 2011 Prayer Service
September 24	Mercy Day Lunch
September 24	Early Dismissal - 1:20 p.m.

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