

# Connelly Courier

THE MONTHLY BULLETIN OF CORNELIA CONNELLY SCHOOL

June-Summer 2007

## Message from the Head of School

As we approach the end of the school year, I reflect on the many blessings that have come upon Connelly this past year. You and your daughters have been a source of many of them throughout the year. An example that I would like to share with you is the inspiration that I received at the end-of-year School Mass. After the priest's homily, a senior gave her reflections on the journey of each class through the school year. How amazing to see a young woman of high school age speak to the entire congregation relating the spiritual to the day-to-day challenges of students and teachers. Her words had substance, humor and meaning for each person in the auditorium. If we rewind to the beginning of this year, there was another senior who gave her profound reflections at the 45<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Mass. In some ways, I have come to expect that our students can attain these heights because they rise to the challenges before them in and outside the classroom. Times like these make me aware that the blessings of Connelly come through the daily activities where our young women live out Cornelia Connelly's maxim: "Be yourself only make that self all that God wants it to be."

Sr. Francine Gunther  
Head of School

### AWARDS DAY June 1 – 8:15 a.m.

Join us and see your daughter receive national and university awards, scholarships, departmental recognition medals, and awards for academics.

### SUMMER SCHOOL AT CONNELLY FOR INCOMING CONNELLY 9<sup>TH</sup> GRADE STUDENTS

Pre-Algebra  
English Composition/High School Study Skills

June 20 – July 31

For information contact:

Ms. Erin Mobley – (714) 776-1717, Ext. 34

### Important Dates

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|-------------|------------|--|
| <b>June</b> | <b>1</b>   | <b>Awards Day – 8:15 am – Noon</b><br><b>Early Dismissal: Noon</b><br><b>Connelly Spring Concert – 7:30 pm</b> |
|             | <b>2</b>   | <b>SAT &amp; Subject Tests</b>   |
|             | <b>5</b>   | <b>Open House – 7:00 pm</b>  |
|             | <b>4-7</b> | <b>Final Exams – Grades 9 - 11</b>   |
|             | <b>8</b>   | <b>Gardening Day - 8:00 am – Noon</b>  |
|             | <b>9</b>   | <b>Baccalaureate Mass – 5:00 pm</b><br><b>Senior Family Dinner - 6:30 pm</b>                                   |
|             | <b>10</b>  | <b>Graduation – 5:00 pm</b>  |

(A detailed calendar for all activities is printed on on Page 2)



## Parents Association

Dear Parents:

I told you this year would fly by. Here we are at the end of our year and what great memories. From Family Day in September, to the Mother/ Daughter Tea and all that came in between, thank you volunteers for helping make this such a memorable and successful year.

The Parent Board was so proud to serve this year and we are still looking for parents who want to get involved and have fun next year. We are currently looking for "new" parents to join our Board. If you, or friends, are interested in finding out more, contact either myself (Shelly Barbre), or Aykesha, our parent relation liaison in the Development Office.

Congratulations and best wishes to all the seniors who are starting new adventures in life. And to the underclass women, you should be proud of your accomplishments and look forward to next year at Cornelia Connelly. The years and experiences go by too fast. Cherish the minutes and remember the hours, and remember you will always be a part of the heart of the campus at Cornelia Connelly. YOU are what make Connelly a great school.

Have a wonderful summer!

Shelly O'Connell-Barbre  
shellyob@aol.com

### Summer Shopping

**July 18 – September 5**, Connelly will receive 10% of purchase amounts on products purchased at your local VON'S, Safeway, Genuardi's, Dominick's or CARRS Markets. This is an easy way to earn extra money for Connelly. Send your receipts in to the Business Office.

### Directory Change:

Meghan '07 & Jillian '09 Cule  
562-597-1534

## Calendar for the Month of June, 2007

| <u>Day</u>    | <u>Date</u>  | <u>Time</u>                        | <u>Event</u>  |
|---------------|--------------|------------------------------------|---|
| Friday        | 1            | 8:15 am – Noon<br>7:30 pm          | Awards Day – Early Dismissal: Noon<br>Connelly Spring Concert at<br>St. Philip Benizi Church, Fullerton |
| Saturday      | 2            | 5:00 pm                            | Donor Appreciation Mass & Reception<br>SAT & Subject Tests  |
| Tuesday       | 5            | 9:30 pm-5:00 am<br>7:00 pm         | Tri-School Grad Night<br>Open House   |
| Mon-Thurs     | 4-7          |                                    | Final Exams – Grades 9-11   |
| Tues-Thurs    | 5-7          | 1:00 – 3:00 pm                     | Graduation and Baccalaureate Practice   |
| Wednesday     | 6            | Noon<br>6:00 pm                    | New Alumnae Induction<br>Parents Association Board Meeting  |
| Thursday      | 7            |                                    | Disneyland Grad Night   |
| Friday        | 8            | 8:00 am – Noon<br>10:30 am – 3:00  | Gardening Day<br>Choir & Handbell Recording Sessions  |
| Saturday      | 9            | 5:00 pm<br>6:30 pm                 | Baccalaureate Mass<br>Senior Family Dinner  |
| Sunday        | 10           | 5:00 pm                            | <b>Graduation</b>   |
| Tuesday       | 12           | 9:00 – 3:00 pm                     | Faculty Meetings  |
| Wednesday     | 13           | 9:00 – 2:00 pm                     | Faculty Meetings  |
| Monday        | 18           |                                    | Report Cards Mailed   |
| Wednesday     | 20           |                                    | <b>Summer School Begins</b>   |
| Saturday      | 30           | 8:00 am – Noon                     | <b>Gardening Day</b>  |
| <b>July</b>   |              |                                    |   |
| Saturday      | 21           | 8:00 am – Noon                     | Gardening Day   |
| <b>August</b> |              |                                    |   |
| Sun – Fri     | 7/29-<br>8/3 |                                    | Christian Leadership Institute  |
| Sat – Tues    | 4-7          |                                    | Yearbook Camp at Chapman Univ.  |
| Wed-Thurs     | 8-9          | 8:00 am- Noon                      | Used Book Sale  |
| Friday        | 10           |                                    | 9/15 ACT Registration Deadline  |
| Fri-Sun       | 10-12        |                                    | ASB Camp at Univ. of Redlands   |
| Tue – Thurs   | 14-16        |                                    | Smart Board Training – Faculty  |
| Fri – Sun     | 17-19        |                                    | Diocese of Orange Leadership Camp   |
| Saturday      | 18           | 8:00 am – Noon                     | Gardening Day   |
| Mon-Wed       | 20-22        | 8:00 am – Noon                     | Volleyball Tryouts  |
| Thursday      | 23           | 9:00 am – 3:00                     | New Faculty Orientation   |
| Friday        | 24           | Depart: 7:00 am                    | 9 <sup>th</sup> Grade Orientation/Retreat   |
| Saturday      | 25           | Return: 3:00 pm<br>10:00 am – 3:00 | Diocesan Teacher Convocation & Mass<br>9 <sup>th</sup> Grade Orientation/Retreat                        |
| Mon – Wed     | 28-29        | 9:30 am – Noon<br>3:00 – 5:00 pm   | New Parents Orientation/Retreat<br>Golf Tryouts   |
| Mon – Thurs   | 27-30        |                                    | Cross Country and Tennis Tryouts  |
| Fri-Mon       | 31-3         |                                    | Faculty Meetings and Retreat<br>School Offices Closed - Holiday   |

## CONGRATULATIONS

### ASB Officers 2007-2008    Class Officers

|                      |                                       |                            |                 |
|----------------------|---------------------------------------|----------------------------|-----------------|
| President:           | Patrice Payne                         | Senior Class President:    | Karafaye Buffa  |
| Vice President:      | Lauren Schenkel                       | Senior Class V.P.:         | Astrid Melgar   |
| Secretary:           | Nicole Laygo                          | Senior Class Sec/Treas:    | Rachel Sanchez  |
| Treasurer:           | Krista Engle                          |                            |                 |
| Inter-School Reps.:  | Krizzle Silva<br>Sam Swoger           | Junior Class President:    | Mika Posecion   |
|                      |                                       | Junior class V.P.:         | Kelsey Weston   |
| Comm. of Activities: | Eleni Cuevas                          | Junior Class Sec./Treas:   | Kimvan Nguyen   |
| Comm. Of Publicity:  | Francesca Delgado                     |                            |                 |
| Comm. Of Ecology:    | Kailea Spitaleri                      | Sophomore Class President: | Maria Psara     |
| ASB Historians:      | Claire Burgess<br>Christine Torressen | Sophomore Class V.P.:      | Saron Shiferaw  |
|                      |                                       | Sophomore Class Sec/Treas: | Leah Sanfillipo |

## Congratulations



Sophomore **Ranielle Rodriguez** has been named a 2007 Mayor's Tech Scholar. Ranielle was selected from hundreds of Anaheim high school students. She received a new laptop and two years of Earthlink Wifi Internet connection at a reception on May 15, at the Downtown Community Center.

Senior **Kim Nguyen** and juniors **Katrina Cheung** and **Astrid Melgar** were invited to participate in the Orange County Science Fair. Astrid's "Bioremediation by Bioaugmentation" won a special award and \$100.00. Kim's "Which Compost is the Best" represented Connelly at the California State Fair on May 22.

Senior **Grace Nolde** and junior **Beverly Pascual** have had their Cappie reviews on high school theatre productions published in the Orange County Register Online Edition. Beverly has been published twice, and attended five shows. Grace has been published nine times, attended 19 shows, and is the most published Tri-School critic since the program began three years ago.

Félicitations! Incoming 9<sup>th</sup> Grader, **Savannah Carter**, was honored for ranking 8<sup>th</sup> in the National French Contest taken by 104,155 students.

**Prom Queen Nicole Vlassoff**, Senior Princesses **Connor Cherry** and **Mirella Olivera**, and Junior Princess **Krizzle Silva** reigned over a beautiful Tri-School Prom, "A Night on the Town," held at The Vault in Long Beach, on May 19.

Senior **Kit Donovan** was selected by OC Family Magazine as one of Orange County's Shining Students. Check out the June issue.

Congratulations to seniors **Alena Cabral**, **Hannah De Los Reyes**, **Danielle Morabito**, **Grace Nolde**, **Lauren Terrebrood**; juniors **Maliha Ghazali**, **Bernadette Magallanes**, **Emily Pankau**; sophomores **Krista Engle**, **Lindsay Forbes**, **Lauren Gancayco**, **Shauna Stewart**; and freshman **Maya Karon** for outstanding acting and tech skills in the May Tri-School production of *Annie Get Your Gun*..

**Faculty Reclaims the Title!** Students and faculty cheered as blistering hits to the outfield and outstanding fielding reclaimed the title for the faculty in the annual Faculty vs. Students Softball Game on May 15.

Congratulations to our wonderful student artists whose artwork was chosen from thousands submitted to the Orange County Department of Education's sponsored "Imagination Celebration". The "1000 Pieces of Art" exhibit was on display at the Crate and Barrel wing of South Coast Plaza from May 2-20. Please join the Connelly community in congratulating the (students with a (2) next to their names indicates that both the pieces they submitted were chosen) Class of 2009: **Caroline Currie**, **Michele Hazen**, **Elizabeth Morales**, **Ranielle Rodriguez (2)**, **Allison Sholly**, **Amelia Wagner**; '08- **Taylor Budnick**, **Erin Fee (2)**, **Allison Kehrl**, **Nicole Laygo (2)**; Class of 2007: **Gabriela Toro**. Thank you for sharing so much of yourselves.

**Jessica Willshire '08** has been awarded the Discover Card Tribute Scholarship recognizing excellence in high school juniors. Out of more than 25,000 applicants she received the award for the State of California.

**Jamie Shea '09** was awarded First Place at the high school level in the 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Diocese of Orange Essay Contest. The award, plus \$500.00, was presented at an Awards Banquet on Thursday, May 17, by Bishop Tod Brown.

**Shauna Stewart '09** has been recognized for outstanding achievement in the UCI Academic Talent Search. She was presented with a Certificate of Merit at an awards ceremony on May 19, at Schneiderman Lecture Hall.

The Orange County Cappies, an organization that honors high school theatre, has nominated **Grace Nolde** as Senior Critic of the Year, **Nadine Sidhom** as Freshman Critic of the Year, and **Grace**, **Nadine**, and junior **Beverly Pascual** on the Critic Team of the Year. Seniors **Alena Cabral** and **Hannah De Los Reyes** were named Tri-School Commendees.

## Thank You

Thank you to all the parents, students and faculty who responded so generously to our annual Red Cross Blood Drive. It was a huge success! We were able to collect 32 pints, which was a 25% increase over last year.

Thank you to **Ms. Sue Costley-Hobbs** for chaperoning the Junior Retreat.

Thank you to **Mrs. Ginger Stark** and all of the volunteers, who folded, labeled, stapled, and mailed the monthly Connelly Courier and numerous other Connelly mailings all through the year. You are very appreciated!

Thank you to the dedicated parent volunteers who organized the Mother/Daughter Tea on Sunday, April 22: Co-Chairs **Anne Bluth & Lini Teal**, **Shelly Barbre**, **Dana Decker**, **Lynda Frederick**, **Farad Khan**, **Angelita Khazei**, **Kathy Lee**, **Norma Morabito**, **Erleen Ramirez**, **Alba Ramiro**, **Patti Schenkel**, **Afshan Siddiq**, **Ginger Stark**, **Eleanor Stewart**, **Tina Sutera** and **Rehana Wahab**. Thank you **Danielle Morabito '07**, **Aimy Nguyen '07** and **Sara Teal '07** for sharing your talents during the program and to all the students who provided artwork for display.

Thank you to all of the Connelly parents who generously supported the Parents Appreciate Teachers and Staff Fund. Thank you to **Shelly Barbre** and the Parents Association, Board of Trustees, Associated Student Body and Connelly Administration for providing lunch or refreshments during P.A.T.S. week.

Thank you to our spectacular Parents Association Board Members: **Shelly Barbre**, **Karen Welch '79**, **Monica Esquivel**, **Diane Godinez**, **Stephanie Scott** and **Darleen Armour '77**.

Thank you to **Mrs. Diana Orr** and the other wonderful parent volunteers for providing hospitality for events throughout the year.

**Prayers** for each day of June, written by Connelly students, may be viewed on the SHCJ website: [www.holychildschools.org](http://www.holychildschools.org), click on Pray With Us.

See pictures and read about the Connelly Women's Ensemble trip to New York on the SHCJ website: [www.shcj.org](http://www.shcj.org), click on American Province, click on News.

*“It is a great thing to know God’s Will and to be ready to do it generously.”  
Cornelia Connelly*

**2006–2007 Girls Athletic Association Awards**

**OPEN HOUSE**  
**June 5, 7:00 p.m.**

If you know a young woman approaching high school, or someone who may be interested in transferring to Connelly, be sure to ask her and her parents to join us.

**REMINDER TO PARENTS**

School offices are open from 7:15 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. daily. Campus supervision is provided only during these hours. Students on campus after 5:00 p.m. are required to wait in the reception area of the School Office.

**Note:** For safety, please observe the **“Right Turn Only”** sign when exiting the driveway.

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|--------------------|-------------------|----------------------|--------------|
|                    | <u>Swimming</u>   | <u>Cross Country</u> | <u>Golf</u>  |
| Most Valuable      | Dominique Zaratan | Erica Rodriguez      | Kristine Lee |
| Most Inspirational | Krystal Costley   | Krystal Lares        | Sharrise     |
| <b>Boop</b>        |                   |                      |              |
| Most Improved      | Genevieve Momot   | Maegan Rivera        | Lauren       |
| <b>Schenkel</b>    |                   |                      |              |

|                    |                                 |                                  |                 |
|--------------------|---------------------------------|----------------------------------|-----------------|
|                    | <u>Varsity Volleyball</u>       | <u>JV Volleyball</u>             | <u>Softball</u> |
| Most Valuable      | Sara Teal<br>Kit Donovan        | Rose Rodgers                     | Vanessa Pro     |
| Most Inspirational | Kit Donovan                     | Katie Rogers<br>Kailea Spitaleri | Raquel Martus   |
| Most Improved      | Jamie Shea                      | Sarah Virgil                     | Deicy Garcia    |
|                    | <u>Soccer</u>                   | <u>Track</u>                     | <u>Tennis</u>   |
| Most Valuable      | Patrice Payne<br>Claire Burgess | Lauren Luna                      | Erin Fee        |
| Most Inspirational | Kelsey Kobzi                    | Kirby McCord                     | Nicole Vlassoff |
| Most Improved      | Erica Rodriguez                 | Bernadette Magallanes            | Paige Everson   |
|                    | <u>Varsity Basketball</u>       | <u>JV Basketball</u>             |                 |
| Most Valuable      | Elizabeth Kistler               | Rachel Montrenes                 |                 |
| Most Inspirational | Catherine Dang                  | Ysabella Palo                    |                 |
| Most Improved      | Brittney Miller                 | Caletta Peterson<br>Sharon Yarak |                 |

**Special Awards:** Scholar/Athlete of the Year: Kit Donovan  
Rookie of the Year: Sarah Virgil; Vanessa Pro