



ACADEMY OF OUR LADY OF MERCY  
**Lauralton Hall**

## **December 2011 Information for Parents**

### **Event for Parents**

Please mark your calendar now. We look forward to seeing you!

#### **Christmas in Song - December 7, at 7:30 p.m.**

*Lauralton Hall's annual highly-anticipated Christmas concert, "Christmas in Song" will be performed at 7:30 p.m. on Wednesday, December 7, in the Parsons Complex auditorium, 70 West River St, Milford. The public is invited to this free event featuring members of Lauralton's Concert Choir, Advanced Vocal Ensemble, Freshman Choir and Instrumental Ensemble. Voluntary donations of non-perishable food items will be accepted at the door to be given to local, needy residents.*

### **Announcements**

#### **First Quarter Honor Roll**

*Please join us in congratulating our Honor Roll students: [LH Honor Roll First Quarter 2011-2012.pdf](#)*

#### **Midyear Assessment Schedule**

*It is important for students to experience a traditional "Exam Week" to prepare for college. At the same time, we are aware that some colleges, including top tier institutions, are rethinking the value of a traditional exam. In an effort to prepare our students for both traditional and nontraditional assessments, we have examined our previous schedule of giving traditional exams in the middle of January and made some adjustments. December 8, 9, 12 and 13 have been set aside for teachers to give major assessments in class. Some teachers will be giving traditional exams while others may have students engage in an alternate form of assessment. Click the link that follows for the detailed schedule: [LH midyear assessment schedule 2011.pdf](#).*

#### **Lauralton Line to Open Extra Days/Hours for Christmas**

*The Lauralton Line will be open extra days and hours in December for your holiday shopping convenience. Stop in to see new items including sought-after apparel, great stocking stuffers and special gifts! Open Monday & Tuesday, Dec. 12 & 13, 7:30 a.m. to noon; Wednesday & Thursday, Dec. 14 & 15, 7:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.; and Friday, Dec. 16, 7:30 a.m. to noon.*

#### **Christmas Recess – School Offices Closed**

*The campus and all school offices will be closed for Christmas break from Monday, December 19, until classes resume on Tuesday, January 3. **NOTE DATE CHANGE.***

#### **School Cancellation Announcements**

*Cold weather is approaching, so please [click here](#) to review information on where Lauralton Hall announces school cancellation or delay due to inclement weather or emergency, and to access the free service offered by CTWeather.com and WTNH-8 that transmits e-notifications via e-mail or text message to your cell phone.*

## Announcements continued

### **Help Lauralton Earn Cash Back for Your Stop & Shop Purchases**

*McAuley Parents Association (MPA) has enrolled Lauralton Hall in Stop & Shop's A+ School Rewards, a program that gives schools the ability to earn cash back on Stop & Shop purchases. Reward points accrue with each purchase using a Stop & Shop card that has been registered with the program with Lauralton Hall designated as one of up to two recipient schools. Online registration is easy; your Stop & Shop card number is all you need to start helping Lauralton accrue points. Please [click here](#) and follow the simple steps to register your Stop & Shop card and designate Lauralton Hall as your recipient school for the A+ School Rewards program. And please spread the word since anyone can register their card. Thank you for your support!*

### **Imperial Cities Trip Offered to Juniors and Seniors**

*A trip to Prague, Budapest, Vienna and Salzburg will be scheduled for juniors and seniors during spring break—April 14 – 22, 2012 if there is enough interest. If at least fifteen students show interest, an informational meeting for students and their parents will be held in January. For more information please contact Marilyn Cummings at [mcummings@lauraltonhall.org](mailto:mcummings@lauraltonhall.org).*

### **Host Families Wanted to Welcome Accepted Applicants**

*The school plans to host several informal get-togethers for accepted applicants of the Class of 2016 and their parents in the homes of currently enrolled students. These gatherings, to be held in the last two weeks of January, will give undecided accepted applicants an opportunity to ask questions and meet other potential classmates from their areas while giving the school a forum for welcoming the applicants and their families to the Lauralton community. If you would like more information about hosting a gathering in your home, please contact Kathleen Shine at [kshine@lauraltonhall.org](mailto:kshine@lauraltonhall.org) or 203-877-2786, ext. 125.*

### **Irish Night Sponsors & Raffle Prizes Needed**

*Irish Night takes place on Saturday March 3, 2012. This sell-out event unites the Lauralton community in an evening of Irish cheer as we raise much-needed funds for scholarship. We need your help to make this event a success! If you are interested in becoming a named sponsor or if you know of a business in your community that may be interested, please click the link that follows for all the details: [Irish Night 2012 Sponsorship Opportunities.pdf](#). Prizes are also needed for the "Luck o'the Irish" raffle. Please contact [kdonahue@lauraltonhall.org](mailto:kdonahue@lauraltonhall.org) for more information. And...it's not too late to join the Irish Night committee. Contact [clopata@lauraltonhall.org](mailto:clopata@lauraltonhall.org) to get involved.*

## Student Calendar Highlights

December 2	Dress Down Day		Dec 8,9,12,13	Midterm Assessments
December 3	SAT & Subject Testing		December 16	Early Dismissal @ 11:30 a.m.
December 7	Christmas in Song		December 19	Christmas Recess Begins
December 8	Immaculate Conception Liturgy		January 3	Classes Resume <b>NOTE CHANGE</b>

*On behalf of the Lauralton community, President Iadarola wishes you and your family a blessed Christmas, a joyous holiday season and a happy and prosperous New Year.*

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