

December 15, 2009

LA REINA HIGH SCHOOL E-gram

...where quality and the individual count



Coming Events

Wed., Dec. 16
**Advent Liturgy
 & Presentation
 of Distinguished
 Alum Award
 to Esha Chhabra '04**
 9:30 a.m.

Thurs., Dec. 17
**Parent Guild Online
 Auction
 Closes**
 8:30 p.m. PST
 Follow [this link](#) to the
 online auction.

Mon., Jan. 4
**School Resumes
 after
 Christmas Vacation**

Wed., Jan. 13
**Circle of Friends
 Mass**
 LRHS Chapel
 8:15 a.m.

Fri., Jan. 22
**Application
 Deadline for Classes
 of 2014
 & 2016**
 Follow [this link](#) for
 complete Admissions

Message from the President

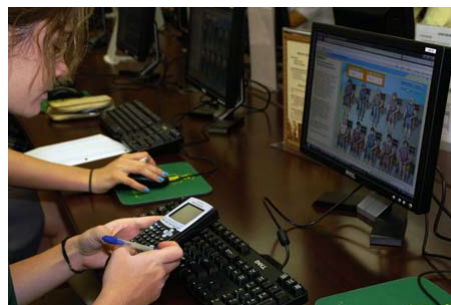
Whether one is relaxing at home, driving down city streets, visiting with family and friends, or engaging with co-workers, the "spirit of Christmas" is permeating the atmosphere. Even with challenging times--the recent loss of a loved one, economic uneasiness, the distance of miles separating families--there is a pervasive sense of caring, and a noticeable desire to live with grateful hearts. In so many ways, the longings we cherish at Christmas time are the longings we wish for all year long.



As the Christmas holidays approach, I take joy in expressing my deep gratitude, and the gratitude of the faculty and staff, to all of you--our extended La Reina family. Whether you are trustees, current or alumnae parents, grandparents, alums, or "friends" of La Reina, we celebrate your presence in our lives. We know the ways you support the students are numerous, varied, and extensive. Whether you are attending activities, organizing and working events, making financial contributions, or talking about the benefits of a La Reina education, you are a promoter of our mission and a true partner in "making it all happen." Thank you for being God's goodness at work in our lives. As you and your family open yourselves to receive the blessings of the holiday season, may you find joy in knowing that you are seen as gift to us!

Sr. M. LaReina Kelly, S.N.D., President

Advanced Placement Data Shows Outstanding Regent Achievement



The La Reina community is currently finalizing the self-study for re-accreditation through WASC and WCEA (Western Association of Schools and Colleges and the Western Catholic Education Association). Research for

information.

Sat., Jan. 30
**Entrance Testing for
 the Classes of 2014 &
 2016**

Feb. 1 - 5
**Catholic Schools
 Week**

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this report provided this data about the Regents' performance on Advanced Placement tests.

Between 2004 and 2009,

- 838 students took 1,717 AP tests in 16 areas
- The LRHS pass rate was 91.3% pass rate.

Between 2000 and 2009,

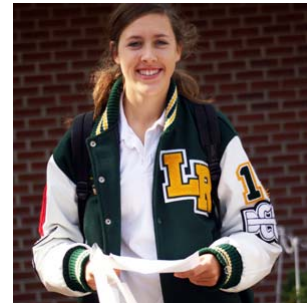
- LRHS students took 2,661 AP tests
- The LRHS pass rate was 91.6%

Mrs. Cecilia Coe, principal, stated, "These statistics demonstrate the well-developed curriculum and instruction program at La Reina, as well as the dedication of the faculty and students to prepare for rigorous study on the collegiate level. Whether a course is advanced placement or college prep, this level of achievement reflects the type of thinking that occurs in the LRHS classes. We certainly can be proud of these records!" Follow this link for a [10-year Advanced Placement Report](#).

Quotable Quotes

I am very proud to be a Regent because we have a huge support system--friends, teammates, teachers--a great community to guide me!

...*Lauren Hearne '12 (shown to the right)*



My daughter has been at La Reina for three months. It is both a joy and a tug to my heart to see her "blossom" in such short order. I am truly glad she is here.

...*Don Montgomery, father of Devin Montgomery '15*

I've been thinking a lot about my experience at LRHS, as my husband and I are determining where we'll send our son to kindergarten next year. We toured the Catholic school in our neighborhood (here in Portland) and were very impressed. It's not just the academics that we like, but the whole culture of a Catholic school. There is such an emphasis on character development and ethics and morality. That's important to us. Even though I'm not Catholic, I count my experience at LRHS as one of the best experiences of my life. I am so grateful to my parents for making the required sacrifices to send me there. I want the same for my little boy.

...*Lisa Smith Christie '89*

We are now in our third year at La Reina and we have two

daughters attending the school--both are happy, hardworking and confident young women. They are receiving the moral and educational foundation that will carry them through life's challenges. We chose La Reina for our daughters--but the truth is our daughters chose La Reina for themselves through the passion and enthusiasm they bring to their school experience.

*...Bernadette Larratt, mother of Stephanie Larratt '13
and Megan Larratt '15*

New Horizons through Regent-for-a-Day

What is it like to be a Regent--all girls...prayer and religion classes...uniforms? Prospective students are invited to find out! La Reina offers sixth through ninth grade students a chance to spend an entire school day as a Regent, shadowing a current student as she attends her classes. Lunch in the Cafeteria will be provided. This is a great opportunity for prospective students to experience a school day at La Reina and to make some new friends as well!

An initial application consisting of the Application Form, Applicant Questionnaire and the Application Fee must be on file in order to participate. Dani Sommerhauser '14 participated as a sixth grader and she has this to say: "It was fun! The girls were very welcoming and they made me feel like I fit in. I had a very good idea of the environment that I would be joining and that made a big difference when I actually started school here."

Please contact [Mrs. Cristy McNay](#), Director of Admissions, by email or at (805) 495-6494, ext. 307 for further information on Regent-for-a-Day.

Please Invest in the Regents

The only investments with guaranteed returns!

Tribute Scholarship Gifts honor a special person (at Christmas, a birthday or another occasion) or memorialize a deceased loved one. La Reina's Advancement Office will send an attractive acknowledgment to the honoree or to the family of the deceased person with an appropriate message and a promise of prayer; in addition, a monthly Mass is offered for the honorees. Donations will be used for tuition assistance grants for deserving students. To donate online, visit www.lareina.com and follow the DONATE NOW link on the homepage.

Check out the **[Parent Guild Online Auction](#)** which closes on Thursday, Dec. 17 at 8:30 p.m. Pacific Standard Time.

There are 19 items available--something for every budget and many interests! To name a few:

- A Carson Palmer autographed football
- Autographed and framed movie posters from *New Moon*
- Front row seats for Graduation 2010
- Pick your own locker for 2010-11

Don't miss these awesome and unique gift items!

**Thank you and God bless you
for your generous support for the
Regents of La Reina High School.**

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[La Reina Today, Community Edition, Fall, 2009](#)

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La Reina High School is a Catholic college preparatory school for young women in the tradition of the Sisters of Notre Dame. La Reina provides a strong spiritual and academic foundation in a nurturing environment helping young women develop into moral and self-confident leaders. Students are given opportunities to grow intellectually, to foster their relationship with God, to develop their individual gifts and to contribute to their community.

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