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LA REINA HIGH SCHOOL E-gram

...where quality and the individual count



Coming Events

Wed., Feb. 17
**Ash Wednesday
 Liturgy & Honor
 Assembly**
 9:30 a.m.

Mar. 3 - 5
Science Fair

Mar. 7 - 10
**WASC Visitation for
 Re-accreditation**

Mar. 15 - 26
**Parent Guild Online
 Auction**

Wed., Mar. 17
Stations of the Cross
 9:25 a.m.

Wed., Mar. 31
Holy Week Liturgy
 10:15 a.m.

Message from the President

CATHOLIC SCHOOLS The week of January 31 is known nationally as **Catholic Schools Week**. It is a special time for school communities to articulate and celebrate their many blessings, blessings that can often be taken for granted. Students, parents and staff each had their unique appreciation days. It is so good to feel God's goodness shining through events such as these. A highlight for me as president was standing in the drop-off lanes on Wednesday morning, handing one of you, a parent or grandparent, a certificate of appreciation and a chocolate "piece of gold"--emphasizing that we see your daughter as "gold" in our lives.



DIVIDENDS FOR LIFE

Please mark your calendar for a **Celebration of Gratitude** in honor of Cecilia Coe, to be held on Sunday, May 23. After six years as principal of LRHS and 27 years of dedication to the school community, Mrs. Coe will be retiring on June 30. Plan to join us for the 2:00 p.m. liturgy, followed by a program and reception. Please extend this invitation to alumnae, alumnae parents and other friends of LRHS.

Although we will miss Mrs. Coe, we know that she is leaving our school community stronger because of the gifts she has shared as a teacher and administrator. The **Principal Search Process** includes a nine-member advisory committee that has been actively engaged for eight months, helping me identify the best possible "future" principal for LRHS. In God's providence the next principal will also bless us and our students will continue to blossom. I can say this with confidence because of the quality of faculty, staff, students and parents who comprise our school community year after year. Please keep the work of our committee in your daily prayer.

Thank you again for all that you bring to La Reina!

Apr. 23 - 25
Regent Performers
Spring Production -
The Outsiders

Wed., Apr. 28
27th Annual
Evening of
Excellence

Thur., May 13
Booster Club Golf
Tournament

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

Congratulations, Regents!

...for the school-wide drive for donations to assist earthquake victims in Haiti. In just one day, a total of \$8,787.43 was raised and will be sent to Catholic Relief Services. La Reina students continue to demonstrate service to the local, national and global community through fundraising and other activities. Recent global efforts include regular support for a mission in Uganda, sponsored by the Sisters of Notre Dame, as well as Katrina victims in New Orleans. Examples of local outreach include the "Adopt-a-Family" program through the Cathedral of Our Lady of the Angels in Los Angeles and the "Relay for Life" team. Campus minister Kristi Hutter Balleweg '91 stated, "It is important for students to respond to those in need and to learn the positive impact of their sacrifices." In the photo above, Emily Zolfaghari '10, Mrs. Balleweg and Melissa Pearson '14 total the funds contributed by the Regents.



...**Michaela Posner '14** who won La Reina's fifth annual National Geographic Geography Bee and was the first Regent repeat winner! Runner-up was **Kendyll Ridgway '15**. The photo shows (left to right) Kendyll, Ms. Robin Fontana (moderator) and Michaela.

...**Alexis Williams '10** who won the contest to design the Ventura County Science Fair poster. Her graphic illustrates this year's theme, "Science for Change" and it is shown to the right.



...**Alexandra Wall '09** was named to the fall semester dean's list at the University of Wisconsin-Madison.

...**Kimberly Brown '06** was named to the Gonzaga University Dean's List for the fall.

...**Tara Blanchard '10** (left) and **Sarah Pearson '10** (right) recently signed



NCAA Letters of Intent. Tara plans to attend the University of Southern California and to run track while Sarah is headed to the University of San Francisco with a scholarship to run track and cross country.

Staff Members Honored for Years of Service



This week, 15 Regent staff members are celebrating anniversaries of service, totalling 250 years. The school community offers its grateful prayers and best wishes to these educators whose expertise and dedication have contributed many gifts to the quality Catholic education that is La Reina's tradition:

30 YEARS

Don Hyatt and Irene Woodall

25 YEARS

Rebecca Joyce Adams '81, Sadhana Neurgaonkar,
Yolanda Rogers and Bob Sisco

15 YEARS

Kristi Hutter Balleweg '91, Jodi DeBiasio and
Karen Moore

10 YEARS

Jessica Nasr, Robin Privat and Sue Reyes

5 YEARS

Jennifer Ball, Joel Conary and Sr. M. LaReina Kelly, S.N.D.

Please Invest in the Regents

The only investments with guaranteed returns!

The Parent Guild is accepting donations for the next online auction, opening on Monday, March 15 and closing on Friday, March 26 at 8:30 p.m. **Donations of all types are needed**, such as tickets for sporting events, entertainment, weekend trips, electronics, gift cards or ??? Now is the time to watch for unique gifts for Easter, Mother's Day, graduation or Father's Day!

The committee plans to offer auction items for every budget and many interests. Sample items already received include:

- Tickets to a LA Kings game with VIP amenities
- Tickets to a LA Dodgers game
- Private ballet lessons
- JBL speakers

The deadline for descriptions of auction items is Thursday, March 11, but the items themselves are not needed until Thursday, March 25.

The link to the online auction will be available from the homepage at www.lareina.com. Please alert alumnae, alumnae parents and friends, especially those who live at a distance. For further information about this or future online auctions, please contact [Barbara Lilley](#) by email or at 805-917-7112.

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for your generous support for the
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