



McGill-Toolen Catholic High School

May 2013

No Classes: Mon. May 27 Memorial Day Offices Closed

Mass: Thu. May 2 Mass for Mary Gym 9:30 a.m.
Wed. May 15 Graduation Mass Gym 5:30 p.m.

Early Dismissal: Fri. May 17 2:30 p.m. Graduation Day
Tue.-Thu. May 21-23 11:15 a.m. Semester Exams
Fri. May 24 9:30 a.m. Semester Exams

Graduation & Awards Ceremonies:

Sun. May 5	Senior Breakfast	Holiday Inn	9:30 a.m.	Seniors Only
Wed. May 8	Underclassmen Awards Program	Gym	1:45 p.m.	Parents are invited
Wed. May 15	Senior Awards Program	Gym	8:15 a.m.	Parents are invited
	Graduation Mass	Gym	5:30 p.m.	Parents are invited
Fri. May 17	Graduation Practice	USA Mitchell Center	9:00 a.m.	Seniors must attend
	Commencement	USA Mitchell Center	7:00 p.m.	Parents are invited
Thu. May 23	Class of 2013 Ring Ceremony	Gym	11:45 a.m.	Parents are invited

Concert: Band Thu. May 2 Toolen Auditorium 7:30 p.m. All are invited.

ACT Classes- *Please see attachment below for details.*

Dirty Dozen Wide Open Tournament Fundraiser: May 10, 2013.
<http://www.ballcharts.com/teams/index.php?team=dirtydozen>

Financial Aid: Financial Aid Forms for the 2013-2014 school year are now available in the Finance Office. New forms must be submitted each year in order to be considered for financial aid. Please call 445-2917 for additional information.

Senior Parents: In order to have your child's scholarship offer/s recognized on Senior Awards Day in May, you must send a copy of the scholarship offer/s to Mrs. Brown in the Guidance Office. Please do this as soon as you receive the offer so we can begin compiling the list.

Senior Graduation Requirement: Students in the Class of 2013 are required to have **4 Cultural Credit Units** in order to be eligible for graduation from McGill-Toolen Catholic High School. Guidance counselors have explained to the students numerous times in group guidance sessions how this requirement may be fulfilled. Please check with your child to make sure he/she has satisfied this **requirement for graduation.**

Used Uniform Sale: Toolen Auditorium – Thursday, May 16 – 5:00 - 7:00 p.m. – *Please see attachment below for details.*

Save the Dates: May 4 25th Annual Joe Perez Golf tournament @ Spring Hill College Course
May 4 25th Annual Joe Perez Tennis Tournament @ Mobile Tennis Center

SCRIP: Order dates are May 6, 13. Please submit all orders to the **Library** no later than 9:00 a.m. on order days. For additional information about this program, please look on the McT web site under SCRIP or contact Brother Paul Mulligan at 445-4740 or e-mail mulligp@mcgill-toolen.org

Greenies: Please turn in your GREEN Bruno's receipts to the Student Activities Office so we can submit them for cash at the end of the school year.

Online Store: <http://www.mcgill-toolen.org> to access to access the school web site. Please click on the McT Online Store: Apparel and Gifts tab on the top right of web page. *This store is available for you to show your McGill- Toolen Catholic High School spirit.*

McGill-Toolen Calendars: Please click on the school calendar under the Useful Links on the left of web page.

Web Address for Parent Access to Student Grades: <http://www.mcgill-toolen.org/NetClassroom7>

McGill-Toolen Catholic High School Used Uniform Sale

Date: Thursday May 16, 2013

Place: Toolen Auditorium

Time: 5:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.

1. If you would like to submit items for sale, please do the following:

- A For each item you are offering for sale, please attach an envelope to the item with the following information:
 - Your NAME and Phone Number
 - The name of the item you are selling
 - The size of the item you are selling
 - Your sale price for the item. **Whole dollars only.**

 - B Items for sale must be placed into a container (cardboard box or a large thick plastic bag) with your name on the container. Please bring the items to the Toolen Auditorium on Thursday, May 16th, before noon. Because of storage problems, we cannot accept items before this date.

 - C Money for sold items and/or uniforms that were not sold may be picked up in the Student Activities Office in the Toolen Building beginning May 17th. All money and/or unsold items should be claimed by May 23, 2013.
2. If you are purchasing items, please bring **one dollar bills** because items are priced in whole dollars. This will help with the problem of making change.

KeyPrep Educational Consulting Services

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20309 Bishop Road, Unit 2

Fairhope, AL 36532

Dear parents and students of McGill-Toolen Catholic High School,

I am honored to be invited for the 5th consecutive year to provide A.C.T. Summer Prep Camps for the students of McGill-Toolen. The summer prep camps have proven to be the most thorough and effective way to prepare for the test, since we have the luxury of adequate time to practice and to apply the strategies being taught. These two IDENTICAL camps lead up to the **June 8 A.C.T.** There will be other camps later in the summer to help students prepare for the fall A.C.T. exams. Information on those camps will be out later.

****ALL CAMPS ARE OPEN TO ALL STUDENTS GRADES 9 – 12.**

**MAY 28—MAY 30: REDEEMER LUTHERAN CHURCH, 200 SOUTH SECTION STREET,
FAIRHOPE, AL**

**JUNE 4--6: MCGILL- TOOLEN CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL, OLD SHELL ROAD AND
CATHERINE ST., MOBILE, AL**

****THESE CAMPS ARE IDENTICAL AND STUDENTS MAY ARRANGE WITH ME TO COMBINE
CLASSES FROM BOTH WEEKS TO MAKE UP FOR ANY CONFLICTS.**

I am grateful for this opportunity and would like to provide some background on my qualifications to be an instructor and coach for the ACT. As a certified teacher, reading specialist, and educational consultant, I have taught a wide variety of classes from kindergarten through the college level in three states. I have been an instructor of education courses at the University of Southern Mississippi and William Carey University at various times for over 25 years. I recently was the Officer of National Scholarships at USM where I was the advisor and coordinator for the Rhodes, Marshall, Truman, Goldwater, and other prestigious scholarships. I have also advised many students for the major undergraduate national scholarships such as Prudential, VFW, Optimist Essay and Optimist Oratory, Presidential Scholar, and Coca-Cola Scholar (I've advised 11 national Coca-Cola winners).

During the past 18 years, I have successfully coached students in strategies for taking the ACT, the PSAT, the SAT, the GRE, and the MCAT. As my students and their parents will tell you, I have excellent results and I attribute that to many factors, not just my instruction. I teach a strong core of strategies which I have developed over the years, including time-savers, shortcuts, recognition of most common types of problems, traps to anticipate, and very specific tools for solving certain problems and approaching the passages in reading, science, and English. In addition, I spend a lot of time building self-confidence and helping students believe in themselves and their abilities. I am passionate about what I do. It is a very rewarding job to help young people open the doors of opportunity which will shape their lives.

My workshop should benefit the following types of students:

- 1) those students entering grades 9 – 12 who plan to take the ACT as a college entrance exam**
- 2) students entering grades 9 – 12 who wish to achieve scores on the ACT which will qualify them for tuition waivers, academic scholarships at universities, and national scholarship award programs**
- 3) any student who wishes to improve test-taking skills and practice the types of verbal and math problems which comprise college entrance exams and most national standardized tests**

In my prep camp, we will use recent ACT exams for our practice materials. We will include the following topics over the course of the week:

- 1) Overview of the ACT and its importance to students' futures
- 2) General test-taking strategies for the ACT
- 3) Overview and specific strategies applicable to each of the 4 subtests: English, math, reading, and science
- 4) The writing component of the ACT, which is optional but rapidly becoming required by a growing list of colleges
- 5) Review of all pertinent grammar rules, math formulas, and concepts usually tested
- 6) How to increase speed on the test without sacrificing accuracy
- 7) A realistic and manageable practice schedule for high school years
- 8) Suggested practice materials
- 9) Suggestions for a structured vocabulary development program
- 10) Significant practice time on actual tests with error analysis

The proposed schedule is for the students to meet **DAYS 1 AND 2 from 9:30 – 3:30** and on **DAY 3 from 9:30-12:30**.

***The FAIRHOPE camp will begin on Tuesday and run until Thursday due to the Memorial Day holiday that Monday**

****The MCGILL-TOOLEN camp will begin on Tuesday and run until Thursday.**

I will provide snacks for morning and afternoon breaks and the students are encouraged to bring a lunch or plan to go out for a very brief lunch break. There are nearby food options at both camp locations.

During the final hour of each camp, I will conduct a **session for interested parents to give an overview of the college application process and the search for scholarship money**, including little-known tips and hints that help a student to be competitive. Details on that session will be forthcoming as the camp week progresses.

Please feel free to contact me with questions or comments about the ACT Prep Camp Week.

****CONTACT ME RIGHT AWAY AS SOON AS YOU DECIDE WHICH CAMP YOU WISH TO ATTEND. MY CAMPS FILL UP.****

E-mail: pbvarnado@aol.com Telephone: **601.466.1406**

A registration form with pertinent details is attached to this message. THE FORM AND DEPOSIT MUST BE MAILED TO THE ADDRESS ON THE BOTTOM OF THE FORM TO SECURE A SPOT IN THE CAMP.

I will gladly provide contact information for parents and students who attended prior camps of mine and found them most worthwhile.

I am looking forward with great enthusiasm to working with McT students who need to improve their scores and with parents who want to open more doors for their children's futures. I hope to meet many of you very soon.

Sincerely,

Peggy Varnado

SEE FLYER AND REGISTRATION FORM BELOW

ACT PREP CAMP
by **PEGGY VARNADO**
KeyPrep Educational Consulting

Learn the strategies that help you work faster & smarter from a successful academic coach!

CHOOSE ONE OF THESE IDENTICAL CAMPS OR COMBINE DAYS FROM BOTH WEEKS TO GET THE FULL CAMP:

I. MAY 28 - 30

**Location: Redeemer Lutheran Church
200 South Section St., Fairhope**

II. JUNE 4 - 6

**Location: McGill-Toolen High School
1501 Old Shell Rd., Mobile**

**EACH CAMP MEETS 9:30-3:30 FOR DAYS 1 & 2
AND FROM 9:30-12:30 ON DAY 3**

***ENGLISH, MATH, READING, SCIENCE, ESSAY*
SCHOLARSHIP SESSION @ Noon on DAY 3
(PARENTS INVITED)**

**Tuition: \$500 (includes materials)
Contact pbvarnado@aol.com or 601.466.1406**

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PLEASE CIRCLE THE CAMP YOU WISH TO ATTEND:

Redeemer Lutheran Church in Fairhope

May 28 - 30

McGill-Toolen Campus in Mobile

June 4 -6

Student's name:

Parents' names:

Address:

Student's e-mail:

*Parent's e-mail (required):

*Parent(s)' phone (required):

Student's cell phone:

High school attending:

Grade in school: (Ex: 11th, 12th)

Highest ACT Composite so far:

Highest subtest scores (optional):

English: Math: Reading: Science: Writing:

Colleges you are interested in attending (optional):

TUITION: \$500 FOR A.C.T. PREP SUMMER CAMP

PAYMENT OPTIONS:

A) Paid in full: \$500 Check attached: _____

B) Deposit: \$200 due with registration Check attached: _____

Amount due: \$300 on first day of camp

CONTACT pbvarnado@aol.com or 601.466.1406 to save a spot!

****REGISTRATION WILL CONTINUE UNTIL CLASS FILLS****

*****MUST RECEIVE FORM & CHECK TO CONFIRM A PLACE*****

MAIL TO:

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THANK YOU