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# The Rare Bird

Audubon Charter School PTO  
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## **JUNIOR VARSITY VOLLEYBALLERS** **"NET" A SUCCESSFUL SEASON**

Raven, Hailey, Khole, Whitley, Mia, Charcy, Julie, Alex, Logan, Erica, Kaitlyn, Clarke, Catilen, Tai—great JOB!

*Come one, come all!* was the mantra this fall for young ladies to try out for the volleyball team...and they did. This year's team consisted of 14 young ladies from 4th-6th grade with varying levels of experience. With the patience of Coach Caroline, the team embarked on a schedule that included 14 matches and 2 tournaments in the Metro Sports League. Audubon faced Holy Name of Jesus, Lusher Charter School, Hynes Charter School, St. Andrews, Arden Cahill Academy, St. Rita School, Crescent City Baptist School, Victory Fellowship, and St. Paul's Episcopal School.

This season was one of significant growth for our young ladies. Supported by their coaches and cheered on by the Varsity A and B teams, supportive classmates, adoring faculty and administration, and extremely loving and dedicated parent volunteers, these young ladies learned the game of volleyball and improved from match to match. More importantly, they learned the value of team work and that dedication and practice can lead to significant improvement. No doubt, we have a strong nucleus for next season.

The season came to an end on Friday, October 23rd in the Metro Sports Tournament where our team defeated Holy Name of Jesus' junior varsity B team, but came up short to the St. Paul's Episcopal School team in the 3rd game of the match. Our young ladies played valiantly, as a SOLID team, and they worked hard, but St. Paul's was the stronger team that evening.

If you see one of our team members in the hall, "high five" them; they represented Audubon Charter School with Rarebird pride. Thanks to coaches Caroline, Tina, and Tracy for their kind, gentle, and caring character building. GEAUX RAREBIRD JUNIOR VARSITY VOLLEYBALLERS!

~ *Coaches Tina, Caroline, and Tracy.*

## **VARSITY VOLLEYBALL—GREAT JOB!**

**Varsity Red Team:** Tylar, Sarah, Alana, Jasmine, Taylor, Shadombria, Ayanna, Catilen, Carolina, Tai  
**Varsity Blue Team:** Bianca, Chelsey, Angelica, Julia, Breian, Anjelique, and Kyla

The varsity teams did extremely well during the Metro Middle school play-offs and championship. We are so proud of our girls for representing Audubon Charter in such an excellent manner. Congratulations to the Varsity Blue team for placing 2nd out of 25 teams. The girls lost the championship game to Immaculate Conception School in a three-game match. The Varsity Red team defeated Arden Cahill in their first match but was not successful against Hynes Charter in the second match.

The season was GREAT! Most girls went from serving underhand to overhand, and learned to be aggressive at the net, make good passes, and spike the ball. The girls also learned front-row player and back-row player responsibilities. The season has ended but not the love for the game. Keep working off-season and be ready for spring training and much more! We are so PROUD OF YOU.

~ *Coaches Tina, Caroline, and Tracy.*

## **IMPORTANT DATES**

- *Monday, November 2:* UNICEF boxes collection

- *Tuesday, November 3:* Sibling Applicant Meeting, 9 a.m., Carrollton campus cafeteria [see Oct. 22 Rare Bird or <http://www.auduboncharter.com> for details]
- *Tuesday, November 3:* Earthkeepers Parent Info Meeting, 5:30 P.M., Carrollton cafeteria: **4<sup>th</sup> grade parents are STRONGLY encouraged to attend**
- *Wednesday, November 4:* Individual Student Photo Retakes, Broadway and Carrollton campuses
- *Wednesday, November 4:* Sunship III Parent Info Meeting, 5:30 p.m., Carrollton campus cafeteria: **parents of 7<sup>th</sup> graders are STRONGLY encouraged to attend**
- *Friday, November 6:* Cookie Dough delivery
- *Tuesday, November 10:* PTO meeting general meeting, 6 p.m., Broadway campus cafeteria
- *Saturday, November 14:* FAME Board Meeting, 9 a.m., Broadway cafeteria
- *Saturday, November 14:* **FALL FETE!**
- *Wednesday, November 18:* Box Tops Collection Day: send in your box tops, UPCs, etc. in a Ziploc-style bag
- *Monday, November 23-Friday, November 27:* Thanksgiving Holidays: No School
- *Thursday, December 3:* Pre-K/Kindergarten Applicants Curriculum Meeting, 5:30 p.m., Broadway campus cafeteria
- *December 4-8 and 11-15:* Sunship II: 5<sup>th</sup> grade students' overnight trip in Covington, LA

## **BREAKFAST & LUNCH MENUS—OCT. 30-NOV. 6**

### **Friday, October 30**

*Lunch:* Popcorn chicken; creamed potatoes with sprinkled parsley; steamed mustard greens or green beans; fresh oranges or apples; whole wheat roll or sliced whole wheat bread

*Salad plate:* chef salad with spinach and beets; fresh oranges; crackers or roll

### **Monday, November 2**

*Breakfast:* grits and eggs or blueberry muffin; juice or grapes

*Lunch:* Jazzy red beans with ham and rice or chicken sandwich; tossed salad or seasoned spinach; orange or mixed fruit; whole wheat roll or sliced whole wheat bread; sugar cookie

*Salad plate:* Chef salad with beets; orange circles, crackers or roll

### **Tuesday, November 3**

*Breakfast:* brown sugar cinnamon oatmeal with turkey sausage or assorted cereal and toast; juice or banana

*Lunch:* Cheeseburger on bun; potato wedges or French fries; seasoned carrots or green peas; golden apple or chilled peaches; whole wheat rolls

*Salad plate:* vegetarian salad with boiled eggs; golden apples; crackers or roll

### **Wednesday, November 4**

*Breakfast:* grits with turkey bacon or waffles with syrup; chilled pears or juice

*Lunch:* Chicken or turkey noodle soup or grilled cheese; seasoned spinach or mixed vegetables; fresh grapes or apples or banana; whole wheat roll

*Salad plate:* tuna salad with lettuce; fresh grapes; crackers or roll

### **Thursday, November 5**

*Breakfast:* French toast or assorted cereal and toast or muffin; fruit cup or juice

*Lunch:* Roasted chicken; yellow seasoned rice with peas; green beans or frozen mixed vegetables; fresh fruit or chilled pears; whole wheat roll

*Salad plate:* chicken salad with lettuce; mixed fruit; crackers or roll

### **Friday, November 6**

*Breakfast:* grits with egg squares or toast with egg squares; chilled peaches or pears

*Lunch:* Fish on bun or fish strips; potato wedge or creamed potatoes with cheese; lettuce and tomato with pickles; satsuma or mixed fruit; whole wheat oatmeal raisin cookie

*Salad plate:* yogurt with fresh fruit; graham crackers

## **PARIS 2010**

Everyone in the middle school has an opportunity to go to Paris, France, for an exciting visit. After our first meeting, where we discussed a lot of information, you might have made up your mind to join in this great trip.

Remember to bring back to school the papers and the deposit to Ms Lechat by November 11<sup>th</sup> and enroll at [EFtours.com](http://EFtours.com) before November 30<sup>th</sup>.

These deadlines must be respected for us to plan further.

Any questions? Email me at  
[Laurence\\_lechat@auduboncharter.com](mailto:Laurence_lechat@auduboncharter.com)

~ L. Lechat

## **FALL FETE NEWS**



**Date and Time:** November 14, Broadway Campus, 11a.m. to 5 p.m. FREE Admission!

**Volunteer Information:** The sign up sheets for Fall Fete are available online at <http://www.friendsofjuduboncharter.org>. Just log into the site and go to the Fete Sign-Up area to choose the shift and activity that you want. We depend on your participation to make this a fun and successful event. Last year we had an army of volunteers. Let's do it again!! If you haven't signed up yet, please do so and when you do, be sure to enter the authorization code, 1337, at the bottom of the account information page. This code limits access to the directory and other features to the ACS community.

Please make sure you update your account details so we have your contact info on file. This help us to organize and make things run smoothly. If you have any trouble with the site or have any questions, call or email Tracy at 723-5147 or [tracy.cameron@gmail.com](mailto:tracy.cameron@gmail.com).

**Tents Needed—Earn 5 Volunteer Hours:** We need fifteen (15) tents, size 10x10 feet, EZ Pop Up. You earn five volunteer hours for setting up your tent between 8:00 a.m and 8:30 a.m. and taking it down at the end of the Fete.

**Second Line Children's Group:** Our Fall Fete will begin with a second line performed by our own Audubon Kids. Darryl Young with Dancing Man 504 has volunteered to meet with children who would like to participate. There will be three practices after school on the Broadway campus: October 30, November 6, and November 13. If you

would like your child to participate, please bring your child into the Broadway cafeteria right after school on Friday and sign up. We would also like you to sign-up your child's name by e-mail, providing your contact information as well. Please email [FallFeteSecondLine@cox.net](mailto:FallFeteSecondLine@cox.net).

**Questions re: Fall Fete?** Please e-mail [FallFeteQuestions@cox.net](mailto:FallFeteQuestions@cox.net) or contact a Fall Fete Committee Member directly. Contact information for Fall Fete Committee Members can be found at [www.friendsofjuduboncharter.org](http://www.friendsofjuduboncharter.org).

**Music:** A fantastic line-up of musicians has donated their time to our Fall Fete: Kin Folks Brass Band, with a second line by Heel 2 Toe and Dancing Man 504; Coot; Sarah Quintana; Wazozo; Country Fried; and Margie Perez. Go to [www.friendsofjuduboncharter.org](http://www.friendsofjuduboncharter.org) for more information about the musicians.

**Food:** Get ready for Audubon Charter's Char-Grilled Oysters, Red Beans and Rice from Sheriff Gusman, Chicken and Pesto Pasta from Fresco's, Chicken Tajine from Jamila's Café, soft tacos from Chevy's Fresh Mex, Creole Country Sausage Po-Boys, Mediterranean Garden Sandwiches from Cafe Rani, *cochon de lait* from Michaul's, Gumbo and Potato Salad from Cochon, lasagna from Domenica's, food from Figaro's, pizza from Domino's, and hot dogs from the Blow Family and much more!

**Basket Raffle:** Gift baskets prepared by each class will be raffled for \$2.00 a chance.

**Cake Silent Auction and Contest—Cakes from Around the World:** Make a cake celebrating our international theme. Cakes will be auctioned to the highest bidder, and a winner will be chosen.

**T-Shirts:** T-shirts will be sold featuring our beautiful Fall Fete logo, designed by parent Charles Cameron.

## **BUY GREAT COFFEE, HELP SEND FRENCH FIFTH GRADE TO PARIS!**

The French Program is having a coffee sale in support of the current 5th grade class and their upcoming trip to France in Spring 2010.

This premium 100% arabica bean coffee is sold as whole or ground beans, in medium or dark roast, \$10 per 12oz. bag.

The sale runs **now** through November 5<sup>th</sup>. Deliveries start Nov. 17<sup>th</sup>, just in time for the holidays!

~ *Secret Mbaye*

### **2009-2010 ACS YEARBOOK**

I'm looking for a few volunteers to help me on the yearbook committee. Ideally, this committee will include two parents from Carrollton and two from Broadway as well as interested 8th grade students and a teacher/advisor. We will be collecting photos and information throughout the year and organizing it into a 70-page book that will include the entire school. If anyone has pictures of events that have already taken place this year, please send them to [audubonyearbook@gmail.com](mailto:audubonyearbook@gmail.com) with a short description and the names and grades of the persons in the photos.

Also, we are taking a poll to see what kind of book folks are interested in. The choices are:

- full color hard cover for \$30
- full color soft cover for \$25
- b/w soft cover for \$16

Please email your choice to [audubonyearbook@gmail.com](mailto:audubonyearbook@gmail.com). We will make our decision based on your input so let us know what you want!

~*Tracy Keller Cameron, PTO Membership Chair*

### **CC'S CASH FOR SCHOOLS**

Every time you make a purchase at CC's coffee house or collect the UPC from any CC's product, you can gain points for Audubon Charter. These points translate into dollars donated to the school from Community Coffee at the end of the year, money which can be used in any way we need. To redeem points, go to CC's and get any prepaid coffee card, then go to <https://www.mycscard.com> and click on "Register." Fill out the form and enter the ACS school code 100347. Every purchase you make with this card at CC's earns ACS points. Keep saving the UPC's from Community products to turn in with your Box Tops on the collection days. Until

then, I'll see you at CC's for a coffee and muffin! (Ring them up separately and get us two points instead of one!!!)

~*Tracy Cameron, PTO Membership Chair*

### **COOKIE DOUGH DELIVERY**

Cookie Dough orders from the Innisbrook Sale will be delivered to the Carrollton and Broadway campuses Friday, November 6<sup>th</sup>. We do not have an exact time of delivery, but it will be after 11:30 p.m. If you made a large order, you may want to come pick it up directly from school instead of having your student bring it home. Also, if your children are in aftercare, you may want to pick up earlier than 6:00 p.m. so it does not thaw. If you would like to help with distribution, please e-mail Jeannie Jones at [basiebites@gmail.com](mailto:basiebites@gmail.com).

Gift wrap delivery will be scheduled at a later date. We will keep you advised. Thanks!

~*Jennifer McNamara, PTO Fundraising Co-chair*

### **CREEPY MOVIE NIGHT!**

Want to see a "scary movie," have good food, wear your costume, or just have fun? Then come on out!

The French Fifth Grade is having a movie night Friday, October 30<sup>th</sup>, from 6.00 p.m. to 8.00 p.m., in the lot behind 969 Filmore Av. at Gen. Haig, close to the Orleans Canal bridge. The *spooktacular* presentation will be:

**It's the Great Pumpkin, Charlie Brown  
&  
The Nightmare before Christmas**

Admission is \$1 and food and beverages will be sold. All proceeds benefit the class trip to France in the spring.

### **HALLOWEEN ON HILLARY**

The 3<sup>rd</sup> annual Halloween on Hillary block party, featuring the "Best Dressed" house contest, will be held Saturday, October 31<sup>st</sup> from 6-8 p.m. in the 300-500 blocks of Hillary St. Streets will be blocked off by UTNA to provide safe, enjoyable trick-or-treating. Questions? Contact Linda Baynham at 504-606-7315 or Kyle at [kylebk@cox.net](mailto:kylebk@cox.net).