



# PANTHER PRIDE

A WEEKLY NEWSLETTER FOR THE MENAUL SCHOOL COMMUNITY

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## ATTENTION -

ALL ATHLETES NEED TO MAKE SURE THEY HAVE THEIR PHYSICALS COMPLETED AND TURNED IN BY:



**FOOTBALL AUGUST 1, 2011**  
**VOLLEYBALL AUGUST 8, 2011**



### Students~

Join Mr. Sitler and Ms. Harrell for an incredible opportunity to travel abroad next summer!

With a special focus on Religion and Art History we will be visiting Italy from May 29th through June 6th, 2012. It is going to be an amazing educational experience that is worth your time and energy. Highlights include: Gelateria Tour and Tasting in Rome, Rome Sightseeing, Vatican Museums, Rome Culture Quest, Coliseum, Pizza Making Lesson and Dinner, Florence Sightseeing with Headsets, Academia, Master the Fresco, Venice Culture Quest.

You can peruse the trip details at [www.acis.com](http://www.acis.com) look up Italy. Registration begins now. If you are interested in going but need financial assistance please look at the ACIS scholarship page. There are photography and video competitions open to you throughout the year that can help fund your dream. Feel free to email Ms. Harrell with any specific questions at [mharrell@menaulschool.com](mailto:mharrell@menaulschool.com). Register today at [www.acis.com](http://www.acis.com). Look out Rome, Florence and Venice....here come the Menaul Panthers!



First Day of School

Is

**August 17, 2011**

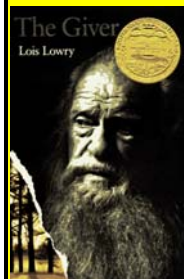
Information Packets  
will be mailed out this  
week!

### SUMMER READING

**Upper School:**

**Life of Pi**

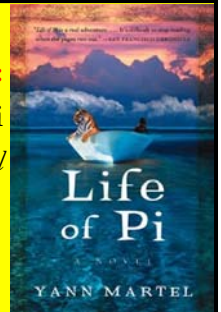
By Yann Martel



**Middle School:**

**The Giver**

By Lois Lowry



**Students, please have your book finished by the first day of school, Wednesday, August 17th!**

### IMPORTANT WEBSITE LINKS

MPA - <http://www.menaulschool.com/frmContent.aspx?PageName=MPA>

Panther Pride Archive - <http://www.menaulschool.com/frmPantherPride.aspx>



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## *Menaul School Welcomes New Faculty & Staff To Our Community*

### **TYLER BODINE**

Tyler will be joining the Menaul School community this year as a Middle School science teacher. Since graduating with a B.S. in Geology from the University of the South in Sewanee, TN, Tyler has traveled extensively across the United States and abroad.

Tyler is very excited about living in the Rio Grande Rift and looks forward to incorporating field work into his classroom. He is passionate about science and recently completed a successful year teaching Advanced Placement (AP) Chemistry in Florida, where he was awarded Teacher of the Year at Spruce Creek High School.

Tyler's hobbies include running, gardening and swimming. He plans to run the Duke City Marathon in October.



### **DARRYL E. BRYANT**

After retiring as a Captain from the United States Air Force with over 28 years of service, Darryl enjoys spending time with his wife and two sons and traveling at every opportunity. He enjoys music, specifically synthesizers and digital music production and black and white photography.

Darryl currently writes for Worship Leader magazine and helps bring their annual conference to Albuquerque. He has also recently created a spiritually uplifting screenplay and looks to focus more on creative nonfiction. He hopes to bring his passion for writing and worship to Menaul School in a unique way that will always glorify God.

Darryl loves to blend classic with contemporary literature. He feels that literature opens the door for critical thinking, creativity and collaboration. Darryl believes that the acquisition of knowledge and wisdom is a life-long process and he hopes to inspire Menaul students to have a fulfilling commitment to learning in every aspect of their life.

Darryl's degrees include:

- MA Elementary Education (graduated with distinction), University of New Mexico, K-8 and K-12 Licensure
- MBA with emphasis in Leadership (graduated with honors), Grand Canyon University, Arizona
- MFA Creative Writing, National University, California

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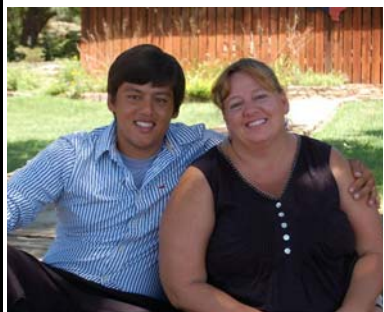
## ELIZABETH BALL

Elizabeth has spent most of her life in New Mexico. Her educational background is in Science, specifically Biology. Both her undergraduate and graduate degrees were completed at the New Mexico Institute of Mining and Technology in Socorro, NM: a B.S. in Biology in 2004 and an M.S. in Biology in 2006.

Elizabeth has been a certified teacher in New Mexico for four years. She has taught secondary science courses for three years - two years at the high school level and one year at the middle school level - in Roswell. Those courses include: Biology, Chemistry, Physical Science, and Earth and Space Science.

In addition to her teaching duties, Elizabeth sponsored extracurricular school activities such as: Math, Engineering and Science Achievement (MESA) Club, Science Olympiad, Upward Bound, and various community service projects. She also has some experience teaching postsecondary Biology Labs.

Elizabeth feels that the most rewarding component of being an educator is the continual opportunity to help students learn and grow. Aside from teaching, Elizabeth enjoys running, snowboarding, and most other outdoor activities. She is very excited to be in Albuquerque and to be a part of Menaul School.



## SANDRA DEALE

Sandra grew up in Texas and Oklahoma, graduating from Edmond (OK) Memorial High School where she excelled at volleyball. Sandra participated in the Junior Olympics and went on to play one year for Central State University in Edmond.

While working for Hastings Books, Music and Video, Sandra was transferred to Farmington, NM to open a new store. It was there that she met her husband, Roger Deale. Roger and Sandra married in August of 1991. Their son, Joshua, was born in December 1992. After several moves back and forth between Oklahoma and New Mexico, the Deale's settled in Albuquerque 10 years ago. Josh started at Menaul School his 8th grade year and graduated this past May (2011).

Sandra likes to spend time with the students she has met over the years at Menaul School. During the years since Josh started at Menaul, Sandra has spent her spare time traveling with the sports teams and volunteering for various events, "adopting" numerous students in the process.

In October 2010, Sandra was offered a part-time dorm parent position with Menaul School. She gladly accepted and this year she is looking forward to serving as a full-time dorm parent.

Sandra enjoys spending time outdoors. Especially camping trips to Chama and taking their dogs, Haley and Lilly anywhere close to water.

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## CATHARINE JONES

Catharine joined the Menaul School family on January 3, 2011 as the Assistant to the Head of School. We apologize for taking so long to get around to her “official” introduction!

Catharine and her husband, Adam, moved to Albuquerque from Denver, Colorado, just a year ago. Drawn to the Southwest, they love the traditions, events, and food of New Mexico. Adam is finishing his graduate degree in History and Creative Writing from Western New Mexico University. Catharine has enjoyed every moment of her first year at Menaul School and is very thankful for the special, connected community she now proudly calls her home away from home.

In addition to serving the Menaul School community, Catharine also uses her acting degree in Albuquerque’s film and television market – so stay tuned. Other than being avid movie goers and critics and readers of good books, the Jones’ take every opportunity they get to climb a mountain, play racquetball or Frisbee, or go hiking and camping with their puggle, Tobey.



## KIM LEIFESTE

Kim joins Menaul School as the Director of Boarding Admission and Marketing. Kim comes to Menaul after serving eight years as Director of Technology at Bosque School. During her time at Bosque School she was actively involved in the Admission Department serving as an interviewer, parent tour guide, and in admission events. Kim was instrumental in implementing the Bosque School student information system, including the admission module, online application and online re-enrollment.

From a marketing perspective, Kim was responsible for the school web site and electronic communications systems. Prior to joining Bosque School, Kim was a management consultant to educational, financial, and government firms in New Mexico. Kim has a finance degree from the University of Texas at Austin and an MBA from the University of New Mexico.

Kim and her husband, Gordon, have always been strong supporters of independent school education, sending both their children, Lauren and Michael to independent schools. Kim is honored and excited to be a part of the Menaul School community and looks forward to meeting the students, parents, faculty and staff. In her spare time, Kim enjoys traveling, reading and hiking the beautiful mountains of New Mexico with her empty-nest labrador retriever, Bailey.

## DOMINIC B OTERO

Dominic attended Menaul School from 1999-2003. After graduating from Menaul School he attended the University of New Mexico where in received a Bachelor of Arts degree in Interpersonal

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Communication with a minor in Social Welfare in 2008. Since graduating from UNM, Dominic has worked with kids with physical and/or developmental disabilities as well as troubled and disadvantaged youth.

Dominic enjoys spending time with his friends and family, playing with his three dogs, reading and is infatuated with Survivor. Dominic is very excited to return to the Menaul family to serve as a dorm parent.



**ANA ROGGE**

This is Ana's first year teaching at Menaul School and she couldn't be more enthusiastic about the opportunity to work in such a supportive and productive environment.

Originally from Sao Paulo, Brazil, Ana moved to Boston to pursue an undergraduate degree in Economics. She then moved to Berlin, Germany, where she worked as a translator for a science and educational textbook company before accepting a position as an educational researcher for UNICEF in the Brazilian Rain Forest.

There Ana helped develop programs for indigenous school systems, worked with local teachers and administrators and discovered her love of teaching. This led to a position teaching math and SAT prep at the Discovery School, an international school in Tegucigalpa, Honduras, with students from over twenty countries.

At this point Ana was hooked on teaching and decided to continue to focus her career on education, moving to Iowa to pursue a graduate degree. Her research on the role of language in math education won the Hudson Human Social Sciences Award.

Happily relocating to the sunshine and warmth of Albuquerque, Ana taught at a local charter high school and discovered the joys of desert gardening, breakfast burritos, green chili, the Bosque bike path and the Menaul School, where her son Leon is a very happy and comfortable student.



**LARA UFFENHEIMER**

Lara is the Assistant to Academics and Boarding Life. Originally from the East Coast, this is her second time living in Albuquerque.

Lara graduated from The University of Maryland with a Bachelor's Degree in Family Studies. She also holds an Associates Degree in Early Childhood Education from Montgomery College. Lara loves working with children of all ages and is very excited to join the Menaul School team!

When she is not at work she enjoys spending time with her family, friends, dog, cat and two frogs. She enjoys playing kickball, riding her bike, taking walks and Hula Hooping on the Wii. She also loves being able to go back to New York and enjoy life in the Big Apple while visiting her mom.



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## PICTURE DAY IS ON THE FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL!

*Please come dressed in your uniform on the first day of school and be ready to say "Cheese!"*

Picture packages must be purchased on the day portraits are take.

## Menaul School 2011 - 2012 DESSERT SOCIAL

**Date:** Sunday, August 14th  
**Time:** Beginning at 5:30 p.m.  
**Place:** The Commons

*Come and meet new families and share some yummy deserts!*

Sponsored by  
*the Menaul School Parents Association*



*"Breakfast with the Board" is a monthly, informal gathering designed to give individuals a chance to visit our wonderful campus interact with our bright students and world class staff and ask questions of our leadership team.*

## BREAKFAST WITH THE BOARD DATES

*(All Are Wednesdays)*

31 August 2011	28 September 2011	26 October 2011
16 November 2011	25 January 2012	29 February 2012
28 March 2012	25 April 2012	

### *-Agenda-*

8:15 Welcome & Breakfast (**On us**)  
 8:40 Campus Tour with Head of School, Lindsey Gilbert  
 9:30 Chapel  
 9:50 Conclusion

Please RSVP to Francine Stewart at 505.341.7233 or email: [FStewart@MenaulSchool.com](mailto:FStewart@MenaulSchool.com)





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## LOOK

### *WHO STOPPED BY -*

**Delfinio (Class of 1952) and Cordelia (Class of 1953) Arellano** are visiting from Jacksonville, Oregon. They brought their granddaughter Victoria to see where they attended high school. While visiting they ran into **Dr. Ambrosio Ortega** and his family. What a wonderful time they all had catching up with one other!



**Norma Valverde** spent her sophomore year at Menaul School! Norma is visiting from San Benito, Texas. Norma came to look at the pictures in the hall of fame! If Norma would have graduated from Menaul School she would have been in the Class of 1985! She would like to say "Hello" to all of her classmates!



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## *Women of Menaul School*

*welcomes faculty, students, friends, mothers,  
grandmothers, and neighbors, to a*

### **FALL TEA**

Save the date:

**Saturday, August 27, 2011**

**1:00 P.M. -3:00 P.M.**

*Sponsored by*

**INSTITUTIONAL ADVANCEMENT**

**TEA WILL BE HOSTED AT THE HOME OF:**

**Susie MacLean**

**1709 Quail Run Court, N.E.**

*Fundraiser and Welcome*

*\$30 Minimum Suggested Donation*



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<span style="background-color: #f4a460; border: 1px solid black; display: inline-block; width: 10px; height: 10px;"></span>	Begin & End of Mods/Quarters
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**Attendance Line:**  
**505/341-7255**



		August								
		20						11		
		S	M	T	W	T	F	S		
Jul 31 - ESL Camp									17 - Orientation/ First Day of School	
1 - Fall Sports Begin		31							18-19 - All School Camping Trip	
10 - New Teacher Orientation									22 - Mod 1/ Quarter 1 begins	
11-12 - Teacher Orientation									27 - Fall Tea	
13 - Boarding Students Arrive between 12-6 pm										
15-16 - Faculty Work Day										

		September								
		20						11		
		S	M	T	W	T	F	S		
5 - Labor Day-No School									23 - US No School	
7 - Parent Night									26 - Mod 2 Begins	
7 - US Progress Reports Sent									28 - National Art Induction	
13 - Menaul Challenge										
14 - MS Progress Reports Sent										
22 - Mod 1 Ends										

		October								
		20						11		
		S	M	T	W	T	F	S		
5 - National Honor Society Induction									21 - Half day/ Coronation 12 pm release	
6 - Fall Band Concert									22 - Homecoming	
12 - US Progress Reports Sent									27 - Mod 2 Ends	
13 - 1st Quarter Ends									28 - US No School	
14 - MS No School									31 - Mod 3 Begins	
17 - 2nd Quarter Begins										

		November								
		20						11		
		S	M	T	W	T	F	S		
6 - Menaul Showcase									22 - Boarding Students Leave between 5-8 pm	
9 - MS Progress Reports Sent									23-25 - Thanksgiving Break	
11 - Veterans Day/ No School									27 - Boarding Students Return between 12-6 pm	
16 - US Progress Reports Sent										
17-18 - APS Drama Festival										
22 - GrandPanther Tea										

		December								
		20						11		
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2-3 - Drama Performances									15-17 - Bugg Light Invite	
9 - Bugg Lights Opening Night									16 - Faculty Work Day - MS/US No School	
10 - Menaul Honor Dinner									17 - Boarding Students Leave between 5-8 pm	
14 - Holiday Band Concert									19-30 - Christmas Break	
15 - 2nd Quarter Ends										
15 - Mod 3 Ends										

		January								
		20						12		
		S	M	T	W	T	F	S		
1 - Boarding Students Return between 4-8 pm									18 - School Science Fair	
2 - Faculty Work Day - MS/US No School									19 - US Progress Reports Sent	
3 - Back To School									25 - MS Progress Reports Sent	
3 - Mod 4 Begins										
3 - Quarter 3 Begins										
16 - Martin Luther King Jr. Day- No School										

## Menaul School 2011-2012 Academic Calendar

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		20 February 12									
		S	M	T	W	T	F	S			
3 - Mod 4 Ends						1	2	3	4	20 - Presidents Day- No School	
6 - US No School										22 - US Progress Reports Sent	
7 - Mod 5 Begins		5	6	7	8	9	10	11	23 - Winter Band Concert		
9 - Head of School Day		12	13	14	15	16	17	18			
15-18 - Portales Drama Fest		19	20	21	22	23	24	25			
17 - Early Release @ 1 pm		26	27	28	29						

		20 March 12									
		S	M	T	W	T	F	S			
2 - Quarter 3 Ends							1	2	3	12-16 - Spring Break	
2-3 - Drama Performance										18 - Boarding Students Return between 12-6 pm	
5 - MS No School		4	5	6	7	8	9	10	19 - Mod 6 Begins		
6 - Quarter 4 Begins		11	12	13	14	15	16	17	22 - 11th Grade Registration - 6 pm		
8 - 8th Grade Transition Night - 6 pm		18	19	20	21	22	23	24	28 - 10th Grade Registration - 6 pm		
9 - Mod 5 Ends/ Early Release @ 1 pm		25	26	27	28	29	30	31	29 - 9th Grade Registration - 6 pm		
9 - Boarding Students Leave between 5-8 pm											

		20 April 12								
		S	M	T	W	T	F	S		
2-5 - Mission Week									24 - Mod 6 Ends	
6 - Good Friday- No School		1	2	3	4	5	6	7	25 - US No School	
9 - Easter Monday- No School		8	9	10	11	12	13	14	26 - Mod 7 Begins	
11 - US Progress Reports Sent		15	16	17	18	19	20	21		
18 - MS Progress Reports Sent		22	23	24	25	26	27	28		
21 - Prom		29	30							

		20 May 12									
		S	M	T	W	T	F	S			
4-5 - MAD Fest					1	2	3	4	5	24 - 8th Grade Rite of Passage - 11am	
9 - US Progress Reports										25 - Faculty Work Day/ Baccalaureate - 7pm	
16-17 - Capstone Presentations		6	7	8	9	10	11	12	26 - Graduation - 10 am		
17 - Spring Band Concert		13	14	15	16	17	18	19	26 - Boarding Students Leave between 3-8 pm		
23 - Menaul Honors - 6 pm		20	21	22	23	24	25	26	28 - Memorial Day		
24 - Last Day of School - 12pm Release		27	28	29	30	31			29-30 - Faculty Work Days		

		20 June 12									
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		24	25	26	27	28	29	30			

Happy Summer!

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