

February 26, 2010

# ALMALATINA! *Gala 2010*



## Clear Water Academy Presents

### GALA2010: ALMALATINA!

Welcome to ALMALATINA and the first of several Gala newsletters as we count down to GALA2010! Keep an eye on our newsletter to keep informed about all things Gala until our big event on Saturday, MAY 1 at HOTEL ARTS. Among other things, our newsletter will be profiling auction items to give you a sneak preview of the many great things you can BID on at the Gala. We will also recognize you and/or your company for your auction item donations and financial support.

Invitations are scheduled to go out in early MARCH (via regular mail). This year's EARLY-BIRD tickets will be available until MARCH 29. As an EARLY-BIRD ticket purchaser, you will receive both a reduced price and a chance to WIN \$1,000 TO SPEND AT THE GALA! RSVP early, SEATING IS LIMITED! Attending the event is the best way to experience the fun, spirit and passion that ALMALATINA! will be!

If you have any questions or need additional information, please contact Natasha Sorobey at [natasha\\_sorobey@mac.com](mailto:natasha_sorobey@mac.com). Stay connected to all of the latest Gala information and view copies of the GALA2010 newsletters on our website [www.clearwateracademy.com](http://www.clearwateracademy.com).

### **GIFT GATHERING DAY** (also known as GG Day)

Given this year's two-week Easter Break prior to the Gala, we strongly encourage families who wish to donate an item to the Gala auction to aim for MARCH 19 (parking lot drop-off) or MARCH 26, to bring in your auction item donations. You may also drop-off a donation form as your pledge for an item to be delivered by APRIL 19 (last GG Day), allowing our volunteers time to catalog the items before the auction.

Don't know what to drop-off or pledge? There will be a WISH LIST of suggestions that you can sign up for at the Gift Gathering. Forms and the WISH LIST can be found on our website at [www.clearwateracademy.com](http://www.clearwateracademy.com), or ask for one at the upper or lower school reception. If you would like to arrange for delivery of an item before MARCH 19, or at another pre-arranged time, please contact Laura Chutny at (403) 478-4758, or via email at [lchutny@gmail.com](mailto:lchutny@gmail.com). We thank you for your efforts and contributions to a successful Gala2010!

Please join us in thanking our first corporate sponsor



for their support of GALA2010: Alma Latina!

One of the most overlooked and under appreciated aspects of Latin America is its brilliant and complex culture. The sports, the paintings, the songs, the dances, and the rituals that make up so much of daily life in Latin America. Latin American culture is grace, history, love, and most importantly, passion.

Leo Praesen

## JOIN THE FUN AND LEND A HAND!

### volunteers

Our Annual Spring Gala is a fabulous evening organized by a talented team of parent volunteers. This spectacular event is a unique opportunity for the members of our community to join the fun and help make the evening a success. It takes many hands to organize this event and raise the funds needed to support our wonderful school.

New to the school? Want to meet new people? You will meet great people and make a difference to the success of the event. Please contact Bonnie DeGroot at (403) 283-020, or via email at [berniedegroot@shaw.ca](mailto:berniedegroot@shaw.ca).



### sponsors

There are many ways to financially support the Gala. **CORPORATE** support will receive marketing exposure through promotional materials before and during the event, and on the Gala website. Don't let your business miss out on an opportunity to help! **FAMILIES** can financially support the Gala too! We welcome financial support for a variety of elements of the event. You can help make the event more beautiful ( help pay for centre pieces); make it more fun (help pay for the wine at the tables (ha!)); make it more lively, (help pay for entertainment) or just make yourself feel good (help pay for anything!). Personal donations are eligible for a tax receipt and are a wonderful way to support this important fundraiser! Thank you!

For further information, please contact Patrizia Ruggieri at (403) 969-8395, or via email at [mamma3@telus.net](mailto:mamma3@telus.net).

## WHAT'S NEXT? need the scoop?

Upcoming items for the month of March are:

- Choose your dress (beg or borrow)
- **MARCH 8** - Invitation Mail-Out ~ RSVP Early! Seating is Limited!
- **MARCH 17** - Kid's Toonie Fundraiser - Green is Life! Send the kids dressed in green and jeans! All monies raised from this event will go to the Kids Cancer Care Foundation of Alberta.
- **MARCH 19** - Parking lot donation drop-off.
- **MARCH 26** - Gift Gathering Day!
- **MARCH 29** - Early-Bird Ticket deadline - **Win \$1,000 to spend at the Gala!**

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## Mary has many names....

The various appearances of Mary in Latin America exemplify her love.

Mary our Mother has appeared many times throughout the Americas; she is an integral part of Latin American culture.

"( She) has a historical significance, a religious significance," Bishop Placido Rodriguez, of Celaya, Mexico said. "It's so vast, I can't just simply capture it all at once. That is our culture, our identity. We recognize that Mary was already here in our presence, in our midst... She was already owner of this continent."

On many occasions Mary, who became known as *La Virgencita*, has appeared as a female Indian or mestizo, touching the hearts of those who hear her message. Thru Mary, we know that Jesus Christ, her son, is LOVE.

***"Mary give me your heart, so beautiful, so pure, so immaculate; your heart so full of love and humility that I may be able to receive Jesus in the bread of life and love Him as you love Him and serve Him."* Mother Theresa**

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**KID'S CONTEST! Win a \$10 gift certificate to Chapters! Clip and complete the entry form. Answer the question. Put the entry form in the Kids' Contest box at either school's Reception office. One entry per child per week. The draw will be held on MARCH 4, 2010!**

## WHICH VIRGIN AM I?

(Question for February 26)

I appeared on Tuesday, December 9, 1531 on Tepeyac hill, Mexico. I left roses for Juan Diego to show to the Bishop. My message was to make known the gospel to Mexico's native children. My message to you through Juan Diego, was to show and give all of Jesus' love and compassion, to offer help and protection, because I am your loving Mother. In the 7 years after my apparition, 8 million natives converted to the Catholic faith. **Which Virgin Am I?**

ANSWER: \_\_\_\_\_

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_ GRADE: \_\_\_\_\_