

Madonna Memos

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WELCOME BACK!

The faculty and staff wish all of you a happy, holy and healthy 2012!

2012 CALENDARS

Need a new calendar? The PA Attorney General's Office has generously provided us with a free copy of their Drug Free 2012 calendar. Make sure you check out October's picture where our very own Madison Walsh's creative talents are featured!

MADONNA'S GEOGRAPHY BEE

8th grader Michael Hudak is this year's winner of the annual Geography Bee sponsored by the National Geographic Society. Second place winner was 6th grader Gabby Fronzaglio with Nathan Schollaert, also of 6th grade, taking third. Other students participating in the final round were Jennie Bostich, Natalie Glaneman, Elaina Serrao, Chase Angotti, Cole Bianchi, Luke Greaves, and MacKenzie Stablein. As winner at the school level, Michael will now take a written test to determine if he is eligible to participate in the state bee. Congratulations and good luck!

PLEASE BE ADVISED

Our MCRS students were the recipients of some fantastic Christmas gifts from Santa, family, and friends. We realize that it is tempting for your child to bring some of those items to school, especially during these months of indoor recess. However, we will not be responsible for any items that are lost, stolen, or broken.

We also remind you of our cell phone policy. Cell phones are not to be used during the school day. At no time should any electronic device be used to take pictures of anyone without their knowledge or uploaded to the internet. Any item that interferes with the educational or faith formation process may be confiscated.

BOOKS

We will hold a new and gently used book sale during Catholic Schools Week with profits benefiting the Monongahela Library. This is the perfect time to go through bookshelves at home and send in donations to make room for those new Christmas gifts. Please spread the word to family and friends. Both new and gently used books will be accepted.

HERE WE GO

Students and staff may wear Steelers, black & gold, or MCRS spirit wear tomorrow, Friday, January 6th, with jeans and sneakers!

EPIPHANY PARTY TIME

Students in grades K-5 will enjoy games, crafts and goodies tomorrow afternoon. Thank you in advance to all party volunteers!

FRIENDLY REMINDERS

Tuition payment #7 should be in by Tuesday, January 10th.

Next Friday, January 13, 2012 is an early dismissal day. Students will be dismissed at 11:30 AM. There is a faculty meeting. No breakfast or lunch will be served. Monday, January 16th is the Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday. School will not be in session.

PARTY TIME

Whether you would like to volunteer your talents as a hostess or committee member, attend this fun event, or just contribute to the Chinese Auction baskets, please read the enclosed flyers for important information about our annual Calendar Theme Party. For those interested in volunteering, there will be an important planning meeting at the school on Monday, January 9th at 7:00 PM.

GOLDEN APPLE

The Golden Apple Award was established to honor outstanding individuals who devote their lives to teaching in Catholic Schools. If you are interested in nominating a teacher please call Mrs. Brown to receive a nomination form. **All nominations will be accepted until January 17, 2012.**

HOAGIES

Aren't you in the mood for a delicious MCRS Athletic Association Hoagie? Use the enclosed form and be sure to return your order with payment by Friday, January 13th. Delivery is the 19th. ALL support is greatly appreciated. You won't be disappointed! They are great! The deadline is absolutely firm. Do not miss out!

ASSESSMENT TIME IS NEARING

The next fundraising assessment report goes home in a few weeks. With the majority of our fundraisers behind us, you may want to take advantage of the current opportunities of a BIG \$25.00 credit per lottery calendar sold and \$10.00 credit per lottery ticket packet, Also, call Tracy about a time sensitive chance to earn assessment credit for your family.

GIFT CARDS

The holidays have depleted our gift card inventory. Our next order will be placed at 10:00 AM on Monday, January 9th. Please note that due to the holiday on 1/16, there will not be another order until Monday, January 23rd. Plan ahead to earn tuition or assessment credit!

YOUR ATTENTION PLEASE

A limited number of \$50.00 MCRS Lottery Calendars are available with \$25.00 credit per calendar sold earned toward your assessment. **All calendar payments are past due! Calendars that are not paid for will not be issued winnings if they hit!** Remaining numbers are available on a first-come, first-serve basis. Call Tracy for details.

SELLERS NEEDED \$1,000 IN GIFT CARDS UP FOR GRABS

On January 18th our \$2.00 ticket goes off to win \$1,000.00 in YOUR CHOICE of gift cards! Can you help us? We still have almost 400 tickets left to sell. Call the office for details.

SUPERBOWL FUN

Those who are interested in the \$20.00 Super Bowl Pool are asked to return the flyer along with payment ASAP. We still have many squares available! You do not want to miss out on the fun...the money... or the assessment credit. Call the office for details!

GIANT EAGLE SHOPPERS

Are you helping MCRS with every trip to Giant Eagle? All you need to do is register your Giant Eagle Advantage card. Call 1-800-474-4777. An automated system will talk you through the process. Our school ID number is 1238. You can also register by visiting the Giant Eagle website at www.gianteagle.com and click on the Apples for Students icon. Each time registered supporters shop at Giant Eagle using their Giant Eagle Advantage Card, they earn points for our school. These points are redeemed for great educational tools. The points are automatically credited to our school through the Giant Eagle Advantage Card. Please call!

PLEASE WATCH THIS WEEKS COUPON CIRCULARS

This weekend's coupon circulars will include a special offer from Campbells that will give us the potential to earn huge bonus points toward educational merchandise. Please watch for it and ask family and friends to do the same. Send it to the school office next week! The Campbell's Labels for Education Program is a great way to earn FREE merchandise for our school. Did you know that Pepperidge Farms, Franco American, Prego Sauce, Swanson, V-8 and Pace are members of the Campbell's Family? Every label helps!

EASY MONEY

The General Mills Box Tops for Education program is a simple way to earn CASH for educational tools. At .10 each, they really add up! Please send yours in all year long!

EMPTY INK CARTRIDGES AND OLD CELL PHONES = \$

MCRS participates in an easy fundraiser that helps the environment! Your empty computer printer ink cartridges and old cell phones help us raise cash! Please place them in a baggy and send them to the office. This is an ongoing project that benefits us all.

PAPER PLEA

We utilize good one-sided paper for worksheets. If you know of a company who is perhaps changing letterhead, or has paper we can use, please keep us in mind. Thank you!