

Madonna Memos

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RED RIBBON WEEK

The National Family Partnership was created in 1980 by parents across America in response to the rising level of youth drug use. The mission of the National Family Partnership is "to lead and support our nation's families and communities to nurture the full potential of healthy, drug-free youth." The National Family Partnership works to accomplish its mission through parent training and networking and sponsoring the National Red Ribbon Campaign. Everyone at MCRS is certainly enjoying a fun and educational Red Ribbon Week!

HALLOWEEN PARADE

Thank you to Helena Glaneman for organizing our float and pizza party for this year. Nearly fifty of our saintly students participated in this fun, community based activity. We won 3rd place for Best Group Costumes! Hold on to those Saint costumes for the All Saints Day Mass!

ALL SAINTS DAY - ALL ARE WELCOME

On Tuesday, November 1st, students in grades K-8 will attend the Noon Mass at either St. Damien, Our Lady of the Valley or Mary, Mother of the Church parish. Students dressing as Saints are asked to come to school in their uniform and BRING their costumes. They will be given time to change after their early lunch. Today's folder contains permission slips for students attending Mass at Our Lady of the Valley or Mary, Mother of the Church. Please join us!

ENGLISH FEST

Those 4th and 5th grade students that have signed up for the After School Program for English Fest are asked to stay on Tuesday, November 1st after school until 5:00 P.M. They are also asked to bring an after school snack if they would like one. They will be working with Mrs. Donovan and Mrs. Zunic and receive further information and a schedule for after school meetings. Students in grades 6-8 will be covering their English Fest books in class as part of their Language Arts Curriculum.

CONFERENCES

Parent-Teacher conferences will be held for students in grades K-8 on Monday, November 7th and Tuesday, November 8th. These students received a detailed flyer in their test folders last week. If you have not done so already, please complete and return the bottom portion of the flyer. You will receive a conference time slip soon. **Students in our Pre-School and Pre-Kindergarten programs will be in session both days!**

HOAGIES

MCRS Athletic Association hoagie orders are due by Friday, November 4th. Hoagies will be delivered to school on Thursday, November 10th. *Your support is always appreciated.*

MARKET DAY CUSTOMER REMINDER

Please remember that Market Day pickup for Monongahela is this Saturday, October 29th from 9:00 AM to 10:00 AM. There will be no Monongahela Market Day delivery in the month of November.

The **Charleroi Market Day** November pick-up time has been changed to 10:30 - 11:30 AM. Remember to stock up on all your holiday favorites! Thank you!

FUNDRAISING NEWS

The first assessment report of the school year will be sent home in the November 3rd family folder. It will include fundraising tallied by TOMORROW, Friday, October 28th. Keep in mind that the majority of our fundraising occurs before Christmas! Don't miss out!

DUE TOMORROW - All orders with payment are due back to school by Friday, October 28th for **Savory Sweets** cookie dough, gourmet popcorn, and mini cakes. No late orders can be accepted. Items will be delivered to MCRS on Monday, November 14th. The items cost \$12.00 and you earn \$5.00 per item sold toward your assessment.

We only have 60 **November Lottery tickets** left. Please call or send in a request if you can help. You can't win - or earn assessment credit- if you don't take part! Families earn \$10.00 per bundle of 10 sold toward your assessment. Thank you and good luck!

COUPON BOOKS! Our coupon book sales will continue only until Christmas break. We have been notified by all three companies that all sales will have to be concluded by mid-December. Don't miss out! *We have three books for sale in the office:*

- **Enjoy Books** - \$27.00 with \$10.00 profit earned toward your assessment.
- **Entertainment Books** - \$30.00 with \$6.00 profit earned toward your assessment.
- **Kidstuff Books** - \$25.00 with \$12.50 profit earned toward your assessment.

Our **Scrip** gift card program helps you earn assessment or tuition credit for purchases you are already making! Our next gift card order will be placed on Monday, October 31st at 10:00 AM. Gift cards will be sent home in Thursday's family folder. For additional information please call the school office! Earn 2% to 30% credit depending on the vendor. **Start thinking about your holiday shopping and how gift cards can earn dollars on money you are already spending!**

Sarris Christmas Candy orders with payment are due back at school by Monday, November 7th. Christmas candy will be delivered to MCRS on Monday, December 5th. Holiday sales earn 30% toward assessment. That really adds up!

Sarris candy bars and pretzel rods have been going fast! 50% profit per case sold really adds up! You may prepay and request candy bars and pretzels throughout the school year. Call the school office for more details. This is a sweet way to meet your assessment! Please be advised that we do not encourage door-to-door sales.

Lottery Calendars are back from the printer and will be distributed next week for all families who requested them. There are many lucky numbers still available! The calendars sell for \$50 and give 366 chances to win! You earn a 50% profit (\$25) toward your assessment for each calendar

sold. To join in the fun, send a written request with your holdout numbers or random selections and the calendars will be sent home in the family folder. Good Luck!

HELP! HELP! HELP!

As of today, we have only sold 12 tickets to our CASH BASH NIGHT AT THE RACES event. This is one of our MAJOR FUNDRAISERS and we MUST sell all 500 tickets. We also need to sell 100 HORSES for the race portion of the event. Only 14 horses have been sold. PLEASE do your part to make this fundraiser a success. Invite family and friends to join you for what promises to be a fun night out. We are again enclosing the SPOOKY SPECIAL flyer for your use.

In an effort to help sell these tickets, we are asking for volunteers to sit after each of the Masses in each of our parishes the weekend of November 5th and 6th. Please call Tracy to volunteer!