

Madonna Memos

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MIDDLE STATES - BIG CHANGE - PLEASE READ

We only get one chance to make a first impression! On Sunday, October 16th we greet our visiting Middle States team and want to show off our students! We invite your **K-8** children to be part of this special day by welcoming the team and honored guests in song! Everyone will gather in the Transfiguration Worship Site at 6:00 PM. The students will sing in church for the team beginning at 6:30 P.M. for approximately 30 minutes. Parents and guests are welcome to stay and watch their performance. All students who participate will receive a certificate for a free spirit wear, jean day. Kindly encourage your children to participate in this very important event for MCRS. Please return the enclosed flyer so that we can prepare for the day. Thank you!

MCRS JACKET ORDERS ARE DUE TOMORROW

Jacket order forms were sent home last week. All orders are due **TOMORROW**, Friday, October 7th. The company has a 6 jacket minimum. If we do not receive orders for at least six jackets, your deposit will be returned. You are welcome to take a look at the sample jackets in the school office.

ENGLISH FEST

Monday is the final day for students in grades 4 - 8 to return English Fest participation forms and payment for the books.

SCHOOL PICTURES & RE-TAKES

School pictures were distributed this week. Grilli's Studio will return to MCRS for picture retakes on Tuesday, November 8th for students in Grades K-8 and 2-day Early Childhood students. They will also be here on Wednesday, November 9th for 3-day and 5-day Early Childhood students. Anyone wishing a retake should return their picture envelope with all pictures except for the group photo! Those who were absent and/or need an order form should call or stop in the school office as soon as possible.

ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION MEETING

There is an Athletic Association meeting this evening at 6:00 PM in the school cafeteria. All are welcome to attend!

VOLLEYBALL 8TH GRADE RECOGNITION

On Wednesday October 12th our eighth grade volleyball players: Erin Guzik, Katie Sendek and Taylor Smydo will be honored between the JV game and Varsity game at Ringgold Middle School. Please come and support our Mustangs!

PROTECTING GOD'S CHILDREN

There will be a Protecting God's Children workshop hosted by St. Damien Parish in the school hall on Wednesday, October 12, 2011 beginning at 7:00 P.M. This workshop is one of five components of the Diocesan safe environment policy that must be completed in order to have an approved status as a volunteer for any parish or school. Please call the St. Damien Parish office at 724-258-7742 to register.

PLEASE RSVP - AUTUMN BLESSINGS BREAKFAST

Just a reminder, our next family breakfast will be held on Tuesday, October 18th from 8:00 to 8:30 AM. All reservations are requested by Thursday, October 13th.

FUNDRAISING NEWS

The fundraising assessment is set at \$600 in profit per family. All K-8 families are included in this assessment. Pre-school and Pre-Kindergarten families with no older siblings in our school are not required to fundraise; however, we appreciate everyone's help to reach our fundraising goal of \$125,000. The first assessment report of the school year will be sent home in the November 3rd family folder. It will include fundraising tallied by Friday, October 28th. **The majority of fundraising takes part at the beginning of the school year. *Jump on board!***

In order to help our MCRS families make their fundraising assessment, we have added another new opportunity to our fundraising menu, **Savory Sweets!** Today's folder contains a color brochure for delicious cookie dough, gourmet popcorn, and mini cakes. Items cost \$12.00 each and you earn \$5.00 per item sold toward your assessment. All orders with payment are due back to school by Friday, October 28th. Items will be delivered to MCRS on Monday, November 14th.

The Candle Cottage brochures were distributed last week and samples are in the office. Items range from \$10 to \$18 and you earn a whopping 50% toward your fundraising assessment! Orders and payment must be in by Thursday, October 13th. The delivery date is scheduled for October 31st. Checks should be made payable to MCRS.

October Lottery Tickets have been distributed. The ticket goes off on October 21st at 7:00 pm with \$1000 in Gift Cards going to the lucky winner. Today's folder contains an order form for the **November Lottery Ticket**. Please return the bottom portion quickly so you do not miss out. Thank you and good luck!

2012 Lottery Calendar requests should be returned ASAP. The calendars have been sent to the printer and will be distributed as soon as they are finished. It is important that we sell ALL 1,000 calendars. You earn \$25.00 per calendar sold toward your assessment. They make great gifts!

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 10th 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. Plan early and purchase cards for Christmas gifts!

COUPON BOOKS! *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.

You can also earn free Kidstuff books (1 free for every 5 sold).

Cases of **Sarris** candy bars are available for sale. Families earn a hefty 50% of candy bar sales toward their assessment! There are 32 candy bars in a case. Remember, **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! Call the school office with any fundraising questions. Remember, we do not encourage door-to-door sales.

GEIBEL HOMECOMING

MCRS has been invited to Geibel Catholic Homecoming. Their 2011 Homecoming Parade will take place at 11:00 AM on Saturday, October 15th before Geibel Catholic's football game at Noon. Please call Ms. Elizabeth Spinella at 724-972-2530 for additional information.

SPREADING THE WORD

The Ringgold High School Boys Basketball Boosters are hosting the Harlem Wizards for a fundraiser basketball game on Tuesday, October 25th at 7:00 PM in the RHS gym. Our Mr. Quattrone has been invited to play and will suit up for the cause. Discount advance tickets are available now in the Ringgold Athletic Office. Full price tickets will be sold at the door.