

Madonna Memos

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FUNTASTIC!

Thank you to everyone that helped in any way to support last weekend's Funfest. We are very pleased that so many families, old and new, came together at the Saint Damien Park for a wonderful evening of food, fellowship, and fun! The weather certainly cooperated to make it a beautiful event! The 50/50 ticket drawn was 301 and the winner was thrilled to take home \$113. Our profit from this year's festival was \$2,000.

SCHOOL CHOICE DAY REACH DONATIONS

Due to the generosity of our students and families who enjoyed a Jean Day on Monday, MCRS sent a check for to the REACH Alliance in the amount of \$75. Visit www.paschoolchoice.org for information regarding school choice. Thank you!

PROGRESS REPORTS

All students in grades 1 through 8 received a progress report in their white test envelope today. Progress reports are sent home half way through each grading period. Please review, sign and return the report to your child's homeroom teacher.

PTO BOARD MEETING

There will be a PTO Board Meeting on Thursday, October 6th at 8:00 AM. All are welcome!

MCRS JACKETS

Today's folder contains an order form for MCRS jackets with an October 7th deadline. 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.

MIDDLE STATES UPDATE

We have been working on our Middle States self-study for the past three years and our evaluation team visit is fast approaching! Today's folder contains a very important flyer requesting your help during our Middle States Team visit, October 16-19. The flyer also includes information concerning participation by our grade 4-8 chorus. Please help make these four very important days at MCRS a success by assisting where you can. Thank you!

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Our new flat screen computer monitors are all in place. We have about 10 old monitors that St. Vincent DePaul in Uniontown is willing to take. They are located at 70 N. Vernon Avenue, Uniontown, PA 15401 and their phone number is 724-439-9188. If you are willing to deliver the old monitors, please contact the school office ASAP. We need you!

Our MCRS families certainly participate in our used uniform events by both donating and utilizing the items. We have several boxes of uniforms that need to be sized and organized. If you are willing to help, please call the school office. Thank you!

ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION DEADLINE - TOMORROW, 9/30

All families of students in grades 2-8 who are interested in participating in MCRS winter sports (Basketball and Cheerleading) are reminded of the deadline of Friday, September 30th for registration. At this point the Athletic Association is evaluating what teams we are able to have before the Diocesan basketball meetings that are scheduled for next week. For that reason, the deadline for tomorrow for all Winter Sports will **NOT** be extended. If you plan to register for a sport you must send it in tomorrow or email Athletic Director Jamey Caldwell at caldwellmathteacher@comcast.net with your intentions to register no later than 3:00 pm tomorrow!

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 PM. 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 the parish or school.

In addition to the PGC workshop, each volunteer must complete the database application found on the Diocesan website. The access code to complete the application is "protect". Completion of the database application will automatically request a copy of the volunteer's PA criminal clearance. To complete the approval process, the volunteer must also provide a copy of a PA child abuse clearance as well as a signed Code of Pastoral Conduct.

If you have any questions regarding your status or the volunteer application process, please direct them to Mrs. Brown.

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. Please refer to the flyer in last week's family folder for details.

JUST BETWEEN FRIENDS

If you have not yet registered with the Just Between Friends email group, please do so using the easy steps below. You will then receive occasional emails from the school regarding important events, upcoming deadlines, etc. It is a wonderful tool for us to be able to reach a large number of people, at no cost, quickly and efficiently. Thank you for your support in this endeavor!

1. Go to JustBetweenFriends.com
2. Click the green "Accept Group Invite" tab at the top of the page.
3. It will then ask you for your group invite code....ours is MCRS
4. It will then ask if you have a pin code. The answer is no.
5. JBF will then ask for your email address. After you enter your email address, JBF will email you a code. You must leave the JBF site, go to your email and open the email with the code. The

easiest way to do this is to open another tab in your browser.

6. Once you have the code, you will have to return to JBF and enter the code.

7. JBF will then create an account for you and ask you to set up your household with names and basic information about your family.

LOOKING AHEAD

On Tuesday, November 1st our students will celebrate ALL SAINTS DAY in a very special way. Our students will be divided into three groups and attend Mass at either St. Damien, Our Lady of the Valley or Mary, Mother of the Church parish. To make a further impression on our students, we are asking them to choose and dress up as a Saint for Mass. And, because the students are being asked to develop these costumes, we have adopted the theme "When the Saints Go Marching In" for the Monongahela Halloween Parade on Wednesday, October 26th. Further details for both events will be in future Memos.

FUNDRAISING NEWS

We have a new addition to our fundraising menu! Today's family folder includes a color brochure for **The Candle Cottage**. 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. Remember, we do not encourage door-to-door sales. The candles would be a welcome addition to any home and make great gifts. Call the office with any fundraising questions.

Those who ordered **October Lottery Tickets** will find them in today's family folder. The ticket goes off on October 21st at 7:00 pm with \$1000 in Gift Cards going to the lucky winner. Please return the appropriate funds in the envelope provided as soon as possible. Thank you and good luck!

Entertainment books were delivered! The cost is \$30.00 and you earn \$6.00 for assessment.

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!