

Madonna Memos

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JOIN US FOR MASS & SPECIAL 9/11 MEMORIAL SERVICE TOMORROW

Immediately following our first School Mass tomorrow beginning at 1:00 PM, we will hold a prayer service to commemorate the 10th anniversary of 9/11. Weather permitting we will move outside around the flag pole where we will dedicate our new flag! We will be joined by special guests including the Honor Guard. Please join us!

LAST CALL

If you have not done so already, please complete and return the purple form regarding the family directory from the August 25th family folder by TOMORROW, Friday, September 9th. All families who return the form will receive a family directory next week. Thank you for your cooperation.

TIME SENSITIVE MARKET DAY REMINDERS

The first Monongahela Market Day delivery of the school year is this Saturday, September 10th from 9-10 AM in the school cafeteria. Next Saturday, September 17th is the Charleroi Market Day delivery in Marian Hall beneath Mary, Mother of the Church from 11 AM until NOON. If you have not tried Market Day, you don't know what you are missing! Delicious food and dollars earned toward your assessment! Thank you to all who returned their volunteer forms to help with the monthly events and to chairpersons Gerri Fusina, Jayne Robbins, and Tracey & Edsel Burkholder. We couldn't do it without you!

HONORING GRANDPARENTS

Although we do not need a special day to let them know they are special, please be sure to remember all grandparents, living and deceased, this Sunday on Grandparents Day! Why not also invite grandparents and any other special folks to our grandparent breakfast on September 13th? RSVPs **must** be in by tomorrow, Friday, September 9th.

STARTING OFF ON A GREAT NOTE

We are thrilled that so many students in grades 4-8 will be participating in our instrumental band program. Those unable to attend last night's meeting and need additional information are asked to call the school office.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

MCRS is looking for a few volunteers to take charge of programs that help our school. If you are interested in chairing Box Tops For Education, Campbells Labels, or the Terracycle Recycle Project, please call the school office, 724-258-3199, for information. Thank you!

MATHCOUNTS

MATHCOUNTS is a nationwide math coaching and competition program whose mission is to increase enthusiasm for and enhance achievement in middle school mathematics. MCRS students in grades 6-8 are eligible to participate and have been given an important flyer concerning the program. Those interested are asked to return the bottom portion of the flyer no later than TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 13th. We look forward to another great MATHCOUNTS year at MCRS!

ENGLISH FEST

MCRS will again participate in English Fest. The books will be a mandatory part of the Language Arts curriculum in grades 6-8. This year, however, grades 4 and 5 will be able to participate in English Fest as an after school program if there is sufficient interest. Watch for more information!

TEAM HEALTH SCREENING

Ringgold School nurses will be here Tuesday, September 20th to do health screenings for MCRS students in grades K-8. September 20th is also the date for Kindergarten Child Registry.

HOAGIE TIME IS HERE

Lower your stress level for lunch or dinner planning by ordering MCRS Athletic Association hoagies. Please refer to the enclosed flyer. The sandwiches garner much praise from faithful purchasers. MCRS Athletes are asked to sell at least five hoagies. The deadline to order is firm! Your support is always appreciated.

MIDDLE STATES UPDATE

Our self-study materials are almost ready to send to our team! Please also note our new Mission Statement posted around the school. More details regarding our Middle States team visit will be given at next week's PTO meeting!

ATTENTION PARENTS OF STUDENTS IN GRADES 2-8

Registrations for *Basketball and Cheerleading* will be coming home on September 15th with a **FIRM DEADLINE** to register by September 30th. Basketball is offered to all students in grades 2-8 while cheerleading is offered to girls in grades 5-8. Parents of interested students are asked to be on the lookout for the registration forms and be aware that the deadline is firm! We remind all players that no one may practice or play any sport without a signed physical form and paid registration.

MONONGAHELA HALLOWEEN PARADE

The Monongahela Chamber of Commerce has invited us to take part in their Halloween Parade on Wednesday, October 26th at 6:30 PM. This is a wonderful opportunity to participate in a community event and show off our school! Ideas, helpers, and a chairperson are needed! Please call the school office if you are interested. Thank you!

FUNDRAISING NEWS

Families who bought squares in the **Steelers Football Pool** will find them in today's family folder. Have fun and good luck. Go Steelers!

September \$2.00 Lottery Tickets are enclosed for those whose requests were received first. If you missed out on the September ticket, please be sure to order tickets quickly when the October flyer is sent home. We thank Kathy Simpson for chairing our monthly ticket sales again this year!

2012 Lottery Calendar requests should be returned ASAP to ensure your hold out numbers. We need to sell ALL 1,000 calendars. You earn \$25.00 per calendar sold toward your assessment. They make great 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).

ATTENTION ALL YOU CHOCOLATE LOVERS

Today's folder includes Sarris Christmas Candy packets. Sellers earn 30% of their sales toward their assessment. Orders with payment are due back to school by Monday, November 7th. Christmas Candy will be delivered to MCRS on Monday, December 5th. Please be sure to keep the color brochure with your customer orders to track your sales. The master sheet, both white and yellow copies, with full payment, should be returned to the school in an envelope marked CHRISTMAS CANDY. Thank you!

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.

SAVE THE DATE

Wednesday, September 14th at 7:00 PM will be our first PTO meeting of the school year! Plan to attend to help us plan a successful and fun year for our school. Please complete and return the flyer in today's family folder if you wish to volunteer for our PTO Board! Many hands make light work!

Saturday, September 24th from 5-10 PM will be our annual FunFest at St. Anthony Festa Grounds. Don't miss out on this yearly favorite. Return the enclosed flyer to RSVP and claim your discount on a delicious meal and fun for the whole family!

6 FREE WAYS TO HELP THE SCHOOL!

Our school participates in several programs that help us earn both school supplies and money. Please pass this information on to family and friends

Each time registered supporters shop at Giant Eagle using their Giant Eagle Advantage Card, they earn points for MCRS. If you have not done so already, please get out your Giant Eagle Advantage card and 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. The points are automatically credited to our school through the Giant Eagle Advantage Card. These points are redeemed for great educational tools. Thanks to our supporters, MCRS recently received a 27-inch television/DVD combination. Please make the call to help us, and go one step further by asking family and friends to call as well. Only 413 families in the community are currently registered. Help us reach our goal of 500 families!

General Mills Box Tops for Education is one of our most popular. Don't think those little box tops are worth saving? We earned a total of \$1,166.90 last year! Please send your box tops and any cash register tape bonuses to the office.

Campbell's Labels for Education Program is a great way to earn FREE merchandise such as electric pencil sharpeners, glue, and playground balls 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 little bit helps!

Tyson A+ labels are worth .25 cents each to MCRS! Please put the entire top of the label, (not just the A+ chalk board) and send them in. With everyone on board, they really add up!

Your empty computer printer ink cartridges and old cell phones can help us raise cash! Last year we earned **\$345.00** by sending them to a company who recycles. Please place them in a baggy and send them to the office. Thank you!

TARGET SHOPPERS CAN HELP MCRS EARN FREE DOLLARS

The Target Take Charge of Education Program is an easy way for families to help raise money for our school! When you sign up and designate Madonna Catholic Regional School, Target donates up to 1% of every purchase you make with your REDcard, (Target Visa, Target Credit Card or Target Check Card.) MCRS has earned \$914.00 since 2000. Just imagine how profitable it would be if everyone participated! For additional information, please call 1-800-316-6142 or visit Target.com/tcoe. Our school number is 15158. Thank you in advance for your help!