



St. Mary/McCormick Catholic Academy

Communicator

“One Child at a Time”

Week of September 21 ~ 25



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The mission of St. Mary/McCormick Catholic Academy is to provide a safe learning environment which fosters academic excellence and spiritual growth in the Catholic faith. St. Mary/McCormick Catholic Academy educates “One Child at a Time” - mind, body, and soul.

All Forms Are Now Due

Thank you to everyone who has turned in the information packet that was sent home on the first day of school. If you have not done so yet, do so as soon as possible. Please make sure when you return the **emergency cards that both sides are completed with your health insurance provider and policy number.**

All completed forms are now due to the front office. Thank you for your cooperation in this matter.

Chess Club Begins

Our Chess Club will meet on Wednesdays, starting October 4th from 3:00 - 3:45 p.m. in the social hall.

This club is for beginners as well as advanced players.

All students, grades 1 ~ 8 are invited to join in on the fun.

Thank you Mr. Koss for helping with this program.



MCA Jackets

Any MCA parent (grade 6 - 8) interested in purchasing a flannel lined black wind breaker with MCA initials on it to show your support for our school, please call Tammy Matich @ 327-2014 ASAP for more information. When we get an approximate number, we will get a price from a local supplier. Thank you!

Webkinz Raffle

To raise funds for their graduation trip to Cedar Point the 8th Grade class is raffling 9 different Webkinz stuffed animals. You or your child can purchase these tickets until Wednesday, September 30. Tickets will be available to buy before school and during lunch.

**Ticket cost: .50c for 1
\$1.00 for 3**

Visitor Sign In Book

All visitors to our school must check in at the school office and sign in. We have posted a visitor pass registry book on the counter in the school office. Please sign in and wear the provided “visitor” badge. Thank you for your cooperation in this matter.

Attendance “On Time” Incentive Program

One of the concerns that was noted in our accreditation report last spring was the number of students who were arriving late. To address this concern the staff has adopted an Attendance “On Time” Incentive Program.

This is how it works: Every month students who have not had any more than 2 tardies* will earn a special “incentive”. The incentive will be announced each month in the classrooms and newsletter. Our first month is from September 14 - October 9. The first incentive, “wear a crazy hat day” (Pre -8), will be held on Tuesday, October 13. (M/W Preschool on Wednesday, October 14).

Arriving on time has improved already, but I look forward to doing even better - why not 100%!

*Elementary students must be in line in the gym when the tardy bell rings at 7:50 a.m.; middle school students must be in their homerooms by 7:50 a.m. to be considered on time.

Dress Code Change

After reviewing our current belt policy the staff and school committee made the following revisions: Students do NOT have to wear belts with their slacks. However, if they choose to wear one then the belt must be plain, dark (black, brown, or navy) leather with no adornments such as studs. If you have any questions, please ask Mrs. Krueger.

Sports Corner

**We have a win! Our J.V. girls basketball team won against Trinity on Monday. The Varsity team lost an exciting squeaker as did our Flag Football team on Saturday. Good Luck to all 3 teams in their next encounters:
Flag Football: Saturday, September 26 @ 10:30 a.m. against Holy Cross.
Girls JV & Varsity Basketball: Monday, September 28 against St. Peter's.**



Recycling News

We now have a buyer for old cell phones, PDA's and laptops. If you would like to recycle any of these items, please drop them off in the school office.

Ink Cartridges

We have several buyers for used computer ink cartridges. Either from your home or if you own a business or know someone willing to donate them to St. Mary/McCormick Catholic Academy, please have them drop them off in the school office. Thank you for your support!

Popcorn Fridays

We will be selling freshly popped popcorn at lunch every Friday for 25 cents a bag. The profits will go into classroom funds.



Important Reminder

If your child is going to be picked up from school by someone other than a person that is on your child's emergency card, you **MUST** send a written note to their teacher/school office. Your child will not be released to anyone who is not listed on your emergency card. Please make sure to update this information immediately.

Box Top\$ for Education

St. Mary/McCormick Academy will again this year be collecting Box Top\$ for Education. Each box top is worth 10c. These can add up quickly. Just clip off the official box top coupon (including the expiration date) from participating products and drop them off at the school.

SCRIP (Cardinal Cash)

Weekend Workers:

September 26 & 27

St. Mary's:

5:00 p.m. - Anne Landschoot
8:00 a.m. - Anne Landschoot
9:30 a.m. - Anne Landschoot
11:30 a.m. - Anne Landschoot

Remember, we have the complete list of scrip providers in the office if you do not find what you are looking for on the attached list.

What is Scrip?

Scrip is a term that means "substitute money". When our organization members purchase scrip, you are purchasing negotiable gift certificates that are used just like cash. The scrip is issued by the national and local retailers where many of our families already shop. These merchants want to support non-profit organizations, and in return ask you to support them by shopping with scrip at their stores. Our members can use scrip to purchase everyday expenses like food, clothing, and other essentials, and with every purchase, we earn revenue for our organization.

How scrip generates revenue for us. The Great Lakes Scrip center acts on behalf of churches, schools and other non-profit organizations to purchase large amounts of scrip

from grocery stores, department stores, and other retailers. Because the scrip is purchased with cash up front, the participating retailers offer a substantial discount. Our organization buys the scrip from Great Lakes Scrip Center at a discount, and re-sells the certificates to our members for full face value. The bulk of the discount – from two to fifteen percent or more – is retained by our organization as revenue.

Scrip is “shopping cart fundraising”. The reason for the effectiveness of scrip is simple: families generate revenue through purchases they would make anyway. Groceries, clothing, toys, gifts, even gasoline can be purchased with scrip. An organization of 150 families easily spends between one and two million dollars per year on food, clothing and other essentials. If these families use scrip for these purchases, they can raise as much as \$40,000 to \$80,000 per year for their organization – without spending an additional penny.

Retailers like Scrip, too! Families who purchase scrip certificates actively support the retailers who participate in this program. The reason is simple...they know that buying from a scrip participating retailer provides a steady source of revenue for their church, school, or non-profit organization.

SCRIP - TRY IT TODAY

Meijer Rewards

We just received our Community Reward check from Meijer’s ~ \$220.48. Please remember to use your Rewards Card when you purchase items from Meijers. You may also help out our school by purchasing a gift certificate from Meijers and then using it to purchase gas for your car. Thank you for your continued support!

Children’s Choir

The youth/children’s choir will resume a four week rehearsal session on Tuesday, October 6 at 6 p.m. Rehearsals last about forty-five to fifty minutes. We will be preparing songs for the Youth Mass on Sunday, November 1 at 9:30 a.m. The choir is open to interested students children of elementary and middle school age. We particularly need older students who not only sing on pitch, but are willing to sing some verses at the microphone.

For further information, please call Sue Grandy @ 982-7253.

