



## St. Mary/McCormick Catholic Academy

### Communicator

“One Child at a Time”  
Week of December 14 ~ 18



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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.

#### The Heart of Christmas

May you have the gladness of Christmas, which is hope;  
The spirit of Christmas which is peace;  
The heart of Christmas which is love.

~ Ada V. Hendricks

#### Christmas Programs

What a wonderful evening we had Tuesday, December 15<sup>th</sup>. Our students did a great job at our Christmas programs.

We started the evening @ 5 p.m. in the church with our Preschool and Kindergarten students' program. What enthusiasm was exhibited! They sang out loudly and clearly. It was most enjoyable. Thanks so much to Ms. Boraks, Mrs. Whitsitt, Mrs. Juzysta and Mrs. Cribb for all their work preparing the students. It certainly paid off.

Then at 6 p.m. in the gym students Grades 1 – 5 performed their program.

Thanks to Mr. Rambaum, our music teacher, Ms. DeGurse and all our teachers for all their time and efforts working with our students. The results were terrific. Thank you also to Jeff Baron for the microphone setup and Tom Wilson of Blue H2O Productions for the mixer- sound board. Thank you to Mrs. Matich for decorating and setting up for our refreshments that followed the program.

#### “My School is Cool” Birchwood Mall

LAST DAY:

DECEMBER 31<sup>st</sup>!

Purchases made from August 1 – **December 31** at Birchwood Mall can help us win \$3,000 – at no additional cost to any of us. **We just need you to turn in your receipts or point passes** for **all** goods & services you purchased at the Mall. This includes the food court, movie theatre, restaurants, post office and stores. You can turn in your receipts to our locker in the food court or to our school office when you come back in January.

Thanks you for your continued support!

#### Last Call for IceHawks Tickets

Please have all orders with prepayment for the SM/MCA night at the Icehawks December 29<sup>th</sup>, hockey game into the school office **by 9 a.m. Friday, December 18<sup>th</sup>. Checks should be payable to Port Huron Icehawks.** Any questions contact Katie Byrne @ 987-9856 .

#### It's Not the Books... It's the People

Our annual book-fair comes and each year we welcome new parent volunteers and know for others we are spending our last year together as our students and their children graduate!

I will always feel happy for our student's successes but sad in the fact that growing up means moving on. For several of our families who participate this is my sadness, to know they will be leaving. On the other hand, we still have great parents who have years to go and we will continue to enjoy and appreciate our time together! I have met and become better acquainted with parents each year and it just makes me smile to realize how blessed we are to have you all!

Mrs. Godwin, our wonderful chairwoman, will be soon be posting our profits and gains, but it my pleasure to thank you all for just being an awesome bunch of parents, work force and shoppers alike. It's people that make the Book-Fair a wonderful place to spend the week!

Thanks to All and Many  
Blessing the Holy, Holiday  
Season.

Mrs. Mendoza



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## Sports Corner

Our Varsity team had an exciting win against St. Peter's on December 11.

Congratulations Cardinals and Good Luck for your next game on January 4.

## MCA Booster Club Reminder

Meeting is set for Tuesday, January 12 @ 6:30 p.m. (just prior to P.T.O.)

## Blizzard Blast

MCA Student Council and student body extends a big THANK YOU to all parents who helped the Christmas Dance to be a success.

Thank you for your donations, chaperoning and delivering pizza!

Thank you to Mrs. Armstrong, Mr. Bacheller, Mrs. Berels, Mrs. Garofalo, Mr. and Mrs. Gibbons, Mrs. Matich, Mrs. Peloso, Mr. Schultz, Mrs. Vorderbueggen, Mrs. Wixson for chaperoning.

We are very appreciative of your time and efforts!

Thank You,  
MCA Students

## **NO P.M. BUS SERVICE**

Friday, December 18<sup>th</sup>  
This is an 11:30 a.m. dismissal

## ***December tuition is due.***

Late fees will be added, so please make sure payment is received this month

## SCRIP

*Next scrip order will be on January 4, 2010*

## Weekend Workers:

Last weekend until the new year.

December 19 & 20

St. Mary's:

5:00 p.m. - Can You Help?

8:00 a.m. - Cyndi Trice

9:30 a.m. - Claudine Hilbec

11:30 a.m. - Can You Help?

## Scrip Tip of the Week

We offer Visa gift cards (2%) in \$25, \$50 & \$100 denominations. Redeemable anywhere Visa is accepted!

## Many Thanks

Thank you to the wonderful people who helped out during the month of December in our lunchroom and out on the playground. We appreciate you coming in to serve meals to the children and to help watch them during their lunchtime. Sign up sheets are posted on the volunteer board in the gym. These hours count toward your parent participation requirement. Thank you for your continued support!!!!

## Bus with Gus

Flyers were sent home last week to all 1<sup>st</sup> - 5<sup>th</sup> grade students regarding the YMCA's Bus with Gus program (January 7 through February 11 on Wednesdays). Students are able to swim, play games in the gym and have a light snack. Please note they do not accept registrations by mail anymore. Parents can register over the phone through a charge card or in person at the front desk at the YMCA.

The YMCA is able to give 5 scholarships for this program. You may pick up an application in the school office.

## Delicious Snack...Great for Holiday Parties!!!

St. Mary/McCormick Academy is selling gourmet nuts. This 3 1/4 pound can contains Cashews, Almonds, Pecans, Brazilians, Hazelnuts and Pistachios (no peanuts). You may also purchase "Delicious Delights", which include Cinnamon Spiced Almonds with an assortment of Dark & Milk Chocolate Coated Peanuts, Raisins, Almonds and Cashews. The cost is \$20 per can. **They make great gifts!!! You may purchase them in the school office on a cash and carry basis.**

## Parent Participation Hours

If you have not yet received credit for your parent participation hours for the Fall Harvest, you will need to come in to the school office to complete your credit slips.

## Snow Day Information

Now that the snowy weather is here, we need to remind you to listen to the radio stations or watch the t.v. station listed below for information concerning school closings.

Reminder ~ We do follow PHASD closing for snow days.

**PLEASE DO NOT CALL THE SCHOOL OFFICE.**

**WPHM – 1380 on the AM Dial**

**WHLS – 1450 on the AM Dial**

**WSAQ – 107.1 on the FM Dial**

**Channel 7 WXYZ & Channel 4**

**WDIV on the t.v.**

Our school will be mentioned by name if the decision to close the school is made.

**THE DAYCARE WILL ALSO BE CLOSED ON THESE DAYS.**