



St. Mary/McCormick Catholic Academy

Communicator

“One Child at a Time”

Week of December 7 ~ 11



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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.

A Time of Waiting

In this Advent season, may each of us find a way to step out of the rush into the quiet to open our hearts in gratitude.

In this season rich with memories, let us remember all those who have been lights along the way, the loved ones that we hold forever in our hearts.



Jesus is the Reason for the Season

Please join us for our Christmas program, **“Three Wise Men and a Baby”**, on Tuesday, Dec. 15th at 6 p.m. Students, grades 1-5 (except the main characters) should dress in blue pants and a red or green shirt for the concert. **Preschool & Kindergarten** children will have their program at 5 p.m. in the church and they should wear a green or red shirt/turtleneck and blue jeans or blue uniform pants for their program in the church. **This year we would appreciate that those attending the Christmas Programs bring in a nonperishable food item.** All items collected will be donated to Catholic Social Services. We will also be selling St. Vincent de Paul Christmas Ornaments - a \$1.00 will enable them to purchase \$14.00 of food for the food bank.

Christmas Program Refreshments

We are asking all students (grades preschool -5) to bring in a dozen baked good items - cookies, brownies, fudge for after our **Christmas Program ~ Tuesday, December 15th**. Please bring items to the kitchen before or after school or before the program. This year we are asking that you label your dessert if they have nuts in them. ~ Thank you!!!

We are also in need of parents to help for set up & clean up. You can receive credit hours for your parent participation requirement for helping with our program. Please let Mrs. Foglesong know if you can help. Thank you!

Casual for a Cause

Monies raised from September’s Casual for a Cause \$87 was donated to St. Vincent de Paul. In October we raised \$74 and it went to purchasing additional hats & gloves for our Hearts to Hands collection. Two penguins for \$50 each were donated to the Port Huron Hospital Foundation. Students from Grade 3 delivered them, dressed as St. Mary/McCormick students, during the Festival of Trees.

Monies raised tomorrow for December’s Casual for a Cause will be donated to Toys for Tots.

Thanks very much to all who have supported these causes.

MCA Booster Club Description

The MCA Booster Club was originated to support school spirit and unite parents involved in sporting events. The group will start meeting every other month usually around the beginning of a new sport season. The meeting months are September, November, January, and March. Through the involvement of the group, the group would be encouraged to have officers that would need to be voted in. Following are the suggested areas of involvement for the group.

- To participate in at least two of the 4 - 6 meetings.
- To be a resource of information for all parents whose students are participating in school sports or are new to the school in general.
- To support the Athletic Director in the many little jobs needed to run the sporting department.
- To plan and run at least one large school assembly for all students involved in sports.
- To help plan one fundraiser to help the athletic department.



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- To help create one MCA item to auctioned at the Fall Harvest such as: Unique School Sweatshirt.
- To have coaches attend at least the meeting closest to their season.

First meeting: Tuesday, January 14, @ 6:30 p.m. (prior to PTO). Please mark your calendars now.

Advertising Opportunity

The cookbook committee is looking for businesses to advertise in the new school/parish cookbook to be published in the spring. If interested, please contact Melissa Locricchio for details at Mlocricchio@att.net or 810-300-5059 by December 18, 2009. Space is limited! There is still time to get your recipes in for the school cookbook! **Please have them submitted by Friday morning, December 11th.** Thank you for your participation in this fundraiser for our school.

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Weekend Workers:

December 12 & 13

St. Mary's:

- 5:00 p.m. - Kim Jansen
- 8:00 a.m. - Adrienne Mynsberge
- 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!

Christmas orders need to be placed by 10 a.m. on Monday, December 14th.

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

St. Mary/McCormick Academy is selling gourmet nuts. This 3 ¼ 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.**

"Blizzard Blast"

MCA Student Council will sponsor a Christmas Dance on Friday, December 11, 2009, from 6:30 - 9:00 p.m., in the school gymnasium. Everyone in 6th, 7th, and 8th grades are invited to attend. Wear Christmas clothing and/or dress up clothes. (NO jeans at this dance, please!) Cost is \$3 per student. Parent chaperones are needed. Please contact Mrs. Booth if you are able to chaperone - Thank you.

Clean-up Committee will meet from 9:00 - 9:30 p.m.

Decorating Committee will meet from 3:00 - 4:00 p.m. on Friday, December 11, to decorate the gym. If you have decorations that we may use, please bring them to school with your last name on them, then take them home after the dance - Thank you!

We look forward to the "Blizzard Blast", and hope everyone can attend!



Sports Corner

Boys Basketball and Girls Cheerleading Season

The season for boys basketball and girls cheerleading season is underway. Our opening game was on November 30, and we have played 2 games since then. The scores have not been in our favor, but the skill development and team work has been great to watch. They never give up! We wish the J.V. and Varsity basketball teams and cheerleading squads and coaches the very best in tonight's game against St. Peter and for the season.

Good Luck, Cardinals!

J.V. Basketball Team

Jarred Singer
Michael Wentzel
Alex Acker
Damian Arnold
Adam Courks
Nishaan Makim
Ben Wentzel
Joseph Wentzel

Varsity Basketball Team

Joshua Atherton
Dakota Carter
Bradley Wentzel
Caleb Garofalo
Christian Matich
Jeffrey Mullally
John Vorderbrueggen

Coaches: Phil Matich

Dave Wentzel
Matt Matich
John Mullally

J. V. Cheerleading Squad

Hannah Colby
Faith Green
Heidi Likins
Annabelle O'Neil

Varsity Cheerleading Squad

Hannah Armstrong
Juliana Falk
Grace Garcia
Hailey Peloso
Jenna Peloso
Emma Prax
Allie Teppe
Breanna Teppe
Candice Rank
Bailey Watson

Coaches: Sue Likins
Anne Falk

Birchwood Mall "My School is Cool"

We need your receipts from the Mall!

All purchases made from August 1st - **December 31st** will count toward winning part of the prize monies from this contest.

Ways to get extra points:

***Double points** for Tuesdays!
All purchases made on Tuesdays will count as **Double Points!**
Picture with Santa: If you have your child's picture taken with Santa, those receipts will count too.

Icehawks Fundraiser

Please turn in your orders with payment for our December 29th, 7 p.m., fundraiser game by Tuesday, December 15th. The student that sells the most tickets will get to ride the zamboni at the game. For the class that sells the most tickets, each student will receive a ticket voucher for a future game. Remember when you have dinner @ Casey's Pizza before the game, 10% of the food sales will be donated back to our school. We hope you will join us for a fun night of great entertainment and great food! Please contact Katie Byrne @

810-987-9856 with any questions.

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.

Cold Weather Alert

Please make sure your child (Pre - 5) has appropriate outerwear for recess and lunchtime play. Please remember to send gloves, scarves, hats and boots to school with your child and make sure jackets have working zippers and/or snaps and buttons. Leggings or snow pants **MUST** be worn to play in the snow (when it arrives).



NO P.M. BUS SERVICE
Friday, December 18th

This is an 11:30 a.m. dismissal

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.

Private Piano Lessons

Would you be interested in finding a piano teacher that would give private lessons here at St. Mary/McCormick after school? Mrs. Diedre Collins, piano teacher, has been giving such lessons to students at St. Edward on-the-Lake this fall. She comes highly recommended. (See letter from Mrs. Becker, St. Edward's principal.) Scheduling and payments would be handled by parents. If interested, contact Mrs. Krueger.

Rehearsal for Children's Choir

The children's Christmas Eve Mass at St. Mary's is scheduled for Thursday, December 24th at 4 p.m.

Any children wishing to sing in the choir for that Mass must attend choir rehearsals! We will prepare for the Christmas Eve Mass @ **6 p.m.** on the following dates:

Thursday, December 17
Tuesday, December 22 - this is a dress rehearsal, practice with microphones.

For further information, contact Suzanne Grandy
982-7253

Poinsettia's for Sale

We have 3 poinsettia plants for sale for \$12 each and a large combo pot poinsettia for \$18.50. If you forgot to



order one from our sale or
you would like an additional
one, please see Mrs.
Foglesong.