



Presentation of Mary Academy April 2007

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Dear Parents,

Spring, the time of renewal, brings joy and an appreciation of our planet Earth. At the same time, we are reminded of our responsibility in caring for it. The Catechism of the Catholic Church expresses this in the statement: "The dominion granted by the Creator over the mineral, vegetable, and animal resources of the Universe cannot be separated from respect for moral obligations, including those to generations to come. Through laws and treaties various governments and officials attempt to ensure wise use and conservation of these resources, but successful implementation of such agreements depends greatly on individuals' actions.

Now more than ever, with new information about global warming, it's important that we, as parents and teachers, encourage and model those actions which preserve and protect the resources we must share. Recycling is an important activity in which every member of the family can participate. Collecting and turning in newspapers, glass, and metals results in a tremendous savings of natural resources as the same minerals are used again and again. Thinking of ways to use minerals at home can be both challenging and economical. When shopping, we can often purchase items made from recycled materials, and we should watch for the symbols indicating that containers are recyclable.

Talk to your children about other ways we can show responsible stewardship, such as turning out lights to save electricity and making sure that faucets are turned off so that water is not wasted. Fuel costs for our cars and for heating our homes can be lowered if we make the effort. Spring is a good time to plant trees. They improve the quality of our air, but they also provide beauty and shade for us and for future generations.

Our earth and its resources are a gift to us from God. We can show our gratitude as we cherish and care for this gift. Together, we can make a difference!

Sincerely,

Sister Maria Rosa, p.m.
Principal

Volunteer Appreciation Week—April 15-21, 2007

Valued for your time and care

Opening your heart with all you share

Lending a hand whenever you're asked

Using your talents to ease our tasks

Needed for your contributions

Taking the time to find solutions

Esteemed for many thoughtful ways

Ever eager to brighten our days

Respected and treasured wherever you are

Shining your light just like a star!

Ode to Our
VOLUNTEERS!

Join us for a volunteer

appreciation

breakfast on

Wednesday,

April 18, 2007, from

7:30 - 8:30 AM

in the

school cafeteria.

Presentation of Mary Academy Mission Statement

Presentation of Mary Academy, a private Catholic school, recognizes that every student is a child of God, deserving of the best education in pursuit of his/her own vocation, according to God's will. We are committed to helping all children develop academically, spiritually, socially, and emotionally by nurturing their unique gifts and talents. In the footsteps of Anne-Marie Rivier, our foundress, we strive to develop our students as Catholic leaders, ethical individuals, and lifelong learners.

True Greatness

A man is as great as the dreams he dreams, As great as the love he bears, As great as the values he re-deems, And the happiness he shares. A man is as great as the thoughts he thinks, As the worth he has attained, As the fountains at which his spirit drinks And the insight he has gained. A man is as great as the truth he speaks, As great as the help he gives, As great as the destiny he seeks, As great as the life he lives.

C.E. Flynn

Calendar of Events for April 2007

Thursday, March 29:

Awards Night for Athletic Program: Parents and students, who participated in the basketball and cheerleading programs, please join us in the school cafeteria at 5:30 P.M. to celebrate and honor our athletes!

Friday, March 30:

\$2 dress down day for technology!

Wednesday, April 4:

Faculty Meeting in the Library at 3:00 p.m.

Rob Surette, a nationally known painter and artist will be at our school for an art show titled "Who Art in Heaven" for students in grades 4-8 from 9:45-10:45 AM in the gym. The program is being sponsored and supported by the parent group.

Parent Group Meeting at 7:00 P.M. in the Cafeteria—All welcomed!

Thursday, April 5:

Easter Egg Sale! Join the Easter Egg Hunt fun at PMA by purchasing an Easter Egg for .50¢. Crack your egg open and you will find candy, and who knows, a dress down pass, get to be principal for an hour pass, free hot lunch pass! Take a chance and WIN BIG! More information to come home in the white envelope!

April 6 & April 9:

No School Easter Break! **Please note that we do not have school on Monday, April 9.**

April 10 through April 13: Spring Standardized Assessment

Beginning April 10 through April 13, students in grades 2 through 8 will be assessed with the Terra Nova/InView California Achievement Test. Unlike most tests that the students are familiar with, no preparation is necessary for this test. The test will be administered at various time slots (usually in the morning) during the week of **April 10 through April 13.**

Parents, please refrain from scheduling appointments or vacations for your child at this time. Rescheduling missed tests is very difficult for the child and teacher.

Friday, April 13:

Mother and Son Board Game Night at PMA in the school cafeteria from 6:00-8:00 PM. Come and have a great time with your son. Pizza and drinks will be served! Cost: \$10.00 per family!

Monday, April 16:

Barnes and Nobles Book Fair 7:00 - 8:30 P.M. Please join us at Barnes and Nobles for the PMA Book Fair. PMA will receive 25% of the total book sales at Barnes and Nobles on April 16.

Wednesday, April 18:

Report Card Distribution:

The students will receive their report cards on Wednesday, April 18! Parents, please do not hesitate to contact your child's teacher if you have any questions regarding your child's academic or social progress at PMA. Due to the short marking period in the fourth quarter, only those students for whom teachers have an academic or other concern will have a progress report mailed on May 16th.

Wednesday, April 18:

Volunteer Appreciation Breakfast in the school cafeteria from 7:30 - 8:30 A.M. Join other PMA volunteers for a delicious continental breakfast prepared by the staff! It's our small way of showing all of our volunteers how much we appreciate their commitment and dedication to our school!

April 19:

Final Battle of the Books

PMA Final Battle of the Books at 6:30 P.M. in the PMA school auditorium.

School Liturgy: Parents, please join us!

Grades 4-8 at 10:00 AM
Grades 1-3 at 1:00 PM

Friday, April 20:

PMA Walkathon Day! This year's walkathon will be honoring the memory of Cheryl Lewis. We will kick off the walk with a prayer service at 9:00 AM.

Junior High School Dance at St. Kathryn's Parish Hall 7:00-9:30 PM.

Wednesday, April 25:

Secretaries Day:

Don't forget to thank Mrs. Phaneuf and Mrs. Nolet for the wonderful things they do to make our school run efficiently and safely. Isn't it a wonder how they do it always with a smile and a spirit of true hospitality! Send them a card! It will make their day!

April 23-April 27:

No School—April Vacation!

HARVEY UNIFORM AT PMA FOR STUDENT MEASUREMENTS:

A uniform fitting date has been scheduled on May 17 from 6:00-7:00 P.M. and on May 18 from 1:30 PM. - 2:30 PM.

KINDERGARTEN STUDENTS/

SCHOOL UNIFORMS: Per request of many families and the teachers at PMA, effective for the 2007-08 school year, the Kindergarten students will be wearing the PMA school uniform.

PRESENT KINDERGARTEN

PARENTS: On May 18, 2007, the Kindergarten students will be dismissed at 11:30 A.M. due to the open house scheduled in the afternoon for new kindergarten students entering our school in the fall. The after-school program will not be available for the kindergarten students on May 18, 2007.

PRE-KINDERGARTEN STUDENTS

UNIFORM: The students in the pre-kinder program will be in a "modified" school uniform. Their uniform will consist of the uniform gray pants/slacks, and the PMA polo shirt with soft comfortable shoes. Parents can purchase sweaters, and jumpers for their children from the uniform company as well. The girls in the pre-school program do not need a jumper.

PLEASE SAVE

- ◆ Box Tops for Education
- ◆ Campbell Soup Labels
- ◆ Used Ink and Toner Cartridges
- ◆ Used Cell Phones

Getting Your Children To Balance Their Lives

It is so easy to want to be involved in everything. Our children find it very hard to resist the many things that come their way. Today's students are met with such a wide variety of options that it is no wonder they are overloaded and over-programmed before anyone realizes it. It's almost as if they don't want to miss anything, and of course, we don't want them to miss anything that might be important for their future growth and development.

Still other students become so involved in one thing that they don't have time to discover what else is available to them. Some students are so involved in sports that they miss out on some of the other activities that would help make them well-rounded individuals. Other students pursue debate, drama, or music to such a degree that those types of activities take all of their time and dominate their lives. Some secondary students hold part-time jobs that they must rush to as soon as class is over. By working long hours, they can support their own cars and the jobs and cars become the masters of their lives and time.

Many elementary children are so involved in after-school activities that they end up putting in a twelve-hour day between the time they go to school and the time they arrive back home in the evening. Scouting, church choir, soccer practice, music or dance lessons, gymnastics, and a host of similar activities mean every available hour is programmed. When this happens, their attention to academics may quickly take a back-seat.

A balanced diet of reasonable and well-chosen extracurricular activities is a boost to the development of the well-rounded, mentally healthy individual. The key word is balance. Balanced participation in extracurricular activities has been shown to be of great benefit to students. In many cases, extracurricular activities play an important role in keeping today's youth away from negative environments and out of trouble. Each student needs a balance in activities which are centered around his or her own goals and needs. There should be some activities that provide for physical fitness and some experiences that promote self-improvement and learning in areas of specific interest. There should be some club or group participation so the student has an opportunity to learn teamwork and how to get along with others, as well as some activities built around providing services to others so as to develop tolerance and compassion. There should also be activities that generate pay or some other reward so that our children can learn about work and money management.

The bottom line in achieving balance in extracurricular activities must be that this balance, this choice of activities, must support academic performance. The top priority must always be academic excellence and meeting the requirements of the classroom. We all want our students to find that magic balance in their activities that enables each person to enjoy the opportunities offered through extracurricular experiences while still holding academics in first place.

End of the Year Upcoming Events—Mark Your Calendars!

May Calendar of Events

- May 1: Roller Kingdom Night 6:30-8:30 PM**
- May 2: Science Fair Grade 6
Parent Group Meeting**
- May 3: Science Fair Grade 7-8**
- May 4: Science Fair Awards Ceremony 10:30 AM
for Gr. 6-8**
- May 5: PMA YARD SALE
2007 NHMEA Middle School Music Festival Hooksett**
- May 10: Grade 4 & 5 Musical 7:00 PM**
- May 11: Class Picture for Grades K-8
Graduation Picture for Grade 8**
- May 14: Field Trip - Grade 4 State House & NH Museums**
- May 17: Ascension Thursday: Mass Grades 4-8 at 10:00 AM.
Mass Grades 1-3 at 1:00 PM.
Uniform Fitting 6:00-7:00 PM.**
- May 18: Uniform Fitting 1:30-2:30 P.M.
Open House for All New incoming Kindergarten
Students to PMA. Early Dismissal at 11:30AM for
present kindergarten students.**
- May 18: PMA Annual Golf Tournament**
- May 22: Field Trip Grade 1 Roger Williams Park Zoo**
- May 23: Field Trip Grade 3 Industrial History Center**
- May 24: Field Trip Grade 7 Historic Tour of Boston**
- May 25: Field Trip Kindergarten to Butterfly Place**
- May 25: Eighth Grade Graduation Dinner/Dance**
- May 28: No School - Memorial Day Observed**
- May 30: Field Day - Grades K & 1**

June Calendar of Events

- June 1: Eucharistic Celebration for second grade students
who have made their first communion; 8:30 A.M.
in the PMA Chapel**
- June 6: Kindergarten Graduation 9:00 AM (Last Day for K)**
- June 7: Eighth Grade Graduation and Awards Ceremony at
6:30 P.M. at PMA in the Chapel (Last day for Gr. 8)**
- June 8: Field Day for grades 1-7 (rain date June 11 or 12)**
- June 13: Tentative Last Day for Grades 1-7 with dismissal at
11:00 A.M.**

ATTENTION GRADE 8 PARENTS

Eight Grade Parents: Please note that we will have the graduation ceremony and awards ceremony on the same night—June 7th. Up until about 5 years ago, the eight grade graduation always took place in the PMA Chapel. Because of large class sizes five years ago, the graduation ceremonies were moved to St. Kathryn's Church. Now that we only have 30 students in the eight grade, we are bringing the graduation ceremony back to the PMA chapel, the place where the students have prayed and worshiped for the past nine years. Seating will still be limited to immediate family and by invitation only.

CATHOLIC CORNER

The Easter Triduum: Holy Thursday, Good Friday, the Easter Vigil

Meditations on the Triduum by Victor Hoagland, C.P.

The Easter triduum, marking the days of Jesus' passion and resurrection, is the most important time of the church year. It begins with the evening Mass of Holy Thursday, reaches its high point in the Easter Vigil, and closes on Easter Sunday evening. Prepared by the days of Lent, Christians celebrate on these holiest of days the saving work God has accomplished in Christ.

From the events remembered these days, so sorrowful and so joyful, the church learns the deepest lessons. In rites and words the mysteries of Jesus' final hours are with us again, his passion, his cruel suffering, his rising from the dead. And we discover the answer to age old questions: Does God love us? Is God merciful? Does God care for us? We have only to look and learn from Jesus Christ. These are days for fixing our eyes on the holy mystery of his cross and filling our ears with the words of his gospel. Nowhere else does God's love appear so vividly. In the love Christ showed for a sinful world we find the beginning of our church, the source of our sacraments, the key to understanding the human story, and our hope for eternal life



ATHLETIC NEWS

Our Mite Cheerleading Team took Second place at the NH Winter Spirit Invitational competition on March 11th! Our cadet team was outstanding, as well! A special thanks to all the coaches who have worked hard and long to get our girls ready!

Cadet Team: Mrs. Karen Brassard
Mrs. Carol Brauza
Mite Team: Mrs. Tina Ceesay
Mrs. Darlene Best

Regional Tournament:

The 7th/8th grade team won the good sportsmanship award at the regional tournament on Sunday, March 18 and the Mite Team came in third place. Both teams placed in their division! Congratulations in the

New to PMA Pre Kindergarten Program in the Fall!

Two options will be available to parents:

Full Day Program: 8:30-2:00 PM
Half Day Program: 8:30-11:30 AM
Extended Day Option is also available from 6:30 AM until 6:00 PM. The after school extended day does not apply to the half-day program.

regional competitions!

*** NEW * - BUSINESS ADVERTISEMENT AREA**

Beginning in our May PMA Family Newsletter, we would like to begin a business advertisement area. If you or someone you know would like to advertise in our newsletter, please contact Nancy Phaneuf in the school office (603) 889-6054 x200. Advertising spaces begin with a 2" x 1 1/2" square at a cost of \$100 for the year (10 issues). Other sizes are also available.

SAMPLE AD:

PMA Annual Golf Tournament May 18, 2007

This year's PMA golf tournament has been moved to the popular "Jungle" course at Green Meadow Country Club in Hudson, NH. We have also moved the date to a **Friday, May 18, 2007**, so that you will not have to take personal time out of your weekend to support us. Since we do not have to reach a minimum number of golfers, we have been able to lower our price to **\$95.00, with an early bird discounted price of \$85.00 deadline extended to 3/29**. Flyers have been sent out but if you need more information, please contact Judy Boire at (603) 889-6054 extension 402.

PMA WALKATHON Dedicated to the memory of Mrs. Cheryl Lewis

This year we will be dedicating our annual walkathon to a beloved former faculty member who passed away in December. Mrs. Cheryl Lewis, was the school librarian for many years, and previous to the library was a teacher of technology. She had volunteered many hours in the computer lab before becoming a PMA faculty member and was hired as a technology teacher. Cheryl not only devoted her time to the students but also assisted the PMA faculty by conducting classes after hours to provide instruction in technology. Mr. & Mrs. Lewis were both instrumental in the set-up of our computer lab as well as setting up the networking capability that we have today. With this in mind, we would like to honor Cheryl and will be dedicating all funds received from the walkathon to a technology fund in her memory.

The walkathon will begin with a small prayer service in the athletic field at 9:00am and will conclude at 11:00am. Please come and join the PMA faculty, staff, and students as we honor Cheryl and keep her love of technology alive here at PMA.