



Presentation of Mary Academy

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A Special Catholic Schools Week Edition

PMA: The Good News in Education!

Our students were asked to reflect on "Why PMA is THE GOOD NEWS IN EDUCATION FOR THEM" Here is what some of our students had to say ...

Kate Mosca Gr. 7AM

I have been at PMA since kindergarten and not once have I had a teacher that I felt was intimidating in any way. All of the staff have been encouraging and extremely kind to me. I have learned more than academics here. I have learned life lessons that I will carry on forever.

I am on the basketball team. I love being able to participate in school activities, and they help me to get closer to my classmates. In every basketball game, win or lose, you can feel the spirit in both the players and the parents who are watching. We also have a principal and teachers who care very much about the students and do whatever they can to help us at school.

The good news at PMA is love. The students are taught so much, and they are all well loved. As for myself, I will always remember the teachers and friends I have met here. I hope to carry this love for the rest of my days, and when I look back on my elementary and Junior High years, I will SMILE.

Benjamin Hemenway Gr. 1KP
PMA is a great place for me to learn and grow. And the Good News for mom is the WONDERFUL STAFF!

Olivia Crane Gr. 6M

The Good News at PMA for me has been the people. From first grade onward, I have developed wonderful bonds with my teachers. They were always willing to give extra help and they always put a smile on my face. PMA has a great environment for kids because everyone is very friendly, and there is NO exclusion or bullying. The teachers make learning fun, and are always trying to make us laugh.

Another thing I love about PMA is that there are many children who attend the school. The first floor houses the lower grades, and the third floor the Junior High grades. This is a great way to make sure kids are with people their own age. In Junior High we have the privilege of rotating classes. This is a great preparation for high school. We also learn to speak, read, and write in French once we're in grades 5-8.

PMA offers a wide variety of after school activities. I have participated in Cross Country, offered by our gym teacher. We also have a Drama Club which puts on a big production in the spring. This program is facilitated by Mrs. Dolan, our seventh and eighth grade math teacher. We also have numerous boys and girls basketball teams. My dad coaches one of the teams. We also have music, computer, gym, and library classes on a weekly basis.

We do have to wear a school uniform at PMA. I think it's a great way to make sure people aren't afraid of what others think about their clothing. Since we do have a uniform, it's always a fun reward to have a "NO UNIFORM DAY". Overall, I know PMA is a great place to be.



Anya Losik Gr. 3JS

I can prove why PMA is the Good News in Education! First, we have a beautiful Chapel. It is filled with the LOVE of GOD. And it gets better...We have SISTERS at our school about forty of them ... I think! And if you are lucky to know one of them, it can really help out!

Another reason PMA is the Good News, is that you can make tons of friends that will last a lifetime and you LEARN tons of things. Did you know that Ben Franklin started the nation's first library? I bet you didn't! I learned this fact IN social studies. Speaking of learning, do you know who teaches all of this info.? The teachers, of course. They're so nice. Before I go ... I told you, I could prove it!

REGISTRATION FORMS AND DEADLINE

Parents, if you have not returned your child's registration form, please call the office and make arrangements with Mrs. Nolet about your intentions for your child's education for the upcoming school year.

Thank you for your immediate attention to this matter.

Registration Forms & Fee were due at the school office on January 2, 2007.

Please Save

- ◆ Box Tops for Education
 - ◆ Campbell Soup Labels
 - ◆ Used Printer Cartridges
 - ◆ Old/Used Cell Phones
- Please visit www.fundingfactory.com for a complete listing of qualifying cartridges & cell phones.
- ◆ Caps from Aluminum cans

Student Council Meeting

February 14, 2007,
at 11:00 A.M.

**CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK IS
JANUARY 29 - FEBRUARY 2**

**PMA: The Good News
in Education!**

We have many spirit building activities scheduled for Catholic Schools Week! Mark your calendars, and join us for a fun-filled week!

Calendar of Events for February 2007 and Catholic Schools Week!

Catholic Schools Week

January 29 - February 2, 2007

PMA: THE GOOD NEWS IN EDUCATION

Please don't forget to mark your calendars for Catholic Schools Week activities. The students, faculty and staff at Presentation of Mary Academy invite parents and friends to celebrate Catholic Schools Week at our school by participating in the activities scheduled for the week of January 29th through February 2nd.

Saturday, January 27 & Sunday,

January 28: Parish Talks

On January 27th and 28th, we will have students and parents promoting the school at St. Kathryn's and St. John's Parishes in Hudson during the regularly scheduled weekend liturgies. (In the event of inclement weather, the snow day will be Sat. Feb. 4th and Sun. Feb 5th)

Monday, January 29:

- ◆ **Grades 4-8: Opening of the Catholic Schools Week Prayer Service** at 8:30 A.M. in the chapel for students and parents.
- ◆ **Grades K-3: Opening of the Catholic Schools Week Prayer Service** at 9:00 A.M. in the chapel for students and parents.
- ◆ **Catholic Schools Button Check**
Classroom teachers will be doing a routine "Button Check". Students who wear their Catholic Schools Button during Catholic School Week will get a **Dress Down Day** on Friday, February 23, 2007! Be sure to purchase a **Catholic School Button** (\$1.00) before January 29, 2007. You must wear your BUTTON during Catholic Schools Week in order to qualify for the DRESS DOWN DAY in February!

Tuesday, January 30:

Student and Staff Appreciation Breakfast sponsored by the PMA Parent Group!

Pajama Day for Students - Grades K-5:

That's right, roll out of bed and into school ... no need to change into uniforms this morning! Wear your favorite night attire to school! Make it comfy, appropriately respectful, and warm. For safety reasons, **NO SLIPPERS!**

Spirit Wear Day for Students in Grades

6-8: Wear your favorite jeans with any maroon or gray shirt, top, sweater, as long as you come dressed in school colors! It's all about getting into school SPIRIT!

Wednesday, January 31:

PMA Spelling Bee: Students in grades 4-8 will participate in the annual Spelling Bee. The bee will take place in the Auditorium at 9:00 A.M. Parents welcome! The top student will represent PMA in the Regional Spelling Bee in March.

PMA Roller Kingdom Night 6:30-8:30

P.M.: The Parent Group is sponsoring a fun night of roller skating at Roller Kingdom for all PMA students and parents. You don't want to miss this fun evening at Roller Kingdom. The arena has been reserved exclusively for PMA families and students. Admission \$3.00 in advance or \$4.00 at the door. Skate rentals can be done at Roller Kingdom.

Thursday, February 1: Moms and Muffins Breakfast with Your Daughters:

It's MOM and Daughter Appreciation Breakfast! All moms and daughters are invited to come and have a muffin, coffee, and juice at school. Muffins will be served from 7:00 until 7:30 A.M.! Come and join other PMA families for breakfast! The Breakfast is sponsored by the PMA Faculty and Staff!

Please feel free to have your child accompanied by a special friend or relative if mom cannot make it for breakfast!

Mass for Students in Grades 1-3 at 1:00 P.M. Parents, please join us for the celebration of the Catholic Schools Week Liturgy.

Friday, February 2: Dads and Donuts Breakfast with Your Sons:

It's Dad and Son Appreciation Breakfast! All dads and sons are invited to come and have a donut, coffee, and juice at school. Breakfast will be served from 7:00 until 7:30 A.M.! Come and join other PMA families for breakfast! The Breakfast is sponsored by the PMA Faculty and Staff!

Please feel free to have your child accompanied by a special friend or relative if dad cannot make it for breakfast!

Mass for Students in Grades 4-8 at 10:00 A.M. Parents, please join us for the celebration of the Catholic Schools Week Liturgy .

Talent Show for First Grade Students:

A number of FIRST GRADE STUDENTS will perform in the FIRST GRADE TALENT SHOW scheduled for Friday, February 2nd, at 12:30 PM in the Auditorium! First grade parents are welcome to attend. More information will be sent home in January from Mrs. Polombo and Mrs. Lamontagne.

Friday Evening Fun: It's Bingo Night At

PMA! Another fun event sponsored by the PMA Parent Group! Come and play Bingo with other families at PMA (6:30-8:00 P.M.) in the school cafeteria! More information to come home in January!

Wednesday, January 31:

Report Card Distribution:

The students will receive their report cards on Wednesday, January 31! 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 Presentation of Mary Academy.

February Events

Wednesday: February 7:

- ◆ Faculty Meeting in the Library from 3:00 - 4:00 P.M.
- ◆ Parent Group Meeting at 7:00 P.M.

Friday, February 9:

Junior Alumni Dance for PMA Alumni and their friends at St. Kathryn's Parish Hall at 7:00 P.M.

Wednesday, February 14:

Happy Saint Valentine's Day! Let's honor St. Valentine by wearing our favorite red **shirt or sweater** with the **school uniform!**

Friday, February 16:

Father/Daughter Valentine Dance at St. Kathryn's. More information to come in the White Envelope from the PMA Parent Group.

Monday, February 19:

Presidents Day! PMA will be in session on Monday, February 19, 2007.

Friday, February 23:

Students who wore their Catholic Schools Button during Catholic Schools Week will receive a **Dress Down Day** on Friday, February 23, 2007!

Hello from the Parent Group:

Next Parent Group Meeting: Wednesday, February 7, at 7:00 P.M. in the cafeteria.

- ◆ Skiing at Pats Peak on Friday nights!! Cost is \$17 for a lift ticket and \$33 for a lift and rental ticket. For more information, please call Lisa Garand or Kim Coumas..
- ◆ Teacher Appreciation Breakfast during Catholic Schools Week. This will be held on Tuesday, Jan. 30th. Anyone interested in volunteering or baking for this event, please call Lisa Garand or Patty Sherburne.
- ◆ Family Bingo Night to conclude Catholic Schools Week on Friday, February 2nd. Start thinking of a great treat/snack to bring as a prize for others to win! More details to follow soon.
- ◆ Father/Daughter Dance on Friday, Feb. 16th, 7:00 - 9:00pm at St. Kathryn Parish. Tickets will be on sale soon.
- ◆ Direct TV is offering a great deal to local schools. With every new contract or renewal of a contract, PMA will receive \$100. Please read through the parent information packets sent home to you . Any questions, please call Lisa Garand or Kim Coumas.
- ◆ PMA night at Roller Kingdom, Wednesday, Jan. 31st. 6:30 - 8:30. Flyers to purchase tickets went home last week. Be sure to order your tickets in advance and save \$1.00.
- ◆ Plan Ahead: The 8th Grade Graduation Dance will be held on Friday, May 25th.

Parent Group Contact Information:

**Lisa Garand (603) 886-1174 or
momof2girls@comcast.net**
Kim Coumas (603) 881-9341
Patty Sherburne (603) 886-7168

KINDERGARTEN PARENTS

Important dates and events

to help you plan ahead!

KINDERGARTEN STUDENTS/SCHOOL UNI-

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

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 the kindergarten students entering our school in the fall. The after-school program will not be available for the kindergarten students on May 18, 2007.

FREQUENTLY USED PMA PHONE EXTENSIONS (603) 889-6054

Extension

- 200 - School Secretary - Mrs. Phaneuf
- 201 - Principal - Sr. Maria Rosa
- 202 - Vice Principal - Sr. Claudette
- 203 - Admissions - Mrs. Nolet
- 204 - Business Office—Mrs. DesRuisseaux
- 205 - Guidance - Ms. Kirschner
- 206 - Nurse - Mrs. Mottard
- 207 - Extended Day Program - Ms. McManus
- 455 - Absentee or Tardy Arrival Reporting
- 456 - School Closing or Delay Information Line

AFTER-SCHOOL PICK UP & CAR LINE REMINDERS

- ◆ Any student left at PMA after the 2:45 designated end of car line time will be sent to the after-school program. Parents who arrive late to pick up their child/ren will need to sign their child out with after-school program personnel and will be charged the appropriate fee.
- ◆ When picking up students from programs that are conducted after school, (ie. Drama, Art, Martial Arts, etc.) we ask that parents **do not** park in the circle to wait for their dismissal. The circle is reserved for the after-school program only after 2:45pm. Parents can either wait in the parking lot and walk over to get their child or park in a line going down the driveway and proceed into the circle when the children come out for pickup.
- ◆ We ask that parents do not leave their vehicle unattended at any time when they are located in the line of flow for carline. If for any reason you need to leave your vehicle to come into the school, please park your car in a parking space. We have noticed a number of vehicles being left in carline unattended and it disturbs the flow of car line. Your cooperation is greatly appreciated.
- ◆ Parents should not wait outside the locker room entrance to pick up their child. All students are sent to the carline pickup area and parents should drive into the circle to pick up their child.
- ◆ Please remember when driving up the school driveway that it is a school zone, and speeds should be kept to a maximum of 20mph.

If you have any questions about carline and pickup procedures, please call Mrs. Phaneuf in the school office (603) 889-6054 ext. 200.



INCLEMENT WEATHER SCHOOL CLOSING & DELAY REMINDERS

School closings or delays will be displayed on WMUR - NH Channel 9 and will be announced on WZID, FM - 95.7. A message will also be left on the PMA school closing and delay line (603) 889-6054 ext. 456. When viewing the listing on WMUR or listening to WZID, please be sure to look or listen for the Presentation of Mary Academy. PMA is listed separately from the Hudson School system.

IMPORTANT: IN THE EVENT OF A LATE START OR DELAYED OPENING, THE BEFORE-SCHOOL SERVICE WILL NOT BE

AVAILABLE. Please check the December newsletter for arrival times if there should be a school delay. Thank you.

The Good News in Education at PMA is....

Olivia Garand Gr. K LW

The Good News in education is that my mom and dad want my sister and I to go to a great school and learn all about Jesus. Mrs. Winters is a great teacher, I love her.

Mary Rauseo Gr. KCG

My parents wanted God to be part of my learning experience. My mom and dad love the closeness of the students, parents, teachers, and entire school staff. The ability to share and celebrate all Catholic holidays, To be able to share and participate in our children's daily school activities.

Michelle Wilson Gr. 5JD

PMA is a great Catholic School. For one thing, the teachers are the best ever. They help you when you need it and are a lot of fun.. Another great thing about PMA is the Chapel. It makes you want to pray night and day. The people who work in the office are also great. The Principal, Sr. Maria and the Vice-Principal, Sr. Claudette are kind sweet and funny. For our Principal's first year here, she's doing a great job. Our vice-principal has been here for years and she's great. All the sisters at PMA are nice,

Michael Lussier Gr. KBS

My Mom and Dad choose PMA for me so that I can learn. My favorite part about PMA are the Great Teachers!

Rebecca Scaer Gr. 5CP

The Good News in Catholic education for me at PMA is the friendly atmosphere. I came here last year and the first thing I noticed was how much love there was in the classroom. I think everyone is so nice because of how the teachers treat us as children of God. Also, we read Venture, a magazine that helps us understand the Sunday's Gospel and it has religious comics on the back. I don't know why anyone wouldn't like PMA.

Kevin McAleese Gr. 8MD

PMA has given me a sense of community, filled with kindness. I enjoy being challenged to perform at a very high academic level. PMA has also expanded my mind to see other people's views as well as mine. There is a sense of discipline found only at Catholic or private schools. Despite the fact that leadership here has changed often during the past few years, and the rules along with it. Through these changes we have been given the opportunity to develop into mature young adults with values.

Bailey Urbach Gr. 4JC

I would like to tell you about the Good News at PMA. I am a fourth grader. PMA is important to me because it gives me a good education and it has a lot of good things going on everyday.

PMA gives me something no other school can give me: faith and confidence. It helps me to set high goals and gives me the chance to be who I want to be. I get a good Catholic education. Public schools are good schools, but do not have all the religious things that we do.

The part of PMA that I like most is the activities it has to offer, like Lego League.

Bridget Gindhart Gr. 2 JP

PMA is the Good News in Education for me because if stood apart from the other schools that mom and dad visited. We like the programs and the commitment to the Catholic faith. We also like the welcome feeling that we received from Mrs. Nolet and the presence of the sisters in the building.

Our favorite part of PMA is the commitment of the teachers and especially Sister Maria to a safe, healthy, faith-based environment serving our Lord, Jesus Christ.

Becky Sigman Gr. 4 SS

I am a fourth graders named Becky Sigman at PMA and Mrs. Schmidt is my teacher. She is really nice and can do lots of different voices when she reads to us in class. My mom and dad heard about PMA because one of their friend's daughters came here. The friends recommended PMA very much, and here I am today.

My parents sent me to PMA because they liked the atmosphere, the curriculum, and the teachers very much, I agree with the teacher part. Their favorite parts of PMA are the nurturing that my brother and I receive, the schooling, the feeling of safety, and the religious education. My personal favorite parts are the teachers, math, and of course recess. I love the teachers because they are kind, and fun. Math is great, especially multiplication, and the recess part is pretty obvious. I'm a kid!

Isabella Piercy Gr. 3JC

The Good News in Education for me at PMA is the fact that I have learned many things at PMA. The teachers and staff at PMA are excellent. They are kind and loving to us. They taught me a lot these past four years.

The children here are awesome and fun. I have many friends at PMA. They are very nice to me and everyone else. We also have fun classes like music, computers, gym. I take piano lessons, it is fun to make joyful music.

But the best thing about PMA is that we talk and learn about God. PMA makes school fun! This school rules. I thank God daily for this beautiful school.

Jenelle Psaedas Gr. 6VB

The Good News at PMA has been my sixth grade year. Everyone has been nice. It is easy to make friends here. Friends make school fun. At recess we play basketball with the fifth graders. When we play soccer we play with the seventh and eighth graders. Everyone is included.

The teachers make learning fun. When we learned about Egypt we had to do a report on their Gods. At first, I did not like the idea but as we got into the project, I loved it. After our Social Studies teacher, Mrs. Bemis, let us share our projects. To study for a test, our science teacher, Mrs. Zavalick, usually asks questions about the chapter. It is a great way to study for a test.

Over the past years, PMA has made so many accomplishments. One is the Make-A-Difference food drive. Another one is when each class raises money to get computers for the teachers. PMA isn't just about PMA kids, it's about helping others, too.

Abigail Crane Gr. 8TC

PMA has been my second home since Kindergarten. I have met many friends and learned everything I know here. I have learned to be a better person because of PMA. This school has given me so many opportunities and has guided me on the right path. My positive experiences go back to kindergarten. We learned more about one another and built strong friendships. PMA is the reason for the wonderful people in my life.

PMA has also provided me with a quality education. I truly believe that come September I will be ready to begin High School. A million thanks to PMA for the giving me so much. PMA will always hold a special place in my heart.