



Presentation of Mary Academy

November 2008 Newsletter

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Our Thanksgiving wish for our families and friends
Today, may our thanksgiving be to God, for we have been deeply and richly blessed...
Tomorrow, may our actions reflect His peace, for we have been filled with His spirit...
Always, may we follow close to Him, for we have been promised His lasting love. (Pat Mitchell)

*Thanking God for all the Parents and Students who make up
 Presentation of Mary School Community!
 Wishing you a Thanksgiving blest with God's peace and joy!
 Sr. Maria and the Faculty and Staff
 of
 Presentation of Mary Academy*

Theme for Catholic Schools Week 2009

Catholic Schools Week is celebrated nationally the last week in January, this year Jan. 25-31. The logo for the observance shows the words "Celebrate Service" and hands reaching out and surrounding a globe. The "t" in the word celebrate is formed as a cross.

PMA CHRISTMAS CONCERT FOR STUDENTS IN GRADES 5,6,7,8!

Please Mark Your Calendars!

December 10
 Advent Concert
 Choir and Flutes
 All Students in
 Grades 5-8
 6:30PM in the Chapel



Poet's Corner

Autumn Comes

By Joy Dumont, Grade 5CP



Winter comes, winter goes.
 Then it is spring.
 Next you will find summer.
 But now, it is finally autumn.
 Once more, autumn comes, autumn goes
 For now, I hope it stays.
 Because beauty before my eyes
 It stays in my mind.
 Golden leaves I see, thought now it is cold.
 The sun is dim, it is not as gold
 Light is shining through,
 As I walk on a leaf path
 A path not taken, yet I go.
 I seek beauty, down in my heart.

We learn neither by thinking or by doing. We learn by thinking about what we are doing!
 Anonymous

Prayer to Anne Marie Rivier

Foundress of the Sisters of the Presentation of Mary

*God, our Father,
 You fashioned in Marie Rivier a heart impassioned for your glory and for the salvation of the world.*

We bless you. Place in us her ardent love for Jesus Christ, her faith in the power of prayer, her apostolic boldness, her compassion for all suffering.

Through the intercession of Mary, Our Mother and Guardian, grant us the favor of her canonization. We beseech you.

PMA FAMILY BOOK WORM BINGO NIGHT ON FRIDAY NOVEMBER 14, FROM 6:00 TO 8:00PM.

Be sure to pre-register to reserve your seat early! Bingo nights sell out quickly.

Calendar of Events for November 2008—Mark Your Calendars!

November 3-7:

Nature's Classroom trip for grade 5.

Wednesday, November 5:

Parent Group Meeting in the Cafeteria at 7:00 PM. All parents are invited to attend these meetings and find out ways that you can help us out with student-related activities.

Friday, November 7:

School Liturgy for students in grades 4-8 at 10:00 AM! Parents and friends welcomed!

Monday, November 10:

No School: Professional Development Day for all teachers in the NH Catholic School System.

Tuesday, November 11:

No School—Veterans Day

Wednesday, November 12:

Faculty Meeting at 2:50 PM

Wednesday, November 12:

Sr. Maria will distribute Report Cards to the students on Wednesday, November 12. Report Cards will be sent home in the white envelopes. For grades 6, 7 & 8, please review the report card, sign it, and return it to school by Monday, Nov. 17. For grades 1 through 5, please sign the signature sheet on the front of the manila envelope and return the envelope to the school by Monday, Nov. 17. We encourage you to schedule a meeting with your child's teacher should you have any questions or concerns regarding your child's progress. A formal day for brief conferences will be held on Wednesday, December 3. December 3 will be a half day session for students. Dismissal will at 11:00am.

Thursday, November 13:

PMA Advisory Board Meeting in the Conference Room at 4:00PM

Friday, November 14:

- ◆ \$2.00 Dress Down for Technology Day!
- ◆ Last day for Session I Enrichment Courses for Junior High Students.
- ◆ PMA Family Bingo Night 6:00PM until 8:00 PM

Thursday, November 20

No Gym classes today.

School Liturgy for students in grades 1-3 at 10:00 AM! Parents and friends welcomed!

Friday, November 21:

Feast of the Presentation of Mary of Mary in the Temple! Please join all the Sisters of the Presentation of Mary in prayer as we celebrate our special Feast Day! School Mass: grades 4-8 10:00am.

Wednesday, Thursday & Friday,

November 26,27,28: No School—

Happy Thanksgiving!

December 1 through 5

PMA/SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR :

The Book Fair will be open for the students to do their shopping from Monday through Friday during their library period. On Wednesday, December 3, the Book Fair will be open for all parents to shop, many of whom will already be here for Parent Teacher conferences. The fair will be open on Wednesday from 8:00am to 8:00pm. More details will follow.

Wednesday, December 3

Early Dismissal due to Parent Teacher Conferences during the afternoon and evening hours.

Early Dismissal at the following times:

Grades Pre-K:	10:50 AM
Grades K:	10:55 AM
Grades 1:	11:00 AM
Grades 2:	11:05 AM
Grades 3:	11:10 AM
Grades 4:	11:15 AM
Grades 5:	11:20 AM
Grades 6-8:	11:25 AM

More information for conference scheduling will come home through your child's teacher.

Conference Hours

12:30 P.M. - 4:00 P.M.

6:00 P.M. - 8:00 P.M.

ONGOING OPPORTUNITIES TO HELP RAISE FUNDS FOR PMA !

Easy way to meet your fundraising obligation to PMA using the following gift card programs:

CERTIFICATES

**STOP & SHOP
SHAW'S
HANNAFORD**

Here's how the Gift Card program, works.

- ◆ *Send your request along with payment in an envelope labeled Shaw's , Stop & Shop or Hannaford's Gift Card Programs through the weekly white envelope system on Thursday.*
- ◆ *Your certificate(s) will be sent home on Thursday via your child/ren. Please*

explain to your child the importance of protecting the envelope –PMA is not responsible for money or certificates lost through the white envelope system.

- ◆ *Please AVOID sending cash with your child/ren. Checks should be written payable to PMA.*
- ◆ *Certificates also make great gifts!*

Stop & Shop A+ BonusBucks Program - October through April:

Don't forget to register your Stop & Shop card for the A+ Bonus Bucks program. You can register in the school office, online, www.stopandshop.com/aplus or at any customer service counter. Be sure to use the PMA ID# 04707.

Hannaford Helps Schools Program September through December

When shopping at your local Hannaford stores, be sure to look for those products that are participating in the "Hannaford Helps Schools program". At the check out you will receive a certificate worth \$3, \$6 or \$9 depending on the number of participating products purchased. You can send your Hannaford dollar certificates in with your child in an envelope marked Hannaford Dollars.

PMA is collecting SHAW's Grocery Store Receipts! Just send them to school in the White Envelope. Last year we received \$400 in cash from Shaw's Supermarket for submitting receipts from their stores.

OTHER PMA NEWS

CROSS COUNTRY TEAM



Congratulations to the students who participated in the cross country team. You did a great job! We're all very proud of you! You are great SPORTS! A special word of thanks to our volunteer coaches. Thank You! Way to go team!

Honors and High Honors Recognition for Student in Grades 4-8:

Students will receive **High Honors** if they receive a Report Card with a grade average of A- or better in each subject area and S, VG or O in Effort and Conduct.

Students receiving **Honors** must obtain an average grade of B- or better in each subject area and S, VG or O in Conduct and Effort.



Donations to the Presentation of Mary Academy Giving Tree

The Presentation of Mary Academy Giving Tree is the school's annual giving program. It is the primary vehicle by which alumni, families, friends, and grandparents help to finance the school's special programs, such as the technology program, financial assistance program, library, and athletic program. By participating in the PMA Giving Tree Program, families, alumni and friends have an opportunity to allow PMA to achieve its mission of providing students an excellent and affordable education in the Catholic tradition. We invite members of the PMA school to invest in our future by making a gift to the PMA Giving Tree Fund.

Thank you to everyone who has supported the PMA Giving Tree Fund since 2006. Your name appears on an engraved plaque which is posted on the giving tree wall located on the first floor. Below you will find a listing of supporters for the Godparent and Technology fund for the 2007-2008 school year only. We try to report our donations without error. However, if you notice an omission or spelling error, please notify us immediately. We've already raised \$26,000 for the Godparent Program and \$21,000 for the technology fund. Our goal for technology is \$120,000. Your contributions, small or large, will make our dream a reality.

Godparent Program 2007-2008

"Godparents" Gifts of \$1,000-\$5,000

Theresa A. Dupuis

Jeanne and Octavia Hurtado
Sisters of the Presentation of Mary

PMA-OLMA Alumni Association
Janice E. Soucy

"Guardian Angels" Gifts of \$250 - \$999

Lucille Atkinson
Mira Sullivan Leiwant

Rachel M. Duhamel
Ann Marie Wozniak

Patricia Laplante
In memory of Vivian R. Mailhot
From Roger L. Mailhot

"Friends" Gifts of \$10 - \$249

Emile and Mary Ann Anderson
Cheryl Castonguay
Caren M. Cwalina
Lucille A. Dufault
Daniel and Debbie Fontaine
Donna A. Holbrook
Sr. Jacqueline LeBlanc
Patricia Parks
Mary and Kevin Sullivan
David and Carol Wagner

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Janet and George Estes
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Brenda Jackson
Michael A. LeClair
Diane and Ovila Petrain
Capt. T.R. and Nina Thrower
Richelle Ward

Nancy Briefs
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Kathy Fisher
Lazlo and Mary Hir
Louise A. Leary
Kathy and Urs Nager
Margaret Tusia
Alice R. Valliere
Helen and Nicholas Wasuck

Donations to the Technology Fund 2007-2008

Corporate Gifts

- ◆ Exxon Mobil Corporation
- ◆ Forest City Trading Group
- Chris and Ruthanne Fitzgerald

Gifts from Individuals with a Company Match

- ◆ Emile and Mary Ann Anderson matching gift from Raytheon
 - ◆ Christine Byrnes matching gift from Harvard Pilgrim Health Care
 - ◆ Nina Davis matching gift from BAE Employee Community Fund
- ◆ Olsen Family Giving Fund matching gift from Fidelity Charitable Gift Fund

Gifts "In Honor of"

Alexandria Briefs From Mom and Ralph
Fr. Brian McGrath From Mutty Family
Patrick & Molly Dee From Mom & Dad
Jay & Meg Gauthier From Mom & Dad
Christian Julianello From Mom and Dad
Neil Marceau From Mom and Dad
Ryan and Christina Phaneuf
From Mom & Dad
Noah & Chloe Tardif From Mom & Dad
Jeffrey & Samantha Thompson
From Mom & Dad
Baily & Connor Urbach
From Mom & Dad
Jessica & Nick Verfaillie
From Mom & Dad
Kaviya Vijayakumar From Mom & Dad
Jonah & Caleb Wagner
From Mom & Dad

Gifts "In Memory Of"

Noella Carroll
From Arlene Ouellette

Helen Greene
From
Liam, Timothy and Sean Greene

Edward J. Moffatt
From Ian Davis

Wilbur and Jewel Simon From the
Simon Family

Ralph and Marilyn Ungaro
From Gianni Ungaro

PMA HOLIDAY LOTTERY CARDS

The PMA Holiday Lottery Calendar cards will go on sale in November. Each family will be receiving them through the youngest child. The cards depict a beautifully decorated PMA chapel during the blessed holiday season. Calendars can be purchased for \$5.00 each. They offer the card holder a chance to win daily cash drawings from December 24 through January 31. For families making purchases towards their yearly fundraising fee, 30% of total sales will be applied to your fundraising account.

Match Your Gift!

The \$300 fundraising buyout is eligible for a company match at many area companies. Check with your human resources office to get a matching gift form.

Double your dollars! Have your gift of fundraising fee \$300 matched by your employer!

Purchase tickets and support the PMA Technology Fund!

DISNEY HIGH SCHOOL MUSICAL 2 - ON STAGE at the North Shore Music Theatre. Tickets can be purchased by calling the box office at 978-232-7200 or on their website www.NSMT.ORG. Be sure to use the PMA promo code **FPMA1**. Please refer to the flyer that was sent home in your child's weekly envelope for dates and times.

PICTURE RE-TAKE DAY!

Wednesday, November 12th



Student pictures that were taken on September 26th will be arriving at PMA shortly. If you are not happy with the portraits or your child was absent on this day, they will be photographed on Wednesday, November 12th.

More information will be sent home.

Thank You To

Country Brooks Farms

for donating tons and tons of ice cream to PMA. We have been selling the ice cream to the students on Wednesdays during lunch time for \$.50 per cup. The proceeds from our ice cream sales will be used for our technology fund.

Thank you Mr & Mrs. Shattuck for your generosity!



Presentation of Mary Academy Pledge of Nonviolence

SCHOOL PLEDGE OF PEACE Grades 4-8

*Making peace must start within us and in our school.
Each of us, members of Presentation of Mary Academy, commit ourselves as best we can to become peaceable people.*

I will show respect for myself and others.
I will be honest, kind, caring and loving towards all.
I will listen carefully to others, especially those who disagree with me.
I will consider the feelings of others rather than insisting on having it always my way.
I will learn to say I'm sorry when I have hurt another.
I will be willing to accept the differences of others and learn to appreciate that we are all God's children.
I will make right decisions about my behavior that represent good Christian morals.
I will be a peace maker.
This is my pledge. These are my goals. I will check myself on what I have pledged throughout the year.
I, _____, a student in grade _____,
make this pledge for peace. I want to make a difference.



Peace Pledge for Students in Grades 1-3

"Eliminating violence, one school at a time, starting with our own."

I pledge to be a peaceful person.
I pledge to be peaceful in my school, with my family, my neighborhood, and my community.
I pledge not to fight with others.
I pledge not to start fights with others.
I pledge to make my world a more peaceful place for children to be safe and happy.
I pledge to set a peaceful example for others to follow.
I pledge to be peaceful in my heart.