



Presentation of Mary Academy

November 2006 Newsletter

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Dear Parents,

Thanksgiving is one of our nation's most celebrated holidays. It gives us a chance to get together with family and friends and give thanks to God for all that we have, especially each other.

At this time of the year it is significant and necessary for us to ponder deeply on all that we have been given. If we reflect upon the many blessings that God has given, we can easily be overwhelmed by all that is ours. Our God is indeed a generous God, and amazingly enough, all of

His gifts are freely given to us.

November is also a time for us to remember those who are less fortunate than ourselves—the poor, the marginalized, and the homeless. We continue to collect canned goods and non-perishable food items to share with the poor in our own community. We encourage families to participate in this project by deciding together how you can help the poor in our school community. This is a wonderful way to sensitize our children to the needs of those around them, and to open their

hearts to a greater compassion, understanding and acceptance of those who have nothing.

Thanksgiving blessings to all!

In a spirit of Thanksgiving,

Sister Maria Rosa, p.m.
Principal



Thank you for all the Food & Household items received for the MAKE A DIFFERENCE DRIVE!

Welcome

Ms. Amy Kirschner , PMA's New Guidance Counselor!

We are very happy to welcome Ms. Amy Kirshner to our wonderful school community. Ms. Kirschner is a State Certified Licenser in Guidance Counseling and will be available three days a week to meet the needs of our students.

Mark Your Calendars!

**Music Concerts
by
PMA Students!**

November 16

Grades 1 and 2
7:00 P.M.
School Auditorium

December 14

Advent Concert
Select Choir and Flutes
7:00 P.M.
Chapel

March 22, 2007

Grade 3
7:00 P.M.
School Auditorium

May 10, 2007

Grades 4 and 5
7:00 P.M.
School Auditorium

Thanksgiving Family Blessing

A Thanksgiving Prayer

Samuel F. Pugh

"O God,
when I have food,
help me to remember
the hungry;
when I have work,
help me to remember
the jobless;

when I have a home,
help me to remember
those who have
no home at all;
when I am without pain,
help me to remember
those who suffer,
and remembering,
help me to destroy my
complacency;
bestir my compassion,

to be concerned enough to
help,
by word and deed,
those who cry out for what
we take for granted.
Amen."



Calendar of Events for November 2006—Mark Your Calendars!

Wednesday, November 1:

All Saints Day Mass
Grades 4-8 at 10:00 A.M.
Grades 1-3 at 1:00 P.M.
Parents and friends welcomed!

Wednesday, November 1

Faculty Meeting in the Library at
3:00 P.M.

Friday, November 3:

End of the Third Quarter.

November 6-17:

Sister Cecile Leclerc will be leaving us for a couple of weeks to attend the Nairobi Conferences on Climate Change sponsored by the Maryknolls. Sisters Cecile's extensive knowledge in earth science and global warming will certainly benefit all attendees at this international conference.

Friday, November 10:

There is school for PMA students. However, there will be NO BUS TRANSPORTATION for Hudson students because the Hudson Public School System will not be in session on November 10th.

Wednesday, November 15:

Sr. Maria will distribute Report Cards to the students on Wednesday, November 15. Report Cards will be sent home in the White Envelope. Please review the report card, sign it, and return it to school by Monday, Nov. 20. 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 November 29th.

Thursday, November 16:

Musical for Students in Grades 1 and 2 in the school auditorium at 7:00PM.

Tuesday, November 21:

Feast of the Presentation of Mary of Mary in the Temple: The Feast of the Presentation of Mary in the Temple is a very special day for the Sisters at PMA. Please join us for a special liturgy prepared by the students in honor of this great Feast Day.

Mass at 10:00 A.M. for students in grades 4-8. All parents and friends welcomed!

Tuesday, November 21:

Kindergarten Tea

Who? Parents and Kinder Students
When? Tuesday, November 21, 2006
Where? Cafeteria
Time? 9:00-10:00 A.M.

Tuesday, November 21: Mass at 10:00 A.M. for students in grades 4-8. Parents welcome!

Wednesday, Thursday & Friday, November 22-24: No School—Happy Thanksgiving!

November 27-30—BOOK FAIR:

For your shopping convenience, we will open the Scholastic Book Fair during the Parent/Teacher Conference on November 29th! Do your Christmas shopping early—books make great Christmas gifts!

Wednesday, November 29:

No School—Parent Teacher Conferences during the day and evening hours. More information to come home through your child's teacher. Conference Hours:
9:00 A.M.—12:00 P.M.
1:00 P.M.—4:00 P.M.
6:00 P.M.—8:00 P.M.

Hannaford Helps Schools Program 9/3/06 thru 12/2/06:

When shopping at your local Hannaford stores, be sure to look for those products who 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.

Shaw's Certificates:

We want to take this opportunity to introduce you to a new fund-raising program that we're initiating this year entitled ***SHAW CERTIFICATES***. The program is an easy way for parents to participate in fund-raising without having to go door to door to sell merchandise, etc. If you have not used ***SHAW CERTIFICATES*** in the past, here's how the program works.

The certificates are printed by Shaws Supermarkets and are of equal value to money. The certificates are available in denominations of **\$50, \$25, \$10**, and may be purchased through the school with a check made out to **Presentation of Mary Academy**.

Every time you use a gift certificate, Shaw's will have already donated 5% of your total dollars spent to the school. Example: If you spend \$100 at ANY Shaw's Supermarket and pay with the Shaw's certificates you have earned \$5 for PMA. It's EASY! **The average family can raise over \$300 in one year for the school. The profits from this program will be used to help us purchase computers for each teacher.**

Here's how you can order your certificates:

Send your request along with payment in an envelope labeled Shaws Certificates through the weekly white envelope system. Your certificate 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 Shaw certificates lost through the white envelope system. AVOID sending cash with your child/ren.

Certificates from Shaw's make great Thanksgiving gifts for employees, family and friends.

Stop & Shop A+ Bonus Bucks Program - 10/6/06 thru 4/5/07:

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



ALL SAINTS AND ALL SOULS

November 1 and November 2

You have heard of St. Francis, St. Thérèse, St. Nicholas, St. Rose, and St. Paul. These are some of the famous saints, saints the Church knows and names, saints with a capital S. But there are many more saints in heaven we do not even know about. You might say these are the quiet saints, saints with a small s.

November 1 is **All Saints Day** and November 2 is **All Souls Day**, when the Church remembers and honors those who have died, those we pray to and those we pray for. Who are the quiet saints you remember?

Play a Guess My Name game with your family or friends.

1. Cut apart the clues below, fold them, and place them in a box.

- ◆ I was knocked from my horse and became blind. (St. Paul)
- ◆ I tamed a ferocious, hungry wolf. (St. Francis)
- ◆ I couldn't do big things, so I did little things with love for Jesus. (St. Thérèse)
- ◆ Children hang up stockings or put out their shoes on my day in December. (St. Nicholas)
- ◆ I was a farmer. You celebrate my day in the middle of summer. (St. Isidore)
- ◆ I ministered in Ireland and used a shamrock to teach about God. (St. Pat)
- ◆ I was a carpenter. You know my son very well. (St. Joseph)

- ◆ My cousin was the mother of Jesus. She came to visit me. (St. Elizabeth)
- ◆ Francis was a good friend of mine. I began a religious order for women. (St. Clare)
- ◆ I wrote one of the Gospels. I was the youngest apostle. (St. John)

2. Each player chooses a strip of paper from the box. Do not show it to anyone.

3. Each player takes a turn reading his or her clues.

4. The player or team who names the most saints correctly is the winner.

5. As you learn about more saints, you can add more clues to the box.

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A Website with All the Answers

A child's learning doesn't have to be limited to the classroom. Everyday experiences can be turned into teaching opportunities. For example, if your child is disappointed when his or her helium balloon escapes to the sky, explain that helium is lighter than air and that's why the balloon floated away.

An older child might ask why someone's voice is high-pitched when he or she inhales helium. Explain that sounds travel faster through helium than air, because helium is lighter. (Be sure your child knows that inhaling helium is dangerous.) The list of teachable moments is endless, but what if you don't have all the answers?

A good place to look for answers to those tricky questions is www.howstuffworks.com. If your child is young, read the answers together. An older child can look up answers independently. For instance, what if your child wants to learn about the inner workings of a computer? This Website is the place. It gives explanations in language children can understand.

When the answers are at their fingertips, children find learning fun and they love to share their knowledge with other people. Check out this Website—you may find a

I Bet You Didn't Know ... Five Grains of Corn

The Pilgrims and their benefactors from Massasoit's tribe feasted for several days at the first Thanksgiving. It was a time of plenty, but the days before that harvest were far different. Five grains of corn was the daily ration during that desperate time.

Legend says that the Pilgrims placed five grains of corn beside each plate on Thanksgiving Day so they wouldn't forget.

The corn also reminded them of difficult days on the tiny Mayflower and of a time when there were only seven healthy colonists to care for the sick.

Some people follow that custom today. They say each grain of corn has a special significance:

The first reminds us to be thankful because the earth is good and our land is free.

The second acknowledges Indians who befriended the Pilgrims and helped them survive their first winter.

The third stands for our own courage and how it helps us do great things for others and for ourselves.

The fourth is to give thanks to the Pilgrims who came to the New World and established a land of religious freedom.

The fifth stands for our gratitude that leads to joy. That joy leads us to a renewed commitment to family and country.





Important Note: 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" or "O" in the Specialty Subjects including Effort and Conduct.

Students receiving Honors must obtain an average grade of "B" or better in each subject area and "S" or "O" in Special Subjects, including Conduct and Effort.



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 Coach Mrs. Judy Boire and all of her Assistant Coaches .**

Thank You!

Way to go team!



Prayer to

Anne Marie Rivier

Foundress of the Sisters of the Presentation of Mary Academy

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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.

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 on this day,
October 6th 2006. 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 for 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 my star to shine.

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.

