

Presentation of Mary Academy September 2006 Newsletter

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Dear Parents,

The start of a new school year is always an exciting time. Enthusiasm and expectations are high. Parents, students, and teachers share the hope that this year will bring outstanding achievement in education, in community spirit, and in affirming our faith in God.

Realization of that hope requires both commitment and a plan of action. Your prayers, your participation as a volunteer, and your spirit of cooperation are essential to its success. We plan our curriculum to meet the high standards, which characterize Catholic education. Our goals focus on areas of knowledge to be

studied, skills to be acquired, and habits and attitudes to be developed.

One key area we hope you will actively reinforce at home is the development of a sense of individual responsibility. The increasing tendency to blame other people or life situations for individual actions can lead to a complete breakdown in morals. Let us work together to help our young people realize that they make choices and must accept responsibility for those choices. Their sense of self-esteem should come from adherence to such values as compassion, honor, decency, loyalty, and generosity.

You are always welcome to call or visit, to talk about the ways we can help each other in educating your child spiritually, intellectually, and socially.

Again, we welcome you as partners in the education of your children. We look forward to working with you!

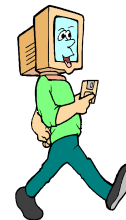
In the peace of Christ,

Sr. Maria Rosa, P.M.
Principal



Please Save

- ◆ **BOX TOPS for Education**
- ◆ **Campbell Soup Labels**
- ◆ **Empty Ink Cartridges**
- ◆ **Empty Laser Cartridges**
- ◆ **Old Cell Phones**



Misplaced your calendar of events or newsletter? No problem! Go on our website for up-to-date information about what's going on at Presentation of Mary Academy.

Presentation of Mary Academy
Open House for
Parents Only
Wednesday and
Thursday
September 20 and 21,
2006
6:00 – 8:00 P.M.



We are planning a very important **OPEN HOUSE** for all parents to be held on Wednesday (grades K-5) and Thursday (grades 6-8) September 20 and 21, 2006. We will gather in the Auditorium on the second floor for a short presentation by Sr. Maria Rosa. Following the address, the teachers will invite parents to the classroom for a 20-minute presentation on the curriculum, classroom expectations, and other pertinent

information regarding your child's education at Presentation of Mary Academy. Parents with multiple children will rotate on a 20-minute interval from one class to the next. We strongly encourage parents to attend this open house since important school information will be given to parents at the meeting.

The Open House will begin promptly at 6:00 P.M. in the Auditorium located on the Second Floor.

Upcoming Events!

September 30:
PMA Family Fun Fest!
10:00 – 3:00 P.M. Sponsored by the PMA Parent Group.

October 18: State of the School Address and budget information session for all parents in the school Auditorium on the second floor.
Time: 6:30-7:30 P.M.

Important Information - Please Mark Your Calendars

Important Information for You and Your Child



Select Choir for Students in Grades 5-8:

Mrs. Iaquinta will be sending registration forms home for students in grades 5-8 who wish to participate in the Select Choir. The practices will take place on Wednesdays from 2:30 until 3:30 P.M. Students who sign up for the Choir are expected to make a serious commitment to the program. Please see enclosed letter from the Music Department for more information.

Tuesday, September 5:

First Day for Physical Education

Classes: Students must wear their gym uniforms and sneakers to school on "gym day." Children who do not have the proper gym uniform will not be allowed to participate in gym classes. For safety reasons, students are not allowed to wear any form of jewelry during gym class.

Wednesday, September 9:

Meadow Brooks Fundraising Forms Sent Home! Please see the enclosed letter from the fund-raising committee for more details about the fundraiser.

Full payment and order forms are due in the school office on Monday, September 18th.

September 13, 14:

Mandatory Volunteer Training Sessions for All New Volunteers:

Mrs. Phaneuf will offer three volunteer training sessions for new volunteers to the PMA community. The sessions will take place on Wednesday, September 13 at 9:30 A.M. and 6:30 P.M. in the school cafeteria, and again, on Friday, September 15 at 9:30 A.M. in the school cafeteria.

Friday, September 29: School Pictures! More information to come home in the White Envelope. The students do not need to wear their uniforms for school pictures.

Saturday, September 30: Family Fun Fest from 10:00-3:00 P.M. Mark your calendars, you don't want to miss this year's Family Fun Fest! We have new and exciting games, activities, etc. Get ready...it's "CARNIVAL FUN" on the PMA grounds. The Fun Fest is sponsored by the PMA Parent Group.

KINDERGARTEN PARENTS— MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

Please Mark Your Calendars! We'll be sending you more details in the November Newsletter!

What? Kindergarten Thanksgiving Tea

Who? Parents and Kinder Students

When? Tuesday, November 21, 2006

Where? Cafeteria

Time? 9:00-10:00 A.M.

Progress Report Cards

All students will receive PROGRESS REPORTS in the White Envelopes by October 4, 2006. The Progress Report is a mid-quarter report on your child's academic and social progress at the Academy. **Please keep in mind**



that the PROGRESS REPORT is NOT the Quarterly Report Card. It

is a tool for measuring your child's progress midpoint throughout the marking period. Please do not hesitate to contact your child's teacher if you have questions concerning your child's Progress Report.

SCHOOL UNIFORMS

A gentle reminder to all parents to review the Dress Code. ALL POLO TYPE SHIRTS AND SWEATERS MUST HAVE THE SCHOOL LOGO EMBROIDERED ON THEM. NO SNEAKERS OR SNEAKER-TYPE SHOES ARE ALLOWED IN SCHOOL EXCEPT ON GYM DAY. Students who violate the uniform code will be given a verbal warning, and, if a second violation occurs will be given a uniform from the used uniform closet to wear for the remainder of the day.



Parent Group Meetings: The Parent Group meetings will take place on the first Wednesday of the Month beginning October 4. The committee enthusiastically welcomes new members and new ideas. Please come to the first meeting to find out how you can get involved in the PMA Parent Group!



PMA WISH LIST

Wishing upon a STAR!

- ◆ New Computers for our Teachers and Computer Lab
- ◆ Copy Paper
- ◆ Lap Tops for our Junior High Students
- ◆ Volunteer willing to research and write grants for PMA

Donations given to PMA may be used as a tax-deferred gift!

**A Million and One Ways
to Help the School**

Hannaford Helps Schools:

This program runs from September 3rd until December 2nd. Purchase selected products from Hannaford's and receive "School Dollar" coupons printed at the register. Send coupons to school. We'll collect and mail them to Hannaford's and receive a fundraising check.

Stop & Shop A+ Bonusbucks:

From October 6 through April 5, 2007, every time you shop with your Stop & Shop card, you'll be helping PMA earn cash. Please be sure to complete an A+ BONUSBUCK registration card at a Stop & Shop Store near you. The **PMA ID number is 04707.** For information, visit **www.stopandshop.com/aplus**.

Box Tops for Education: This is a great way to help our school while buying nutritious cereal or handy food products for your family. Purchase General Mills, Betty Crocker and other participating products, clip off the Box Top Logos, and send them to school with your child. For a complete list of participating products, go to **boxtops4education.com** and click on "*all about box tops*".

Campbell's Labels: Please save all Campbell labels for our school.

Schoolpop.com: Shop on line through schoolpop.com and PMA will receive anywhere from 1% to 3% of your credit card sales. It's a great way to earn extra money for the school. Schoolpop.com sponsors major companies such as Lands End, Travelocity, Target, J.C. Penney, Barnes and Noble, etc. Check the website for a listing of stores. When registering on line with **schoolpop.com**, please register under Presentation of Mary Academy, use the following **ID code 0146891.** The site is easy to access and very "user-friendly!"

Used Ink Cartridges and Old Cell

Phones: Please save your ink cartridges (ink and laser) as well as cell phones. We receive approximately \$1.00 to \$3.00 for each item sent to the company. Encourage colleagues in your place of employment to save the cartridges for PMA.

TARGET STORES

When you shop at Target, inform the cashier that Presentation of Mary Academy is registered with the store to raise money for the **TAKE CHARGE OF EDUCATION PROGRAM SCHOOL FUNDRAISING PROGRAM.** Target stores donate 1% of Target Visa and Target Guest Card purchases made to PMA.

Other Ways of Giving

Matching Gifts Many businesses offer matching gift funds, which can double or triple a donor's gift. Check with your employer.

Designated gifts to a particular program are always welcome. Many people may wish to make a gift directly to the library, or to the music and arts programs, or many other areas.

I am a STAR Polisher!



Memorial and honorary gifts are a thoughtful way to remember someone special while helping PMA. Most gifts are by cash (check), but gifts of **stocks and securities** may also be accepted by the school and may also be matched by some employers.

Planned giving offers many ways to remember PMA through bequests and wills, life insurance, annuities, charitable remainder trusts and other areas. Contact the principal to help coordinate your wishes.

Memorial Donation Cards Available:

PMA Memorial Donation Cards will be available for families who desire to donate money to the Academy in memory of a deceased family member or friend. Money donated to the school through the Memorial Donation Fund will be used to upgrade our computer lab! **Memorial Donation Cards are available through the school office.**

Dress Down Fridays:

On the last Friday of the Month, the students will be encouraged to PURCHASE A DRESS DOWN TICKET for \$2.00. The money collected for Dress Down Fridays will be used to purchase a computer for each teacher in the building. Our goal is to assure that by the end of the school year each teacher will have a computer in his/her classroom to be used for instructional purposes.

Please Note: ***The FIRST DRESS DOWN FRIDAY WILL TAKE PLACE ON FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 22 (THIRD FRIDAY OF MONTH) DUE TO PICTURE DAY ON SEPTEMBER 29!***

