

# Presentation of Mary Academy September 2007 Newsletter

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Dear Parents,

We welcome back all the families whose children were enrolled in our school last year and extend a sincere welcome to all whose children are just entering our school community for the first time. We are beginning another year of shared responsibility in building Christian values and educational skills in the young people God has placed in our care. Once again, the faculty and staff at PMA commit themselves to educating your child in an environment that is safe, loving, and permeated with the Gospel message of Jesus Christ.

We at PMA depend on your support in order to continue our ministry as partners in your child's education. The fact that our school is a small, family-oriented school has made it possible for us to continue to give your child a well rounded education. The unique partnership developed between parents and school staff has been a fundamental reason for the success of our school. We welcome your ideas, your cooperation in helping with many volunteer activities, and your support.

This school year we will focus as a school community on how we can "MAKE A DIFFERENCE". The students and staff will be invited on a daily basis to reflect on their actions and how these actions "make a difference" in our school, family, local and world community. We hope to help the students develop a greater awareness of how everything they do and say impacts all of creation, how even their simplest decision can positively or negatively impact the lives of all those around them. This will foster a sense of stronger moral character in our students as well as teach them to take responsibility for their actions.

As always, we count on your support and help, on your affirmation and constructive criticism to help us build the Kingdom of God at PMA. With your help, Presentation of Mary Academy will continue to grow as a fine Catholic educational institution where your child will grow and succeed to "MAKE A DIFFERENCE" in our world.

In the peace of Christ,

Sr. Maria Rosa, P.M.  
Principal



## PMA WISH LIST

- ◆ 26 Laptop Computers for the Technology Lab
- ◆ Laptops for all Junior High students
- ◆ Copy Paper
- ◆ Volunteer willing to research and write grants for PMA

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

## **Please Save**

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

## **CHECK OUT OUR WEBSITE AT**

**[www.pmaschool.org](http://www.pmaschool.org)!**  
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.

**A special word of THANKS to Mrs. Debbie Fontaine for designing and keeping our website updated and user-friendly!**

## **Upcoming Events!**

September 18, 19, 20, 2007 6:30 – 8:30 pm.  
Presentation of Mary Academy Open House for Parents Only

September 22:  
PMA Family Fun Fest!  
10:00 – 5:00 pm. Sponsored by the PMA Parent Group.

## Important Information - Please Mark Your Calendars

### SEPTEMBER CALENDAR OF EVENTS

#### September 12 & 14:

#### Mandatory Volunteer Training Sessions for All New Volunteers:

Mrs. Phaneuf will offer three volunteer training sessions this month for new volunteers to the PMA community.

The sessions will take place on Wednesday, September 12 at 9:00 AM and 6:30 PM and again, on Friday, September 14 at 9:00AM in the school cafeteria. At the beginning of each session, Mrs. Nolet will be on hand for parents who need to complete a criminal background check form. A fee of \$7.50 for processing is due at this time.

#### Wednesday, September 19:

Yankee Candle Order Forms and Full Payment due in the school office.

#### September 18, 19, 20

#### PMA PARENT OPEN HOUSE:

- ◆ Tuesday, 6:30-7:45 PM  
Grades Pre-K through 1
- ◆ Wednesday, 6:30-8:00 PM  
Grades 2 through 5
- ◆ Thursday, 6:30-8:30 PM  
Grades 6 through 8

Please refer to Open House Schedule included in this week's shuttle envelope for detailed information about your child's open house schedule.

#### Friday, September 21 –

#### Early Dismissal and \$2.00 Dress-down Friday!

#### 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 and update technology in our school.

Please Note: ***The FIRST DRESS DOWN FRIDAY WILL TAKE PLACE ON FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 21, (THIRD FRIDAY OF MONTH) DUE TO PICTURE DAY ON FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 28!***

### IMPORTANT EARLY DISMISSAL INFORMATION FOR FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 21

Parents, please plan accordingly. The school will close at the times listed below so that the parent group and teachers can prepare the building and grounds for the FALL FUN FEST ON SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 22

#### Early Dismissal at the following times:

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

**Please plan ahead: NO AFTER SCHOOL SERVICES ON SEPTEMBER 21, 2007.**

Saturday, September 22: Fall Fun Fest from 10:00-5:00PM. Mark your calendars, you don't want to miss this year's Fall 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.

Friday, September 28: School Pictures! More information to come home in the White Envelope. The students do not need to wear their uniforms for school pictures.

### **Important Information**

#### AIR CONDITIONERS

A special thank you to the PMA parents who donated air conditioners and/or a \$20 donation to help purchase air conditioners for Mr. D's Room, Mrs. Lamontage's Room and Mrs. Parolise's Room. Any parent wishing to donate a contribution in any amount towards an air conditioner

for their child's homeroom, please make checks payable to PMA and send them to school in an envelope marked "Air Conditioner" with your child's homeroom name on it! Every little bit helps us keep our students in a cool learning environment on hot, humid days

#### PROGRESS REPORT CARDS

All students will receive PROGRESS REPORTS in the White Envelopes on October 4, 2007. 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.

#### PARENT GROUP MEETINGS

The Parent Group meetings will take place on the first Wednesday of each Month beginning October 3. The group meets in the student cafeteria at 7:00pm. 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.

#### KINDERGARTEN PARENTS MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

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

**What? Kindergarten Musical**

**Who? Parents and Kinder Students**

**When? Tuesday, November 21, 2007**

**Where? Alumni Hall (Second Floor)**

**Time? 1:00-1:45 P.M.**

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

**Hannaford Helps Schools:** This program runs from September 2nd until December 1st. 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 5 through April 3, 2008, 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](http://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](http://boxtops4education.com) and click on "all about box tops".

**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](http://schoolpop.com), please register under Presentation of Mary Academy and use the following **ID code 124656**. 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.

**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.

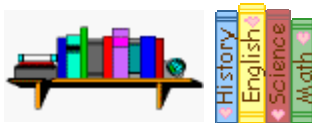
### Memorial Donation Cards Available:

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.**

**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.

### ENROLLMENT STATUS:

**40 New PreKindergarten Students**  
**32 New students in Grades 3 - 8**  
**Current number of students attending PMA is 393**



### Why so Many Fundraisers?

In an effort to provide your child with a great CATHOLIC EDUCATION we remain committed to updating curriculum on a regular basis, improving technological needs in our building and maintaining our building so that we have a safe and inviting facility in which the students learn, play and grow.

This past year alone the following improvements have taken place at the school.

### Curriculum

#### New/Updated Text Books and Materials in the following areas

- ◆ Religion—Grades 2-8 \$8,600
- ◆ Social Studies— Grades K-8 \$24,500
- ◆ English/Writing— Grades 3-8 \$22,500
- ◆ Spelling—Grades 1-8 \$11,000

### Technology:

- ◆ 26 Laptops and Printers 29,500  
(Raised \$5400 through Dress Down Friday.)
- ◆ Building Wired for Networking, Fire wall for Computer Lab, Routers 11,978
- ◆ 36" Flat Screen TV for Educational Purposes \$700

### Building Improvements:

- ◆ New Gym lights 3,200
- ◆ Offices on the First Floor \$12,800
- ◆ New Chairs in Alumni Hall 13,000
- ◆ Reconstruction of the Soccer Field - Funds from Golf Tournament \$3,100

### Miscellaneous Expenses: \$29,000

- ◆ 2 pre-kindergarten rooms-furnishings, etc.
- ◆ School Store
- ◆ Makeover in Music Room, Hallways, School Cafeteria, classrooms painted

### Did you know?

The Sisters of the Presentation of Mary Academy currently subsidizes our schools operating cost by paying 98% of our buildings expenses. (utilities, major capitol improvements, plowing, ground maintenance, etc) This help defrays the current tuition rate. Without their subsidy, our tuition costs would be unattainable. We are grateful for their support and commitment to our children.

### Major Capitol Improvements

Sprinkler System and Fire Alarm Updated to Code \$650,000.00



## PMA FALL FUN FEST STUDENT PENNY SALE DEBUT



Students in grades 1 - 8 will have an opportunity to visit the Penny Sale area with their class on Friday, September 21st. (due to time constraints with the early dismissal, only grades 1-8 will be visiting the penny sale. Parents are welcome to attend with their Pre-Kindergarten and Kindergarten students the day of the Fall Fest.)

This is how the penny sale works:

- 1) Numerous prizes, which have been donated, are displayed, numbered and are given a bucket with a corresponding number for ticket collections.
- 2) Tickets are purchased by the sheet for 25 cents. Each sheet contains 25 individual ticket stubs (each stub is worth a penny, which is how the raffle gets its name). **The maximum sale per student will be limited to a total of \$5.00.** (we also recommend that for grades 1 & 2 that parents consider sending their children with \$2 or \$3. Students will have approximately 10 minutes to visit the penny sale.) Additional tickets can be purchase the day of the Fun Fest.
- 3) Students browse through the various prizes and deposit their ticket stubs in the buckets of the prizes that they would like a chance to win.

Drawing of Penny Sale prizes are done the day of the Fun Fest and will begin at approximately 4:00pm. Winners do not have to be present to win.

Good Luck to All !!!!!

### Frequently Needed School Phone Extensions School Number (603) 889-6054

School Secretary - Mrs. Nancy Phaneuf	x200
Admissions - Mrs. June Nolet	x203
Business Office - Mrs. Donna DesRuisseaux	x204
Guidance - Ms. Amy Kirschner	x205
School Nurse - Mrs. Jan Mottard	x206
Extended Day Program- - Mrs. Mary McManus	x207
Physical Education and after school athletic programs - Mrs. Judy Boire	x402
Absentee Line	x455
School Closings/Delay Line	x456

#### **A reminder to parents:**

In the event your child will be absent or have a tardy arrival to school, you must call and report this information on the absentee line, x455 by 8:30am.

For Piano Lesson information:  
(603) 883-8192 - Sr. Lorraine Pinette

