



Presentation of Mary Academy

January and February 2012 Newsletter

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Faith. Academics. Service.

Catholic Schools

Dear Parents,

Catholic Schools Week—coming up in three weeks—is one of the highlights of the year at PMA. We’ve planned a variety of activities for students, families and friends, and we hope you’ll join us as we celebrate what makes Catholic education unique. The enclosed schedule provides details on the week’s festivities. This year’s theme is “Catholic Schools: Faith. Academics. Service.” In just three words, this theme expresses what PMA is all about. We teach our students faith, not just the basics of Christianity, but how to have a relationship with God. We hold them to high academic standards and do everything we can to help students reach their full potential. We also teach them how to serve, both as a way to express their faith and to become good citizens.

Here at PMA, we are proud to offer an education that is distinctive among educational institutions in our community. We are excited to have the opportunity during Catholic Schools Week to share what our students are learning and what they have accomplished. I hope to see you and your family at some of our events. Also, please join me in saying thank you to those who help make PMA a success: our teachers, staff, administrators, board members, parents and volunteers. Through their dedication and commitment, our students are learning in a culture of faith, academics and service that is preparing them for a full life in their families, communities and the Catholic Church.



SUMMER CAMPS COMING TO PMA THIS SUMMER

We are in the process of planning three weeks of summer camp at PMA for students of all age groups.

The camps will run from July 9 through August 3 for five days a week from 9:00 AM until 3:00 PM. Registration information and details about the various camps being offered will be coming home on February 1, 2012. We will offer a variety of programs and camps including sports clinics, swimming, arts and crafts, wilderness adventures, robotics, etc.

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 January 6, 2012.

Development News!

PMA Third Annual Dinner Auction “An Evening in Paris”

It’s fun, it’s happening... it’s the PMA Dinner & Auction on March 24, 2012.

This benefit will be an *adult* evening—complete with dinner, and live & silent auctions.

Please contact **Cheryl Lucas**, (603) 889-6054 x205 or pmadevelopment@comcast.net

if you have any questions or wish to donate an item for the auction.

PMA Grandparents Day

Don’t forget to remind your grandparents to mark their calendars! PMA will be serving breakfast to all of our wonderful grandparents, and you get to give your grandparents a private tour of your school.

March 14, 2012,
for Grades Pre-K, Kinder, and 1
8:15 until 9:15 AM

March 15, 2012,
for Grades 2-8
7:30 AM until 8:30 AM

Calendar of Events for January and February 2012!

Friday, January 20:

PMA Junior High Dance 7:00 PM - 9:30 PM at St. Kathryn's Parish Hall!

Wednesday, January 25:

Auction invitations will be sent home in this week's shuttle envelope. Please consider attending the PMA Auction this year! Tickets are sold on a first, come first served basis, as we have only 200 seats available.

Friday, January 27:

\$2.00 Dress Down Day for Athletic Fields!

Catholic Schools Week

January 29 - February 4, 2012

Theme: PMA—Faith, Academics, and Service. 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 29 through February 4.

Catholic Schools Button Check

Classroom teachers will be doing a routine "**Button Check**". Students who wear their Catholic Schools Button during Catholic Schools Week will get a **Dress Down Day** on Friday, February 17, 2012! Be sure to purchase a **Catholic Schools Button** (\$1.00) before January 27. You must wear your **BUTTON** during Catholic Schools Week in order to qualify for the **DRESS DOWN DAY** in February! The purpose for wearing the button is to build school spirit.

Monday - Friday is Dress Down for all the students whose parents purchased a week long Dress Down Stocking.

Dress Down Code:

On days when uniforms are not required, PMA students should not wear any type of clothing or grooming which is inappropriate for a Catholic school. This includes spandex and other tight-fitting clothes, shirts advertising brand names, with ads or other writing, camisoles, pajama bottoms, tank tops, shirts with spaghetti straps, extra-short skirts or shorts, halter tops, sun dresses, and torn clothing. Skirts and shorts should be near

knee length. Flip-flops, sandals, slippers, and **boots are never allowed.** **Neither are bare midriffs or low-cut tops.** Dress down days are not about "marketing" the latest style, fashion, or brand name. **Students do not have to participate in the dress down days if they are not comfortable adhering to the dress down code. The PMA uniform is always acceptable.**

GRADE LEVEL TALENT SHOWS CANCELLED FOR THIS YEAR!

(First graders will still have their annual talent show on Friday, February 3 at 12:30 PM in the Alumni Hall.)

Monday, January 30:

Steve Blunt: Enrichment activities for students in grades PreK-1! Steve Blunt will entertain our students with a variety of songs, stories and musical instruments.

Tuesday, January 31:

Because of the masses, students are asked to make this a dress-up day and dress appropriately for the occasion.

- ◆ Mass for students in Grades 4-8 at 10:00 A.M.
- ◆ Mass for students in Grades K-3 at 1:00 P.M.
- ◆ Parents, please join us for the celebration of the Catholic Schools Week liturgies.

PMA Roller Kingdom Night 6:30

PM-8:30 P.M. The **Parent Group** is sponsoring a fun night of roller skating at Roller Kingdom for all PMA students and parents. Admission is \$3.00 in advance or \$4.00 at the door. Skate rentals are available at Roller Kingdom.

Wednesday, February 1:

Teacher and Student Appreciation Day! Breakfast for all, sponsored by the PMA Parent Group!

Thursday, February 2:

PMA Spelling Bee: Students in grades 4-8 will participate in the annual school Spelling Bee. The bee will take place in Alumni Hall at 9:25 AM. Parents are welcome! The top student will represent PMA in the Regional Spelling Bee in March.

Friday, February 3:

Grade One Talent Show in the Alumni Hall at 12:30 PM

MOTHER AND SON GAME NIGHT:

fun event sponsored by the PMA Parent Group! Come and enjoy a taco dinner and play your favorite game with your son and with other families at PMA 6:30 -8:30 PM.

Friday, February 17:

Free Dress Down Day for all the students who purchased a Catholic Schools Week Button and actually wore their button to show school spirit!

PMA Junior High Dance 7:00 PM - 9:30 PM at St. Kathryn's Parish Hall!

February 27-March 2:

No School - Vacation Week!

Golf Tournament

This year, we will be hosting a Golf Tournament to benefit our new athletic field. Jeff Thompson is in the process of securing dates in May at the Windham Country Club for this event.



Tentative date: May 23 or 24.
Pencil it in on your calendars!

PMA Students participated in the National Geographic Society Geography Bee. Each homeroom in grades 4-8 participated. The finalists from each classroom were:

8JC: Charlie Hemenway & Samantha Thompson
7AG: Kristina Fontaine
7JB: Meghan Glisson
6MZ: Frankie Pellegrino
6PJ: Ryan Duffy
5CW: Thomas Cullerton
5JD: Mikayla Hawkins
4KD: Connor Urbach
4SD: Maika Bernard

The PMA school winner was Frankie Pellegrino. Congratulations, Frankie!

PLANNING AHEAD

KINDERGARTEN PARENTS:

Important date to help you plan ahead!

Scholastic School Readiness Testing for First Grade Students entering PMA in the Fall:

There will be no school for KINDERGARTEN STUDENTS on Friday, March 16, 2012.

Students registered to enter first grade at PMA in September will be required to take the Scholastic Readiness Test administered at PMA by the kindergarten teachers on March 16, 2012. All Kindergarten students taking the test will report to school at their regular time and will be dismissed at 12:00 P.M. After-school services will not be available to kindergarten students on March 16.

CAT TESTING WEEK

Testing for Grades 2-8 Week of

March 26-30: It is important that your child/ren attend school during testing week. Please avoid planning appointments or trips that week. Thank you very much.

THANK YOU FROM MISS BABCOCK!

A sincere thank you to the many parent volunteers and the Parent Group, who gave so generously of their time and resources for this year's Scholastic Book Fair. Despite challenging economic times, our book fair was a tremendous success. Thanks to your generosity we raised almost a thousand dollars more in revenue over last year. We now have many new books in the library for our children to enjoy. Be sure to look for news of our Scholastic Two-For-One Book Fair coming in late May.

Congratulations to Mrs. Joy Iaquinta, the PMA Choir and Students in Grades

1-4 for doing such a great job at the beautiful Advent/Christmas Concert! We're very fortunate to have such a talented and gifted music teacher and students! Our collection basket at the concert raised our first FINANCIAL INSTALLMENT towards the PMA GYMNASIUM DREAM! We collected \$842.00 at the concert. Thank you for your kindness!

ON A REFLECTIVE NOTE:

Our great Academy was built on hard work and loads of nickels and dimes in the early 1920's. (The reality is, no one ever gave the sisters a million dollars to build the Academy dream. In the spirit of that same vision, our Gymnasium will be built one day! Every great dream must start somewhere! \$842.00 is our starting point ... the beginning of a great dream! Thank you!

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
- 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. Cheerleading, 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 only 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 car line. 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 car line 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 car line 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 car line and pick up 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. The information is also carried on the WMUR website under school closings.

IMPORTANT: IN THE EVENT OF A 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.

**“An Evening in Paris”
PMA’s 3rd Annual Dinner/Auction
Saturday, March 24, 2012**

Four Ways To Participate:

Donate! You can donate an item or service for the auction. Donate sports, theater, or concert tickets, museum or movie passes. Donate your professional services or restaurant and travel experiences. For more information, or to make a donation, contact Joanne Young (jjmyoung@msn.com).

Sponsor! Nothing to donate but still want to help...You may contribute through your business or as an individual through four levels of sponsorship: Bronze (\$250+), Silver (\$500+), Gold (\$1,000+), Platinum (\$3,000+) and Lead Sponsor (\$5,000).

Volunteer! Our auction committee has done a great job preparing for this event, but you may provide additional help in these weeks leading up to the big day. The success of our auction is directly tied to the work and dedication of enthusiastic volunteers – like you! if you would like to help contact Cheryl Lucas (pmadevelopment@comcast.net).

Attend! Come with your spouse or a friend, or reserve a table for a group of friends and enjoy a fun night out while supporting your favorite cause – PMA! Those who have attended in the past know the fun time this event is for our school community. Those of you considering for the first time – don’t miss out. Join us for a great time.



Exciting Features of the Auction:

Live Auction Highlights:

- * Vacation Home in Narragansett, RI
- * Play Hooky with the Principal
- * Walt Disney World Resort Tickets
- * 2011 Boston Bruins Stanley Cup Champions framed autographed photo

Class Projects: These projects are a highlight of the event! Student-made keepsake projects that are raffled during the Live Auction. Raffle tickets are available prior to the event.

Tuition Raffle: Here’s a way to save \$4,000 toward tuition! Only 200 tickets available.

VIP Hour New this year! Have the first look at silent auction items and experience the benefit of VIP Check-out and private wine tasting.

Sports Memorabilia: KBK Sports Consignment is back by popular demand. Twelve of the most sought after sports items will be available for your bids!

The Cake Frenzy: There is no describing this...you have to be there to experience it!

**“An Evening in Paris”
Dinner Auction—
Auction Items Needed!**

Consider donating the following to our auction:

- ◆ Tickets to Games, Concerts and Events
- ◆ Sports Memorabilia
- ◆ A Time-Share that you will not be using
- ◆ Weekend vacation getaway at your lake-side home or camp up north!
- ◆ Free Pizza Party for your child’s class!
- ◆ Free Ice Cream Party for your Child’s Class!
- ◆ Your professional time and talents (free marketing for you)
- ◆ Straight-out tax deductible donation
- ◆ Other Ideas? We’ll consider them!

Feature Item—Tuition Raffle for PMA \$4000.00