



February 1, 2012

### Dates to Remember

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| <b>Thu., Feb. 2:</b>   | <b>Science Fair</b>   | <b>Tues., Feb. 14:</b> | <b>St. Valentine's Day<br/>Out of Uniform – Red Tops &amp; Jeans</b>  |
| <b>Fri., Feb. 3:</b>   | <b>Student Appreciation Day<br/>Out of Uniform Day<br/>School-wide Spelling Bee finals<br/>- Parents Welcome<br/>Noon Dismissal<br/>Ski Club – bus leaves at 2:15</b> | <b>Wed., Feb 15:</b>   | <b>Interims Go Home<br/>Restaurant Night, Mamma Lucia<br/>in Falls Grove<br/>Sports Committee Meeting 7:30 p.m.</b> |
| <b>Feb. 7 &amp; 9:</b> | <b>New Student Registration<br/>9:00 – 10:30 a.m. MPR</b>   | <b>Fri., Feb. 17:</b>  | <b>Faculty Retreat – No School</b>  |
| <b>Thu., Feb. 9:</b>   | <b>Pastoral Recommendation<br/>forms due to office</b>  | <b>Mon., Feb. 20:</b>  | <b>Presidents' Day – No School</b>  |
| <b>Fri., Feb. 10:</b>  | <b>Ski Club</b>   | <b>Wed., Feb. 22:</b>  | <b>Ash Wednesday – Mass 10:00 am</b>  |
|                        |   | <b>Mon., Aug. 27:</b>  | <b>First Day of School 2012-2013</b>  |

### Hot Topics



#### How do you spell S-U-C-C-E-S-S?

Please join us for our first Scripps National Spelling Bee school-wide finals this Friday, February 3rd. Parents and siblings are welcome to attend! Congratulations to our classroom spelling bee winners and runners up, who will compete in the finals on Friday. These winners have been given a study word list to review before the finals. First and second grade finalists will compete in the Multi-purpose Room at 10:00 a.m. Third through Eighth Grade finalists will compete in the KFC at 8:45 a.m. Good Luck to all the finalists listed below!

<b>Grade</b>	<b>Classroom Bee Winner</b>	<b>Runner Up</b>
1-1	Mikey Kelsey	Tam-Anh Tran
1-2	Joshua Bisanga	Otto Kirchman
2-1	Tessa Brizhik	Noah Ferrara
2-2	Ethan Manners	Jennifer Albero
3-1	Maeve McIntyre	Brendan Snocker
3-2	Elizabeth Attumalil	William Scherer
4-1	Jacob Bryant	Julia Nonnenkamp
4-2	Brett Loewke	Elizabeth Vandegrift
5-1	Caroline Trusty	Thomas Kallarakal
5-2	Tom Scherer	Lilly McCarthy

6-1 Shauneen Miranda  
6-2 Madison Gamma  
7-1 Emily Shorb  
7-2 Michael Harrington  
8-1 Chloe La Rochelle  
8-2 John Flynn

Maggie Koch  
Corinne Davis  
Sydney Ingrassia  
Maddie Maheux  
Regan McBride  
Natalie Weir

## Social Concerns

### Catholic Schools Week Service Project

Each year during Catholic Schools Week, our community participates in a school-wide service project. This year's national theme for Catholic Schools Week is "Faith, Academics, and Service" and the January virtue is compassion. Our project, "Mary of Nazareth School is Built on Compassion", will focus on how we serve God and build our school community through acts of compassion. This week students are being asked to do something compassionate for someone else. Students will receive paper bricks on which to write down what they did. The bricks will be assembled in the shape of our school and displayed in the multi-purpose room during Catholic Schools Week. Be sure to stop in and see it! Thank you to the Catholic Schools' Week committee and Ms. Marcus for all the hard work.

## Special Announcements

### Congratulations MoN Cheerleaders!

The MoN Mustang cheerleaders came in first place in the intermediate junior high division at the Maryland Cup Cheer and Dance Competition on Sunday, January 29. Great job girls!!! Make sure to congratulate the following cheerleaders: Lizzie Coughlin, Maggie Koch, Caroline Kopsidas, Kasey Licciardello, Cami Marshall, Lily McCarthy, Shauneen Miranda, Allie Puglisi, Joyceling Queirolo, Brigit Rogers, Gaby Serrano, Carley Sweeney, Briana Valenzuela, and Sabrina Valenzuela. I am very proud of our girls. :) Coach Sweeney



### Spirit Shop News: Are You Ready for the Bag Tax?

Why not show your MoN spirit while shopping in Montgomery County using a cool reusable black bag with the Mary of Nazareth logo??? Get yours now, two for \$10. If you want to get some while they last, email Michelle Mahn at [mjmahn@verizon.net](mailto:mjmahn@verizon.net) or send a check to Michelle Mahn c/o Patrick Mahn 6-2. DO NOT SEND IT TO THE OFFICE. Happy Shopping!

### Harris Teeter TIE program needs your help!

Attention all parents, the Together in Education program with HT needs your help. Currently we only have 134 families linked this year to the school versus 178 last year. Please if you have not already done so, please link your card the next time you shop at our local Harris Teeter store, our school code is 6131. If you cannot do this, please email your code to Michelle Mahn at [mjmahn@verizon.net](mailto:mjmahn@verizon.net) and she will enter it for you. Thank you!



## HSA News



### Box Tops Biz...

Wait until you hear this...in November, MON received a check from all of the Box Tops that we submitted from May 2011 through October 2011. That check was for \$853.37!!! We couldn't have done it without your diligence and time. Congratulations and thank you! Our school-year challenge ends on April 30, so keep on clipping!

## Development News

### Exciting Annual Giving News

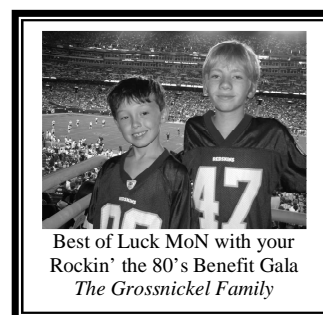
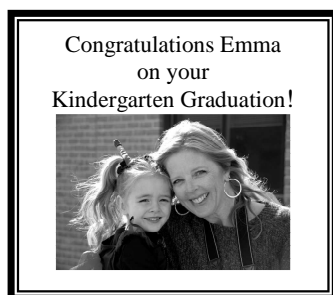
Thank you to all the families that have donated to the 2011-2012 Annual Giving Campaign. We have raised 78% of our goal of \$100,000 and still have several months to go. The 2012-2013 school year's tuition was only increased a minimal amount. This is a direct result of your support during last year's Annual Giving Campaign.



It is critical that we reach our \$100,000 goal again this year. Please help by pledging. If you have not yet made your gift to the Annual Giving Campaign, please pledge your support today! Pledge forms can be found on the website under the Development tab or you can contact the Development Office.

### It's time to place your *Family Ad!*

If you have not sent in your Family Ad yet, we will be sending order forms home with your child today. The forms are also available on the website under the Development tab. This is a great way to send your congratulations to your student, to his/her sports team, or a family picture showing your support for the Benefit Gala.



### Attention all Scrapbookers

We are looking for donations of scrapbook materials. If you would like to donate any supplies, please send them to the Development Office.

### Rockin' the 80's Benefit Gala Update

Not sure what to *donate* for the Benefit Gala? Here are some ideas

- Airline frequent flyer miles
- Extra or unwanted Gift cards
- A service from your favorite Salon or Spa
- Restaurant or Movie gift certificates
- Sports tickets
- Latest fashion must have...



### Tuition Raffle Tickets have been sent home!



We are excited to offer once again our Tuition/Cash Raffle. The drawing will be held at our Annual Benefit Gala on March 24, 2012. The winner of the raffle will receive \$5,575 towards 2012-2013 tuition *or* \$4,000 cash! We are asking every family to sell at least two tickets at \$25.00 each. Remember, every ticket sold helps to minimize tuition increases. If you need additional tickets, or have any questions, please contact Gina Kidwell at [ginakid@yahoo.com](mailto:ginakid@yahoo.com) or 301-602-7357. Additional tickets will be sent via backpack mail. The individual who sells the most tickets by Wednesday, March 7, 2012 will be awarded **three** FREE Tuition/Cash Raffle Tickets. Please send your payment and completed tickets to the Development Office in a sealed envelope.

## Parish News

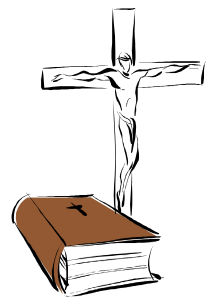
### Mother Seton Parishioners: Catholic Schools Week Mass

Catholic Schools Week Mass will be celebrated by our Pastor, Father Carlos at Mother Seton on **February 5, 2012 at the 10:45 AM Liturgy**. EVERY Mary of Nazareth Student will have an active part in the Mass. We are requesting that **ALL students come to church that day in their FULL Winter Uniform**. As part of the Service, all students that are at Mass in uniform will sing the Mary of Nazareth School Song together.

Traditionally, the Mary of Nazareth Families from Mother Seton present a gift to the Parish as a Thank You for supporting and helping to make possible our decision to send our children to Mary of Nazareth. We would like to continue to do that this year. Last year we were able to present funds for the purchase of new sacristy bells. Donations will be accepted until **February 10<sup>th</sup> via backpack mail to Lisa Laffey, c/o Nicholas Laffey 1-1**. Any amount is appreciated. Please contact Lisa Laffey at [lmpe22@aol.com](mailto:lmpe22@aol.com) or 240-498-4057

### Attention Mother Seton Parishioners: Volunteers Needed

Would you like to speak to our Parish children about the Gospel...God's Word? A few more facilitators are needed to join a most wonderful team of volunteers who proclaim the Gospel each week during the 9:00 and 10:45 a.m. Masses to the children. No need to worry about being alone! There are always two facilitators with the children. All volunteers must be Virtus certified. If you would like to be a part of this incredibly rewarding ministry, please call Ivan or Tatiana Valenzuela at 301-540-0478.



### Spiritual Retreat for Men and Women

Attention parents! Need to recharge your spiritual batteries? The Center for Family Development at Our Lady of Bethesda Retreat Center offers monthly reflections around the series, "The Gifts of the Holy Spirit: Re-Discover Treasures You Have Been Given." For men: Every 1st Wed., 7-9pm. For women: Every 4th Wed., 9:45am-12noon or 7-9pm. Each session includes Mass, guided meditations, the opportunity for confession, and a meal. A free will offering of \$10 is suggested to help cover cost of meal and future programs. Childcare is provided for children 2+ at the morning session (reservation for childcare required). For more info. call 301-365-0612 or visit their website at [www.ourladyofbethesda.org](http://www.ourladyofbethesda.org). Thanks! Laura Ponce

### OLVP Vacation Bible Camp Registration

OUR LADY OF THE VISITATION PARISH - VACATION BIBLE CAMP REGISTRATION: OLVP summer Vacation Bible Camp, "SKY," is just around the corner. At "SKY", faith and imagination soar as kids discover that everything is possible with God. "SKY" is for children from age 3 ½ years (by June 1, 2012) to 3rd grade, and will run from June 25 to June 29, 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Registration will be held in Founders Hall on Sunday, February 5 after the 9:00 a.m. mass. Cost is \$100.00 per camper. Financial assistance is available. For additional information, please email [molewack@olv.org](mailto:molewack@olv.org).



## After the Bell

### Summer Camp at Mary of Nazareth!

Summer Camp 2012 at Mary of Nazareth School. For details and information check out our website [www.whitmansportscamp.com](http://www.whitmansportscamp.com) or see the flyer in the Wednesday packet. Sports camp or day camp for campers in grades K-7. Tons of activities and fun! Familiar and convenient location for MON students and families. Owned and operated by MCPS teachers. Questions? Please contact us at [whitmansportscamp@gmail.com](mailto:whitmansportscamp@gmail.com)



### Basketball Season Is Underway

The basketball season has begun. Why not come out and support your classmates? Find the schedule of your favorite teams by using the links located in Schedules & Practices under the Sports tab of the MON web site. Thank you for your support and we look forward to seeing some fans in the stands.

## MoN Baseball Registration

Spring is just around the corner and more importantly so is **BASEBALL SEASON!**  
Fill out the registration form today, dust off the mitts, and start throwing this weekend.  
Registration will be open now through February 10, 2012.

Our younger athletes (boys & girls) will have the opportunity to register for UMAC 8U Machine Pitch & 9U Kid Pitch

The older boys (5th-8th grade) will play in the CYO Boys Baseball League.

Don't wait sign up today and send completed registration forms to Pete Pedersen through backpack mail c/o Spencer Pedersen 8-1. See the registration forms in the Wednesday packet.



## Communications Notes

### To Submit an Item

Submit your items for the newsletter directly from the Mary of Nazareth website. Click here: [and fill out the form](#), then hit "Send." The blurb goes directly to our newsletter inbox. We will send a confirmation that we have received your item.

Publication **guidelines** for submitting an announcement to the *Mary of Nazareth News* are as follows:

- Items should be less than 100 words
- Submit article by **Friday at 8:00pm**
- Articles should be related to a school event, parish event or student(s) accomplishment.
- Note: If you have a FLYER related to your item, make sure you send it to *the office* ([mweir@maryofnazareth.org](mailto:mweir@maryofnazareth.org)) for approval and posting.

If you have any questions, contact one of the following Co-Chairs: Teri Pool at [teripool@comcast.net](mailto:teripool@comcast.net) OR Angeline Massaro at [angeline\\_massaro@yahoo.com](mailto:angeline_massaro@yahoo.com).

Thank you from the entire Communications Committee,

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