



January 25, 2012

Dates to Remember

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| <p>Wed., Jan. 25: Report Cards Go Home</p> <p>Fri., Jan. 27: Ski Club</p> <p>Sun., Jan. 29: Catholic Schools Week begins
Open House 1 – 3 p.m.</p> <p>Mon., Jan. 30: CSW Mass 1:30 p.m. KFC
Donald Cardinal Wuerl Celebrating
Students wear DRESS UNIFORMS</p> <p>Tue., Jan. 31: Classroom Open House 9-10 a.m.
and 1:30-2:30 p.m.</p> <p>Wed., Feb. 1: Student Activity Day
Students wear PE UNIFORMS</p> <p>Thu., Feb. 2: Science Fair</p> <p>Fri., Feb. 3: Student Appreciation Day
Out of Uniform Day
School-wide Spelling Bee finals
- Parents Welcome
Noon Dismissal
Ski Club – bus leaves at 2:15</p> | <p>Feb. 7 & 9: New Student Registration
9:00 – 10:30 a.m. MPR</p> <p>Thu., Feb. 9: Pastoral Recommendation
forms due to office</p> <p>Fri., Feb. 10: Ski Club</p> <p>Tues., Feb. 14: St. Valentine’s Day
Out of Uniform – Red Tops & Jeans</p> <p>Wed., Feb 15: Interims Go Home
Restaurant Night, Mamma Lucia
in Falls Grove
Sports Committee Meeting 7:30 p.m.</p> <p>Fri., Feb. 17: Faculty Retreat – No School</p> <p>Mon., Feb. 20: Presidents’ Day – No School</p> <p>Wed., Feb. 22: Ash Wednesday – Mass 10:00 am</p> <p>Mon., Aug. 27: First Day of School 2012-2013</p> |
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Hot Topics



Open House – Sunday, January 29

Our Open House will be held this Sunday, January 29 between 1:00 and 3:00 p.m. Spread the word! Invite your friends and neighbors to join us. They may tour our Blue Ribbon school, speak to the teachers, and learn what you already know – Mary of Nazareth is great!

Handwriting Contest Winners –

Congratulations to the following students for being named the handwriting contest winners for Mary of Nazareth School: Katherine Nonnenkamp (grade 1), Claire Beucher (grade 2), Max Filliben (grade 3), Riley Keller (grade 4), Sara

Melley (grade 5), Ian Kidwell (grade 6), Samantha Martinez (grade 7), and Matthew Vandegrift (grade 8). These students' entry forms have been forwarded to the state level contest. Good luck!

Scrip News

Valentine's Day and winter vacation are right around the corner! Order by January 31 and receive cards around February 7.

- 124 MoN families and 10 faculty/staff have already participated in purchasing scrip!
- Total Profit from October, November and December sales = \$4275
- Our Goal: 200 MoN families participating = \$2,600/month
- \$2,600 x 9 months = **\$23,400 profit per school year!**
- Extra out-of-pocket expense = \$0!



Please learn more about how you can earn FREE money for our school. **Find order forms and more information on the MoN website, under "H.S.A." and "Scrip."** Thank you for your support!

- Congratulations to **2-1**, the winners of the December Scrip Ice Cream Party! There's another chance to win an Ice Cream Party for your children - the class with the most families participating in scrip purchases by January 31st will win! *Please write children's names and homerooms on the order form and send in one check per family.*
- Congratulations to the **Mirandas** – the winners of the Macaroni Grill gift card. You can be next! Purchase scrip in January and have a chance to win a \$20 gift card!



Scripps National Spelling Bee - February 3rd

We are excited that our students will be participating in the Scripps National Spelling Bee during Catholic Schools Week. Classroom bees will be held on January 30th. Winners will then compete school-wide on Friday, February 3rd. Word lists will go home this week, so students may practice. Please direct any questions to Mrs. Posner at vposner@maryofnazareth.org.

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



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 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 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.

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...

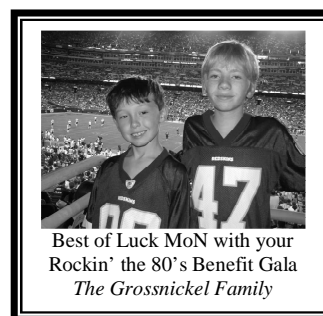
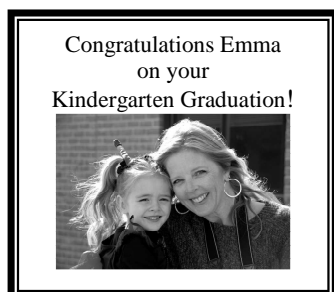


Attention all Scrapbookers

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

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.



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 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



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 am 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.

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.



After the Bell

Mary of Nazareth Cheerleaders to Compete in Maryland Cup!

If you are looking for something to do, why not come out and cheer our Mustang Cheerleaders on. The daylong CHEER AND DANCE event is hosted at The Maryland Showplace Arena/Equestrian Center. The girls will compete on Sunday, January 29. If you'd like more information, contact Kristin Sweeney at tabsodagal@hotmail.com. GO MUSTANGS!!!!!!!



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 on January 25 and run 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) for approval and posting.

If you have any questions, contact one of the following Co-Chairs: Teri Pool at teripool@comcast.net OR Angeline Massaro at angeline_massaro@yahoo.com.

Thank you from the entire Communications Committee,

Teri Pool	Angeline Massaro	Shannon Merkle
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