



Notes from the Office

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Snow Closing Number 547 (KYW)

Dear Parents,

During the time when I was fortunate enough to spend my days in the classroom, I truly anticipated the month of October. While the change in the weather was most welcomed, I was anxious to share with my students those special feast days that I had hoped would enable us to develop a special bond. We would begin the remembrances with the Guardian Angels and St. Teresa, move quickly to St. Francis of Assisi, and ultimately to celebrating all holy peoples on the eve of All Saints. They were good lessons, as meaningful to me as I hope they were to the children. And constant throughout the month was the particular attention we would pay to the Holy Rosary. Each day, after lunch when it was difficult to reconnect to the academics at hand, we would gather together on the floor and pray a decade of the Rosary. How they loved holding those rosaries, of every color and size, some belonging to a special loved one, as they prayed in unison to honor Our Lady.

One year as we were waiting for one of those infamous “late buses”, as many of you have had to endure, I told my Kindergarteners they could use the extra time to talk a little and move about if they wished. For some reason, no one moved...perhaps not certain what to do with this sudden offering of unstructured freedom. Suddenly, and without provocation, little Lindsay Pulse rose quietly and announced “Perhaps this would be a good time to pray the Rosary”. To this day I treasure that moment as the single most beautiful experience of my teaching years. By her thoughts and action, this unassuming angel brought to life the manifestation of Our Lady’s love for us and how we might return that love for her by the recitation of the Rosary.

Indeed, October is filled not only with special days of remembrances, but also with numerous commitments and a myriad of extracurricular activities that crowd our schedules and spin us in multiple directions. The crispness in the air is often matched by the speed in which we must move so as to fit it all in during the course of only one day. But sometimes, we find ourselves waiting until one event ends and we speed off to the next. That might be a time you find yourself wanting to “talk a little” and move about, so to say. And if you find that to be the case, “Perhaps this would be a good time to pray the Rosary”. Little Lindsay Pulse reminded me of the tremendous love Our Lady has for us. Allow the Rosary to remind you of the great love She has for you as well.

Be assured of our prayers for you as we unite each day, as a school family during October, to pray the Rosary. May Our Lord, through the intercession of His Mother, hear your intentions. God Bless.

Fondly, Mrs. Judge

Attachments this week:

- **Verizon Fundraising Opportunity**
 - **MMR Auction for Technology News**
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The Living Rosary

Date change: The Living Rosary will be presented by our 5th Graders on Monday, Oct. 17th @ 2:00pm

Odyssey of the Mind

Is your child looking for a challenge...a way to express creativity in a competitive, team environment? Check out Odyssey of the Mind! An informational meeting will be held in the Library for ALL students and parents in Grades 1 – 8 interested in learning more about Odyssey of the Mind. The meeting date is Tuesday, October 4th at 7PM in the Library.

Medications

All medication, whether prescription or over the counter, must be stored and taken in the Nurse’s office. Please do not send medication in your child’s pocket or lunch box for self administration. All medication should be taken to the Nurse’s office first thing in the morning. The only exception would be an inhaler if you have submitted the proper self administration paperwork from your physician.

Calling all Catholic School Parents

Voice your support for school choice. Make a difference for Pennsylvania's future.

School choice legislation that would include vouchers and an increase to the widely successful Educational Improvement Tax Credit (EITC) program is up for debate in Harrisburg. Involvement of parents, educators, Catholic school alumni, parishioners, and all citizens and taxpayers will be critical to the success of school choice. (Read more about the issue at www.pacatholic.org/schoolchoice) Join the Pennsylvania Catholic Advocacy Network and the Advocates for Catholic Education in PA by [sending an email message to your state lawmakers](#). Visit, call or write to them in their district or Harrisburg offices. Tell your story about what educational choice means to you and your child. Encourage fellow school parents, friends, family, neighbors and others to do the same.

Fall Uniform

Remember that the fall uniform begins November 1. Girls in Gr. 6-8 will wear oxfords and the sweater, along with tights. Boys in Gr. 6-8 wear oxfords and the vest (or sweater). Grades K-5 only need to add the wearing of a sweater. If you still need to order a sweater you may want to do it soon. There may be a 2 week backorder period.

Archdiocesan HS Visit Day Cancelled

The Archdiocesan High School visitation day previously scheduled for November 17th has been cancelled. It will not be rescheduled this year. In light of this status, our 8th grade students may have 2 high school shadow days that will not count against perfect attendance this year.

Remediation Conferences

If your child sees Ms. Misner for remediation services and you would like to schedule a parent/teacher conference, please contact her at smisner@mciu.org. She will be holding conferences on Thursday, October 20 from 3:30-7:00 pm and Friday, October 21 from 8:00-11:30 am.

8th Grade Class Yearbook Photo

The 8th Grade class photo for the yearbook will be taken Wednesday, October 5th at 10:30am.

8th Grade Baby Photos

All 8th Graders need to submit a baby photo of themselves for the yearbook by Friday, October 14th. The guidelines are: under 2 years old, must be original photo (no photocopies or scanned photos), at least wallet size (3 x 5 or larger size preferred). Photos will be returned so please put child's name on the back in a lower corner.

Halloween Costume Collection

During the week of Oct. 3rd, the Beta Club will be hosting a Halloween costume collection. Bins will be placed in the lobby for donations. We are accepting new or gently used costumes from sizes infant to 14/16. The costumes will be donated to Cradles to Crayons, where they will be used to help less fortunate families enjoy their Halloween.

Verizon Fios Fundraiser

Verizon has initiated a fundraising program for schools. If your family or friends are planning to switch to Verizon services, please review the attached flyer for information on how your purchase can benefit MMR without cost to you. In order for your purchase to qualify for this program, you must order through the phone number specified on the flyer and use our listed school code.

Calling all Box Tops!!

Please clip those Box Tops off of your household items and send them into school with your children!! We had a record-breaking collection last year and we hope we can top that in 2011-2012!!

SHOP ONLINE & Earn eBoxTops! Over 100 retailers give eBoxTops to MMR. Shop online at <http://www.boxtops4education.com/earn/marketplace/Default.aspx> and MMR will be electronically credited!. **You can learn more about what products contain Box Tops, as well as contest information by visiting *School -> Home and School Association -> Box Tops* on the school website.**



Don't forget! Help MMR School earn cash! Register your bonus card online at giantfoodstores.com/aplus or dial 1-888-448-4642 to register over the phone. **MMR's school ID is 04114.** Encourage your relatives and friends to register too!

CYO Sports Yearbook Photos

Volleyball photos will be taken Wednesday, October 5th and Soccer pictures will be taken Friday, October 7th. Students are asked to please bring your jerseys to school for the pictures.

CYO Winter Sports Registration

Registration for the 2011-12 CYO Winter Sports Season is now open. To begin the registration process, click on the GO! Button located on the CYO home page. Registration will end promptly at 11:59pm on Sunday October 23rd. Please register your athletes now, as late registrants are **NOT** guaranteed to receive a roster spot.

Peanut Butter & Jelly Collection

Let's keep all the food cupboards stocked with PB & J. We will be collecting Oct. 10th – 14th. Help the Diocese beat last year's total of 45 tons of PB & J!

Home and School Activity Fee

The K-8 activity fee of \$95 covers ALL of the social events during the year including assemblies, the NEW Fall Festival, Catholics Schools Week, Secret Santa Shop, Father/Daughter or Mother/Son night, Munchkins w/ Mom & Donuts w/ Dad, Grandparents' Day, Bingo Nights, Family Picnic and any additional Home & School events that may occur. **The pre-school activity fee of \$40** covers expenses for the activities you and your pre-school child will enjoy throughout the year and includes: Munchkins with Mom, Donuts with Dad, Grandparents Day, school assemblies and a fun filled End of Year party for each pre-school class. *Note – This is a family fee so if you have another child in the CEC and are paying the \$95 MMR activity fee than you will not be required to pay the additional pre-school fee.* Please send in your activity fee if you have not already done so. Thank You.

GirlPOWER* Robotics Competition

Mount St. Joseph Academy will be hosting a robotics competition on Saturday, October 8th. Doors open at 8am and the event is FREE. For more information send an e-mail to the Firebirds (Team 433) at girlpower433@gmail.com.

5th Grade Social

The Fifth Grade Social held last Friday night was a huge success! Parents and kids alike had a great time solving riddles, riding scooters and catching alligators. A great big thank you goes out to Cara Peter for organizing such a wonderful event and to her many volunteers for making it happen. 5th grade parents, if you had a great time, please consider volunteering at the 6th grade social next week so they can have as much fun as we did.

Pre-School Press

Autumn is here and our hallways are being filled with leaves, pumpkins, and all things October. Our four year olds will get creative with the letter "C" when they make cute cats, colorful corn, and crawling caterpillars. The red room will even be traveling to China! The three year olds will be exploring their Happy Classroom and learning about fire safety while having fun and painting big red fire trucks. We are all looking forward to getting dressed up and giving a big smile on Tuesday and Wednesday for picture day! This is a short week for us as there is no school on Thursday, October 6th.

Reminders

- ❖ October 3rd&4th – Parish 40 Hours Adoration
 - ❖ October 6th – No School for Students
 - ❖ October 8th – HSA Dance Gr. 6-8
 - ❖ October 11th – Tech Addendum Training
 - ❖ October 13th&14th – Donuts with Dad
 - ❖ October 15th – Oktoberfest
 - ❖ October 16th – HSA Fall Festival
 - ❖ October 17th – HSA General Meeting
 - ❖ October 18th – School Mass
 - ❖ October 20th&21st – Conferences
 - ❖ October 21st & 24th – No School for Students
 - ❖ October 25th – CYO Meeting w/Phil Martelli
 - ❖ October 28th – All Saints Liturgy
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