



# Notes from the Office

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## Attachments this week:

- Christmas Collection
  - Candy Cane Grams
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## By Request of our 7<sup>th</sup> Grade Students...

And available for 6<sup>th</sup> grade as well.....school ties are now available in our office. The students requested permission to wear ties along with the vests and sweaters, and we listened! After viewing several options, the 7<sup>th</sup> grade voted. The boys tie is a maroon silk, with a thin white, gray, and navy diagonal stripe...VERY handsome. The girls selected a plaid, "pre-tied" tie that matches the kilt. One of our girls has been wearing the tie for the past few weeks, and it really is a great look. Ties are **optional** this year. The boys' ties are \$11 and the girls' are \$6.75. Students may come directly to the office to purchase the ties. We are thrilled that our students are taking pride in their appearance and congratulate them on this initiative.

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## Cell Phone Reminder

Students are not permitted to have cell phones in their possession during the school day. If it is necessary for your child to bring a phone to school, it is to remain turned off and in a backpack/locker until (s)he departs campus. Students are not to be texting home for forgotten items, illnesses, or transportation issues. Students are to speak to a teacher about these types of concerns and will be referred to the office to make a supervised call as necessary. In addition to being a distraction to the user and those around them, inappropriate texts have been made which have resulted in disciplinary action. Further, a cell phone was removed from a clogged student toilet last week after considerable effort and expense. Please review the Student Handbook for more information.

## Celebrating Advent

Today we began our celebration of the Advent Season with Msgr. Conway's blessing of our homes' Advent wreaths. Students in grades 1-8 will attend a 9am parish mass during December with the members of their class.

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## Candy Cane Sale

Our Confirmation class will be hosting a candy cane sale in order to raise money for their service project, Building a Bridge to Uganda. Students will be selling candy cane grams for 50¢ each. Delivery of the candy canes will be Dec. 22. Parents and Students may purchase candy cane grams using the attached form or by visiting the Confirmation class during lunch on Dec. 13 - 16. Thank You.

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## Trimester Closes on Friday

The first trimester of the school year ends this Friday, Dec. 2nd. After final marks are entered, Gradelink will be unavailable for a time as report cards are prepared and printed. Report cards will be sent home on Friday, Dec. 9<sup>th</sup>.

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## Feast of the Immaculate Conception

There will be no school next Thursday, Dec. 8<sup>th</sup> as we celebrate the Feast of the Immaculate Conception of Mary, a holy day of obligation.

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## Beta Club Penny War

The Beta Club will be sponsoring a "Penny War" during the week of December 5<sup>th</sup>. Each grade will have a container in the lunch room in which they will collect pennies throughout the week. Classes get credit for every penny in the jar, but lose points for silver or paper money. The grade with the most points at the end of the week will get a Dress Down Day.

## HSA Shopping Night

Our annual Home and School Association sponsored Christmas Shopping Night will be held this Friday, December 2<sup>nd</sup>, from 7 to 10pm in the CEC. Over 30 vendors are scheduled to be present. Admission to HSA members is free with your family activity card. General admission is \$5. Please consider joining us for an evening of shopping, raffles and community spirit!

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## Box Tops

Our 1<sup>st</sup> trimester Box Tops contest will end on **Friday, December 2nd!** Please remember to send in any Box Tops you have saved with your children. STAY TUNED...the winning class will be announced next week. Thanks for your support!

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## Auction for Technology 2012

Michele Duffy proudly reported that the First Annual Auction for Technology raised \$60,000! The reality is that technology is constantly changing and to ensure that our children have every technological advantage possible, we already need to think about the next Auction for Technology and funds that we can raise for the 2012 -2013 academic year. In order to achieve this goal, we need **YOUR** help in ensuring next year's Auction is a success. Therefore, the Home and School Association is looking for volunteers to chair the 2012 Auction. Please consider chairing this event (perhaps with a friend or two) for our children!! If you are interested in volunteering to chair or have questions, please contact Tiara Falcone at [tsfalcone@yahoo.com](mailto:tsfalcone@yahoo.com). Thank You!!!

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## Winter Social January 21st, 2012

The MMR Home and School Association would like to invite all MMR K-8 families to the Winter Social on Saturday night, January 21st, 2012. We are busy planning the evening and need a head count. Please check your calendars and sign up to join our fun filled night. Details will be revealed soon. Your Home and School Association fee must be paid to attend this special event. [Winter Social RSVP](#)

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## Yearbook

Don't forget to order your yearbook at the discounted price of \$29 until December 15<sup>th</sup>. After this date, the yearbook price jumps to \$35. The order deadline is January 17<sup>th</sup>, 2012. Books can be ordered online with a credit card by using this link: <http://shop.balfour.com/smi122480/catalog/category/view/s/yearbooks/id/17/>. Each Thursday until the deadline, an updated purchaser list will be posted on the "News and Events" to confirm orders.

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## Thank You!

The Beta Club is very thankful to all families who contributed to the holiday food collection for Manna on Main Street. As a result of your generosity, we were able to donate 20+ large boxes of much needed food before the Thanksgiving holiday. We are grateful for your support.

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## Pre-School Press

With Thanksgiving so quickly behind us it is full steam ahead to Christmas! Our halls and lobby will be transformed this week with all of our colorful fall decorations changing over into a Christmas Wonderland. There will be so many festive creations by the students for all to enjoy viewing.

Even more important than the decorations, the children will be learning about Advent and its meaning through different activities. One of the activities in the Preschool to help us celebrate the coming of Christ will be an Advent wreath in the lobby. Every Monday during Advent the children will light a candle and say a prayer. The first candle we light represents expectation and hope. The children are excited to celebrate Jesus' birthday and His coming, as we all enjoy a season of Peace, Joy, and Hope.

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## Reminders

- ❖ 12/2 - HSA Shopping Night
- ❖ 12/8 - No School - Immaculate Conception
- ❖ 12/13 - School Mass 9:00am – St. Lucy
- ❖ 12/15 - Parent Band Concert
- ❖ 12/19 - Christmas Pageant
- ❖ 12/21- PK Christmas Pageant
- ❖ 12/22 - Dismissal 11:30am
- ❖ 12/23- 1/2 - Christmas Break