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MMSA Newsletter

Maternity of Mary – Saint Andrew Catholic School

IMPORTANT DATES

Wednesday, October 28
- **Last day to turn in marathon money to qualify for prizes**

Thursday, October 29
- **Middle School Youth Group, Grades 5-8; 3:00-4:30p.m.**

Friday, October 30
- **All School Mass: 2nd grade planning; 10:00 a.m.**
- **Students may dress in Black and Orange**
- **Marathon Prizes - Top 10 and Drawings**

Saturday, October 31
- **Happy Halloween!**

Sunday, November I
- **All Saints Day**

Thursday, November 5
- **Middle School Youth Group, Grades 5-8; 3:00-4:30 p.m.**

Friday, November 6
- **All School Mass: House Acutis planning; 10:00 a.m.**
- **MMSA Fall Bonfire Night 5:00 - 6:30 p.m.**

Saturday, November 7
- **MMSA Holiday Bazaar 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.**

Congratulations to Joey, who was recognized by Mrs. Westholm for demonstrating the virtue of courtesy! As a special reward, Joey had the opportunity to select a book from our MMSA Book Vending Machine. What a wonderful example of putting our virtues into action!

From the Principal's Desk

From all of us at MMSA, it is with sincere gratitude that I thank all who have shown such generosity and support for our school marathon as MMSA has reached approximately 90% of our fundraising goal of $18,000.

As you may be aware, this fundraiser helps our school provide tuition support, make critical curriculum and equipment purchases, and develop other key learning initiatives. While we are excited to be closing in on the $18,000 goal, we're not there yet so please keep sending in those pledges! Once we reach our goal, MMSA students will earn an all-school movie and free dress the last week of school before Christmas!

You will see in this busy edition of the newsletter, that there are a number of exciting activities coming up quickly. The first of which is our Family Fun Night Bonfire on Friday, November 6 followed the next day by the annual Christmas Bazaar–be sure to stop by one or both of these fabulous community events!

Finally, it was great to see so many folks at conferences last week. Please know that your continued support and partnership are truly appreciated!

In Christ,
Mr. Langer

MMSA is a joy-filled, faithfully Catholic school committed to teaching the love of God, love of neighbor, and love of learning.

We are pleased to report that MMSA has reached more than 90% of our Marathon for Nonpublic Education fundraising goal of $18,000! This important campaign helps our school provide tuition support, make critical curriculum and equipment purchases, and develop other key learning initiatives.

After reaching our initial goal, we will set our sights on the challenge goal of $20,000 to earn an extra day off over Memorial Day weekend in May! If you are able to help with a financial contribution, please contact the MMSA school office at, 651-489-1459. Your ongoing support is greatly appreciated!

Volunteer Opportunity!
Our Holiday Bazaar is Saturday, November 7th. We are in need of volunteers to help in the concession stand. This is an easy and fun way to earn some hours! Click HERE to sign up.

Mud Kitchen Build

Our Outdoor Early Childhood Learning Environment is proving to be a very special addition to our preschool and kindergarten programs. Under the careful supervision and direction of Mr. Thomas, our kindergartners and eighth graders recently spent the entire day building together! They constructed a mud kitchen for our outdoor space, assembled three storage cabinets, and put together our third planter box.
It was a beautiful day of collaboration, perseverance, problem-solving, and teamwork. We loved watching our youngest learners and oldest students work side by side. We are proud of their accomplishment that will benefit MMSA children for years to come!

MMSA Christmas Program
Thursday, December 17
6:30 p.m. in the main church

(Students must assemble in their classrooms by 6:15 P.M.)

All students in Preschool through 8th grade participate in this annual tradition.

Dress code for the students is "Sunday best!"

Be sure to mark your calendars!

MMSA BONFIRE NIGHT

Friday, November 6th
5:00 - 6:30 PM

Come join your friends on the playground for a fall bonfire! Hot chocolate will be provided! Please bring your own chairs and s'more fixings.

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CATHOLIC SCHOOL

Holiday Bazaar

Craft Sale | Local Vendors | Concessions

MMSA Gymnasium

592 Arlington Ave W.

St. Paul, MN 55117 (Enter door #7)

Saturday, November 7th

9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

Trunk or Treat

DRESS UP AND TRICK OR TREAT
WITH US!
12 AND UNDER

PRESENTED BY HILL MURRAY
PEER MINISTRY

October 29 | 4:30-6pm

HILL MURRAY'S FRONT
PARKING LOT
2625 LARPENTEUR AVE E
MAPLEWOOD, MN 55109

Family Name: _____

Volunteer Opportunities Throughout the School Year!

Get Involved • Make a Difference • Build Community!

Our school community thrives when families come together! We invite all families to get involved and support our students, teachers, and school community through volunteering!

K–8 Families: Each family is required to complete **10 volunteer hours per school year.**

Preschool Families: Volunteer hours are not required, but we warmly encourage preschool families to participate and get involved!

How Can You Help?

Please check the events or activities you are interested in volunteering for throughout the school year.

☐ **Holiday Bazaar — November** Help in the concession stand during the bazaar.

☐ **Concession Stand — Fall & Winter Sports** Help run the concession stand during regular season and playoff games.

☐ **Family Fun Nights** Help plan, organize, set up, or run activities during our family events throughout the year.

☐ **Spring Fling Auction Fundraiser — April** Help with planning, organizing donations, preparing for the event, and assisting during the fundraiser. Planning begins in **January**, so early volunteers are especially welcome!

☐ **Book Fair — May** Help with setup, organizing books, and keeping the book fair running smoothly.

☐ **Field Day — May** Help with activities, games, setup, and making Field Day a fun experience for our students.

Thank you for sharing your time and talents with our school! Every volunteer makes a difference, and we are grateful for your support in making our school community a wonderful place to learn and grow!