

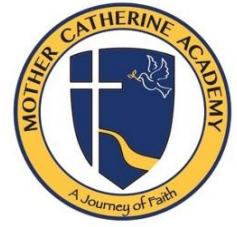


**News
from the
Principal**

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A Note from the Principal:

Dear MCA Families,

On behalf of Fr. Ray Schmidt and Fr. David Beaubian and our other county pastors, we invite our St. Mary's County parochial schools to a friendly challenge. **The winning school will receive an ice cream and pizza party for the entire student body and the winning principal will receive a personal prize of \$500 cash.**

Saturday, May 13th is the 100th anniversary of Our Lady's Apparitions at Fatima – beautifully timed with Mother's Day weekend. The St. Mary's County Catholic community is resurrecting the beautiful tradition of a candlelight procession to celebrate this anniversary and honor Our Lady. The procession will depart from St. Aloysius Church at approximately **8:30pm** (candles will be provided) and will loop through downtown Leonardtown and return to St. Aloysius Church for a brief (15 min) talk on Fatima followed by refreshments. We are hoping to have all of the local priests present, local altar servers, the KOC color corps, first communicants, parochial school children and many from our Catholic community present!

Parochial school students are asked to proudly wear their uniforms. The contest will be based on percentage of student body participating to level the playing field for all involved. The count will only take into consideration children actually in uniform – no uniform... no count (except for 1st communicants who choose to wear their 1st Communion outfits, which we are strongly encouraging – they will be counted). Our priests and the Blessed Sacrament will lead this procession, and will be followed by the altar servers, the color corps and a statue of our Lady.

My family and I will be in attendance. I ask that you consider joining us. This is a great opportunity for all Catholics to unite and pay homage together. If you want to RSVP please email me at:

mcacademyprincipal@gmail.com for a potential count.

Thank you and God Bless<><,>

Mr. Wojt

3rd Grade Mass: Tuesday, May 16th at 9:00am.

SCHOOL CALENDAR CHANGE: Please note the following changes to the St. Mary's County Parochial School Calendar for this year:

Friday, May 26th – Early Dismissal at 1:00pm

Monday, June 5th – Early Dismissal at 1:00pm

Tuesday, June 6th – Early Dismissal at 1:00pm

Tag Day: We will have a tag day this **Friday, May 12th** at the cost of \$1 per student. Please remember that all attire **MUST** be school appropriate. Students who do not comply with the MCA dress code will face disciplinary action.

2017-2018 Registration: Registration is now open for the 2017-2018 school year! Registration for all students (returning and new families) is \$150 per student. Log into TADS and re-register your child today (and bring some friends along with you!). Contact Debbie Johnson at mcadebrajohnson@gmail.com for more information!

2017-2018 Tuition Deposit: If you have not submitted your tuition deposit of \$300 per family, please turn it in to the school office **now**.

MCA Volleyball Team: Our middle school team will compete in their final tournament of the season this Saturday, May 13th at Chopticon H.S. starting at 7:30am. This will conclude the middle school season. The final practice for grades 3-5 will be on Monday, May 22nd.

Art of Giving: Classes for the Art of Giving program have finished for the year. Thank you to all of the students and parents who have been such a tremendous help throughout the year on the wonderful projects that we have produced for our community!

Volunteer Hours: May is here! Don't forget that all hours must be completed by the end of this month. If you have any questions, please contact Mrs. Fay Hammett. Invoices for unfulfilled hours will be sent home prior to the end of the school year.

Student Drop-Off/Pick-Up: A reminder when dropping off your child in the morning, please use the side parking lot and walk your child into the building. The circle is only for use if you are letting them out and immediately leaving. In the afternoon, all car riders are to use the pick-up line for dismissal. Please adhere to this practice as this is for the safety of our students, parents and staff.

Family Obligations: As the school year draws to a close, just a reminder that families must ensure that all obligations are met prior to the end of the school year. This includes bingo nights, volunteer hours, SCRIP commitment and mandatory fundraisers. Report cards will not be released for anyone who has an outstanding obligation. Please contact Mrs. Johnson or Ms. Gowans if you have any questions.

Community Events

MCA Open House: Thank you to all of our wonderful volunteers who helped showcase the school at our Open House this past weekend.

Green Thumb 5K: It was cold, and rainy and windy...but runners came out to our annual Green Thumb 5K anyway!

Sound of Music: Performances for the Sound of Music will be on Thursday, May 18th at 7:00pm and Sunday,

May 21st at 2:00pm. Tickets are now on sale and are available in the school office. The cost is \$6.00 each.

Fundraisers

MCA Spirit Night: The first Wednesday of every month during the school year is MCA Spirit Night at Russell Brothers Farm (directly across from Chopticon H.S.). Proceeds benefit MCA.

SCRIP Program: SCRIP obligation is to be met by **May, 26th**. If you have any questions, please contact Debbie Johnson at mcadebrajohnson@gmail.com Please continue to support this wonderful program even after you have met your goal! SCRIP cards will also be available throughout the summer months during our summer office schedule so you can get a head start on working towards your 2017-2018 goal.

In your child's folder:

- Newsletter
- SCRIP Order
- Summer Reading Program Flyer

