



News from the Principal

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A Note from the Principal:

Dear MCA Families,

It is May and all over the county Catholics are paying homage to Our Lady. Last Saturday Catholics from the region prayed and processed through Leonardtown on the 100th anniversary of the apparitions at Fatima. Local churches are conducting their May processions. Mother Catherine Academy has been saying the Rosary each school day in May. On May 23rd our 2nd graders will be leading their first school Mass. Following Mass, we will have our own procession and crowning of the Blessed Mother as Queen. We ask that 2nd graders and 8th graders dress in their Communion/Confirmation attire as we celebrate their most recent accomplishments. Parents are encouraged to join us for Mass and our procession. It is a great time to be in St. Mary's and at MCA!

Thank you and God Bless<><,
Mr. Wojt

2nd Grade Mass: Tuesday, May 23rd 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

Wednesday, June 7th is still the last day of school for students and an early dismissal day.

Annual Field Day: Field Day for grades Pre-K through 7 is scheduled for Thursday, June 1st. Students will wear their PE uniforms this day. Parents are invited to attend for the picnic at 11:30am. More information will come home via the homeroom teachers.

MCA Volleyball Team: Congratulations to our middle school team on a very successful season! The final practice for grades 3-5 will be next **Monday, May 22nd**.

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**.

Volunteer Hours: May is almost over! 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 Attendance: Reminder that per MCA policy, any absence that does not have a note from the parent or from the doctor (in the case of 3 days of absence or more) will result in an unexcused absence for those days. Likewise, every five times a student is tardy without a doctor's note, it results in an unexcused absence.

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 tuition, 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.

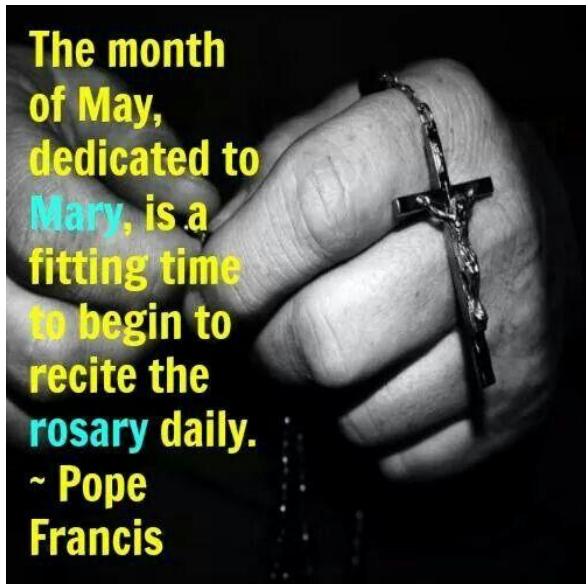
Community Events

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 – get your tickets today!

MCA Annual Auction & Social Event: PARENTS WE NEED YOUR HELP! Planning has begun for our annual auction and social event being held on Friday, August 25, 2017 at Olde Breton Inn. We will have a planning meeting next Wednesday, May 24th at 6:30pm in the school library. Please join us! We need everyone's effort to pull this wonderful fundraising and community event off! This is our biggest fundraising event of the year aside from bingo, and we need your support. Reminder, any hours worked for this event go toward your annual volunteer commitment and you do not need to be fingerprinted to help with this event.

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 next **Friday, 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. Starting June 1st you can start buying for next year.

In your child's folder:

- Newsletter
- Rec & Park Summer Programs Flyer

