



News from the Principal

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A Note from the Principal:

Dear MCA Families,

As we prepare to wrap our academic year, many of our children have received the sacraments of Confirmation, Reconciliation, and Communion. Yesterday MCA held a May procession lead by our 2nd and 8th graders. Tuesday night, ten 8th graders from Mother Catherine were confirmed at Sacred Heart Church. As parents we wish for our children to be alive in Christ, through participating in an authentic Catholic faith formation program that fosters a personal relationship with Jesus Christ, strengthens Catholic identity, rooted in the Gospel and the New Evangelization, centered on the Eucharist, and committed to truth, community, and service. When faith formation is integrated with the curriculum, students can learn how to apply the teachings of the church to their daily lives. This is what makes Catholic education so special!

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

Yearbooks: Yearbooks are coming home today for those who pre-ordered. Please be sure to check your child's backpack. If you ordered a yearbook and did not receive one, please contact Mrs. Johnson. We have less than ten extra yearbooks available for sale at \$25 each.

Teachers Mass: Tuesday, May 30th 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. Last day of school for Kindergarten and Pre-K is Monday, June 5th following graduation.

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.

Kindergarten and Pre-K Graduation: Graduation will be on Monday, June 5th at 9:00am with a short reception to follow after the ceremony. Students are to wear Sunday best. This is the last day of school for both grades.

Hot Lunch Program: The last day for our hot lunch program this year will be on Friday, June 2nd. Students will pack lunch for the last three days of school.

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 Book & Technology Fee: The Book & Tech fee for 2017-2018 is due by **June 15th**. The fee is \$125 for Pre-K and \$200 for grades K-8. You can pay via TADS or directly to the school.

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.

MCA Summer Office Hours: Our school office hours effective Monday, June 12th through Friday, August 18th are as follows:

Monday through Thursday – 8:30am to 3:00pm
Friday – available by appointment only

Community Events

Sound of Music: A huge thank you to all our cast members, families, faculty & staff, production crew, theater patrons and most especially to Mr. Kramer for a wonderful production of the Sound of Music!

MCA Annual Car Show: Join us on Saturday, June 3rd for our 6th annual MCA Car Show from 8:00am – 2:00pm. Registration is open to all cars, trucks and motorcycles. Pre-register by May 26th for \$15.00. Registration is \$20 at the door. **This is the last week for all door prizes and trophy sponsors.** Contact Mark Muir at (240) 925-1438 for more information.

Music Fest: MCA will be running the soda stand at the upcoming Music Fest being held at Bowles Farm on Saturday, June 10th. Everything for this event is provided by the 7th District Optimist Club so we just need to provide the staffing for the booth. MCA will receive a percentage of the profit from this event. Please consider helping us while listening to great music by signing up at the following link:

<http://www.signupgenius.com/go/30E0C4EAAA62FA2F-F2-music>

MCA Vacation Bible School: MCA will be holding a Vacation Bible School here at the school the week of June 26th – Jun 30th from 9:00am – 12:00pm. The cost is \$15 per child and includes a t-shirt. Please see the attached registration form.



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 **tonight, 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 this **Friday, May, 26th**. If you have any questions, please contact Debbie Johnson at mcadebrajohnson@gmail.com. SCRIP cards will 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

MCA VBS Registration Form

Greenwell Foundation Summer Flyer

