

News/Notes 11-19-09

*MSW: Celebrating the Good News in Education
"Connected with Christ"*

REPORT CARDS COME HOME TOMORROW! CONGRATULATIONS to all of the students for their efforts and successes during this first trimester!

PARENT/STUDENT/TEACHER CONFERENCES are scheduled for Monday, November 23 from 1:00 to 4:00 and from 5:00 to 8:00 pm; and Tuesday, November 24th from 1:00 to 6:00 pm. As you know, this year we are using an on-line registration system. If you have had problems registering at <https://www.pickatime.com/client?ven=11603039>, please contact Julie Stam at 847-825-2500 or jstam@maryseatofwisdom.org

The PARENT PORTAL of PowerSchool will be re-activated TOMORROW.

The new ALERT NOW Communication system has been set up and is ready to go. This will allow MSW to send a telephone message to you providing important information about school events or emergencies. The information that you gave the school for the Family Directory will be used to notify you. We will be testing the system tomorrow, November 20th, when you will receive a test phone call at 7:00 pm.

There is a detailed letter about this system, and a Change of Information form, on the school's web site. Please use this form to notify Mrs. Beilfuss in the school office if a phone number changes. THANK YOU to the FSA for providing funds for this service.

Tomorrow, Friday, November 20th is JUNIOR ACHIEVEMENT DAY. Students may be out of uniform. There will be an CONNECTED WITH CHRIST Assembly on Monday, November 23rd. Students may wear their Catholic Identity Shirts to school. An all school (K-8) THANKSGIVING LITURGY is scheduled for Tuesday, November 24th at 9:45 am. Parents are welcome to join the MSW School community as we thank God for all of our blessings.

Red - MSW STOP!

Student Tuition Opportunity Program is beginning soon!

Yellow - Be Ready!

To buy all of your everyday and holiday gift cards through our new **STOP** program!

Green - Savings ahead!

Purchase your gift cards through the **STOP** program and earn tuition credit!

Watch for **MSW STOP** instruction folder coming home in your child's backpack next week!

The PR POLICE DEPARTMENT reminds us to follow the safety plans for drop off and pick up. Also, students and parents are reminded to cross Granville, Cumberland, and Clifton Avenues at the corners. Do not allow children to run across any street in the middle of the block. This is especially dangerous during drop off and pick up times, and will become increasingly hazardous as the winter ice and snow arrives.

MSW VOLLEYBALL REGISTRATION for 4th - 8th Grades. The volleyball season at MSW runs from mid-January until early April.

VOLLEYBALL REGISTRATION: Registration begins today and ends Thursday, December 10. The form is posted on the school's website (www.maryseatofwisdom.org). Go to School Life/Athletics. Make sure you sign the parent pledge, which is the second page to the registration. Checks should be made out to MSW Athletics. There will be no late registrations accepted.

VOLLEYBALL UNIFORMS: If you need to order a volleyball jersey, please mark the size of the jersey you would like to receive and add \$10 to the \$50 athletic fee. Note that these are ADULT sizes. These jerseys are the same from 4th - 8th grade - you may want to order on the larger side, so that your jersey will last a few years.

SPORTS PHYSICALS: As posted in previous MSW Notes, ALL students participating in sports must have a physical examination form on file with the school office. This will be mandatory starting with this year's volleyball season; therefore; everyone registered for volleyball **MUST** have a physical examination form submitted by mid-January in order to be eligible to play. Forms can be found on the school's website. Go to School Life/Forms.

1. If your child has already had a physical in the past year and you have sent the form to the office, you do not need to do anything further.

2. If your child has had a physical, but no form was completed, you will need to have your doctor complete the form and send it to the office no later than mid-January.
3. If your child has not had a physical at all in the past year, you need to see a doctor and arrange for completion of the form no later than mid-January.

Thank you for your cooperation. If you have any questions, please contact Pete Kapetan (847-814-3045) or Jackie Hair (847-698-6776).

SINGING STRINGS PRESENTATION

Ms. Beth Ann Stone is planning a presentation for children and parents in PreK, Kindergarten, and Grade One who may be interested in joining Singing Strings. The date and time of this presentation will be announced next week.

The **SINGING STRINGS VIOLIN CHOIR** will take part in the Thanksgiving Day Mass on Thursday, November 26 at 9am.

MSW PLAYLOT UPGRADE: Kevin Dietsch, an MSW parishioner who is working on his Eagle Scout Project, is planning to complete a facelift of the MSW Playlot. Kevin's plans include replacing the deteriorated wood timbers, wood chips, purchasing and installing some hanging trashcans (to keep the squirrels out!). Discount cards, which can be used at multiple Park Ridge locations, are being sold (\$15 each). Your support of this project would be appreciated! There is an order form on the school's website www.mswschool.org which includes the listing of vendors who are offering discounted services including: Subway, Uncle Dan's, Wally's, and Pickwick Theatre. Orders can be sent to the school office. Thank you!

ANGEL UPDATE: Save the Date! 12-3-09 ANGEL DINNER 39: Shop, Save, and Share in Style

Mark your calendars! Angel Dinner 39 is May 1, 2010. Although it's a few months away, we want to officially kick-off the Angel Dinner Fundraiser by inviting you to our "Shop, Save, and Share in Style" Days at New Prospects. On December 3rd, Amy DeGrazio, the owner of New Prospects, 110 S. Prospect Avenue, Park Ridge, has offered to designate the ENTIRE DAY to MSW. You will save 10% off all your purchases and Amy will share 10% of the sales with the Angel Fund.

There will be a casual reception beginning at 6:30 pm, in which you can mix and mingle with other MSW shoppers. We need your support! Please join us for a night out and learn how you can help the school and parish in the 39th Angel Dinner Fundraiser! If you cannot join us on December 3rd, you will still be able to "Shop, Save, and Share in Style" through December 6th. Keep on the lookout for a special coupon headed your way....just in time for the holiday season!!!

Any questions, please contact one of the Angel Dinner Co-Chairs: Helen Fanning tomhelmich@aol.com, Heather Knieling Littlelady0623@comcast.net or Crystal Myer cmmvegas@aol.com

THANK YOU TO ALL WHO STOPPED BY AND SPENT TIME HELPING at Last Saturday's BLANKET OF DREAMS. Over 100 blankets were made. They are being delivered to several agencies for distribution.

Thank you also to those who participated in the **CARSONS COMMUNITY DAYS** event last Saturday. FSA earned \$100.00 from this fund-raiser.

BOXTOP NEWS: The Fall Box Top Contest ends **TOMORROW**. All box tops must be submitted to the classrooms no later than Tuesday November 24th.

We're asking **YOUR HELP**. And this time we are not asking you to buy a booklet, or a wreath, or a candy bar, or a square. But your support can help MSW School earn **FREE MONEY** from **DOMINICK's**. This program **DOES NOT AFFECT YOUR MILES** (or whatever other perk you have signed up to receive by using your Dominick's card). We now have 37 folks who have now registered their Dominick's cards. If **YOU** are a Dominick's shopper, please go to www.escrip.com and sign up to support Mary, Seat of Wisdom School (#6607349). This will permit a portion of the value of your year-round shopping to be donated to our school. We believe Dominick's has more than 37 MSW families as regular customers. If you've lost your card, please call Dominick's customer service (877-723-3942) and ask for your card number. **PLEASE!** This is **FREE** money!

The **SECOND GRADE FOOD DRIVE** is coming to a close. Thank you to all who have helped to fill the boxes at MSW to support those who are hungry. The last collection day is Monday, November 30th. Check the information on the school website if you have any questions.

LOYOLA ACADEMY POMS DANCE TEAM is sponsoring a Dance Clinic **DANCE**

WITH THE RAMBLERETTES: All 3rd - 8th grade girls are invited to attend this clinic on Saturday, December 19th from 4:00 until 7:30. At 7:30 p.m. the girls will dance with the Varsity Boys Basketball Game Ramblerettes at Half Time. Two adult family members are invited to attend the game as our guest. The **COST** is \$35.00, which includes dinner and t-shirt. Come meet the Ramblerettes, learn a dance routine, and perform with the Ramblerettes in the Half Time Show at the Boys Varsity Basketball Game. Registration form is posted at www.mswschool.org. Go to School Life/Forms.

Classes are half-day Monday and Tuesday next week, and then we will send all of our students off to celebrate a Thanksgiving holiday with their families and friends. The MSW Faculty and Administration joins with the rest of the school community in gratitude for the blessings we have and for the opportunities we have to share the gifts we have received. We look forward to welcoming everyone back Monday, November 30th, refreshed and renewed for a **VERY BUSY** few weeks until the Christmas break.

Happy Thanksgiving to our MSW School families!

COMING SOON:

The School Calendar is posted at www.mswschool.org

Tuesday, November 24th - H1 N1 Immunization Permission due

December 2 - H1N1 Immunization Clinic at MSW

December 3rd - ANGEL DINNER 39: Shop, Save, and Share in Style

December 4th - NUTCRACKER - evening performance at 7 PM

December 17th Wisdom Players Christmas Show at 7:00 pm

February 27th - Teacher Benefit: A NIGHT AT THE RACES

May 1st - ANGEL DINNER

Reminders: **CCC...Clean, Cover, and Contain** to stay healthy. Cross streets safely at the corners and observe bike safety rules. Please observe MSW pick up and drop off procedures.

