

Mount St. Mary Academy Family Connection

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Items Needed for Retreat

Next Friday, our freshmen will be making dignity bags during their retreat. They are collecting trial-size soaps, toothpastes, shampoos, toothbrushes, and travel-size tissues. Items are needed by the morning of September 29. Please bring them to Ms. Saltarelli in Room 117.

Bring in your Dash's Receipts

Do you shop at Dash's Markets? Bring in your receipts from 2016-17 to the Main Office. Proceeds from this fundraiser help improve the auditorium, benefiting all of our students!

A Day of Peace



As we start our school year with the theme "Celebrating our history, Celebrating our traditions," the school participated in a special home-room activity for peace.

Students made peace pinwheels, decorated with their prayers and thoughts for peace, as they learned about the efforts of our founders, the Sisters of St. Mary of Namur, to teach peace to others.

On International Peace Day, our students took to the lawn with their peace pinwheels, planting them at the feet of Mary in the grotto.



Helping Hurricane Victims

Z-Club members organized a huge bake sale today to raise funds for the victims of Hurricanes Harvey and Irma. Proceeds from the bake sale will be donated to Hand in Hand and the Education Collaborative of Western New York's hurricane relief fund.



Buffalo Prep Services Available

Buffalo Prep services are available to any students whose annual household income is below \$65,000.00. This program offers students academic and college preparatory support throughout high school, free of charge.

There are three components to the program: tutoring, college preparation, and discussion groups. Tutoring sessions take place on the University of Buffalo Main Street Campus.

The College Prep aspect of the program involves providing information to students on a variety of college topics including finding a good college match, college visits, writing the college essay, financial aid workshops for parents, and SAT preparation.

Rising to Distinction, the discussion group, supports students by facilitating Circle Meetings at Mount St. Mary Academy on a monthly basis during lunches. Students discuss a variety of topics that are relevant to success in high school.

If you believe you meet the income requirement and are interested in learning more about Buffalo Prep, please contact Mrs. Maroshick in the Guidance Office at smaroshick@msmacademy.org or 877-1358, ext. 208, for more information and an application. The first meeting for students will be held at MSM on October 19, so don't delay!

Scholarship Opportunity

The Twentieth Century Club of Buffalo will be awarding \$500 scholarships to students who have exhibited skills in Art, Community Service, Leadership, Literature, or Music.

Applications are due by October 20 and additional information is attached to this newsletter delivery email.



Tops in Education

REGISTER OR RE-REGISTER NOW!

LIMITED TIME OFFER!

Register for TOPS in Education between now and 10/14/17 and you'll receive an eCoupon for **\$5 off** a future grocery purchase. Upon redemption of your eCoupon, TOPS will donate an additional **\$5** to your school!

Join in the Fun!

Upcoming Events

J. Crew Fundraiser for Hurricane Relief 30-1

MSM is joining with the Education Collaborative to host a special fundraiser in support of schools affected by Hurricane Harvey.

Shop at the J. Crew in the Walden Galleria Mall on September 30 or October 1 between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m. and a portion of your purchase will be donated to hurricane relief. A flier is attached with additional information.

Month at a Glance

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
17	18	19 Senior Parent Breakfast Junior Ring Orders	20	21	22 Jeans Day and Bake Sale Welcome Back Bash	23
24	25	26	27	28	29 Student Retreat Day	30 J. Crew Fundraiser for Hurricane Relief
1 Open House	2	3	4	5 Mountstock Jeans Day	6 Liturgy 2:15 p.m. Dismissal	7 Mountstock
8	9 No School	10 Jeans Day	11 Testing Day	12	13 Pink Dress Down Day and Bake Sale	14 Princess Tea

Please Note

On Friday, October 6, due to an area-wide emergency bus drill, dismissal will be at 2:15 p.m. Yellow school buses will be here at that time to pick up our students.

Suicide Awareness

Suicide is the second leading cause of death in young adults. If you ever have concerns about your daughter, please do not hesitate to call us.

We wanted to share a link with important and updated counseling resources: <http://www.wnyschoolcounselor.org/referrals>. We have these num-

bers available in guidance, as well, and we make them available to students.

A featured new link just added for students is the *Crisis Text Line*, offering free 24/7 support for anyone in crisis via an anonymous connection to a trained crisis counselor - simply by texting to

741741.

If you are interested in learning more about warning signs or what MSM has in place in school to help students, please feel free to contact your daughter's guidance counselor at any time.