

Mount St. Mary Academy Family Connection

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New Orleans Service Trip Opportunity

Campus Minister Ms. Monica Saltarelli will again be leading a service mission trip to New Orleans from June 26 to July 3, 2018. This trip is open to all students who will be entering sophomore, junior and senior year in the fall of 2018.

The cost to participate is \$750, and this includes travel, meals and accommodations. Students and their chaperones will be staying at the St. Jude Community Center. The deadline for payment is February 8th.

If you have any questions, please contact Mrs. Saltarelli at msaltarelli@msmacademy.org.

Congratulations, Murphy McDermott!

Freshman Murphy McDermott will be performing at Carnegie Hall this weekend as part of a musical concert hosted by Crescendo International. We congratulate Murphy on this honor and wish her the best of luck!

Semi-Formal Reminders!

In order for everyone to have a safe and fun time at our Winter Semi-Formal tonight, please consider these rules:

- **This is a school function, and all rules and regulations in the MSM Student Handbook apply to this event.**
- **All MSM students must have a permission slip submitted in order to attend the dance.**
- **All dates must have a permission slip submitted in order to attend the dance.**
- **If your daughter is bringing a date, she is responsible for his behavior and that the information on his permission slip is correct.**
- **No bags or purses bigger than a clutch will be allowed inside the dance. All bags will be searched. There are no exceptions.**
- **No jackets, coats, or sport coats will be allowed into the dance. All coats must be checked until the end of the dance.**
- **All guests must be at the dance by 7:30 p.m. at the latest and they may not leave until 9:45 p.m. There will be no exceptions.**

● **All MSM students must have been in attendance and on time for school on Friday in order to attend the dance.**

Please keep the Dress Up policy in mind when preparing for the dance. It states:

On "dress-up" days, dresses, skirts and blouses, jumpers and blouses, or dress pants and tops are allowed. Jeans, sneakers or flip-flops are absolutely not acceptable for a "dress-up" day. Again, Mount St. Mary Academy is a Catholic institution and stresses modesty when dressing for school. Clothing that is excessively tight or revealing is not appropriate for school. All garments (shorts, skirts, dresses) must be within three inches of the top of the knee when the student is standing up straight. Additionally, tank tops must have straps at least one inch wide.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Ms. Marissa Dauria, Assistant Principal for Student Life, at mdauria@msmacademy.org or 877-1358, ext. 105. Thank you!

When Sickness Strikes

Cold and flu season is here, so please remember to follow the code of conduct in the student handbook for illnesses.

If your daughter becomes ill during the school day, she should report to the nurse. Only the nurse may make arrangements should an early dismissal be required. If your daughter is absent,

please remember to call (716) 877-1358, ext. 160, to report her absence. Check **the portal and your daughter's Google classrooms** for homework assignments during her absence.

Thank you for your assistance in this matter. Stay healthy!

Join in the Fun!

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Upcoming Events

Junior Parents Meeting 6

Get guidance on the college search and application process on February 6 at 7:30 a.m. Please RSVP to rlyons@msmacademy.org.

Parents' Association Meeting 7

There will be a Parents' Association meeting on Wednesday, February 7 at 7:00 p.m. in the Student Dining Hall.

Wine and Chocolate 8

On February 8 from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m., parents are invited for a delicious evening party in support of Chrysalis Auction. Bring a gift and your entrance is free. Wines will be presented by the experts from **Butler's Wine and Spirits**. Please RSVP to Alexandra Fussell, afussell@msmacademy.org.

Month at a Glance

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
28	29	30	31	1	2	3
Spirit Week						
4	5	6 Junior Parent Info Mtg.	7 Parents Association Mtg.	8 Wine and Chocolate	9 Jeans Day Bake Sale	10
11	12	13 Jeans Day Bake Sale Pallet Party	14 Ash Wednesday Service	15	16	17

Get Arty at our Pallet Party

Want to try your hand at pallet art? Buffalo Collective Studio is coming to MSM for a pallet party on Tuesday, February 13 from 6:00 –9:00 p.m.

Guests will build a pallet panel, select a custom design, and create their own art to take home. You must be 18 years or older to participate. No artistic talent is required!

Register online at <http://bit.ly/2mg00mp> for a \$40 fee, which includes all your art supplies. A portion of your ticket will benefit the Chrysalis Auction!

