



## **Mount Royal Academy Weekly Facts Sheet**

*Wednesday, November 16, 2011*

### **Pre-Kindergarten**

The kids are learning about the Pilgrims and Indians and giving thanks as Thanksgiving approaches. We have been working really hard with our letters, and now have gotten to the letter G. Helping the kids to recognize the letter and sound, out and about can be a big help! Please make sure that folders come back each day. Also when the practice sheet is sent home once a week that your child has at least tried to work on it, depending on the level they are at. Have a great week. ---Mrs. Lowe

### **Kindergarten**

The kindergarten is excited about the upcoming holiday. I would like to do a baking project with them on Monday morning, to make simple cornbread. If anyone wants to help out, that would be great.

If you were unable to attend a parent/teacher conference today, please send a note letting me know another day/time that works for you. Report cards will be given out at conferences.

Please review your child's uniforms: we want to make sure everyone is adhering to the uniform code consistently. For girls, this means navy tights or socks (no leggings), for boys it means uniform pants, and everyone should have the correct sweaters. Thanks!

A big "Thank you!" to all of my parents, for ALL of your support! ~Mrs. Heath

### **Grades 1 & 2**

It is hard to believe that first quarter has wrapped up and Thanksgiving is around the corner. I look forward to meeting with all parents today for parent/teacher conferences. If you are unable to attend today, I would be happy to schedule another time to meet.

We are discussing the origin of Thanksgiving this week as we look forward to that holiday. We have read and discussed the traditional story of Pilgrims and Native Americans and read about Newport, NH native Sarah Josepha Hale, an advocate of Thanksgiving as a national holiday. We are also wrapping up our unit on South America in Social Studies and will move on to Antarctica next. In math, the second grade is focusing on fractions and money. First grade is working on geometric shapes and numerical order, and both grades are consistently practicing basic math facts.

I am trying to line up parents to come in periodically to speak to the kids about their respective occupation. If you would be interested in sharing your career with the first and second grade, please let me know.

### **Grades 3 & 4**

Dear Parents;

In religion we are learning about the liturgical year and the parts of the mass. We are also learning the new prayers and responses to the mass in preparation for the first Sunday in Advent.

In social studies we are completing our unit with a series of lessons on Miles Standish; the first leader of the Pilgrims. Next week we will complete a special project in class and play games which will test our knowledge of the content we have studied to date. After the Thanksgiving break we will switch over to science.

This week in writing we are learning how to organize information in an informative report. In grammar we are learning the 4 different types of sentences, how to use commas correctly, and we are writing sentences with compound subjects.

I look forward to meeting with you at parent/teacher conferences. If you were not able to find a spot on the schedule please let me know and we can meet at a different time. ---Jackie Diebold

### **Grades 5 & 6**

Our latest Science experiment is with bananas. Students have been working with: Mean, Median, Mode and Range: learning across the curriculum. What a combination: bananas and Math!!!! Come into the Lower School and see our Mount Royal Symbol ... our very own Knight of Our Lady, defender of the Faith ...Sir Nick the Knight. He will be appearing on a regular basis encouraging our children and rewarding Christ-like behavior.

Should any parents have been unable to meet with me concerning children's grades, please feel free to make an appointment.

Students have begun a new form for the introduction and study of vocabulary. In many ways it mirrors old fashion form. Instead of being supplied with all information, students will research on their own word definitions, parts of speech, syllabication, and usage. I am looking forward to seeing the results.

Lastly, as the feast of Christ the King approaches, let us celebrate this great day by honoring Him as our Great King of Heaven and Earth. God Bless.

### **Grades 7-12**

#### **Biology**

Quarter 2 is underway! I've changed the format of the homework, as many students did well on homework the first quarter but poorly on quizzes and tests. I am also planning to slow down a bit now that we are done with the basics. Hopefully these changes will be helpful for all students, however please encourage them to ask questions and contact me if they need extra help. Thanks! ---Mrs. Ouellette

#### *Mount Royal Athletics*

**SOCGER BANQUET:** A date for the 2011 soccer banquet will be forthcoming.

**SNACKS:** Thank you to every family who has already donated snacks for visiting teams when we have home games. We are all set for the remainder of the season due to a surplus of granola bars.

**MRA BASKETBALL SCHEDULE:** The master schedule is still developing. In the future, it will be attached to the Weekly FACTS communication. Please direct any questions concerning practice times to the coaches.

**MRA BASKETBALL PROGRAM:** Any student in grades 6 through 12 are invited to be a student-athletes in our basketball program. The official start date for our basketball program will be Monday November 14<sup>th</sup>. There is still time to join the program. We are having as many as 4 teams this year! A junior high boys and girls team, and also a high school boys and girls team. Any student-athletes interested in playing should contact Mr. Tremblay. 6<sup>TH</sup> GRADERS ARE INVITED TO PLAY ON THE JUNIOR HIGH LEVEL TEAM. Parents Adam Dyke and Sue Larose are coaching the boys and girls team respectively. We are also pleased to welcome back Mr. Will Begin, a former parent, who generously offered his time and talents once again to coach our high school boys team. We do encourage families to invite any homeschooling families with children around grade levels 6 to 12 to participate. Please spread through word, personally invite their family to participate, or even forward their contact information along to Mr. Tremblay.

**MARTIN DOMAN RETREAT:** Instead of regular academic classes, our upper school students will be participating in a retreat on Friday, November 18<sup>th</sup>. Students are to arrive as if it were a normal day, and they will be dismissed at the regular time, 2:15pm.

**MARTIN DOMAN CONCERT:** Please view attached flyer to find out more information about this upcoming spiritual event, intended for all families. We would very much appreciate if members of the community would spread the news of the Christ Music concert to families in other parts of New Hampshire. Martin Doman is an exceptional worship leader, and this is a great opportunity to help deepen the faith of our families, as well as lead others from outside our community to a real encounter with Christ. **WE NEED FAMILIES TO SPREAD THE WORD IN ORDER TO MAKE THIS A FRUITFUL EVENT FOR OUR SCHOOL COMMUNITY. WE WANT TO OPEN WIDE THE DOORS OF OUR SCHOOL, AND EMBRACE THE CALL TO CONTINUE TO EVANGELIZE OUR WIDER COMMUNITY. PLEASE PERSONALLY INVITE FAMILIES WHO MAY NOT EVEN BE CATHOLIC, OR FORWARD THEIR CONTACT INFORMATION TO MR. TREMBLAY. MEMBERS OF THE COMMUNITY INTERESTED IN SETTING UP THE GYMNASIUM FOR THE EVENT SHOULD CONTACT MR. TREMBLAY at [dtremblay@mountroyalacademy.com](mailto:dtremblay@mountroyalacademy.com) . WE REALLY NEED AND APPRECIATE YOUR HELP!**

**ST. JOSEPH'S ORATORY PILGRIMAGE:** THE PREVIOUSLY MENTIONED DATE HAS BEEN POSTPONED UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE. WE ARE NO LONGER MAKING THE PILGRIMAGE ON NOVEMBER 11<sup>TH</sup>, DUE TO OTHER SCHOOL RELATED EVENTS THAT HAVE ARISEN. PLEASE KEEP POSTED FOR THE RESCHEDULE DATE. WE ALSO WANT TO ALLOW PASSPORTS TO BE RETRIEVED FOR ANY FAMILY OR STUDENT INTERESTED IN GOING, YET DO NOT HAVE PASSPORTS. All teachers, parents, students, and family members in the entire Mount Royal community are invited to join a pilgrimage up to Saint Joseph's Oratory in Montreal. Passports are required in order to pass the border. We are not taking a bus, but arranging a caravan to depart from Mount Royal at 6:00am, and hopefully return by 8:00pm that same evening. Estimated driving time to Montreal is roughly 4 and half to 5 hours. Mass and confession are available throughout the day at the Oratory. Teachers, parents, and students participating are responsible for all food and transportation costs. If anyone in the community has a special prayer request that they would like offered, or even a votive candle to be lit in honor of a specific intention, please contact Mr. Tremblay. Please contact Mr. Tremblay if a family or student is interested in travelling. We don't want to depart from Mount Royal without having everyone together for the caravan. We are once again placing the school's hands in the powerful intercession of our patron, St. Joseph.

**CAMPUS MINISTRY MEETINGS:** The date and times of the meetings will be announced during morning and afternoon assembly. We invite all students in the Upper School to participate in Campus Ministry. The student-led Campus Ministry team directs outreach service opportunities, assists with in-school service events, and also helps other spiritual activities in the school year.

**MASS INTENTIONS:** MRA will happily offer the Holy Mass that is celebrated each week for the intentions or soul of any member of our wider community. We understand that God has called us to be vehicles of grace for our busy parents, and we can't think of a better way to say 'thank you'. So please, contact Mr. Tremblay if you would like to submit a Mass intention.

**SERVICE HOUR FORMS** are available in Mr. Tremblay's office. Students in grades 9 – 12 are expected to complete a specific number of service hours in order to fulfill their theology requirement each year. Students were informed of how many hours they are required to complete by the end of the school year. We encourage students to keep a running log of all their volunteer activities as the year progresses, rather than try to recall how many hours were volunteered at the very end of the year. Hastily seeking service hours at the end of the year removes the meaning and damages the purpose of offering one's self to others. Please look over the service portfolio informational sheet attached with the Monthly Bulletin and Weekly Facts.

**ST. JOSEPH'S ORATORY CLEANING:** THANK YOU to all parents who have already stepped forward and generously offered their time to clean the chapel. We are covered until the month of January at the moment, but still need volunteers from February to June. Volunteers are needed to help keep our school chapel worthy enough for the presence of our Lord. We would like to draft a formal schedule of parents and students who clean the oratory. Please consider volunteering on a regular basis. It may only be once a month. We have up to January covered, and therefore

need still need commitments for the remaining months in the school year. We are so blessed to have our Lord present on campus, and we ought to thank Him by keeping the school oratory as clean as possible.

**BOOK OF INTENTIONS:** A special thank you to the Nelson family who generously donated a formal book where we can continually compile special intentions for anyone within or outside of the Mount Royal community. The Book of Intentions will be kept inside of the St. Joseph's Oratory. We invite parents and classrooms to record any special prayer intention, and the school will explicitly mention those intentions before all school-wide prayer events, including our weekly Mass and rosary.

## **Other News**

**Parent/Teacher Conferences:** This afternoon and tomorrow after school. Sign-up sheets have been posted in the entryways of the lower & upper school. Report Cards will be given to parents at conferences.

**Parent Prayer Group:** Meets the 3rd Thursday of each month at 8am in the Oratory. Our next gathering will be **Thursday, Nov. 17th**. *All parents and children are welcome!* If you are unable to join our monthly meetings, please pray at home for MRA and our community. Please contact Jessica Fraioli with any questions at 526-2285.

**Martin Doman in Concert at MRA!** Friday, November 18<sup>th</sup> at 7pm in St. Joseph's Hall. Families and youth groups are invited to join us for a night of unforgettable praise and worship! For more information please contact Derek Tremblay at [dtremblay@mountroyalacademy.com](mailto:dtremblay@mountroyalacademy.com)

**2012 MRA Ski Program:** Registration forms and important information were sent home last week. PLEASE READ ALL INSTRUCTIONS CAREFULLY! Children must be at least 6 years old to participate in the program. ALL FORMS AND PAYMENT MUST BE RETURNED TO THE OFFICE BY **TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 22<sup>ND</sup>**. WE ARE IN NEED OF CHAPERONES! Please see Mrs. McDonald for a Chaperone School Release Form if you are interested. If you have any questions, please contact Jacqueline Tellier, Coordinator, at [jtellier.08@my.colby-sawyer.edu](mailto:jtellier.08@my.colby-sawyer.edu) or (603) 305-4982.

**Ski/Snowboard Fittings:** Wednesday, Nov. 30<sup>th</sup>, 9:30am in the lower school. All students renting equipment are required to attend.

## **HASA**

**Pie Day** has been changed to this coming Tuesday instead of Wednesday. Please sign up to bring a pie or accessories for the students to enjoy. The sign-up sheet is in the lower school on the HASA board. Also, thank you to all who helped with Veterans Day, it was hugely successful, and those who are helping out with the Martin Doman concert this Friday.

Please stay tuned for a Christmas potluck which will take place in the beginning of December---date and time to be announced.

**HASA Parent Rep. to the Board Report:** The parent representative to the Board this year is Allen Ouellette. If you have any questions or concerns about anything related to Mount Royal, please feel free to contact Allen as another resource. His email address is [al.o@att.net](mailto:al.o@att.net), and his phone number is 938-2212.

**Bumper-STICKERS For Sale** in the School Office - **\$2.50 each** - Rectangular Mount Royal Academy stickers, Circular Soccer stickers, and Circular Basketball stickers are all available for immediate purchase.

### **Bumper MAGNET Recall** - for all who purchased our Bumper Magnets:

Unfortunately the strength of the magnets that we used for our bumper magnets are not strong enough for cars. Stronger magnets are on the way! But I need to find out what type of magnets and to whom I need to replace them. **Please either e-mail me or sign the list on the bulletin board by the Lower School front door.** Please designate how

many and what type/ sport you need replaced. I believe there are 14 rectangular Mount Royal Academy Bumper Magnets and 17 round sports magnets (but I'm not sure how many are soccer and how many are basketball). I apologize for any inconvenience I have caused you! Thanks for your patience, Debbie Nelson 763-4590  
[NHnelsonfamily@gmail.com](mailto:NHnelsonfamily@gmail.com)

**First Friday Adoration** - "O Come Let Us Adore Him" - We have expanded our First Friday prayer to 8 am - 2 pm, a true relay of prayer during the school day! December is a perfect time to stop into our Chapel in the Upper School to spend some quiet time with Our Lord thanking Him for His gift of Salvation through the birth of His Son, Jesus. Please join us **Dec. 2nd** for 10 minutes or as long as you'd like. The more, the merrier!

**Collection for the Troops:** You've probably noticed the box in the entrance to the lower school for donations for care packages that will be sent to the military. Please pick up some extra snacks and toiletries on your grocery shopping day to add to the bin! There is a list posted of suggested items, or be creative and think of your own fun things to add! Kate Coleman will be sending these for us to a US Marines squadron stationed in Afghanistan. If you have questions you may contact her at [harmonygyrl@gmail.com](mailto:harmonygyrl@gmail.com).

**Knights of Columbus Christmas Card Sale:** The Knights of Columbus Council #4983 will be offering for purchase Christ centered Christmas cards now until mid-November. Orders can be placed with a member of the Knights after 8:00am Mass on Sunday's at St. Patrick, after the 10:00am Mass at St. Joachim, or you may mail your order. Catalogs w/order forms are available in the lower school entryway. Please read the instructions on the front of the catalog on how to place an order by mail. If you have any questions, please contact Mark Landry (863-3516) or Leonard Dow (863-9229).

**Heroes of God Media Club:** **ORDERS ARE DUE THIS FRIDAY, NOV. 18<sup>TH</sup>.** MRA has the opportunity to purchase books & films from Ignatius Press— a wonderful and easy way to help families grow in their Faith while raising funds for our school—**20% or more profit will go to MRA**, and discounted prices of 15% for you! Three times each year—in the Fall, Winter and Spring—order forms will be available to place your orders. Order forms are on the front tables of both the upper and lower schools. If you wish to participate, please fill out your order, make your check or money order *payable to MRA*, and return to Mrs. McDonald in the office. Thank you.

**No School:** Thurs., Nov. 24th and Friday, Nov. 25th for Thanksgiving vacation.

**No School** – Thursday, December 8<sup>th</sup> – Holy Day of Obligation - *Immaculate Conception*

**MRA on Facebook:** Are you, your family, or your friends on Facebook? Facebook is a great way to keep up-to-date on upcoming activities, athletic results, and share the great things happening at our school. Please visit MRA on Facebook and "like" our page: [www.facebook.com/mount.royal.academy](http://www.facebook.com/mount.royal.academy) . Please don't forget to share with friends and family.