



Mount Royal Academy Weekly Facts Sheet

Wednesday, November 9, 2011

Kindergarten

The kindergarten has been practicing the song "God Bless America" for the Veteran's Day Luncheon. They made flags that say "Thank you" on the back to carry, and will give them to the veterans who attend. They are wonderful singers!

We are learning the story of the Pilgrims in Plymouth, and other early settlers and American Indians as Thanksgiving approaches. Did you know that the 1st Thanksgiving was 390 years ago this year? We did a little subtraction! We have discussed the hunger the Pilgrims experienced, which later inspired their tremendous gratitude to God for his blessings. The children are beginning to appreciate the simple gifts of food, fun, and love that we gather to share at Thanksgiving.

If you are placing a book order this time, please send in your order with a check TOMORROW (Thursday, 11/10), so we can receive the books before the holidays. I will keep the book order 'secret' when it arrives, in case you wish to order Christmas gifts.

Have a nice long weekend! ~Mrs. Heath

Grades 3 & 4

Dear Parents,

Tomorrow we have a spelling test and spelling contracts are due. No writing homework this week. Students should be reading and practicing math facts nightly.

This week the grade 3 students are reading *Make Way for Ducklings* and the grade 4 students are reading *Energy Makes Things Happen*. In grammar we are learning about the 4 types of sentences and punctuation. In writing we are learning how to revise by grouping common ideas together and eliminating information that doesn't belong.

In math the grade 4 students are becoming masters at solving problems with missing addends and the 3rd grade is working on adding quarters, dimes, nickels, and pennies, and telling time to the 5 minutes.

Grade close today and parent teacher conferences are next Wednesday. Please sign up for an appointment. I will gladly make arrangements to meet with you at a separate time if you are not able to come Wednesday. --Jackie Diebold

Grades 5 & 6

The history of our school has long been associated with the defense of the Christian Faith. The pictorial symbol which appears in the center circle of our gymnasium is a Knight's helmet. Even our team's names 'The Knights' reveal our purpose: to Defend the Faith. In coming weeks students, parents and friends will be invited to view images and teachings on a warrior known as Nick the Knight. Stay Tuned!

Reminder to parents that with Conferences approaching, all are welcomed to speak with me about your child's academic progress.

Students continue to work with our new Science Program. Experiments are on-going and being compiled in individual Laboratory Books which will be on display the last Term of the school year. All will be welcomed to partake of the work.

Lastly, as the season of all souls continues to unfold this month of November, let us remember to pray for those we love who are remembered in our hearts. God Bless.

Grades 7-12

In **physics** class, we've had our first exam; YAY! For the most part, we did fine, and we are moving steadily through how we describe our mechanical world. We are gaining "momentum" and hope to have the "energy" to gain more knowledge, if "physic-cally" possible! Okay, enough with the puns... :) ---Mr. Ouellette

Algebra I, Algebra II CP and Algebra II H classes:

Beginning 2nd quarter all homework must be handed in on the due date or it is an automatic zero.

If you are having difficulty with any problems, you need to contact me before it is due so we can schedule time to go over the concepts.

All homework problems must be written out and then solved with all work shown and done as neatly as possible.

If problems are to include graphing, graph paper must be used.

In addition, you must READ the text book, especially the examples, for the given concept we are dealing with; I will only schedule times for help if you have already attempted to read the text.

We will "go over" homework in class on the due date to ensure that everyone understands each problem.

Lastly, you must be prepared every day for a potential pop quiz!

Peace,
Dr. B

Other News

2012 MRA Ski Program: Registration forms and important information is being sent home with students today. 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 22ND. 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 or (603) 305-4982.

First Quarter Grades Close: Wed., Nov. 9th

No School—Friday, November 11th—Veterans' Day

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, 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

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.

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).

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.

Parent/Teacher Conferences: Wed., Nov. 16th and Thurs., Nov. 17th 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.

Martin Doman in Concert at MRA! Friday, November 18th 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

Heroes of God Media Club: 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 **no later than Friday, November 18th**. Thank you.

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

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 . Please don't forget to share with friends and family.