The weekly newsletter from AMA.

November 21, 2022

Principals' Weekly Mass Announcement

This will be our last Mass together, until after we have given thanks, at our own tables.

It's time to take a breath, a deep breath.

You have worked so hard and have learned so much.

The seasons have obviously changed, but so have you.

As we gather together, with each season that passes, you look a little different to me, but that's the point, isn't it?

You are growing, building, learning.

You are doing good things and will do great things.

You think it is all moving too slow at times, but I assure you, for those who love you, it's moving too fast.

Enjoy this moment with those you love and give thanks.

PTG Polar Express Raffle. Polar Express Tickets are due to the office at the end of the school day on Monday, November 21, 2022.

Night at the Races. Save the date of **Saturday**, **January 21**, **2023** for AMA's Night at the Races! More details to come soon; be on the lookout for horse flyers to come home in backpacks next week.

RAISE RIGHT Physical Gift Card Orders. Due to busy shipping during the Christmas Season, we will be submitting a December order to Raise Right on Thursday, December 8th instead of the 15th of the month. If you need to order physical cards in December, not ecards, please have your order in to Raise Right NO LATER THAN MIDNIGHT ON DECEMBER 7th. Thank you and have a blessed and safe Christmas Season.

Ave Maria Academy Gives Back. AMA Students raised \$670 to be donated to the KDKA Turkey Fund. Thanks to the student council who organized this donation event and for all who donated money and canned goods. You may view video of the Pie in the Face Assemblies here: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=PKflXctLyT4

Sarris Candy Sale. Physical forms are due in the office by Tuesday, November 29, 2022. Online Order also available at www.SarrisCandiesFundraising.com.

Bethel Park Campus Online Code: 10-1189 Mt. Lebanon Campus Online Code: 10-0216

PTG Santa Breakfast. There will be a Santa Breakfast at each campus. Check the flyer for details. Here are the links to register online:

https://avemariaptg.membershiptoolkit.com/store/10002 BP https://avemariaptg.membershiptoolkit.com/store/10001 ML

AMA PTG Santa Shop. The shop will be open on Thursday, December 8th & Friday, December 9th from 3:00pm to 7:00pm at the ML Campus. RESERVE your time slot to shop beginning Thursday, December 1st at 8:00pm. More details and link to reserve on the attached flyer. We need lots of help from Santa's best elves! Sign up to volunteer here:

https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C094EA9AE2DA0FAC70-santas1

Seton LaSalle Event. Join the SLS Community for an evening of wine, charcuterie and Christmas spirit from 6pm-7:30pm on Tuesday, December 6th. Admission of a \$25 gift card will benefit the upcoming Seton LaSalle Gala. See attached flyer.



We will be having a full dress down day on Tuesday, November 22, 2022. All donations will go towards the 8th grade graduation

Attachments:

- Letter from the Ave Maria Academy Advisory Council-Please read!
- November HEROs
- PTG Santa Breakfasts
- PTG Santa Shop
- Christmas Party Information
- Seton LaSalle Sip and Sample
- PERCES First Annual Girls 7 on 7 Tournament
- Thank you to our AMA Sponsors!



The Diocese Victim Assistance Hotline telephone number (1-888-808-1235).

A Message from the Ave Maria Academy Advisory Council - Parent Survey Announcement

November 2022

Dear AMA Family,

This is truly an exciting time for Ave Maria Academy. As we wrap up a great start of the school year and head into the 2nd quarter, there are many highlights that show how AMAzing this school has become. Some of which include:

- Awesome community activities provided by our great PTG and its tireless army of parents.
- Success of our AMA Royals sports teams on the field, track, and court by way of support from an
 incredible Athletic Board and its numerous volunteer coaches.
- First Inaugural AMA Royal Ball Gala and Auction, bringing our community together.

Ave Maria Academy is blessed with so many people who are invested in creating a special school. We are on our way! This is the 3rd year for our beloved school and although we have had many challenges during our first two years, we are now built upon a solid foundation established by our Administration, PTG, Athletics, and our entire blended school community. We are ready to look to the future and imagine the possibilities for Ave Maria Academy by beginning to collect feedback from the school community in moving forward. You will be receiving a communication from the Council with a link to a form regarding our initiative; "Portrait of an AMA Student".

- This form will help provide our administration with information to look to the future by redefining and enhancing our expectations for the school and students.
- The feedback will be part of an ongoing process in which we will seek input and help from all of
 you, as we undertake the creation of the "Portrait of an AMA Student".

Please be on the lookout for this form and follow-up initiatives as a way to provide input into the future of the school, especially in the efforts to define what a "Portrait of an AMA Student" is to our community.

The purpose of the Advisory Council is important, but simple. By working in collaboration with the AMA administration, parish, and regional leadership, the Advisory Council is responsible for assisting with the coordination of AMA's; fundraising, communication, and admissions efforts. We appreciate your generosity and continued support in all Ave Maria Academy fundraising activities.

We look forward to continuing to build the best Ave Maria Academy that we can, together.

Sincerely,

Ave Maria Academy Advisory Council

President: Jonathan Smith Vice President: Brian Ripley Secretary: Katy Phillips Academics: Kara Droney Faith/Religious Education: Maura D'Alo Fundraising: Breanna McKibben and Natalie Podkul Athletics: Stephanie Massaro Marketing/Recruitment: Susan Sarkis

Congratulations to our AMA November 2022 HEROs! ML Campus

November 4, 2022

Preschool 3 (Mrs. Claspy) ~ Max Caruso

Preschool 4 (Mrs. Claspy) ~ Lucy Shultz

PreK (Ms. Ratay) ~ Eleana Puzzini

Kindergarten (Ms. Howe) ~ Harper Chaussard

Kindergarten (Mrs. Walker) ~ Lucy Gasperini

November 11, 2022

Grade 1 (Mrs. Stiglich) ~ Milan Kosanovich

Grade 1 (Mrs. DeCello) ~ Ellie Good

Grade 2 (Mrs. Zutter) ~ Clara Gasperini

November 18, 2022

Grade 3 (Mrs. Kutchell) ~ Alexia Rosenfeld

Grade 4 (Mrs. Ellis) ~ Marie Gasperini

Grade 5 (Ms. O) ~ Charlie Kail

BP Campus

November 4, 2022

Preschool 3 (Mrs. McElhaney) ~ Reagan Sklenka

Preschool 4 (Mrs. McElhaney) ~ Lucia Cantanese

PreK (Ms. Havey) ~ Angelina Koehlinger

Kindergarten (Ms. Conroy) ~ Liam Graves

Kindergarten (Mrs. Schran) ~ Scarlett McClintock

November 11, 2022

Grade 1 (Mrs. Hooper) ~ Cookie Kennedy

Grade 1 (Mrs. Bettwy) ~ Aubrey Hooper

Grade 2 (Mrs. Hobba) ~ Rory King

Grade 2 (Ms. Farnsworth) ~ Liam Buettner

November 18, 2022

Grade 3 (Mrs. Bell) ~ Brooke Wallace

Grade 4 (Mrs. Radzanowski) ~ Finley Schran

Grade 4 (Mrs. Gallagher) ~ Gemma Silvis

Grade 5 (Mrs. Reeder) ~ Elly O'Keefe

Grade 6 (Mrs. Pattionato) ~ Shane McDermott





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AVE MARIA ACADEMY PTG INVITES YOU TO

SANTA'S Workshop



JOIN US FOR SHOPPING, POOD, GRAFTS.

& CHRISTMAS CHEER!

DECEMBER 8TH & 9TH 3:00-7:00 PM BRYSON HALL CAFETERIA MT. LEBANON CAMPUS

RESERVE YOUR SHOPPING SPOT HERE

beginning 12/1/22 at 8:00pm.

Questions? Email: amasantashop@gmail.com



Kids shop w/
AMA "Elf Helper" or
parent/guardian
using budget
envelopes sent home
in advance

Concessions:

*Hot dogs. Nachos.

& Chips

*Donuts

*Hot Cocoa. Juice

& Water











Classroom Christmas Parties

The Christmas parties will take place on Wednesday, December 21, 2022:

- Mt. Lebanon campus: 1:30 2:30 pm
- Bethel Park campus: 1:45 2:45 pm

Per the request of our faculty, we will continue with two parents assisting in the classroom for service projects and parties. Students may bring in individually prepackaged, nut-free treats which will be passed out to their classmates and taken home to consume.



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SUNDAY, DECEMBER 11 SERRA CATHOLIC
HIGH SCHOOL

12:00 PM -5:00 PM DEADLINE TO REGISTER: FRIDAY, DECEMBER 2

TO REGISTER A TEAM, CONTACT BEAU QUATTRONE
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QUATTRONE@MARYOFNAZARETHSCHOOL.ORG

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