

Principal's PTO Report

Wednesday, October 12, 2011

1. Enrollment is holding steady at 249 students. The school board and finance committee has been working hard at providing a solid foundation for the future of Mater Dolorosa School.
2. I would like to get a flyer out to families stating a variety of volunteering opportunities. Some of these include: Box Top Collector, Marketing Committee, Technology Committee, PACE Representative, and lunch room/recess duty. Please feel free to send me ideas or suggestions.
3. School will be in session on January 6th for Three Kings Day. We will not have busing on that day so families will be responsible for bringing their children to school. Student families who celebrate that holiday will have an excused absence. This will allow us to have school end one day earlier than Holyoke Public Schools. A ConnectEd call and notice will go out in the near future.
4. I would like to clarify the uniform policy. Girls may wear long navy blue pants throughout the year. If students wear a skirt or jumper then knee high socks should be worn. Also, there should be no logos besides MD on any shirt or gym uniform.
5. We are in the process of obtaining estimates for additional school security. Once we have an estimate the finance committee will make a decision. I am in contact on a regular basis with the Holyoke Police Department. When anything suspicious happens around the school grounds they have been very proactive in answering our calls and providing us with security. The pedophile that was being investigated in this area has turned himself in to the police department and we have not seen him in the area since.
6. Mr. Merrill Desrosiers has resigned as the chairperson of the Bingo as of the end of November. Fr. Alex and I will be meeting soon to discuss how we will move forward. We are having a very difficult time finding volunteers to keep the Bingo going without exhausting our current volunteers. Mr. Desrosiers deserves much gratitude for his sacrifice of time and hard work for MD School.
7. We have a new custodian named Philip Washington. He will work from 1-7pm each day. If the PTO needs him for any events please ask in advance to see if he'd be available to work.

8. We will be having a special Veteran's Day mass on November 10th at 9:00 at St. Jerome's Church. We will invite as many veteran's as possible to join us. I will be notifying the press as well. We will also have our first Achievement Assembly on Thursday afternoon at 1:00 in the gym. This assembly will have a slide show of students and events along with an certificate ceremony. Certificates will be given to students who have shown growth or who have been recognized as working especially hard in an academic area. There will also be an award for good character/Christian behavior.

Respectfully Submitted,

Mrs. Tracey Tierney