## Dates to Remember

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<td>OUT OF UNIFORM DAY</td>
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<td>Deadline To Re-Register</td>
<td>Sat., Feb. 20</td>
<td>Service Day At MON - 1-4 PM MPR</td>
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<td>Ash Wednesday School Mass -10 AM</td>
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<td>Thur., Feb. 11</td>
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<td>HSA General Meeting 6:30 pm Guest Speaker - Internet Safety</td>
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<td>Fri., Feb. 12</td>
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<td>Mon., Feb. 15</td>
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<td>MS St. Patrick’s Day Dance - 7:30 - 10:00 PM</td>
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<td>2nd &amp; 3rd “100 Dresses” plays 1:30 - 2:30pm</td>
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<td>Mar. 24-Apr. 3</td>
<td>EASTER BREAK</td>
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**Special Announcements**

**Service Day at MON**
Please come out to the first Mary of Nazareth Service Day Saturday, February 20th from 1pm - 4pm. Come to the multipurpose room to help participate in different activities that will help those within our local community. Come for an hour, come after a sports game, come for the whole time... come make a difference! This is not a drop-off event - it is a family activity. Families do not need to donate anything other than their time and willingness to help others! We also need volunteers to help setup, lead, and clean up the activity centers. Please sign up to participate and/or let us know how you can help: [HERE](#).

**Hot Topics**

**Be Diligent In Faith - Don’t Give UP**
Diligence is our virtue of the month and it tells us to fulfill our duties in life even though they become tiresome. The Bible teaches us that there are fruits produced from our labor and God uses tough times to test our persistence. When we teach our children to put their faith and energy into whatever they want to accomplish, they will learn to focus on giving their best effort with Diligence! - Prayer is the most powerful approach to all things meaningful in our lives. God promises wisdom and strength to all who seek him. - Be cheerful in work being done with routines and focus on the little steps in the process. - Utilize tools and resources available to get the job done with the highest standards. It is important to focus on the heart of the matter- above all else and do everything as an act of worship to God.

**Development**

**Open House**
Thank you to everyone who made our Open House a huge success! Thank you for taking the time to show new families what makes Mary of Nazareth a wonderful school and community!
Gala Spotlight!

Join us at the Masquerade - Saturday, March 5, 2016

Invitations for the Annual Benefit Gala are in the mail. Please go to www.maryofnazareth.org/auction to register. Early Bird pricing is good until Friday, February 12. Don’t delay, register today!

Tuition/Cash Raffle Tickets - You Can Win 3 Free Tickets

We are excited to once again offer our Tuition/Cash Raffle. The drawing will be held at our Annual Benefit Gala on March 5, 2016. The winner of the raffle will receive $6,250 towards 2016-2017 tuition or $4,000 cash!

Tickets were sent home this week, and we are asking every family to sell at least two tickets at $25.00 each. Remember, every ticket sold helps to minimize tuition increases. If you need additional tickets, or have any questions, please contact Beth O’Connell at boconnell@maryofnazareth.org. Additional tickets will be sent via backpack mail.

The individual who sells the most tickets by Friday, February 19, 2016 will be awarded three FREE Tuition/Cash Raffle Tickets. Please send your payment and completed tickets to the Development Office in a sealed envelope.

Volunteer Roundup

Host Families Needed

We need you!!! Your help is needed to welcome new families to Mary of Nazareth for the 2016-2017 school year. Become a host family! A host family is assigned to a new family to call and introduce Mary of Nazareth to them. The host family coffee will take place on Friday, May 13th. You are not required to attend the coffee, but you are certainly welcomed along with all new Mary of Nazareth families. To sign up, click HERE; access code: mustang. Preschool and Grade School host families needed. If you have any questions please contact Kim Maffeo at kimberlymaffeo@gmail.com
Hot Lunch Help Needed
We have many openings for Lunch Monitors and Lunch Servers who help daily, as well as helpers to cook and serve several days a month. Please view the Sign Up Genius links for more information and to sign up TODAY. The password is Mustang.

- Click HERE to sign up to Cook or Serve
- Click HERE to sign up to be a Lunch Room Monitor

We cannot do it without you! Every child eats lunch, and we rely on participation by the whole community to support the kitchen staff and our teachers. Even a day a month or a couple days a year are helpful. The little ones, especially, love to see their parent helpers at school and you will love seeing them!

Sports Committee Needs YOU!!!
The Sports Committee is looking for a Uniform Commissioner. This person would be responsible for working with individual sports' commissioners (soccer, basketball, cheer, baseball etc) and coaches to:

- Forecast sizes and numbers of uniforms across various sports
- Distribute uniforms
- Collect Uniform Deposits
- Create Buying agreement for increased cost efficiencies

If interested or for more information please contact Joe Beucher at jbeucher@gmail.com.

After The Bell

Knights Of Columbus Youth Charity Chess Tournament
The Rock Creek Council is hosting a Chess Tournament on Sunday, March 20, from 11:30-3:00 at the KoC Mansion in Bethesda. The cost is a $10 donation. The Tournament is open to players from K-8 of all skill levels and is suited for beginners and players without much tournament experience. You do not have to be a member of the MON Chess Club. Please see the flyer HERE and in the Wednesday Packet.

Mary of Nazareth Spring Baseball

Time to start thinking about baseball again. The MoN Sports Committee is recommending that MoN students age 4-12, who are interested in playing T-Ball/Baseball, register through the UMAC (Upper...
Montgomery Athletic Club) Baseball Program. UMAC registration typically begins in January so stay tuned for additional updates. For more information about the MoN baseball program, please visit our website HERE. If you are interested in coaching a UMAC team, or a U14 MoN team in CYO, please contact our Baseball Commissioner, Chris Rorick, at chrisrorick@yahoo.com for more information. Now is the time to start putting together your roster!

Help Needed for the Track and Field Team
Track Commissioner needed. The 2016 track season starts in March and the team is in need of a commissioner to get the team up and running. Please contact Bobbi Rohde at nalla212001@gmail.com if interested.

Join our MoN Spring Saddle Club
MoN is now offering students in all grades the opportunity to learn about how to care for and ride horses after school on Tuesdays and Wednesdays as part of the Calleva Horse Adventure Program. Bus transportation is provided to and from the farm. Please click HERE for more detailed information and contact Nicole Pappano at nrpappano@yahoo.com with any questions. Registration is limited to 10 riders each day.

Catholic Girl Scouts Retreat
The ADW Annual Girl Scout Retreat, "When the Saints Come Marching In," will be at St. Elizabeth's in Rockville on Saturday, February 27. The retreat is open to all Girl Scouts. Cost is $12.00 per girl (includes lunch, drink, snack and retreat patch/rocker and My Faith, My Promise Pin). Please see the flyer HERE and in this week’s Wednesday Packet. Contact Patricia Walker at walkerscouts@verizon.net or Brenda Murtha at breezegs@verizon.net with any questions.

UMD Quidditch Camp
The University of Maryland Physics Department is providing an exciting summer camp opportunity: the Physics of Quidditch Summer Camp. The camp takes a fun, interdisciplinary approach to exploring concepts in physics through the literature of the Harry Potter novels and the real-world sport of quidditch.
There will be two session: one for rising 6th-8th graders and one for rising 9th-11th graders. Please see the flyer HERE and in the Wednesday packet. Registration and more camp information can be found on our website: http://umdphysics.umd.edu/events/aboutus-outreach/outreach-physics-quidditch.html.
Any questions can be directed via email to lecdemo_outreach@physics.umd.edu. Thanks!
Parish News

Mother Seton Parish Scout Sunday
We will celebrate this year’s Scout Sunday Mass at Mother Seton Parish at 5:00 PM on Sunday, February 14. Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts should be in uniform and arrive at least 15 minutes early to line up for entry to the Church. Please call/text Dante Preciado to RSVP at 301-346-2401 or email to dangerpre@yahoo.com. We will try to have badges available for those members who respond by February 7, 2016.

Saint Mary’s Antique Show & Sale Feb 13 & 14th
Antique Show & Sale Returns! Find a sweetheart of a deal at the St. Mary's Antique Show & Sale on Saturday, February 13th from 11AM-5PM & Sunday, February 14th, 12PM-6PM at St. Mary's Parish in Barnesville. Buy, sell & have your antiques appraised by professionals & respected local dealers. For more information, contact Donald Patti, 866-478-8080 or info@saintmarysantiques.com. See flyer HERE.

Class Of 2017 NYC Fundraising Corner

Mixed Bag Designs’ 75% Off Sale!
ENTER FUNDRAISER ID #51668.
Click HERE for more great items like this $3 Drugstore Bag:

Students’ Corner, New! Submit your Article HERE

Celia Henein
...received a Year-End High School Award from the Potomac Valley Dressage Association - First Place at Training Level in the Junior/Youth division. She also received the Eastern Short Chapter Perpetual Trophy for the highest average score in Training Level!
Our students love MoN so much, they even venture out to school in a blizzard!

Communications Notes

To Submit An Article:
Submit your Article HERE or from the Mary of Nazareth website under the ‘News & Events’ tab. Fill out the requested information then hit “Send.” The Article goes directly to our Newsletter inbox. We will send an email confirmation of receipt of your Article. If you need to attach artwork or have special requests, please e-mail them directly to: newsletter@maryofnazareth.org.

Publication guidelines for submitting an Article to the Mary of Nazareth Newsletter are as follows:

- Submit your Article by Friday at 8:00 pm. This is a firm deadline. Additions sent to the office will not be included in the Newsletter.
- Articles should be related to a school event, parish event or student(s) accomplishment.
- Articles will run 3-4 weeks unless you specify differently.
- If you have a FLYER related to your item, make sure you email it to the MoN Office: MWEIR@maryofnazareth.org for approval and posting.

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