

- 1) Paper cups
- 2) Liters of soda
- 3) Bags of chips
- 4) Bags of Pretzels
- 5) Napkins

Donated items can be dropped off in the school office and placed in the Valentine Dance box. The dance



will take place on Friday, February 17th in the Mount gym from 7-9:30 PM. It is open to all 7th and 8th grade students. The cost is \$4 per student, and snacks/refreshments are provided.



WV Music Educator's Solo & Ensemble Competition

Twenty-five students will represent Mount de Chantal at the West Virginia Music Educator's Solo & Ensemble competition on Saturday, Feb. 18th. Solo & Ensemble is an annual event in which music students prepare a selection which they play for a judge, and then receive a rating and comments from the music professional. Many of these students will be performing on our next secondary school recital on Wednesday, Feb. 15th at 3:00 p.m. This is generally our best recital of the academic year. The young musicians are all students of Bill and Bobbi Hines, piano, and Valery Staskey-Roeder, voice.



Art-In Coming Up

On Friday, February 17th, there will be an art-in from 3pm – 5pm in the art studio for grades K through 4. Flyers from the art department will be forthcoming.

Call for “Life Outside the Mount” Photos



The 2006 Yearbook is looking for photos of activities kids participate in outside the Mount. If you have digital photos, you can email them to Janet Boyle (jboyle@ghost-writers.com). If the photos are paper, please send them to the Mount office in an envelope marked “Yearbook.” We will scan the paper photos and return them to you.

Please tell us your child’s name, grade, and what he or she is doing in the photo. And remember... if you’d like to order a yearbook at the discount price of \$50, please send a check for \$50 made out to Mount de Chantal to the school office by Feb. 14. After this date the price goes up to \$60.

Easter Candy Sale

To keep the price of our yearbooks reasonable, the yearbook is once again holding an Easter Candy sale. Your child will be bringing a flyer home during the third week of



February. Even if you don't want your child to sell candy door to door, please consider buying your family's

Easter candy from us. We can arrange discreet deliveries for families with little ones. Every sale helps our yearbook. Questions? Call Tiffany Cottrell.

Ebay Store Update

Thank you for contributing to the Ebay Store...things are just starting to get busy and we need your donations now!

We are looking for almost anything in good condition. If you are unsure that we will want your item then just pop on the net to: www.ebay.com do a search for the item (remember different keywords will bring up different results) and it is always worth changing the way auctions show up from "items ending first" to "highest prices"...this way you can see what similar items are making.

You can also call on the Ebay Listing Team: Myra Orban, Belinda Austin, Kari Thomas, Teresa McFarland and Wuela West. Packing and Shipping Crew are Janey Hrutkay and Cindy Hofbauer.



We have everything from Event tickets to gently-used clothing, unused shoes to Banner Ads so don't be surprised that there is something in your closet, garage or even your business we could use!

We also need donations of the following items to assist us in "The Store" ...Some kind of digital scales, photocopier, brown paper and tape for packing.

Don't forget to watch our auctions and even bid on a couple...the shipping will be free if you buy from us! Seller name: mountdechantal.

Thanks and don't forget to look for "IT" this weekend - you may be surprised what "IT" will make for "US".

STUDENTS & FACULTY IN THE NEWS

Sister Joanne Gonter has been named a History Hero for her work and support of the Wheeling Area Historical Society's programs and

services. She will be recognized at the History Day Program taking place in Charleston, WV on February 16.

Snow will Soon be Flying...Be on the Alert!

A reminder to all parents (including our Washington, PA families) regarding the Mount's inclement weather policy.



Please listen to local TV [WTRF, WTOV or WTAE (Channel 4)] and radio (WOMP-FM, WOVK-FM, WKWK-FM, WVKF-FM, WEGW-FM, WEEL-FM, WWVA-AM, WBBD-AM) for school cancellations (we make our own decision so look for Mount de Chantal on your TV screen). Please do not call the school regarding school cancellations. We do not follow delays, but if you feel the road conditions in your area do not safely permit you to bring your children to school, please call the school office to report him or her absent. Should an early dismissal be necessary, the school will contact parents using emergency numbers. Parents may always come to pick up students should the conditions in their area warrant this.

Playbox Needs Your Stuff

If you are cleaning closets and drawers to make way for new "stuff," consider donating your formal gowns, any semi-formal wear, old Halloween costumes, costume jewelry, etc. to the school's

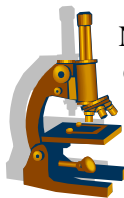
play box. Sister Eleanor is always looking for items to replenish her stock.

Please send in your Campbell's labels and your General Mills' Boxtops for Education to the school office in an envelope for the school's library.



ELEMENTARY PROGRAM UPDATES

Elementary Science Fair



Next week is the elementary Science Fair. Things get started on Monday and follow the schedule below...

Monday, Feb. 13th: Fifth and sixth grade projects are due

Tuesday, Feb. 14th: Third and fourth grade projects are due

Wednesday, Feb. 15th: Evaluations of projects

Thursday, Feb. 16th: Evening open house for projects will be held in the gallery on the third floor from 5 PM to 6:30 PM

Friday, Feb. 17th: Projects are to be taken home

First Grade Penny Drive Breaks All Records

Annually, the first grade conducts a penny drive with the proceeds going to Sister Constance's Catholic Neighborhood Center. The drive is ongoing through the



end of the school year, so keep those pennies (or any coins or paper money) coming. Watch the elementary We Are Proud Board for the penny total. Total as of February 9, 2006 is 52,053 pennies (as of February 8, 2005, we were at 37,187 pennies)! (Special thanks to the person who has been leaving the wonderfully large donations!!!)

Elementary Program Homeroom of the Week



Students in the elementary program have been working hard in the classrooms and working hard on hallway and dining room behavior. Each week one homeroom will be given the honor "Homeroom of the Week." Students in each homeroom have voted on what reward they want should they be chosen for this honor. The bulletin board near the first floor boys' restroom will feature information on the homeroom given this honor. We congratulate the 5th grade on their selection of homeroom of the week for January 30-February 3.

SECONDARY PROGRAM UPDATES

Course Selection for 2006-2007 Planned

Course selection for the 2006-07 academic year will take place on Tuesday, March 7 beginning at 6 PM in the Music Hall. From 6-7:30 PM, Bridget Hotrum of College-Bound Services will speak on the importance of



course selection in high school as it relates to college choices and applications. She will also address financial aid for college.

Bridget is an independent college and financial aid consultant/advisor with a private practice of over 100 students in McMurray, PA. She is not affiliated with any college/university, high school, lending institution or financial planning organization. Bridget is a member of the Pennsylvania Association of College Admission Counseling. Her presentation will include such topics as how to maximize your child's value in the admissions process (including the high school transcript and courses, importance of the college essay) and getting the most out of your financial aid eligibility (how financial need is determined, how to position assets for best results, best types of student loans, importance of filing FAFSA early). Following Bridget's presentation, you will have time to speak with faculty about best course choices for your daughter.

On Wednesday, March 1, students will receive their personalized registration packet in their guidance classes. These and the process will be reviewed with them by Mrs. Campbell. On Wednesday, March 8, students will complete their registration on line in their guidance classes. (This is a new process about which we are very excited.)

