

**Mount de Chantal
Visitation Academy**

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**HERE'S WHAT'S HOT
THIS WEEK:**

SATURDAY, March 4th – open

SUNDAY, March 5th – open

MONDAY, March 6th –
Brain Games Club, 3-4 PM

TUESDAY, March 7th –
Montessori faculty meeting, **Noon**
All faculty meeting w/VSN, **3 PM**
Robotics Club, **3-4:30 PM**
Ballet, **3:30-4:30 PM**
Course selection for 2006-07 (Bridget
Hotrum guest speaker), Music Hall,
6-9 PM

WEDNESDAY, March 8th –
Elementary PAC, Mdc Room,
7:30-8:30 AM
EP "Peace Without Borders" poster
contest awards ceremony, 5th/6th contract
area, **11:20 AM**
SP, New Music Recital, Music Hall,
3 PM
SP Drama Club, **3:45-4:30 PM**
Jump Rope Team, 3-4 PM

THURSDAY, March 9th –
Stations of the Cross, (Dress Uniform),
8:15 AM
Builder's Club, **3 PM**
Drama Club, grades 1-4, **3-3:45 PM**
Brownie meeting, **3-4 PM**
Bball, Bishop Walsh Invitational

FRIDAY, March 10th –
End of Third Quarter
**No School for Elementary &
No School for Montessori/Parent-
Teacher Conferences**
7th grade dress down/bake sale
Key Club Executive meeting, **Noon**
SP, Regional Science Fair @ WLSC,
Noon dismissal for participants
Jump Rope Team, **3-4 PM**
Bball, Bishop Walsh Invitational

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HOT SHEET

ALL SCHOOL NEWS

**Last Week for 50/50 Raffle
Tickets!**



Please remember to sell your 50/50 tickets as this is the last week! The Mount could generate \$25,000 if all tickets are sold. For more tickets, please contact Kathleen McDermott or Barbara Fisher. **The tickets need to be turned in by the morning of March 9.** The winning ticket will be drawn by one of the Sisters at Noon.

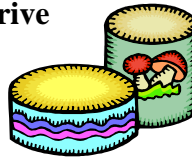
End of Third Quarter

This is your friendly reminder that Friday, March 10th is the end of the third quarter.

Need Bulletin Board

Ever wonder how you can make a difference for the school in a small way? Check out the "needs" bulletin board to the right of the elementary lower porch dismissal door. Items needed for special events/projects are listed there along with instructions on what to do.

**Canned Food Drive
On-Going**



In response to a challenge by the WV Key Club Governor, each month we will continue to conduct food drives for the Catholic Neighborhood Center. There are no special events tagged for this. If

you want to assist, just send in canned goods. Please continue to send in items as you can. Items should be placed in Dr. Johnen's elementary or secondary offices.

Spring Fling at the Mount

On Saturday March 25th from 9 am to 12 pm, Mount de Chantal will host the Spring Fling. This shopping extravaganza located in the school's gym will feature vendors representing companies such as Bethani's Florist, Tupperware, Longaberger Baskets, Avon, Family Strands, Linford Scottish Shortbread, Southern Living, The Pampered Chef, the Body Shop, Nini's Treasures, Posins Jewelry, Silpada Jewlery and many more sharing the latest in products.

Admission to the event is free, and refreshments will be available for a nominal fee

Proceeds from the event will benefit our art enrichment program. For more information please contact Georgette Stock.

Ebay Store Update & Name Change

The Mount's Ebay store seller name has been changed to: mtdechantal. To get to the store, visit the school website (www.mountedchantal.org) and click on the Ebay link.

Thank you all who have contributed to the 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!

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

As of February 10th, 2006 the Mount's Ebay store has raised \$2,901!

Students In The News

Mount de Chantal junior vocalist **Jessica Whitehead** competed this past Saturday at the WVMEA solo and ensemble festival at West

Liberty. Jessica earned a superior rating, and was invited to submit a recording of her performance in order to be considered for the honor's recital at the WVMEA state convention. Best wishes to Jessica!

TV/VCR for Science Department

The Secondary science lab is still in need of a tv/vcr. If you have either or both of these items that you are no longer using and would like to donate to the science department, please just bring them in to the school office. Thanks!

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 Art Awards Ceremony

The Awards Ceremony for the "Peace Without Borders"



poster contest completed in 5th and 6th grade art classes, will be held at 11:20 A.M. in the 5th and 6th grade contract area on Wednesday, **March 8, 2006.**

This contest was sponsored by the local Lions Club and spearheaded by Glen and Barbara Baker. They are providing a pizza party including salad and drinks along with prizes for the winners.

First place was Abigail Gompers. Her poster was sent to regional competition. **Second place winner was Sarah Nolan, and third place was Hannah Shaheen.** These students will receive cash prizes at the awards ceremony. The posters will be returned to us and put on display in the Elementary school.

Mrs. Byers and the students send a big **Thank you to Glen and Barbara Baker** for their hard work and continued support for our elementary art classes.

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 March 2nd is 54,544 pennies! (Special thanks to the person who has been leaving the wonderfully large donations!!!)

Elementary Program Homeroom of the Week

No homeroom of the week for the week of February 21st – 24th due to a short week. .

SECONDARY PROGRAM UPDATES

New Music Recital

The Mount de Chantal Music Department will hold it's first annual "New Music" Recital this coming Wednesday, March 8th at 3:00 PM. The program will feature two world premieres, *Natural Disaster*, a performance art piece by senior composition students Annie Wright, Morgan Kirsch and Nicole Dufalla, and *Star of My Heart*, by Wright.

Special guests will be The Howard Report, and award-winning Steenrod Elementary composition

student Andrew Benson, who studies piano with Mount piano teacher William Hines. The Howard Report is a string trio consisting of three of five Howard siblings, Jeremy and Esther Howard, music faculty at the Mount, and Ethan Howard, who teaches orchestra at Steubenville High School. They will be playing a trio composed by former Mount music teacher Jason Howard, who is currently working on his doctorate in Music Theory and Composition at Kent State University.



Jeremy Howard, who teaches music composition and theory, organized the recital to "feature my composition students' works, especially the group project." To complete the program, several piano and vocal works from the twentieth century will be performed. Vocal students Sarah Harmon, Sarah Harshman, Jessica Whitehead and Hanna Staffel will be featured in the ethereal "Sanctus" written in 2003 by Z. Randall Stroope. The writing features two high lyric sopranos who "revel in a sonic landscape of 'high C's,'" stated Mount music chair, Valery Staskey-Roeder. "We are excited to be able to present these students and works to the public."

2006-07 Course Selection

Course selection for the 2006-07 academic year for 9-12 grade students 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 received their personalized registration packet in their guidance classes. The process and packets were 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.)

Students in grades 7 and 8 will not need to attend the March 7 session. They should have received their packets on March 1, and they will complete the on line registration process on March 8.
