

**Mount de Chantal Visitation Academy**

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

**SATURDAY, Dec. 3 -**

SAT Exam, **TBA**

Swim meet, Mercersburg Academy

Invitational, away, **12 Noon**

BB, Nothing But the Best Classic in

Pittsburgh, PA vs Hempfield HS, **8 PM**

**SUNDAY, Dec. 4 –**

Christmas Concert, **7:30 PM**, Chapel

BB, Nothing But the Best Classic in

Pittsburgh, PA, Westmont Hilltop HS,

**4 PM**

**MONDAY, Dec. 5 -**

Brain Games Club, **3-4 PM**

Swim meet vs Brooke, away, **5 PM**

**TUESDAY, Dec. 6 –**

Judicial Scholars State Court Program,

**8:30-12:45 PM**

Faculty meeting, **3:15-3:45 PM**

All faculty/staff holiday gathering,

**4-6 PM**

Robotics Club, **3-4:30 PM**, Elementary

Science Lab

Ballet, **3:30-4:30 PM**

**WEDNESDAY, Dec. 7**

Elementary PAC meeting, **7:30-8:30 AM**

Key Club November Member of the

Month Award

SP, SAFE Film Festival, **3 PM**

Jump Rope Team, **3-4 PM**

SP Drama Club, Music Hall,

**3:45-4:30 PM**

Swim meet vs John Marshall, Bellaire,

away at JM, **5 PM**

PFO meeting, Potluck dinner-**5:30 PM**

meeting-**6 PM**

**THURSDAY, Dec. 8 –**

Liturgy, **8:15 AM**

Chamber Singers' performance @

Kiwanis meeting, **12-1 PM**

Builder's Club, **3 PM**

Drama Club, gr 1-4, **3-3:45 PM**

**FRIDAY, Dec. 9 –**

Junior Class dress down/bake sale

Key Club general meeting, **Noon**

Jump Rope Team, **3-4 PM**

Lock In for grades K-4, **6-9 PM**, gym

7/8 dance @ Corpus Christie, **7-9:30 PM**

BB, Winfield Tip Off Tournament vs

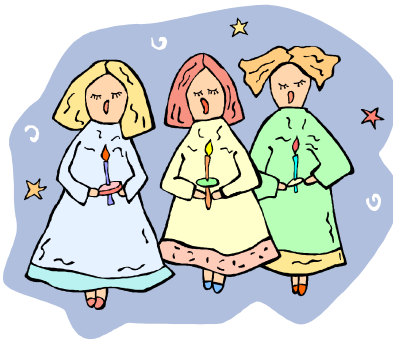
South Charleston, **TBA**

# HOT SHEET

## ALL SCHOOL NEWS

### Holiday Concert Sunday

Begin our holiday season in style by attending the Mount's Christmas Concert. The extended Mount family is invited to spend an idyllic hour this Sunday at 7:30 p.m. in the historic Mount de Chantal Visitation Academy Chapel, as the secondary music students offer their annual Christmas program.



Soaring descants and congregational singing will echo through the sacred space, constructed in 1865. Listeners will be thrilled to the sound of Gregorian chant, carols from the middle-ages accompanied by a bowed psaltery, along with selections from Benjamin Britten's, "A Ceremony of Carols." "This chapel was not only constructed for worship, but to amplify the beauty of the girls' voices", explained Mount music director, Valery Staskey-Roeder. "The sound is

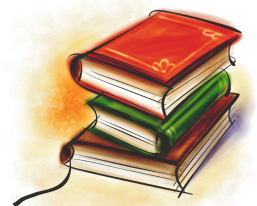
ethereal...it's a little bit of heaven, right here in Wheeling".

Featured soloists include senior Annie Wright and eighth-grader Marley Marconi. Junior Sarah Jayne Harshman will interpose readings from the Christmas story, as the Chamber Singers and soloists offer musical reflections upon the texts. Also appearing on the program are seventh and eighth grade choral students and the Young-Bonene Handbell Ensembles. Handbell ringing is an integral part of the general music curriculum at Mount de Chantal.

A cookie and punch reception will follow in the Music Library, along with an exhibition of works created by the secondary art program. Admission is free.

## Junior Class Book Fair

The junior class will host a Scholastic Book Fair from Dec. 2nd through Dec. 9th. The fair will be in the library and open before and after school as well as during both lunch periods.



## Holiday Extravaganza Pick-up

If you placed an order at the Holiday Shopping Extravaganza, your items will be available for pick-up on Friday, December 8 between 4:00 and 5:30 p.m. at the Montessori/Elementary School drop-off area. Should this time be inconvenient for you, please call Kathleen McDermott (x320) to make other arrangements.

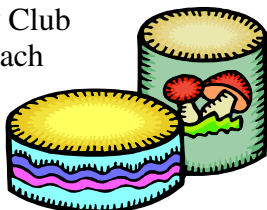


## Turkey Dinner Basket & Raffle Winners

Books: Barbara Fisher  
Chocolate: Susan Spies  
Christmas: Carolyn Gutman  
Family: Tyler Jacovetty  
Gourmet: Lynn Petchar  
Greenbrier: R.L. Lee  
Kids Craft: Cindy Hofbauer  
Men's: Alice Knollinger  
Movie: Rita Walters

## 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. We'll keep you posted on these "informal" efforts. Through November 23, we collected 613 items.

## Service Projects in the Works

All three service clubs, K-Kids, Builder's Club, and Key Club are joining with their sponsoring Kiwanis Club for the Salvation Army's Giving Tree. The Key Club is sponsoring its annual hats/mittens/gloves drive for the Salvation Army.



## Students in the News

Appreciation is given to Kaitlyn Carpino, Aspen Matlock, Colleen Tronka, and Miranda Frasnelli who volunteered their time at the Big Brothers/Big Sisters Dress A Bear Breakfast.

Congratulations are extended to Luke Mason and Victoria Mason who were both selected for the People to People Leadership program.

## 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.

## 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, WVVF-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.



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.



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## ELEMENTARY PROGRAM UPDATES

### Elementary Holiday Festivities

Thursday, December 15 marks the day the elementary program will hold several holiday-related events. In addition to time with their homerooms and a final rehearsal for their holiday



concert (which is taking place at 7 PM that evening), the students will once again decorate their tree

(the small one in the center circle near the flagpole), have it blessed again, carol to the Sisters, and conclude their morning just prior to early dismissal (11:15 that day) with cookies and hot chocolate. Assisting with the planning of some of the activities are parent advisory council members Peg Krall and Myra Orban.

Peg, Myra, and I have a special request. As you are baking your holiday cookies, please set aside two dozen to bring in on December 15 for the children's cookie and hot chocolate event. Cookies can be delivered to the dining room that day where Peg and Myra will get them all set for the children. Cookies left over will be used that evening at the concert reception and anything left from the day will be given to the Sisters.

So, mark cookie baking on your busy December calendar and also

mark December 15, 7 PM for the elementary Christmas concert. In advance, thanks so much for your help with this.

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### 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 November 21 is 42,040 pennies (one year ago we were at 13, 610 pennies)! (Special thanks to the person who has been leaving the wonderfully large donations!!!)

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### 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 4th grade on their selection of homeroom of the week for November 14-18.

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