

Merry Christmas, Happy Hanukkah, Happy New Year!

From everyone at Mount de Chantal, we wish you and yours a most wonderful holiday season. Enjoy time with family and friends. We will see everyone on January 3, 2006! During this holiday season...mend a quarrel, seek out a forgotten friend, dismiss suspicion and replace it with trust.



Write a letter. Share the treasure. Give a soft answer. Encourage youth. Manifest loyalty in deed. Keep a promise. Find the time. Forego a grudge. Forgive an enemy. Listen. Apologize if you are wrong. Try to understand. Be appreciative. Be kind and gentle. Laugh a little. Laugh a little more. Be deserving of the confidence of others. Extend your hand to a stranger and the warmth of your heart to a child. Find beauty in all that surrounds you.

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, 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.



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.

MONTESSORI PROGRAM UPDATES

Montessori Holiday Festivities

The Montessori program concludes services for the semester on December 14.

Children will be in session that day only until 11 AM. We begin a new tradition in the program this year by having a "family-oriented" event, taking place from 11:15-2. Come join the cookie baking and decorating and other holiday-related activities.



ELEMENTARY PROGRAM UPDATES

Elementary Holiday Festivities

Thursday, December 15 marks the day the elementary program will hold several Christmas-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.

The last day for sitter service will be December 14.

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

December 5 is 43, 042 pennies (one year ago we were at 21,741 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 1st grade on their selection of homeroom of the week for November 28-December 2.

SECONDARY PROGRAM UPDATES

Exams

Students in the Secondary program will sit for final exams December 12-14, with make up exams being held on December 15.

Advent Christmas Program

The Advent Friends Christmas program and brunch will take place on December 16 in the Music Hall beginning at 10 AM.

