



MOL School News

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Calendar of Events:

Sat., Dec. 2 - MOL's Carousel of Crafts event - 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. - LFCMS Commons & gym
Sun., Dec. 3 - Advent begins!
Tue., Dec. 5 - School Board Budget Meeting - 6:30 p.m., MOLMS Library
Wed., Dec. 6 - 3-hr. Early Release - Students dismissed at 11:55 a.m. & afternoon Teacher Inservice
Thur., Dec. 7 - Mid-Quarter
Fri., Dec. 8 - MOLMS Liturgy - Holy Day: Immaculate Conception - Gr.6 S3 - 8:30 a.m. - OLOL
Fri., Dec. 8 - MOLE Liturgy - Holy Day - Parish Mass - 12:10 p.m. - St. Mary's
Thur., Dec. 14 - MOLE Christmas Program - 1:30 & 7:00
Thur., Dec. 21 - MOLMS Christmas Program - 1:30 & 7:00

General Items:

PARENT & SCHOOL'S ANNUAL CAROUSEL OF CRAFTS TOMORROW!

Saturday, December 2nd!
9:00 A.M. - 3:00 P.M.

LF Community Middle School Commons & Gym
****Come for holiday gift buying, live entertainment and wonderful food concessions!****

3-HOUR EARLY DISMISSAL REMINDER

Just a friendly reminder that MOL & the LF School District have a 3-Hour early dismissal scheduled for next Wed., Dec. 6th. Students will be dismissed at 11:55 a.m. Parents, please discuss with your child(ren) transportation plans that day (whether they will be picked up by you at this earlier time or whether they should ride the bus home). Thank you! MOL staff will be meeting for an inservice that afternoon.

FEAST OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

Mary of Lourdes Middle School will celebrate the Feast of the Immaculate Conception (Holy Day) next Friday, Dec. 8th at OLOL at a 8:30 a.m. Mass. Mary of Lourdes Elementary School will celebrate the Feast Day next Friday, at St. Mary's at a 12:10 p.m. Mass. All are welcome to join us for the services!

ATTENTION CHRISTMAS SHOPPERS GR. 8 & YOUNGER

The annual Kids Christmas Shopping Spree will be held on Sunday, December 10th after the 8:30 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. Masses in the OLOL church basement. All kids 8th grade and younger are invited to come, browse and shop. There will be a wonderful selection of items to purchase with all items priced \$1.00 or less. Free gift wrapping. Volunteers will be available to help younger shoppers.

MOL CHRISTMAS PROGRAM REMINDERS

Mary of Lourdes Elementary invites you to its annual Christmas program Thursday, Dec. 14th at 1:30 and 7:00 p.m. The 4th grade band will perform traditional holiday favorites and then grades Kindergarten through 4th grade will present a Christmas program. Please come and join us for this great holiday season tradition! Mary of Lourdes Middle School will present its annual Christmas program on Thur., Dec. 21st at 1:30 and 7:00 pm. Christmas music selections will be performed by the MOL Middle School Choir, 5th Grade Band, Middle School Band, and Jazz Band, followed by the Nativity presented by the 8th grade students. The programs are free and open to everyone. Please join us!

"ASSIST A CHILD" PROGRAM

In recent years, the local Exchange Club has given the Little Falls area schools cash donations to buy various student items that they need (i.e., coats, miscellaneous clothing, shoes, boots, school supplies, even band supplies, etc.). If there are any MOLS students who are in need of specific items (as mentioned), please contact either MOLS office (632-5408 - MOLES or 632-6742 - MOLMS). **Assistance is available to purchase any items needed and is kept confidential. This program is a great way to assist students with these needs!**

GUATEMALAN COFFEE MAKES A GREAT GIFT!

Mary of Lourdes School continues to sell fresh fair trade Guatemalan coffee (from Fr. Mark Innocenti!) in both school offices and after the weekend Masses at our Scrip tables. The cost of the coffee is \$13.00 per one pound bag. Both ground and whole bean coffee, as well as decaf is available. Proceeds support our Mary of Lourdes Scrip Program, as well as our school families who buy it (via the tuition credit offered through the Scrip Program)!

'ADOPT A CLASSROOM' OPPORTUNITY

Are you looking for a way to support your child's classroom or in general - Mary of Lourdes School Community? MOL has started an "Adopt A Classroom" Program, an idea that came from John and Lynette Gessel, parents of MOL alumni. The Gessell's first donated \$1,000 to kick-off this program to 'adopt' the 1st classroom at Mary of Lourdes and have since made a 2nd donation to build the fund. Their generous donations directly assist a teacher and his or her class with their classroom needs (furnishings, educational supplies, technology, etc.). If interested in "Adopting a Classroom" or contributing to this new fund (all donations help - great or small!), please contact either MOL office (632-5408 - MOLE, 632-6742 - MOLMS). Your gift is tax deductible. Thank you for supporting Catholic education!

SCRIP GIFT CARDS MAKE GREAT GIFTS FOR THE UPCOMING HOLIDAYS!

The Scrip Committee encourages families to buy Scrip gift cards and certificates for your Christmas shopping purchases and use them as actual gifts! Mary of Lourdes Scrip has a WIDE VARIETY OF GIFT CARDS & CERTIFICATES TO OFFER ALL OF YOU SHOPPERS!! We have plenty of gift cards in stock for last minute gifts & shopping. Stop by either school office during the week, or the SCRIP table after mass to see what is available.

Elementary School:

MOL PRESCHOOL PROGRAM ACCEPTING ENROLLMENTS

Our MOL Preschool is still accepting enrollments for any families in the Little Falls area! There are a few openings left in the M/W/F afternoon class and the T/Th morning class. Please call the elementary office if you have any questions about the program or would like a registration packet (632-5408).

MARATHON MOVIE REWARD

Mary of Lourdes Elementary School will be walking to the Falls Cinema on Wednesday, Dec. 20th at 12:15 for the viewing of the movie ***Ferdinand*** as part of their Marathon Reward.

Middle School:

MOVIE REWARD TENTATIVELY SET

Mary of Lourdes Middle School students & staff are tentatively planning to see the movie, ***Star Wars*** at the Falls Cinema on Friday, Dec. 22nd as part of their Marathon Reward. This feature & date will be confirmed once the manager of the movie theater receives a confirmation of the upcoming movie selection schedule.

UPCOMING MOLMS EVENT:

Friday, Dec. 15th - MOLMS Gr.5-8 Movie Night - 6 p.m.

AREA PARISH EVENTS:

INVITE TO SCHOENSTATT YOUTH GROUP

HUMILITY enables us to know our self, and at the same time, to know God and divine truths. Humility is to accept our weaknesses, remain calm when others see the weaknesses and accept when others treat us according to our weaknesses. Fr. Kentenich, founder of Schoenstatt, stated "*humility is a means to become a miracle of confidence, a hero of divine confidence.*" This is what some kids learned at last month's youth group gathering. **All are invited to the Schoenstatt Boys & Schoenstatt Girls groups on Saturday, Dec 9 at 2 PM at St. James Church in Randall. All families with 5-17 year olds are welcome!**

MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR THE UPCOMING TRI-PARISH MISSION!

Everyone is invited & encouraged to attend the upcoming Parish Mission Sunday, Dec. 10th - Wed., Dec. 13th. Deacon Ralph Poyo, a very dynamic and faith-filled speaker from New Evangelization Ministries will be presenting each evening at the following parishes:

*Sat., Dec. 9th & Sun., Dec. 10th Mass Homilies at our Tri-Parish Churches
Theme: "What Do You Believe?"

*Sun., Dec. 10th - St. Mary's Church, 6:30 p.m.
Theme: "Are You In or Just Playing Church"

*Mon., Dec. 11th - Holy Family Church, 6:30 p.m.
Theme: "Are We Committed to Truth or Lies?"

*Tue., Dec. 12th - Our Lady of Lourdes Church, 6:30
Theme: "The Transforming Life of the Holy Spirit"

*Wed., Dec. 13th - St. Mary's Church, 6:30 p.m.
Theme: "Becoming an Authentic Disciple of Jesus Christ"

There will be food & fellowship after each evening presentation. All are welcome to attend!

ADVENT RESOURCE REFLECTION AVAILABLE:

The Dynamic Catholic organization puts out a wonderful Advent resource for families.

We will receive a daily reflection email to help us prepare our hearts for Advent by signing up at:

DYNAMICCATHOLIC.COM/ADVENT