

**FATHER MARQUETTE CATHOLIC CENTRAL SCHOOL SYSTEM
MARQUETTE, MICHIGAN 49855**

FATHER MARQUETTE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
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FATHER MARQUETTE MIDDLE SCHOOL
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January 3, 2017

SCHOOL LITURGY

Jan. 5 – St. Peter Cathedral

9:00am – Teachers

Jan. 6 – St. Michael Church

8:00am – 5th Gr.

Jan. 12 – St. Peter Cathedral

8:00am – 2A

Jan. 13 – St. Michael Church

8:00am – 8th Gr.

Jan. 19 – St. Michael Church

8:00am – 1S

**Home & School
Meeting**

**Jan. 11th
6:30pm Mtg.**

MR. HEDGES' GENERAL SCHEDULE

Monday	Middle School
Tuesday	Elementary School
Wednesday	Middle School
Thursday	Elementary School
Friday	AM-FMMS, PM-FMES

Volunteers Needed

-Econo Receipts-counting and submitting receipts to raise money for the school.

Contact Mary Schlicht, maryschlicht@gmail.com

- Help process regular Box Tops. Contact Stacey Andresen: mardismommy@yahoo.com

-Campbell's Soup Labels need to be processed for Labels for Education. Contact Molly Johnston: secretaryes@fathermarquette.org

-Individuals are needed to help work on the yearbook (preferably 4 total). Contact Jill Burbey @ Volunteer@fathermarquette.org

-Individuals to balance Scrip-main box (about 2 hour weekly) Contact Ashley Maves secretaryms@fathermarquette.org

-Individuals to balance Scrip-Elementary box to the book (1 hour weekly) Contact Ashley Maves secretaryms@fathermarquette.org

-Individual to sell scrip after Mass at St. Michael's once a month contact Rhonda Taylor @ St. Michael Parish

-Individual to put together a Box Top Drive. Contact Molly Johnston: secretaryes@fathermarquette.org

-Volunteers to help with a "Thank you!" lunch for our amazing teachers and staff. Contact Jill Burbey @ Volunteer@fathermarquette.org

BISHOP VISITING FMCS



TARDY STUDENTS

If a student is going to be tardy or absent a parent needs to be callthe office or the student will be marked unexcused.

Parents of tardy students needing hot lunch and/or milk MUST call in their lunch order to the office by 8:30 a.m. for elementary and 8:00 a.m. for middle school.

YANKEE CANDLE CONTINUES!

Our Yankee Candle Fundraiser is going until January 11, 2017, so there's still time for family and friends to place their order! Simply go to www.yankeecandlefundraising.com and enter the group number 990107991 at the bottom. Moneys raise goes toward each family's \$80 goal and/or add funds to your school family account.

Awards Pizza Party: **Knights Of Columbus** **"Keep Christ In Christmas"** **Poster Contest**



FMCS students worked hard on their submissions in the "Keep Christ in Christmas" poster contest. There will be an awards ceremony and pizza party on Thursday, January 5th from 5:00 to 7:30 in the Zryd Parish center at St. Michael Church for all who entered the contest. Family and friends are all invited to attend. Mark your calendar. It will be a fun gathering!



REMEMBER WINTER GEAR

With winter in full swing, please send cold weather/snow clothes to school for your student. All students must have snow pants, boots, hat, and mittens in order to play outside at recess. Students may leave an extra pair of snow pants/hats/mittens at school throughout the winter months. **Please don't forget to label all items**, especially the black snow pants-they are popular and hard to keep track of!

PRE-KINDERGARTEN NATIVITY PLAY



Check your Ascend account

Make sure you have activated your ASCEND parent account. It is important that you keep your profile updated and complete. All school emails will now be sent through ascend. You may call or email the school secretaries if you need assistance.

***Make sure you have entered non-parent emergency contacts and work information.

***We are aware that parent workplace does not allow you to enter text. Please type this information in the "occupation" space.

***If your child has a second household/parent, please contact the office to set up the second parent with a separate parent account. Parents not married must have individual accounts.

All school emails will now be sent through Ascend and you will not receive them if you have not entered your email address into the Ascend Database.

OFFICE LUNCH HOURS

Lunch Office Hours-Reminder
to parents that School Offices
close for non-emergency
matters 12:00-12:30 p.m. for
Lunch.

BOYS' BASKETBALL

FMMS Boys' Basketball
Upcoming Schedule:

Tip Off 5:30 p.m.

Tues. 1/3 at Ishpeming

Thurs. 1/5 at Gwinn

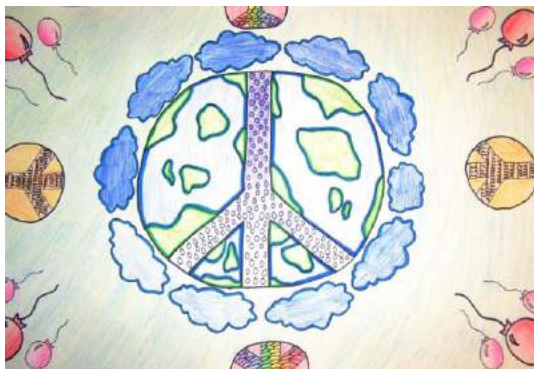
Tues. 1/10 at Negaunee



CUB SCOUTS GIVE BACK AT CHRISTMAS



Above: Cub Scout Pack 308, chartered through Father Marquette, decided to spend their Christmas party at St. Vincent De Paul donating to the food pantry, learning about how it works, and the helping sort and stock the pantry items. The Scouts always welcome new members. Contact Mark Curran if interested: 360-0759



Congratulations to Maria Millado for winning the Lions Club Peace Poster Contest this year. The theme was "Celebrate Peace." Her poster will now move on to the district and state competition.

HOT LUNCH REMINDERS:

Make Lunch Money checks payable to
Father Marquette Catholic School.

Free and Reduced Hot Lunch forms are available at the elementary and middle school office. **Many federal programs use this information when determining some of our funding. We encourage all to apply who may be eligible.** See either office for an application.

SCHOOL COUNCIL MEETINGS:

The Father Marquette School Council is the advisory council for the Pastoral Delegate and the Principal of Father Marquette. The council meets the Fourth Tuesday of each month at 6:30 pm in the Bishop's Room at St. Peter Cathedral. **All parents are welcome to attend and volunteer through joining various committees.** The next meeting is scheduled for:
January 24th, 2017

SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR

Our book fair earned over \$2000 worth of books for our library and classrooms! Thank you to all who shopped!



BOXTOPS & ECONO RECEIPTS!

Please keep Clipping Box Tops and Bringing in Econo Receipts to raise money for our school.

- Please separate your various clippings between types. They go in separate drawers to be collected by separate individuals.
- Don't save the Box Tops too long before bringing them in-They do expire, so check the dates please!
- Do not tape or staple them together



Here's a picture of Mr Hedges reading *Sleeping Beauty* to the Pre-K during our study of fairy tales.

NOVEMBER VIRTUE WINNERS

Magnanimity



This month we have been learning about the virtue of magnanimity and what that looks like in our daily lives. There is one student in kindergarten that is always looking out for other students, but sometimes through quiet observation. This student has such a kind heart and a love for Jesus that truly blows me away. He can often be found making sure that his classmates have someone to play with, or giving

another student a toy he is playing with because he knows they would like to play with that toy. While he is extremely giving, he also is not afraid to stand up for what is right. I have overheard this student on several occasions telling other people that what they are doing isn't something that Jesus would like. I am so proud and excited to nominate Solomon Gorsalitz for the kindergarten Magnanimity award! Keep up the great work Sol!



To be magnanimous means to have a big soul and to live a life that is pleasing to God. We are all trying to be magnanimous and it is something that is both private between us and God and something that the people around us should see. There is a student in Pre-K who stood out to me the moment I met her because of her love for God and Mary. When she speaks about Jesus and Mary, it is in a loving way. She asks questions about God so she can learn

more about her faith. When we have prayer time, she is quick to pray for the many people in her life who are dear to her, those who have died, and all of God's people. It is important to also live out your love for God and she does this, too. She is a kind friend who invites others to play, gives a hug when someone is sad, and draws pictures to give to friends. Her love for God really shines through and I know she will become even more magnanimous as she gets older. The most magnanimous student in Pre-K is Lily Murawski.



DECEMBER EDUCATION IN VIRTUE

Moderation

We practice moderation by paying attention to balance in our life. This looks like taking time to do your chores, to do your homework, to exercise, to eat, to rest, and to pray. It also includes taking time to play and have some fun. We should have a balance of all these different things we do. Moderation also means not having or doing too much of one thing-not spending too much time on the computer or watching t.v. and only taking one treat instead of the whole plateful. Moderation is using God's created things rightly and in a healthy amount. It is making time for things that are good for us and using self-control with our favorite gifts from God.

Dear Jesus,

Help me to keep a balance in my life, using created things properly and in the right amount that is best for me. I need Your help to set limits for myself in doing things that I enjoy, such as using video games, playing outside, eating, and using the computer. Lead me on your way of happiness!

Amen

DECEMBER VIRTUE WINNERS:



Advent is a very busy time. So the third graders haven't spent as much time on our virtue this month. So the other day I asked the kids what is moderation. They told me that it is when you were well balanced. So when I was considering my children and the virtue of moderation, one name popped into to my head. This child is well balanced. He possesses all the traits needed. He gets along with all his classmates, school work is important to him and he knows and practices his faith. It is the center of his life. Fred Talley is an excellent example of moderation for all of us to follow.



The virtue, moderation, is an excellent virtue for fourth graders. They are in need of balancing activities at school and outside of school and they are becoming more independent with their work. They are also trying to balance all of the fun things with their job as a student. One student in fourth grade stands out as showing moderation. This student does not complain about all the things she has to do in the evening but she is excited to do her work and attend her outside school events. She does not

hesitate to pray for all those around her and she is a light of kindness every day in our class. I am proud to announce Shaylynn Goodreau-Kangas as our Moderation Virtue Recipient!!

What Is Home & School?

The purpose of the HSA shall be to promote & provide for extracurricular & enrichment opportunities for students and teachers at FMCS from Little Eagles through 8th Grade, in coordination with the Council and Administration of the school system by bringing the right people together.

Current Board Members can be contacted at hsa@fathermarquette.org

Co-Chair: Jeff Gregorich – 221-2122

Co-Chair: Melissa Curran – 362-0759

Secretary: Cheryl Turausky – 226-2060

Treasurer: Mary Diddams – 360-3286

Home & School Association News

- Our Yankee Candle Fundraiser is going until January 11, 2017, so there's still time for family and friends to place their order! Simply go to www.yankeecandlefundraising.com and enter the group number 990107991 at the bottom.
- Looking for volunteers to help say "Thank You!" to our amazing teachers and staff. We will be providing them with an "After Christmas" Christmas Luncheon.
- Yearbook help is desperately needed! Looking for a few volunteers to help capture our children's memories by putting together this year's yearbook.
- Our annual Fruit Sale will be coming up in a couple months. This will be our final fundraiser of the year for H&S.

H & S MEETINGS

Meetings are monthly in the evenings, usually on the 2nd Wednesday. The next Home and School meeting is:

Wednesday, January 11, at 6:30pm

Location TBD

Everyone is welcome and encouraged to attend! Your input is important!

2016-17 H & S FUNDRAISERS:

Each Father Marquette family is expected to contribute \$80 toward the mandatory Home and School fundraiser. These funds are vital for supplying our teachers and staff with needed classroom funds and professional development opportunities. Based upon survey results, requests from families and input at prior Home and School meetings, Home & School is offering 3 different ways to earn the \$80 throughout the school year. In

addition, a family could opt out completely when they registered and pay the \$80 with the first month their tuition was due.

The 3 opportunities to raise the funds this year are as follows:

Opportunity #1 – Parent Social held in September 2016. Families who opted out during registration received two tickets to the social. Other families had the opportunity to purchase tickets for \$40 each and enjoy a night of food, beverages, entertainment and prizes with fellow Father Marquette parents and staff.

Opportunity #2 – Yankee Candle Fundraiser – currently going on through January 11, 2017. Information was sent home separately with each student.

Opportunity #3 – Fruit Sale planned for late winter/early spring

Families can choose which fundraisers they want to participate in. Any funds earned above the \$80 Home and School amount goes to the Family Activity Account. Family Activity Accounts can be used to pay for family funded auxiliary school expenses that are greater than \$25. Most of these occur during middle school and include the band trip, other class trips and the traditional 8th grade graduation trip. Raising funds for the Family Activity Account is complete voluntary.

Ongoing Volunteer Needs:

Lunchroom: Your help is needed in both the Elementary School Lunchroom and the Middle School Lunchroom, from 10:30-12:15 daily. Please consider volunteering on the day(s) of your choosing. Sign up with Molly or Ashley in the office.

Parents who are Virtus trained are welcome to help keep play safe and fun for everyone at recess.

Recess is from 11:15 to 12:30 daily. It's a great way to log volunteer hours one day a week, or one day every other week, even once a month! Call Molly in the office.



REQUIREMENTS TO VOLUNTEER WITH STUDENTS:

All individuals who will be volunteering in the school or at any FMCS activity **MUST** submit online permission to run a backgroundcheck to the diocese **AND** complete the diocesan "VIRTUS: Protecting God's Children" training. Instructions for completing both are available in the school offices.

FAMILY SERVICE PROGRAM NEWS:

Jill Burbey, mother of 2 FMCS students, is newly helping coordinate the family service program.

Recording Your Hours

Don't forget, to get credit for your volunteer work, you must fill out service hour slips and turn them into the black boxes outside either school's office.

Donations for Hours

Also, if you are earning hours via purchases for the school, **you must also attach your receipts for proof of purchase.** Extra slips are always available from each school's office or by emailing Jill Burbey at volunteer@fathermarquette.org.

Wondering how many hours you've volunteered?

Please email the Family Service Coordinator if you'd like to know your Service Program Hours balance. volunteer@fathermarquette.org

LOOKING FOR VOLUNTEER HRS. AT HOME? PERFECT JOB FOR YOU!

We are seeking people to be trained in balancing a scrip box. This is a job that can be done **in the comfort of your own home, ideal for working parents!**

Contact Ashley, 226-7912, secretaryms@fathermarquette.org

ORDER SCRIP ONLINE

If you order scrip through an online ShopwithScrip account *only*, and get ScripNOW or pick up orders placed online at the school, you can check your balance online and it will reflect all purchases to date. We encourage **ALL** our families to order their scrip online whenever possible, this eliminates the need to data enter each order and gives you the most up to date information. To access and setup your online account, email secretaryms@fathermarquette.org.



Free Easy Money for FMCS!

Shoparoo: a free app turns pictures of your everyday shopping receipts into cash donations and sweepstakes entries for our school! Yep, it's that simple. All you have to do is shop as you normally do, snap pictures of your receipts with the app, and voila Just shop, snap, earn!

Get started today:

1. Download the free Shoparoo app from the Apple App Store or Google Play Store
2. Select our school from the list and start taking pictures of your receipts - shop anywhere, buy anything!
3. The first 20 supporters at our school will earn an extra \$1 donation from Shoparoo for their first receipt!
4. Earn even more Roo Points, or cash donations, by inviting others to join using your personal referral code
5. You can even select a grade to support and have fun with grade competitions!

Check Out: shoparoo.com

SPIRIT WEAR HATS AVAILABLE

FMCS winter hats are available for \$15 purchase in the school offices.

AFTER-SCHOOL PROGRAM

The elementary school offers an after-school program **until 5:30 P.M.** on all full school days. The rate is **\$9.00 per day.** If you are in need of after-school care and have not enrolled, contact Judy Allie, director of the program at jallie@fathermarquette.org.

SNOW DAYS-REMIND 101

When Marquette Area Public Schools are cancelled, we are as well.

We will again be using **Remind101** for Direct Snow Day Cancellation Notification. Please subscribe to this service to receive texts when inclement weather causes school to be closed.

Simple Directions:

- a. Text @b8348 to (906) 984-4906
 - b. Reply to the text with your name.
 - c. You will receive a text that says you have been added to Mr. Hedges' class.
- Cancellations will also be posted on the local news.





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CALENDAR DATES TO REMEMBER

January	3	School Resumes
	11	Yankee Candle Sale Ends
	20	End of 2 nd Marking Period (41 days)
	23	No School for Students (PDD)
	25	2 nd Quarter report cards sent home
	30 – Feb. 5	Catholic Schools Week
February	1	C.S.W. Family Fun Night
	3	C.S.W. All-School Mass, St. Michael
	20	No School for Students (PDD)
March	17	End of 3 rd Marking Period (38 days)
	21	3 rd quarter report cards sent home
	22	Evening P/T Conferences (optional) 3 p.m.-7 p.m.
	23	½ day P/T Conferences (optional) 12 p.m. – 3 p.m.
	24 – 31	Spring Break
April	3	School Resumes
	13 – 16	Easter Break
	17	School Resumes
	21	Middle School Band Trip
	24-28	Excellence in Education Week
May	3	Religion Bee @ Holy Name Catholic School (Escanaba)
	19	FMMS Ribbon Mass, 8:00 a.m., St. Michael Church
	24	Kaufman Awards
	25	FMMS Spring Concert, 6:30 p.m. at St. Michael Church
	26	FMES Spring Concert, FMES 9:00 a.m. & 1:00 p.m.
	29	No School (Memorial Day)
	31 – June 2	8 th Grade Class Trip
June	5	8 th Grade Graduation, 6:30 p.m. at St. Louis the King
	6	7 th Grade Canoe Trip
	7	All-School Picnic, Lower Harbor
	8	½ Day for Students: All-School Mass, St. Peter Cathedral; Last Day of School; Report cards sent home

NORTHERN APOSTLE RADIO

Tune in to Northern Apostle Radio,

WNOA 103.9FM

Enrich your faith with solid Catholic programming: faith-filled, engaging, and life-changing!

I am the good shepherd, and I know mine and mine know me, just as the Father knows me and I know the Father; and I will lay down my life for the sheep.

— John 10:14-15



Pictured above: Some of the elementary Virtue Voucher Raffle winners from the end of the month drawings.