



the buzz

a weekly newsletter from mrCS

November 2 , 2009

FROM THE PRINCIPAL



Last week our school community met for a special society meeting. After introductions and a few presentations, we broke into groups for round table discussions. Here's what some of the responses to the evening expressed...

Hopeful
Encouraging
Surprisingly positive
Good communication
Informative
Community Building
Honest
Worthwhile
Unifying
Productive
Open
Thought provoking

It is true that our school has challenges to face in these economic times such as they are. We face issues such as the ones brought up at the meeting. We are grappling with declining enrolment, the need to recruit more students and how to do that. We are facing possible tuition increases or program cuts. However, if we keep our focus on the principles of inclusion and good communication, with honest and transparent intentions, we will bring our school through these challenging times.

Let's work together, unified in our effort to nurture respect towards one another and to listen to other points of view. As we navigate through the decisions that will need to be made, let us be reminded of what Paul wrote to the Corinthians, "The body is a unit, though it is made up of many parts; and though all its parts are many, they form one body." (1 Corinthians 12:12)

In His service,

Valarie Sawka

IN THE BUZZ

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CALENDAR

November 3

Christian University Advantage Tour

November 4

Diner's Club Dinner, 7:00-9:00 pm

November 5-14

London Drama Trip

November 10

Remembrance Day Chapel, 8:45 am

November 11

NO SCHOOL – Remembrance Day

FROM THE OFFICE

AT 'SHAW' ADDRESSES

Because of the number of e-mails that we send from the school, Shaw has identified MRCS as being a junk mail provider. If you know someone who is not receiving the weekly Buzz' link, or other communication from MRCS, or you are accessing the Buzz through our website, you need to know that adjusting your computer junk mail settings will allow our e-mails to reach you. Instructions are as follows:

Go to your internet and type in 'Webmail.shaw.ca', type in your username and password. Click on 'Settings', then click on 'Spam Filter'. In all likelihood, your settings are at 'Delete Suspected Junk e-mail'. You will need to change it to 'Tag Suspected Junk Mail'.

OPEN HOUSE

There will be another Open House for prospective and interested families on Friday, November 20, from 1:00-3:00 pm and again from 6:30-8:00 pm. If you have any friends or family that may be interested, please let them know.

THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN A COLD AND H1N1

Attached, for your information, is a table which explains the difference between the common cold and H1N1. Although we have had cases of confirmed H1N1, there is no cause for alarm. Although our absentee rate is somewhat higher than average, it is still within acceptable limits.

PARENT FIELD TRIP DRIVERS

An updated list of all eligible drivers is posted on the bulletin board outside of the office. Anyone not on this list will not be able to drive for field trips.

PARENTS AND OTHER VISITORS TO THE SCHOOL

Parents, for your safety and the safety of your children, we need you to sign in at the office and wear a 'PARENT' or 'VISITOR' tag. This is for your children's safety so that we always know who is in the school. Anyone not wearing a tag should be stopped by our staff and sent back to the office to sign in. This is for your own safety as well and is by order of the fire department. In an emergency, such as a fire, we need to know if you are in the building or not. Thank you for your cooperation

POPCORN DAY

Thursday, November 19 is Toonie Popcorn day. There is an order form attached to the buzz to preorder your bags of popcorn for \$2.00 each. Please fill a separate form for each child and submit to the office by Friday, November 13. Thank you.

SCHOOL FEES

The following families have not paid supply fees for K-5: (K - \$15.00/ Gr. 1-3 \$45.00/ Gr. 4-5 \$65.00) Chiu, Lynam, Peragine, Watson.

The following families have not paid high fees: (\$30.00 per child) Atte, Balakrishnan, Berkenpas, Bismeyer, Chan, Chu, Craig, Cribb, Dendys, Donovan, Farion, Floris, Frank, Jing, Kong, Lee, Levasseur, Lin, Lowen, MacKenzie, Marginean, McMillan, Pederson, Robb, Shariff, Svendsen, Tuik, Vaartstra, van Herwaarden, Yun.

MRCS DINERS CLUB



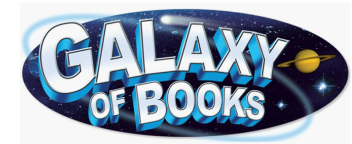
Coming this Wednesday: Greek Dinner... A few tickets left... Don't miss

out. \$25/person from 7-9pm. The Diners Club is made up of students who will cook and serve a restaurant quality meal in an intimate setting. The Dinners are used as a fundraiser for either Esperanza or Grad....all proceeds go to the students who participate in the event!

TENT FOR HIRE

The MRCS tent, (seen by many of you sheltering the food at our recent welcome back BBQ), is for rent at a rate of \$25 per day. There is a \$250.00 returnable damage deposit. Please contact Natasha MacDonald in the school office if you need more information or would like to rent the tent.

FROM THE LIBRARY



Thank you to everyone who

helped make the Book Fair a BIG success! We sold over \$2183.95 in books at the fair which translates into over \$1200 in books and educational resources for our library.

Thank you to Noreen O'Dell, Glenda George and a special big thank you to the Evans family for their help in running the fair. We couldn't have done it without you.

Happy Reading!

Rita Vroom
Librarian

ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

HOT DOG DAY



The K – 7 classes will be having Hot Dog Day on Friday, November 13th. All orders need to be in the office by noon on

Friday, November 6th. We need as much help in the kitchen from parents from Mrs. Shepherd-Hill/Holdcroft's class. If you can meet us in the kitchen at 11:30 we would appreciate it. Order forms are attached at the end of the Buzz.

HIGH SCHOOL

The following students have not paid for their **Bard on the Beach field trip**. The cost is \$22.00.

Grade 12: Berkenpas, Craig, Floris, Jo, Vaartstra, Warmenhoven.

Please pay as soon as possible at the office. Thank you.

UPCOMING EVENTS

November 16

NO SCHOOL – K-12 Report Card Writing Day

November 18

Fall AGM 7:00pm

November 19

School Dance

November 20

Report Cards, K-12 sent home

November 20

Open House for prospective & interested families, 1-3pm & 6:30-8pm

November 21-22

Drama Production

November 23

NO SCHOOL for Grade 12, Grad transition day.

November 26

Parent/Teacher Conferences K-12, 7-9pm

November 27

NO SCHOOL - Parent/Teacher Conferences all day.

December 9

Grad Christmas dinner at Milestones, 5:30 pm

FUNDRAISER FOR THE LAZAROTTO'S

As many of you are aware, we have been encouraged to help a former family of our school, the Lazarotto's, as Joice struggles with stage 4 liver cancer and Carl cares for her and their children. I, personally, have decided to do a fundraiser through Avon. I am selling a Glass Angel Gift Set which includes 4 hand-blown glass angel ornaments; 8 place cards with gold border; gift box with satin ribbon; and gift tag to personalize your gift. These sets are being sold for \$10 each. Of the \$10, I will give the Lazarotto family \$4.50. My goal is to give them \$1000. That means I have to sell 223 of them.

I'm hoping you can help me make this possible. If you'd like to order one, please let me know, and if you can spread the word, that would be awesome! Thanks in advance for considering helping out by either buying one, or spreading the word. I can give you a fundraiser order form if you'd like, or I can take orders through email. I've just preordered 30 of them, and they should arrive sometime by the weekend of October 17/18, so if you want one to show others, let me know that too. My email address is pinebear@telus.net and my phone number is 604.465.3393.

Thanks again, Ingrid Fritsch

FROM THE BOARD

The MRCS Board would like to express it's thanks to all those who took the time to attend our Special Society Meeting last Wednesday evening. We were encouraged by the positive contribution made by those who came and were delighted to see our school community working together. Al DeJong and Greg Samchek are welcomed to the board and a special thanks to those who have also come forward offering themselves in service. We would also like to thank our special guests from SCSBC, Henry Contant and John Vegt.

Please mark your calendars for our Fall AGM this coming November 18, 2009!

Sincerely, MRCS Board of Directors

The Difference between Cold and H1N1 Flu Symptoms

<u>Symptom</u>	<u>Cold</u>	<u>H1N1 Flu</u>
Fever	Fever is rare with a cold.	Fever is usually present with the flu in up to 80% of all flu cases. A temperature of 100°F or higher for 3 to 4 days is associated with the flu.
Coughing	A hacking, productive (mucus-producing) cough is often present with a cold.	A non-productive (non-mucus producing) cough is usually present with the flu (sometimes referred to as dry cough).
Aches	Slight body aches and pains can be part of a cold.	Severe aches and pains are common with the flu.
Stuffy Nose	Stuffy nose is commonly present with a cold and typically resolves spontaneously within a week.	Stuffy nose is not commonly present with the flu.
Chills	Chills are uncommon with a cold.	60% of people who have the flu experience chills.
Tiredness	Tiredness is fairly mild with a cold.	Tiredness is moderate to severe with the flu.
Sneezing	Sneezing is commonly present with a cold.	Sneezing is not common with the flu.
Sudden Symptoms	Cold symptoms tend to develop over a few days.	The flu has a rapid onset within 3-6 hours. The flu hits hard and includes sudden symptoms like high fever, aches and pains.
Headache	A headache is fairly uncommon with a cold.	A headache is very common with the flu, present in 80% of flu cases.
Sore Throat	Sore throat is commonly present with a cold.	Sore throat is not commonly present with the flu.
Chest Discomfort	Chest discomfort is mild to moderate with a cold.	Chest discomfort is often severe with the flu.

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___ Hot Dog	\$1.50	___Milk	\$0.75
___ Glazed donut	\$0.75	___Chocolate Milk	\$0.75
___ Long John donut	\$0.75	___Apple Juice	\$0.50

TOTAL AMOUNT ENCLOSED \$_____

Child's Name:_____Grade:_____Teacher:_____

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