MOSS News & Notes

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Dates to remember:
- PK4 graduation - May 17th
- PK3 last day - May 18th
- Kindergarten graduation - May 19th
- 8th grade graduation - May 23rd
- No school - May 29
- Last day of school for 1st through 7th grade - June 1st

Message from Mrs. Szmed

Dear MOSS Families,

It's hard to believe that we are coming to the end of the 2016-17 School Year. With only 21 days left, there is still so much to learn and do before summer vacation. As I look back over my first year, I am very thankful to all of our families who made me feel welcomed and supported the positive changes that have been instituted during my first year. MOSS has always been and will continue to be a leader in Catholic education as we continue the journey into the 21st Century.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank Wendy Kana for all of her hard work and dedication for her many years of service in publishing this informative monthly newsletter, "MOSS News & Notes" and subsequent biweekly updates that have been a part of "Take Home Tuesday". Wendy's child is graduating from MOSS and she will be giving up her position as the newsletter editor. Additionally, Wendy has assisted in directing and managing the Scrip Program and organized the volunteer assignments for our Clelian Heights visitors every week. Wendy's commitment to MOSS is priceless and we will miss her. Thank you Wendy!

Well, the SmartLab installation will begin on Monday, May 8th. It's an exciting time for MOSS and after the installation is complete, we will hold an Open House so that all of our families can get a look at the SmartLab and hear about the exciting STEM activities your child will be involved in starting in the Fall.

Lastly, I wanted to let all of our MOSS families know that there are important changes happening in the Scrip Program. Tomorrow, an important flyer will be sent home and emailed to each family. If you are looking for a way to reduce your tuition bill for the 2017-18 School Year, be on the lookout for this Scrip Flyer.

Our Catholic school has an excellent future, thanks for your commitment to Mother of Sorrows School. Please be a positive MOSS supporter so we can educate many children for years to come.

Faithfully Yours,
Theresa A. Szmed
Principal

Hail Holy Queen

Hail, Holy Queen, Mother of Mercy, our life, our sweetness and our hope! To thee do we cry, poor banished children of Eve; to thee do we send up our sighs, mourning and weeping in this valley of tears. Turn then, most gracious advocate, thine eyes of mercy toward us, and after this our exile, show unto us the blessed fruit of thy womb, Jesus. O clement, O loving, O sweet Virgin Mary!

Amen

Did you know???

Exciting changes are coming to the Scrip gift card program! Watch for details coming home tomorrow and learn more about how you can save money off your 2017-2018 tuition!
Notes from the office:

TAKE HOME TUESDAY
Take Home Tuesday materials are now posted directly to the MOSS website on the 1st and 3rd Tuesday of each month. The link for Take Home Tuesday materials can be found under the Family Resources tab at www.mosschool.org. **The following items can be found for May 2nd:**

- May 2nd MOSS News & Notes newsletter
- May lunch menu & parent volunteer schedule
- MOSS Yearbook order form
- Cowboys & Cash flyer
- Mrs. Capozoli’s tutoring flyer

YEARBOOK ORDERS
Want to remember the 2016-17 school year? Why not order a MOSS full color, 52 page, soft cover yearbook? Yearbooks will arrive at the school in September, 2017. We only order just enough yearbooks for those who order them by the deadline. **Please see the MOSS Yearbook order form on the May 2nd Electronic Take Home Tuesday link. Yearbook orders are due by Wednesday, May 31st, 2017.**

MISSION DAY: MAKE-A-WISH
On Tuesday, April 11th, MOSS Student Council sponsored the second annual school wide "Mission Day", formerly known as Fun Day! This year student council chose to raise money for the Make-A-Wish Foundation. Student Council spent many hours discussing, planning, and preparing for the event that included an obstacle course, parachute station, a Beat the Teacher Challenge Station, a snack, and a Mystery Room. All MOSS students were asked to make a donation to Make-A-Wish as part of their participation in the event.

The "Mystery Room" was a new addition this year. Students were asked to find clues, to solve puzzles, and to unlock boxes that would lead them to find hidden Rosary Beads (a long lost treasure hidden by a Pope). It was a big success!

To date, Student Council has raised close to $1,200 and donations are still being accepted! Thanks to everyone who contributed!

SUMDOG COMPETITION
MOSS students in grades K-8 participated in the Springtime Sumdog Contest from April 24th through April 28th. Sumdog is a math educational program that is a wonderful adaptive learning website to help students strengthen their math skills. Top ten overall winners were picked for a free dress down day pass!

TALENT SHOW
The year’s Talent Show will take place on Friday, May 5th at 1:30 pm and again at 7:00 pm. Acts will include singing, dancing, and playing instruments! This has become a beloved MOSS tradition that is free of charge to everyone. It is an opportunity to share the gifts that God has given our students with the entire school.

NIGHT OF THE ARTS
The Diocese of Greensburg Night of the Arts will take place on Thursday, May 11th. The evening features music and displays of mixed media artwork created and performed by more than 200
students from 16 Diocese of Greensburg schools. The Night of the Arts takes place at
Greensburg Central Catholic High School and doors open at 5:45 pm. Visitors stroll the hallways
and view the numerous pieces of artwork created by our talented students. The Choral Concert
begins at 6:30 pm and is followed by an Instrumental Concert at 7:00 pm. All are welcome to
attend and witness the talents of our students.

ENGLISH FESTIVAL
MOSS will participate in the English Festival on Friday, May 12th, at Seton-La Salle High School.
Students representing MOSS include: Margaret Kepler, Grace Smith, Robbie Smith, Liam
O’Connor, Michael Christlieb, Matthew Jordan, John Beeson, Emily Hess, Lily Funari, Emily
Hicks, Sarah Hudock, Adelaide Kreutel and Isaiah Cordera. Interested 4th through 6th grade
students began preparing for the Festival in January by coming in before school once each week
to read and discuss the chosen literature. MOSS students will compete against teams from other
schools on knowledge of the selected books.

MOS SPORTS BANQUET
We are excited that over 225 athletes and family members will be participating in the first annual
Mother of Sorrows Sports Banquet on Friday, May 12th from 6:00 pm - 8:30 pm in the MOS
Church Social Hall. Please arrive by 5:45 pm as we will be starting the program promptly at
6:00 pm. We have planned a wonderful evening packed full of events in celebration of the
Mother of Sorrows athletics family. Reminders: families with a last name ending in A through
M are asked to bring a side dish to share and families with a last name ending in N through
Z are asked to bring dessert. Pizza, salad and drinks will be provided. $10 donations (per
family) are still being collected in the office (note: MOS Athletic Banquet and family name on your
envelope). Thank you!

8TH GRADE GRADUATION
Congratulations to the 8th grade class of 2017 who will graduate on Tuesday, May 23rd (please
note date change). The MOSS Administration and Staff wish the 8th graders well in their future
endeavors. May God always lead and guide you in the years ahead. We are proud of you!

LIBRARY NEWS
As the school year comes to a close, a special thank you from the MOSS Library to the following:

- Mrs. Karen Cadwell for donating the money for material for window curtains
- Mrs. Jan Jordan for making the curtains
- Mrs. Szmed for hanging the curtains
- Mrs. Louise Corpora for donating shelf markers and creating typed shelf alphabets, titles,
decimal numbers and signs
- Mrs. Beth Scherpereel for creating a procedure manual for Library tasks

The many hours donated to the Library by dedicated volunteers make Library visits by the
students a pleasant learning experience. Thank you Library volunteers!
Fundraising Updates:

**FISH FRY**
On Tuesday, April 18th, many members of the Fish Fry Committee met to wrap-up the 2017 Fish Fry. The 2017 Fish Fry Committee members who attended were Barb Hantz, Brian Bungard, John Strenkowski, Cathy Iovino, Jim and Cheryl Buchin, Tammy Nuzzo, Phyllis Sabol, Jodi Beall and Theresa Szmek. **All in attendance were happy to hear our profit for the 2017 Fish Fry was $31,086!** We discussed preliminary plans for trying out some new recipes for Haluski and Macaroni & Cheese, as well as, adding meatless pasta dishes to next year’s menu. Please consider joining in on the 2018 Fish Fry. Meetings will begin in October, 2017. Thanks to all who helped and supported this very successful fundraiser!

**LATE NITE CATECHISM**
What a hilarious performance! Everyone in attendance had a wonderful time. Thank you to all of our families who supported this fundraiser by selling the event tickets, supporting the basket raffle/auctions, and by donating to their classroom baskets. Mrs. Szmek truly appreciates all of the sacrifices families made to make this event successful. **The profit from this event was $16,201!** Thank you to our Late Nite Catechism Chair, Kaye Swisshelm, for all of her hard work and dedication!

**COWBOYS & CASH**
MOSS’s next major fundraiser, “Cowboys & Cash” will be on Saturday, September 9th, 2017. The event is a country western concert, featuring the band “Stampede” and dance, with a chance to win cash every half-hour! Tickets will be available on Monday, May 8th. Please email Mrs. Szmek at tszmek@mosschool.org if you would like to join the Cowboys & Cash Event Committee. See the flyer posted on the May 2nd Electronic Take Home Tuesday link for additional details.

**BOX TOPS FOR EDUCATION**
Please check your Box Tops for any that expire in June, 2017. Please place these Box Tops in an envelope labeled “Box Tops” and return to your homeroom teacher by Friday, May 19th. Thank you!

**Updates & Reminders**
- Giant Eagle smiley face vouchers dated May 1, 2016 through April 30, 2017 must be submitted to the school office by Wednesday, May 3rd in order to receive tuition credit off your family’s 2017-2018 tuition bill. Don’t forget to write your name on the back of the vouchers and turn the vouchers in to the office in an envelope labeled Scrip.
- Please submit any Box Tops expiring in June, 2017 by Friday, May 19th.
- The Science Olympiad will take place on Thursday, May 25th and Friday, May 26th for students in 3rd through 5th grade.
- There will be a middle school dance on Monday, May 22nd.
- There will be no school on Monday, May 29th.
- Yearbook order forms and payment are due by Wednesday, May 31st.
- The last day of school for students in 1st through 7th grade is Thursday, June 1st.
- The Kennywood Picnic is Friday, June 23rd.
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**Note:**
- Menu subject to change the last 2 weeks
- There will be no daily soups in the month of May

2017 Calendar Template © calendarlabs.com
MAY 2017    LUNCH DUTY

5/2/2017    OSSELBURN, TRUSCHEL, GIRAMITA
5/3/2017    TESTA, BEACOM, WHITTIER, CHUNDRU
5/4/2017    DIDIO, BEESON, KOVAL, MERO
5/5/2017    GIRAMITA, KOVAL
5/8/2017    SLIKE, PARK
5/9/2017    VARLEY, CHRISTLIEB, BRACKEN, GIRAMITA
5/10/2017   DIDIO, JEFFERIES, BEACOM, CHUNDRU
5/11/2017   STASKO, BEESON, MERO
5/12/2017   PIPON, ZORICH, BRADLEY, STONER
5/15/2017   GNECCO, PARK
5/16/2017   GNECCO, TRUSCHEL, SIMONE
5/17/2017   DIDIO, EVANCHO, BRACKEN, CHUNDRU
5/18/2017   BEESON, DUPIL, WHITTIER, MERO
5/19/2017   FUNARI, GIRAMITA
5/22/2017   THATCHER, PARK
5/23/2017   VARLEY, MERO, SIMONE
5/24/2017   JEFFRIES, MERO, CHUNDRU
5/25/2017   BEESON, EVANCHO, KOVAL, SIMONE
5/26/2017   STONER, BRACKEN, BRADLEY
5/29/2017   NO SCHOOL
5/30/2017   BEESON, SALAS
5/31/2017   TESTA, CHUNDRU
MOSS Yearbook Order Form
School Year 2016-2017

Want a way to remember the year? Order a yearbook!!

Please fill out this form and return it to school with your payment no later than **May 31, 2017**. (experience has shown it's best to order right away so you won't forget!! 😊)
The yearbook is full color, soft-cover, and 52 pages.

Also if you have photos please send them to tszmed@mosschool.org by June so we can include them!!! Please label who/what is happening in the photos. Thanks!!

Yearbooks will arrive in September, 2017. If you will no longer be at MOSS in September, 2017, we will contact you when the yearbooks arrive and you may pick up your yearbook at the school office.

We only order JUST enough yearbooks for those who order them with a few extras. If you do not order a yearbook now, there may not be one available in the Fall for you and your family; ORDER NOW to preserve your child's precious school memories!!

Please send this form with your payment CLEARLY marked:

**ATTN: YEARBOOK: Mrs. Szmed**

Family Name __________________________
Student(s) Name/current grade: __________________________
Phone Number __________________________
E-mail Address (to receive confirmation)________________________

(If you do not receive an e-mail confirmation within a few weeks of sending in payment in, please contact Mrs. Beer via e-mail so we can follow through on payments. If you do not receive a confirmation e-mail, your order may not have actually reached us! No order = no yearbook in the fall. Thank you.)

____ books @ $20.00 each = $___________

(Cash or check accepted. Make checks payable to Mother of Sorrows School)
Cowboys & Cash
Mother of Sorrows School
3264 EVERGREEN DR., MURRYSVILLE ~ FOR TICKETS CALL: 724-733-8840
Saturday, September 9, 2017
6:30 pm—11:00 pm

 Counatry Music Group “STAMPEDE”
Performing from 7:00-11:00 pm

Cash Given Away Every Half Hour

Must be 21 or older to attend

Raffles Begin at 7:00 PM

7:00........................................ $500
7:30........................................ $150
8:00........................................ $250
8:30........................................ $100
9:00........................................ $200
9:30........................................ $100
10:00...................................... $100
10:30...................................... $100

Grand Prize of $1000
Given away at 11:00

Tickets: $35.00
Includes dinner, beer, and soft drinks
Cash Bar
(NO OUTSIDE ALCOHOL PERMITTED)

Ask about VIP Table Reservations!

Basket Raffles

50/50 Raffle

Small Games of Chance
Summer Tutoring Available!

Who? Students in grades K - 5 (in 2017 - 2018 school year)
What? All grade content areas
Where? MOSS Library/Classroom
When? June 5 - August 10
Why? Help stay refreshed over the summer, review previous year skills and prepare for upcoming school year.
How? Mrs. Capozoli will be working with students 1-on-1. Sibling time slots can be coordinated for convenience if (with Mrs. Ratkiewicz) ecapozoli@mosschool.org, aratkiewicz@mosschool.org