
Monthly Newsletter May 2018

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Upcoming Events

May 16

2nd Grade Lunch w/ Mayor Joyce Craig

PK-6 Spanish Festival 1:00 p.m.

May 17

6th Grade Retreat

May 18

Kindergarten Share Fair 1:00 p.m.

6th Grade Class Overnight Trip to Boston

May 22

Final Parent/Principal Check & Connect

May 23

Celebration of the Arts 6:00 p.m.

May 24

Shadow Day 8:00 – 11:00 a.m.

May 25

Memorial Day Tribute 1:45 p.m.

May 28

Memorial Day: No School

May 29

Crowning of Mary 1:00 p.m.

May 31

4th Grade N.H. State Projects 1:00 pm

Last Day for Uniforms

Dear Mount Saint Mary Academy Families,

As it is my first year as principal, it has been an honor to observe our students K-6 presenting their spring curriculum fairs, a long standing academic tradition at Mount Saint Mary Academy. Many present educators have professional development goals in PBL or Project Based Learning, also known as Inquiry Learning. Our classroom fairs, K-6 grade, contain similar essential project design elements, which are included in the 2015 Buck Institute for Education Checklist. According to the Buck Institute, whatever form a project takes, it must meet essential criteria to be Gold Standard PBL Unit. Each of our grade level projects helps students learn essential knowledge and 21st century skills including critical thinking, problem solving, collaboration and self-management. Each project is based on a meaningful problem to solve, driven by open-ended, engaging driving questions, with real world context, real-world process and/or connection to student prior learning, concerns and/or interests. Students make choices on what they create, how they work, how they use their time, guided by teachers and parents, depending on their age. The projects provide opportunities for students to reflect on what and how they are learning, during design and implementation. The projects also include a process for students to receive feedback on their work to revise ideas and then requires students to demonstrate what they learn by a presentation offered to people beyond the classroom. Kudos to our teachers, students, and our parent/school partnership for each of the following, truly extraordinary academic fairs, meeting the Buck Institute for Education Gold Standard:

Kindergarten: Fair Share

First Grade: Science Fair

Second Grade: United States Fair

Third Grade: Ellis Island Simulation

Fourth Grade: New Hampshire State Projects

Fifth/Six Grade: Historical Wax Museum

PK – Six Grade: Spanish Festival

Celebration of the Arts

With compassion and blessings, Kate Segal, MSMA Principal

***Thanks and Appreciation to all of our families for
Teacher Appreciation Week!***