

The Marquette Catholic Message
Friday, December 12, 2008
Weekly news for the Marquette Catholic Staff



I came across this paragraph in a recent article I was reading entitled, “All about Life Changes.”

Let us face the facts: we all have stress. It is the way we deal with stress that differs. The good news is that prayer for stress relief works! Prayer is that unique form of communication with God available to the believer that, when used often and in accordance with God's will, brings us into alignment with God's viewpoint. Being in good alignment means that our whole being is put into its proper perspective and that means life is less stressful and we are better able to deal with the stress we do have.



- It is with great sadness I inform you Rose Pytinia's mother passed away on Thursday evening. Rose is the mother of student, Joel Pytinia, and our Scholl Center Custodian. We hope to provide more details as they become available.
- Know the final page of the Message will now include a weekly calendar for staff reference. Please do not hesitate to print the calendars and post in rooms for students.
- Marquette students post 96% passing rate for English & Math 2008 Fall GQE
- 2 weeks & 1 day until final exams!!!
- A staff evening holiday party will be celebrated after our return from winter break. We will discuss this item at this week's faculty meeting-Tuesday 3-4p.m., Library. A Holiday reception with fresh baked goods, coffee, and drinks will be included as part of this week's faculty meeting.
- 56 students took the Entrance Exam on Saturday, December 6. Additional students are being added for individual testing times.



- Thank you as always to those of you who continue to volunteer your time at the Men's Shelter. We have really established ourselves as a solid support system for this program. Sign ups for the new year are posted-please sign up before break☺
- Thank you to all who cover classes when we are in need. We truly appreciate your support.
- Thank you to all who have adopted a family for Catholic Charities. Items are due this week☺
- Way to go Office of Advancement-Ms. Quinlan for your Entrance Exam success!!!
- Thank you to Father McGrogan and St. Mary's Parish for supporting our service efforts (cash donation) this holiday season!!!

- Thank you to Jan Wagner for always making sure lunch is managed☺
- Thank the Lord for another safe and productive week at Marquette High School.



- Update EdLine-assignments, grades, notes to parents, etc. The end of semester is upon us☺
- Mandate students attend Late Start if they are not currently succeeding in your class.
- Contact parents on the phone if a student is in jeopardy of failing your class. If there is still a possibility the student can pass by the end of the semester, please suggest to parents and students the route to take.
- No food or beverages are permitted in academic classrooms. Our custodian is reporting quite a bit of food related trash. This is a growing concern.
- Continue to enforce the lock out policy until Dec 19th. Upon returning from break, we will apply randomly. This has been a very effective solution to an increasing problem.
- Provide students with assignments-test-prep items-etc. to study over the break in preparation for final exams. It would be useful to post these items on Edline.
- All student activities, clubs, sports, and Student Government organizations are to have adult knowledge and supervision. Please always supervise students for their best safety and concern.



- Joan McCormick from the Michigan City Schools will be joining us for a staff briefing on RTI Response to Intervention at our January 20th staff meeting.
- We are continuing to work on a teacher-stipend for those seeking financial assistance in the form of tuition reimbursement for continuing education. It is our hope to have three \$500.00 scholarships available for teacher use by next semester.
- A new agenda for this week's faculty meeting will be afforded soon. Many teachers have commented to me they are not ready to examine the Academic Handbook in terms of course offerings for next year.
- Marquette Catholic received \$5,000 from the Michigan City Enrichment Corporation-distance learning lab hardware.
- Marquette Catholic received \$10,000 from the Scholl Foundation-distance learning lab hardware and software.
- This week Marquette Catholic donated (cash) to the Salvation Army's Bookworm Program.
- Marquette Catholic purchased and wrapped 20 gifts for the Bradley Center and its reuniting families Christmas Celebration-THIS WAS HUGE!!! Thanks to all who assisted. (Father McGrogan-St. Mary's Parish)
- Mrs. Brenda and I have met and completed this process in coordination with our Office of Academic Advisement and are planning to offer: 2 semesters- Accounting I, 2 semesters-Computer Applications, 2 semesters World Language Lab (new & pending), 2 semesters-Electronic Piano, & 2 semesters Band.

- Ms. Remijas, Ms. Zolvinski, Mrs. LaFrance, Mrs. Brenda, and I are currently exploring World Language Software in the hopes of opening a World Language Lab next year. Our vision is to offer students the opportunity to explore up to 20 World Languages.
- Mrs. Brenda is currently working on effectively communicating with her sister-in-law, who is conducting mission work in Africa, via our technology at Marquette. Our goal is to establish video and voice communication so that we can communicate with students from Nairobi. Our vision includes establishing a service project to support educational efforts in for the students in Africa.
- Teacher announcements should be past on to White, Quinlan, and Wagner for appropriate coverage. Please send us your news for the daily, web, and Message. Promote the positive!!! Student recognition always welcomed...photos of class projects...announcements...
- Student Uniforms will be implemented 2009-2010. We have support behind this initiative from parents, staff, and students. We are working on the final touches of the actual dress at this time.
- Next school year, we will be providing a student agenda/calendar to all of our registered students, teachers, and staff at **no cost**. The agenda will be 5 1/2 X 8 1/2 (small size), contain a minimum of 128 pages, and include additional sections on Catholicism and student resources. The agenda will be customized for Marquette students. 2009-2010 event dates will be incorporated into the final publication.
- GQE Score Comparison.: English/Math

Marquette Catholic	96	96
State Average	68	66
Andean HS	85	80
Bishop Noll	64	59
Michigan City HS	56	54
Chesterton HS	81	76
Valparaiso HS	82	82
Westville HS	75	64



As a final thought, remember the week before break has everyone on a nervous edge of anticipation for holiday break. Keeping students highly engaged is the key to building management during stressful times. Please be vigilant in your supervision duties. **BE VISIBLE**. Continue to maintain high learning expectations in the classroom with rigorous and relevant assignments. Treat all students as if they were the best 😊

Have a great week. Focus on the learning...

With Faith In Our Future,
Jw



Week @ A Glance: December 15, 2008

Go Blazers!!!

Monday, December 15th:

Judging of hallway decorations

Tuesday, December 16th:

Catholic Charity items due

Kris Kringle Exchange

Faculty Meeting 3PM

Wednesday, December 17th adjusted schedule:

Kris Kringle Exchange

Penance Service 2 PM

Thursday, December 18th adjusted schedule:

Kris Kringle Exchange

Mass 10AM (Fr. Kevin Huber)

Catholic Charity "Adopt-a-Family" gifts due

Friday, December 19th late start and adjusted schedule:

2:00 p.m. Take down hallway decorations

Kris Kringle Exchange (big gift)

Band/Singers Christmas performance for school

Girls' B-ball game vs. Calumet (Scholl Center) 7PM