Be at peace regarding what is said or done in conversations: for if good, you have something to praise God for, and if bad, something in which to serve God by turning your heart away from it. St. Francis de Sales

MAR. 20 - Family Dance - 6:30 to 8:30PM
25 - School Mass 8:30 A.M. Feast of the Annunciation
26 - Volunteer Appreciation Day Breakfast 8-9 a.m. TACO LUNCH

APRIL 1 - Service Hours Due - Full Day of School
2 - Holy Thursday - Full Day of School
3 - Good Friday - NO SCHOOL
5 - A Blessed Easter to all of our Families
6 to 10 - Easter Vacation
13 - School Resumes - Order forms are due in the office for Rush and Flynn & O’Hara
14 - Friends Meeting
15 - Flynn & O’Hara Uniform Co. at MAA to measure for school uniforms - KG to 7th. 9-10 A.M.
WOO HOO! WEDNESDAY
17 - Rush Uniform Co. will be at MAAto measure for school uniforms - KG to 7th. 9-10 A.M.
18 - Science Olympiad
19 - Sports Banquet

Lent ~ There is still time.
The three traditional pillars of Lenten observance are prayer, fasting and almsgiving. The Church asks us to surrender ourselves to prayer and to the reading of Scripture, to fasting and to giving alms. It’s not too late!
There is still an opportunity to enter more fully into this liturgical season. Our diocesan website offers a variety of resources that you may find helpful. http://www.cdown.org/lent-2/ Be sure to take some time this week to consider how Christ is calling you to draw closer to him.

Calendar Change due to School Closings
Since it appears that winter weather is behind us, the following changes are being made to the school calendar.
\[\text{Wednesday, April 1st} \text{ will be a regular full day of school.}\]
\[\text{Thursday, April 2nd} \text{ will be a regular full day of school.}\]

Please mark your calendars accordingly. We realize this change may cause challenges with some of your plans, but it was necessary to add instructional days.

Calling All of MAA’s Dedicated Volunteers
All of MAA’s volunteers--from our homeroom moms to volleyball and basketball coaches to Friends members to Board members and all those in between-- are cordially invited to breakfast in celebration of all your contributions to Mount Aviat. Please see the attached flyer. Breakfast will be held in the library on Thursday, March 26th from 8:00-9:00 a.m. Please RSVP to Charlene Nichols at Advancement@MountAviat.org by March 20th. Thank you!

Family Folders
The Family Folders are going home today. Included are the following:
Some families have not returned Family Folders which makes it very challenging to be sure important information makes it home. If you do not receive a blue plastic folder with your family information preprinted on the front, we have not received your folder back. PLEASE take a look around the house and return the folder as soon as possible. In the past, we have tried sending home a new folder, but too often that resulted in more lost folders.
Varsity Boys Basketball Wins Tournament

Congratulations to the Varsity Boys Basketball team who won a well-played championship game on Friday night to beat St. Elizabeth's in the St. Peter's Tournament. Team players are Hayden Crook, JJ Psenicska, Zachary Seigel, Aedan Locke, Reed Burkhart, Joey Trout, Sam Crook, Jonathan Fritz, Patrick Palm and Matthew Dymowski. Coached by Chris Locke, Monica Trout, and Gina Psenicska.

Help Support Students as They Prepare “Go Bag” Lunches for the Homeless

Help the homeless this Lent! If each student brings in the food item listed below, we will be able to make enough “Go Bag” lunches to supply a local homeless shelter for a week. We need all items by Wednesday, March 25. We will bag lunches here at school.

Items needed per student in each class:
PS: a box of Little Debbies or Tastykakes
KG: a box of Little Debbies or Tastykakes
1st Grade: 4 individual serving size microwavable pasta, soup, or stew
2nd Grade: 4 individual serving size microwavable pasta, soup, or stew
3rd Grade: 4 individual serving size microwavable pasta, soup, or stew
4th Grade: 6 single serving size fruit cups or apple sauces
5th Grade: 6 single serving size fruit cups or apple sauces
6th Grade: 10 juice boxes
7th Grade: 1 box of granola bars
8th Grade: Baltazar to Okoniewski: a box of granola bars, Patterson to Venters: 10 juice boxes

Financial Aid

Mount Aviat Academy provides financial assistance to families in need through reduced tuition for students in grades 1 to 8. An independent company has been contracted to conduct financial need assessments. FAST offers an online application process. To compete the FAST online financial aid application use the link located in our school website – Parents -> Forms and Resources-> Financial Assistance Web Access. Please apply online before March 27th.

MAA Summer Camp Registration Open

MAA is pleased to offer many exciting summer camp options for our students. Attached please find a flyer with descriptions of each camp. Space is limited for each camp and spots are filled on a first come, first serve basis. To register, please complete the information on the flyer and return with payment AND one emergency contact form for EACH CHILD. Thank you!

MAA Hosts Free Story Time Event

On Friday, April 17th, MAA will host a free storytime for children ages 2-4. The story time will begin at 9:30 a.m. and end at 10:15 a.m. after a craft activity with parent support. The event will take place in the Library with special guest Mrs. Dawn Preske. Registration is required. Contact Charlene Nichols at Advancement@MountAviat.org or 410.398.2206 ext. 214.
Used Uniforms Available on Friday, March 27
Our current inventory of gently used uniforms will be out and available in the library on Friday, March 27th from 2:30-3:30 p.m. Please stop by and pick up anything you might need before having to order new uniforms. A donation to your child's class mission bank is appreciated for any items you are able to use. For additional information, please contact Courtney Pierce at ckrpierce@yahoo.com.

Girls on the Run
On Monday the MAA Girls on the Run team kicked off the season with their first practice. The team is comprised of 3rd, 4th, and 5th grade girls and will train twice a week to run a 5K. The girls and Coaches had a blast and if you know a Girl on the Run ask her about the Mohawk!

Student Spotlight
Eighth grader Erin Desmond recently competed in several gymnastics competitions in Los Angeles, CA, Tampa, FL, and Harford, MD. In LA, Erin placed first in floor, second on vault, and first all around. In Tampa, she placed first in vault and all around as well. Finally, in Harford she placed first in floor, second on vault, second on beam, and first all around. Congratulations, Erin!

Support the 5K: Students Wear Your Shirts
Students may wear their 5K t-shirts from previous years for PE classes on Tuesday, April 14th and Thursday, April 16th as a reminder that Friday, April 17th is the last day to register and still receive a t-shirt for this year’s 5K! To register, please see the form on the homepage of the school website.

Friend’s Elections
The two-year terms of the current Friends Board members are expiring this May. Nominations are now being accepted for the position of President, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer. The continued success of the Friends and Families of the Oblate Sisters relies on the support of the school.

Looking for Tax Donations?
Did you give to the Annual Drive last year? Don’t forget that your commitment is tax deductible! There are only a few months left to give to this year’s Annual Drive and we need your support! 46% of parents have made a commitment to the Annual Drive! Because the Annual Drive is essential to Mount Aviat’s operating budget, we continue to work toward 100% parent participation. If you have any questions or would like to offer your feedback, please contact Charlene Nichols, Advancement Director, at 410-398-2206 ext. 214 or at Advancement@mountaviat.org.

Purchase Your Gift Cards Through MAA
Gift Cards for a wide variety of stores, grocery stores, coffee shops and restaurants are available through Mrs. Racine at ext. 247 all year long. Please consider purchasing your gift cards through school. This is an ongoing fundraiser that helps the school but does not cost you anything extra. If you have questions, please contact info@mountaviat.org.