



December 8, 2009 Newsletter

### **Quarter 2 Progress Report**

The first progress report of the second quarter for your child has been mailed. This information represents your child's current academic progress during this quarter. We believe that providing you with frequent, accurate information about your child's progress is vital in ensuring their continued success. Please take some time to review this progress report with your child. If your child is not meeting your academic expectations, I encourage you to contact your child's guidance counselor to discuss a plan for improvement. The second progress report of the quarter will be mailed on January 8, 2010.

\*\*Please remember that if you signed up for McCourt's "Going Green" initiative, you will not receive a mailed copy of this newsletter or progress report. You are reminded to visit I-Parent to check your child's progress,

### **Trimester Classes**

We have a number of classes that meet for a trimester (1/3 of the school year). Trimester classes include: art, home economics, and technology. Since these classes meet for 1/3<sup>rd</sup> of the school year, the grading pattern is different than other classes. **This progress report includes the final grades for Trimester 1 classes.**

### **Extracurricular Eligibility**

We believe that a student's primary goal at school is to be academically successful. Please remember that students, who are not meeting behavioral expectations and/or failing two or more classes, during either a report card or progress report, are not eligible for extracurricular activities. This includes attendance at school dances, sporting events, and other after school programs. Please also be aware that this policy does not include staying with teachers for extra help. Eligibility for extracurricular activities is determined by school-wide progress reports or report card periods. Please see the Student Handbook, page 49, for more information.

### **Electronic Attendance Calling**

As you know, we ask that you contact McCourt if your child is going to be absent for any reason. If you do not call, either Mrs. Martin or Mrs. Lussier call to

confirm your child is absent. Beginning within the next week, we will begin using a computerized calling system to notify you that your child is absent. We will be sending a test message later this week to confirm that the system is operational.

### **I-Parent Access**

A few months ago we mailed information to all McCourt families about how to access your child's grades electronically using I-Parent. If you have not yet signed up, but would like to, we ask that you contact your child's guidance counselor by email to request access. Your child's guidance counselor will send you the log-in information.

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### **McCourt Students of the Month**

Each month a number of students are selected as Students of the Month. These students epitomize the "Magic" Traits of respect, pride, determination, cooperation, and responsibility. The following students have been recognized as Students of the Month for October and November:

Katherine Alberg, Carley Gomes, Hayden Felice, Shianne Fernandes, Diana Marques, Zachary Iwuc, Randy Wood, Andrew Arone, Nicholas Choiniere, Maria Marin, Ashlee Gomez, Robert Newhook, Paul Parks, Kara Scullin, Patcharee Phomsouvannady

### **The McCourt Reading Challenge**

We have made great strides in achieving our goal. To date we have read approximately 79,000 pages as a community. Remember that our challenge is for the entire school and *parent* community to read 250,000 pages between now and March 6<sup>th</sup>. At the completion of a novel, a form should be filled out and returned to your child's English teacher. Forms are available from your English teacher, the office, the library, rooms 15 and 10. Progress will be posted in the cafeteria. We will celebrate the achievement of this goal with a school-wide celebration.

### **Late Bus Availability**

The late bus is provided to students so that they can participate in after school activities, or to stay with their teachers for additional academic help. The late bus is available on Tuesdays and Thursdays and arrives at McCourt at approximately 3:10 p.m.

### **From the school nurse, Mrs. D'Aguanno....**

Dr. Ward, the school dentist, will be here Friday January 8th. Any grade 7 students who have not returned a yellow dental card will be screened by the dentist.

Dr. Monti, the school physician, will be here Monday January 25th to see any grade 7 students who did not return a 7th grade physical.

Please contact Mrs. D'Aguanno with questions.

### **Upcoming Dates**

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| December 10             | McCourt Holiday Concert                                  |
| December 24 - January 3 | Winter Break   |
| January 8               | 2 <sup>nd</sup> Progress Report of Quarter 2             |
| January 14-18           | Grade 8 trip to Quebec City, Canada                      |
| January 29              | End of Quarter 2 (Report Cards will be mailed by Feb. 5) |

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