

## INDEPENDENT STUDIES

### DATES:

- Oct. 4-5—Senior Retreat
- Oct. 7—K-8 RW classes; subs available
- Oct. 7—pack at RW/move to MCS
- Oct. 8—50th anniversary banquet
- Oct. 10, 17 4-7 p.m. Parent teacher conferences (if child taking MCS classes)
- Oct. 12—PSAT—grades 10,11
- Oct. 13—6:00 p.m. Move from RW to MCS
- Oct. 14—Kid's Genealogy
- Oct. 19—PLAN test—9th gr.
- Oct. 20—Toledo field trips
- Oct. 21—No School
- Oct. 24, 25—Vision Screening at MCS
- Oct. 24-28—OGT testing—gr. 10 & those repeating test
- Oct. 27—7:00—9:00 p.m. IS Family Science Night & MCS IS Open House
- Oct. 28—IS K-8 classes at MCS ; grades due
- Nov. 1—MCS blood drive
- Nov. 4—MCS IS K-8 classes
- Nov. 8—Picture retakes
- Nov. 9—Explore test—8th graders
- Nov. 9—3:15—7-12th gr. IS parent meeting—Rm. 109
- Nov. 11—10:00 a.m. Mans. Police/911 Center
- Nov. 14—9th grade parent meeting
- Nov. 18—MCS IS K-8 classes
- Nov. 21—Ren. Good Night Moon

- Check your email every day for messages pertaining to Independent Studies. That is your main avenue to get information about field trips, schedules, and much more.



# Home Sweet Home

"... Choose you this day whom you will serve. . . as for me and my house, we will serve the Lord."

OCTOBER 2011

## With all His Energy

"Jesus we preach and proclaim, warning and admonishing everyone and instructing everyone in all wisdom (insight into the ways and purposes of God), that we may present every person mature (full-grown, fully initiated, complete, and perfect) in Christ.

For this I labor [unto weariness], striving with all the superhuman energy which He so mightily enkindles and works within me." Colossians 1:28-29 (Amplified)

What a powerful scripture this has been in my life since school began. Whether you're home-schooling or not, this should be our aim as parents: to train our children in all wisdom that we may present our children mature, complete and perfect in Jesus. This is why we labor "unto weariness" with the superhuman

energy which He works within us.

So many times we strive in our own strength when Jesus wants us to rely and call upon His strength, that strength "which His boundless might supplies." Jesus is our strength, our joy, our all sufficiency. In these days of trials and uncertainty, we serve a mighty Father that never changes and never lacks in provision for all that we have need of if we will just look to Him, "the author and the finisher of our faith."

When we're weak, He is strong. May it be our prayer, "More of Jesus, less of me so that the world may see Jesus through me."

In the short weeks of my dual role as Independent Studies and Elementary principal, I have found Jesus extremely faithful. I

stand amazed at the wisdom He has given me just when I needed it. I challenge you to do the same. Don't rely on your own strength, but on His.

In a recent devotion, I was touched by the following: "If we insist on fair treatment for ourselves, we can become angry & frustrated. But when we embrace the Bible's wisdom, we see the welfare of others. Never look for justice, but never cease to give it; and never allow anything you meet to sour your relationship with men through Jesus Christ. When we experience unfairness, it is our privilege & responsibility as followers of Christ, to respond with honesty and integrity, doing what is right, just & fair.

Amen! Let it be so with us.



## Important Reminders

For updates on activities specific to our program, check out the calendar at [www.mcsflames.org](http://www.mcsflames.org).

Emails pertaining specifically to home schooling and the IS program are sent regularly - **check your email every day.**

Daily high school announcements will be emailed to you.

Again this year, IS students will

be included in the **elementary and high school year books**. Please keep that in mind when attending sporting events, field trips, etc. You can submit pictures via CD or email attachment.

**Retakes for School pictures:** Tuesday, November 8 in the morning. If you have any ques-

tions about retakes, please call the elementary office.

If you've not done so, **please return all required paperwork**, especially 7th-12th grade student courses & book numbers. If you have any books stamped "State of Ohio" or "Madison" I also need that form returned with your signatures.



*Parenting is at  
the heart of  
homeschooling*

## Ohio as America: Ohio's story at Your Fingertips

Introducing Ohio as America— an exciting new online textbook with teaching tools that bring Ohio's history to life!

FREE for the 2011-2012 school year. This is created for 4th grade social studies by the Ohio Historical Society. It is a carefully compiled, online textbook, aligned with the new and current Ohio academic Content standards. It provides a greatly

enhanced study of Ohio's past in a dynamic format.

Teachers have access to the resource materials they need, including: online lesson plans, student activities, assessment tools, videos, primary sources.

Call 614-297-2538 or email [ohioasamerica@ohiohistory.org](mailto:ohioasamerica@ohiohistory.org) or visit [ohioasamerica.org](http://ohioasamerica.org).

## Vision Screening



for Grades K,1,3,5,7,9,& any students new to MCS will be held October 24 – 25 if you would like to bring your child in. Watch for upcoming emails about specific times.

## Field Trips arranged for IS Families

**Friday, October 14—1:00 p.m. Kids Genealogy,** Bellville—grades 3 and up—Free. Make sure you copy the handout & go over that before that day. Bring it with you as part of the session. Email Marie if you need a hard copy or the link sent to you again.

**Thursday, October 20—10:30-11:30 a.m. Fossil Park** to dig for fossils. Cost \$1/ student followed by **Ft. Meigs** from 1:00-3:00 p.m. with a cost

of \$6/person - "Call to Arms" interactive.

**Family Science Night with Mrs. Starling** is Oct. 27. She will divide into 2 groups by ages (I'm guessing k-2 and 3-6) Cost is \$3 per person and should be paid ahead of time so she can purchase the needed supplies. One adult needs to plan to stay with their kids to do experiments with them.

**November 11 Mansfield Police Dept.** at 10am and free

followed by **Splash Harbor from 12-4 for \$7 per person.**

There are also **2 Children's Theater productions** in November. **Nov. 21** is "Goodnight Moon/Runaway Bunny" geared for Preschool-grade3. **November 30** is "A Christmas Carol" geared for grades 3-6. \$3.50 per person. Both are 12:30 pm at the Renaissance Theater.

Email Marie at [baumann.marie@mcsflames.org](mailto:baumann.marie@mcsflames.org) about field trip sign up and questions.

## INFOhio—Electronic Resources

Anytime, anywhere access to teaching & learning tools at [www.infohio.org](http://www.infohio.org).

Username: learn  
Password: infohio

All public and nonpublic K-12 schools, students, their parents and educators across Ohio have unlimited use of these resources free of charge.

Included: Art collections, biographies, educational films, 6000 magazines and newspapers, test-taking resources to practice for achievement exams, news and information resources, dictionaries, genealogical resources back to the 14th century, research paper calculator, science experiments and animations, three complete online encyclopedias, etc. . .

## Operation Christmas Child

We will once again this year be participating as a group with Operation Christmas Child. Boxes will be available at MCS the first day of classes here October 28. The deadline to turn them back in is the week of November 14, so we would have to have boxes back just the next week, November 4. This isn't much time, but I encourage you to participate. This is a great way to teach that "it really is better to give than to receive."



# Specifically High School (grades 7-12)

**Parent Teacher Conferences:**

**October 10 & 17 from 4-7 p.m.**

Call Judy in the high school office to schedule your time to meet. Please take advantage of this wonderful opportunity to meet with your child's teacher. This is only for those students taking daily classes at MCS & not the afterschool classes.

**Class dues** are charged for every high school student beginning the 9th grade year. **The first \$25 for the year is due now.** Keep in mind that dues can be worked off by participating in class activities or can be paid for using

scrip.

**Grades** are due the last day of the 9 weeks this year and hard copies are required at the end of the year. The first 9 weeks ends October 28, so grades are due that day and can be emailed to me. Please no grades over the phone. It is not necessary for you to figure semester or final grades this year.

**Honor Society** consideration will be in the winter this year with the NHS trip in the spring

**Nov. 9—7-12 IS parent meeting:**

Room 109 at MCS at 3:30 p.m.

(elementary parents are also invited to attend this meeting). Our speaker will be Stephanie Kisler. She is a veteran homeschooler and will be speaking on how to write special letters to your children to encourage them. This includes letters on birthdays, Christmas, Valentine's day, or whenever God leads you. Her seminar is based on a book "Beautiful Words". This is a one hour seminar with notes. Please email us if you plan to come. This is a very practical seminar, based on Heb. 10:24. You won't want to miss this one.



## Legislation—Pray!



During the past few months, legislators have submitted proposals to expand opportunities available to families to help with tuition to private schools. Already this year, Ohio created a new scholarship for any student with special needs or learning disabilities. The current legislation being considered would help families who can't afford to move to the district of their choice or pay private school tuition. House Bill 136: Parental Choice & Taxpayer Savings Scholarship would create an income-based voucher for you to use to help pay for tuition here at MCS. The voucher amount would be \$2300—\$4600 based on family income. One proposal is for a family of 4 earning \$61,189 or less,

could receive a \$4,626 voucher. The timeline is currently unknown, but the bill has passed the House Education committee. The next step is approval by the full Ohio House of Representatives. As you can imagine, there is much being heard against this bill from public school unions. Our legislators need to hear from you.

Supporters who would like to help advocate for the passage of these proposals can contact School Choice of Ohio at 614-223-1555 or info@schio.org.

This is our chance to speak out on an issue that would help families receive a Christian education.

In a day when there are more educational

options than ever before parents of children enrolled in Mansfield Christian School are to be commended for the sacrifices you make to put your children in one of the finest Christian educational establishments around this area – 50 years of educational and spiritual excellence, which I am thankful to be a part of.

*Proverbs 3 says: "My son, do not forget my teaching, but keep my commands in your heart, for they will prolong your life many years and bring you peace and prosperity. Let love and faithfulness never leave you; bind them around your neck, write them on the tablet of your heart. Then you will win favor and a good name in the sight of God and man."*

Choose righteousness!

# Specifically Elementary (Kdt.—8th grade)

This year each family must register individually for the **pizza hut book it program**. Here is a link that goes right to the home school registration page. Very easy! [www.bookitprogram.com](http://www.bookitprogram.com).

**IS Christmas Program**

Friday, Dec. 9 at Grace Fellowship Church at 7:00 p.m. Dress rehearsals will be Dec. 7 from 2-4 p.m. and Dec. 8 from 6-8 p.m. Tryouts for the speaking parts are

this Friday, Oct. 7. There are not a lot of speaking parts, but there is one main character—Pastor Leon.

The play is set in a city mission. Mrs. B is creating the play herself; there will be choir type songs as well as some solos. This year's stage will require extra help in designing and building since it will be a city landscape. Props and other creative items will be needed. There will be cd's available for the children to practice the songs. AS

part of the play we will collect can goods and non perishables for a food pantry here in Mansfield. If you have any questions, call Lori at



*Let us consider how we may spur one another on toward love & good deeds.*

*Hebrews 10:24*

## Sub Sale—almost 200 ordered!! - Yeah!!

Our IS program will be selling subs this year to raise money for Heartland Outdoor and for MCS. You choose where your funds will go. Our IS students are making their first subs this Friday, October 7 to send home with you that day. Subs can also be ordered for the K-6 students to eat at lunch during classes the first Friday of each month. Students are responsible for delivery of the subs they order and the money is due when ordering. Condiments and chips and drinks will also be available for purchase.

We are selling ham/cheese, turkey/cheese, and combo (pastrami with ham and turkey). The subs are 6

inches long; checks can be made out to MCS. We are hoping to clear \$1.50 to \$2.00 per sub so this could be a great fundraiser. If each family sold 10 subs that would be almost \$750 raised. We are looking for other ways to market the subs the 1st weekend of each month, so if you know of sporting events or other ideas, let JoAnn Walthour know.

We will be accepting orders the 2nd IS class of the month and delivering them the first class of each month. This will continue throughout the school year. The junior high IS students are heading this up as part of their time serving at RW.

Again, we would appreciate your

support. You don't have to have students at RW to participate; HS students are also encouraged to order.

## ACSI Events

We will only be participating in the following events this year along with MCS, which limits the number we can send. Let me know if you're interested in Creative Writing, Math by Mail, or, Speech Meet. explanation of each category.

Check out more information at [www.acsi.org](http://www.acsi.org)—click on student then on student activities.

*In the face of foxes,  
God calls a man to  
have the heart of a  
lion; we must be  
resolute & stand  
firm in our  
convictions*



## Integrity (from Home Educating Family magazine)

A person of integrity fulfills his/her promises.

A person of integrity speaks the truth, is honest, and does not lie.

A person of integrity is a person of sincerity.

A person of integrity manifests a wholeness of character, including kindness, compassion, mercy, & gentleness.

A person of integrity is committed to the pursuit of justice & fairness.

A person of integrity loves as, when, and what God loves.

A person of integrity is humble. He/she shuns pride & haughtiness.

A person of integrity is law-abiding. He/she plays by the rules, both in the Bible and the law of the land.

A person of integrity manifests consistency.

Integrity determines whether we'll press forward with success or find ourselves hampered by needless hindrances.

II Tim. 3:1-5, "But mark this: there will be terrible times in the last days. People will be lovers of themselves, lovers of money, boastful, proud, abusive, disobedient to their parents, ungrateful, unholy, without love, unforgiving, slanderous, without self-control, brutal, not lovers of good, treacherous, conceited, lovers of pleasure rather than lovers of God—having a form of godliness but denying its power. Have nothing to do with them."

It's possible to pay lip-service to godly beliefs and yet limit them from having true effectiveness in our lives. The power of God's Word desires to transform us completely.

Here are 5 tips to get you moving in the right direction:

1. Pray—II Peter 1:3 says, "His divine power has given us everything we need for life and godliness through our knowledge of Him who called us by His own glory and goodness."
2. Pause under pressure.

3. Brush up on the Bible. Without a strong grasp on Scripture, how will you know whether you're practicing the things God desires for you?
4. Thank God for weaknesses. You have no power to change a problem you don't know you have.
5. Work on it together. Ask for help to better see areas that lack integrity in your life.

"Not that I have already obtained all this, or have already been made perfect, but I press on to take hold of that for which Christ Jesus took hold of me. Brother, I do not consider myself yet to have taken hold of it. But one thing I do: forgetting what is behind and straining toward what is ahead, I press on toward the goal to win the prize for which God has called me heavenward in Christ Jesus."

May it be said of every person in the IS program: "That person walks in integrity!"

# Testing Schedules

## Testing this year:

- Grades 1-2—Stanford Test
- Grade 3 & 4—OAA math & reading
- Grade 5—OAA math, reading & science
- Grade 6—OAA math & reading
- Grade 7—OAA math & reading
- Grade 8—OAA math, reading & science & Explore Test
- Grade 9—PLAN test
- Grade 10—OGT test
- Grades 10-12—any OGT retakes
- Grades 10-11—PSAT test

**PSAT Test**—Wed., Oct. 12, 2011—taken by 10th-11th graders, including IS students unless exempt prior to the exam.

Testing begins at 8:00 a.m. and will conclude at approx. 11:00 a.m.

Room assignments are as follows:

10th graders last names A-K report to Room 209

10th graders last names L-Y report to Room 17 in the elementary end.

All 11th grade students report to the multi-purpose room. Students should bring 2 #2 pencils and their own calculator (not graphing)

**PLAN Test**—Wed., Oct. 19, 2011—taken by all 9th grade students including IS unless exempt prior to the exam.

Testing begins at 8:00 a.m. and will conclude around 11:00 a.m. All testing will take place in the multi-purpose room.

Students should bring 2 #2 pencils and their own calculator (not graphing)

**EXPLORE Test**—Wed., Nov. 9, 2011—taken by all 8th grade students including IS. Testing begins at 8:00 a.m. and will conclude around 11:00 a.m. All testing will take place in the multi-purpose room.

Students should bring 2 #2 pencils and their own calculator (not graphing)

**Ohio Graduation Test (OGT)** will be given the week of October 24 for any student that failed a section. Students have 2 1/2 hrs. for each section. Testing begins at 8:10 every day in Room 17 in the elementary end of the bldg. Each student should bring 2-3 sharpened #2 pencils. The state supplies each student with an approved calculator for the math & science portions.

Oct. 24—Mathematics

Oct. 25—Science

Oct. 26—Social Studies

**Remember to study at [ogt.success-ode-state-oh-us.info](http://ogt.success-ode-state-oh-us.info).**

## Ranchwood Move

God has been so good in providing a buyer for RW. My niece is the principal of the Constellation Community Schools in Mansfield & came to RW during one of our classes. When they heard RW was for sale, they immediately expressed interest. We have not had a closing yet, but that will be within the month. Praise the Lord. We have been packing at RW and now need your help! These are the following times that men especially are needed to move

furniture, books, etc. to MCS: Fri., Oct. 7 during RW classes from 10:00-2:00—pickups needed  
 Mon. Oct. 10 from 5:30-8:00. Meet at RW—taking heavy things as well as boxes  
 Thurs. Oct. 13 from 6:00-8:00 p.m. meet at RW to take the Resource Rm. & other items to MCS.  
 If you can help that would be great! Pickups would also be appreciated even though we do have a 20 ft. box truck also.  
 Our first class for K-8 at MCS will be Friday, Oct. 28. I will be sending out a letter with all the de-

tails. I am excited about the facilities available to us. Please pray for all the details. Thank you so much for your support this year.  
 K-8 classes will be held in the elementary end of the building and the Resource room will be in the high school hallway in Room 110 near the IS curriculum room. It is our plan to have tables & chairs in there for you to hang out while your kids are in classes.  
 We will implement a drop off and pick up around the circular drive at the back preK entrance. You will just drop your kids off and

pick them up without having to leave your car. You can then park in the back & go to the Resource room if you like. Hopefully, this will be much more convenient for you.  
 I encourage you all to attend the Science Night (info under field trips) & the Open House Thursday, Oct. 27 from 7-9 p.m. We will have 2 sessions: 7-8 and 8-9 beginning in the Multipurpose room. Families can participate in science night then come to open house & vice versa. I'm excited to be back all in one building.

## Salvation Army—Chance to Serve

**Friday, December 9 from 9:30—11:30 a.m. all IS students and families are invited to meet at the Salvation Army** for our annual Service Project. Over the years, the Salvation Army has come to rely on us to clean, count money, organize foot products, check expiration dates, fill Christmas order, etc. If you're

ever participated before, you know this is a busy couple of hours with everyone assigned a specific task to complete. Come dressed ready to work; I encourage you to wear warm clothing because it does get cold in the warehouse where some will be.  
 Instead of staying for a pizza party

as in year's past, we will plan to leave by 11:30 since our IS Christmas production is that evening at Grace Fellowship. This might be a good opportunity to go to Pizza Hut and use those coupons for those of you participating this year.



*Guard your blossoms, protect them, and in time they will produce a pleasing crop*



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 but as for me and my house,  
 we will serve the Lord."*

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## Box Tops

### Fall Deadline is October 27!

There is no easier way to earn money for MCS than by collecting and turning in Box Tops. This year the top supporters will be rewarded. To make it easier this year, your student was given a sheet that you can attach the box tops to and send it in to your child's teacher. Make sure you put your child's name and grade on the bottom of the sheet. The contest will run from now until Friday, October 27. For every sheet your child turns in, they get their name in a hat for prizes. At the end of the contest, 6 names will be drawn for their choice of prizes. If you have questions contact Jen Stephan at 419-589-0013 or [jenlstephan@aol.com](mailto:jenlstephan@aol.com)

This is an easy way for you to help us at MCS. You'd be surprised where you'll find box tops!



## Musical Opportunities

**We are blessed to have Mrs. Tamira Barnes teach piano right here in the MCS elementary. This is for your convenience.**

**Cost is \$50/month, which is \$12.50/less. Lessons are a half hour once each week.**

**If you're interested, call Tamira at 419-631-6828**

Auditions are coming up October 4 & 5 for The Best Christmas Pageant Ever @ the Mansfield Playhouse ... with performances in December... This is a wonderful opportunity for students to use their acting and singing talents in the community.