

MIS Heart of Gold Auction and Dinner

Each year, the Parents/Teachers Club for MIS sponsors the MIS Heart of Gold Auction and Dinner to help fund the programs and activities at the school that are not covered by tuition, such as the Music, Arts and Athletic Programs.

This year's auction will be held on Saturday, February 12th at the Westin Galleria Hotel. Our honorary chairpersons for the evening is longtime Mary Immaculate parishioners, Eddie and Mary Eason.

Our theme this year is "All You Need is Love." John Lennon was fascinated by the power of slogans to unite our world and so it was the hope of the Beatles that the song by this name would provide the world a strong message to connect. Similarly, at our Heart of Gold Auction, our school community comes together and unites for a common cause — to raise funds so that we may continue to support our children as they grow in their knowledge and faith in a loving and caring environment.

To attend the auction or for more information regarding the event, please contact the school office at 214-783-2476 or visit our auction website at www.misauction.org. We'd love to have you join us for the delicious four course meal and entertainment, as well as for the live and silent auctions!

No cowboy was ever faster on the draw than a grandparent pulling a baby picture out of a wallet.

— Author Unknown

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With love from the students of
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Grandchildren: the only people who can get more out of you than the IRS.

— Gene Perret

Important School Dates:

1/7/2011 5B Mass
1/8/2011 Auction Gift-Gathering Party
1/14/2011 4B Mass
1/16/2011 Childrens Mass at St Ann's Church
1/21/2011 3B Mass
1/28/2011 MIDs BBQ Suppers
1/29/2011 CSW: MIS Alumni Mass
2/4/2011 CSW: Grandparent's Day
2/4/2011 5A Mass
2/11/2011 4A Mass
2/12/2011 Heart of Gold Auction
2/18/2011 5B Mass
2/25/2011 3A Mass
3/4/2011 4B Mass
3/5/2011 Family Bingo Night
3/11/2011 1st grade Mass
3/18/2011 Spring Break
3/25/2011 6A Mass
4/8/2011 5A Mass
4/15/2011 4B Mass
4/22/2011 Good Friday Holiday
4/29/2011 Kindergarten Mass
4/30/2011 First Communion
5/6/2011 3rd grade Mass
5/13/2011 2nd grade Mass
5/20/2011 8th grade Graduation Mass
5/20/2011 Graduation at 6pm
5/27/2011 Last day of school

More information on many of these events can be found at www.mischool.org.

Encouraging Your Grandchildren in their Faith

by Erin Gleim, MIS Class of 2006

Anne and Joachim are never mentioned in the bible, but the importance of grandparents is highlighted within the Catholic faith by discussing them as a significant influence on both Mary and Jesus' upbringing and formation.

Your grandchildren need your influence in their lives to strengthen in today's world, so look for opportunities to participate in their spiritual formation. Some suggestions:

- Have a prayer routine in the morning, at meals and before bed when they come to visit you.
- Accompany your grandchildren to Mass on Sundays, or attend the Friday morning services at their school.
- Discover what your grandchildren are learning in their theology classes and discuss it with them.
- Take them to Reconciliation on Wednesday nights and talk to them about the importance of regular, meaningful Confession.
- Participate with your grandchildren in one of the many service projects supported by the church and school, such as work with St. Vincent de Paul, AIDS Services of Dallas, White Rose and Soles for Souls. Then talk to them about why they helped and how they felt helping.

Your grandchildren look to you to serve as a model of faith and service for them. So look to Anne and Joachim as your own role models, and become an active part of your grandchildren's spiritual development.



Faith Formation at MIS

At Mary Immaculate School, we seek to nurture the spiritual and emotional development of our students by providing a strong foundation in the Catholic faith and invite you to participate as well in their faith formation.

Each school day begins with prayer, and Christian values are woven throughout the curriculum. MIS uses the *Faith First* program in daily religion classes to introduce and reinforce the timeless truths of our Catholic faith—doctrine, Scripture, and the liturgical year — every year on every grade level to provide a transformative catechesis encouraging the integration of faith and life. The religion curriculum also includes a web-based component, which grandparents can access to enhance their grandchild's faith formation (www.faithfirst.com.) Sacramental preparation is an integrated part of the curriculum, with a focus on First Communion and Reconciliation in the second grade and Confirmation in eighth grade.

School masses are celebrated every Friday morning with students participating as greeters, lectors, altar servers, and choir and band members. These faith celebrations give students the opportunity to extend classroom learning and come together as a Catholic community. Grandparents are encouraged to attend and are also invited to other prayer services during the school year, which include praying the rosary, Stations of the Cross, May Crowning and Reconciliation.

Grandparents Sue Colley, Mary Kay Ricker, and Miller Ricker (pictured here from right to left, along with MIS dads Bob Tibbits and Mondo Salinas) attend an MIS basketball game to watch their grandchildren play.



Community service is an additional way that our students work to incorporate their faith in their daily life, and is also an integral part of the religion curriculum. In addition to various classroom projects such as letters to our military or book collections for local hospitals, school-wide service projects are implemented on a monthly basis. These student-led service opportunities not only build a strong sense of community, but also develop self-esteem, leadership skills, sensitivity to cultural and economic differences, and an enhanced social awareness. Ask your grandchildren what service projects they are involved in and use the opportunity to discuss your own community service experiences.

Positive role models are also important at MIS. Faculty members mentor students and focus on developing their positive self-image and interpersonal skills, plus help students take ownership for achieving academic success and making responsible choices. Older students are paired with younger prayer partners to inspire both partners in their spiritual growth. Seminarians going through their pastoral training year at our parish visit the classrooms and will often assist in teaching the junior high Confirmation classes. Grandparents can be active role models on campus by volunteering for one of many opportunities available including greeter desk, coaching, and librarian aide. More information on volunteer opportunities can be obtained at www.mischool.org/pages/Volunteer_Opportunities.

How to Stand Out in Today's High Tech World

by Tina Pelky, current MIS parent

Cell phones, e-mail, Facebook, texting...things have really changed for the youth of today. They have the world's plethora of information at their fingertips, and being in touch now means sending or receiving a text or email that can be sent or received in a matter of seconds.

That is all the more reason to "stand out" and add a different dimension to a young person's life. Because even with the onslaught of electronic images and communication children are exposed to daily, the pleasure of a more personal touch has not lost its pizzazz. It's difficult to imagine a child or teenager who would not be thrilled to receive a letter, card, or package via the good 'ol fashioned U.S. Mail!

So, as a grandparent it is more important today than ever before to provide your grandchildren with this wonderful opportunity to slow down for a moment, and indulge in a few minutes of a special interaction only you can

Quality Education: An MIS Tradition

For the past 50 years, Mary Immaculate School has been providing an exceptional educational experience for our young people. Doing so takes considerable resources, and we strive to continue our tradition of quality Catholic education while keeping tuition accessible and affordable to all. Our school has grown and flourished through the years...not through tuition, but through generosity. Vision, our school's annual giving program, provides the financial support needed to address challenges such as technology expansion, subsidizing of special programs (i.e., PE, music and the arts), and emergency

provide. There are many options available to you...starting with just a simple card all the way to a small package with a special surprise.

These are great opportunities to pass on some of your special spiritual thoughts or beliefs. And tailoring your message to be age appropriate will make it that much more meaningful. From a simple prayer you used to pray as a child sent to your 6 - 8 year old grandchild, to a short letter sharing a special experience that helped you grow spiritually to your teenage grandchild, the ideas are really endless.

Carve out your own special means of sharing and staying in close touch with your grandchildren, whether you live close by or far away. Put it on your calendar, make it a routine, and send that special something to your grandchild today and often!

tuition assistance. Through Vision's endowment fund, we are able to provide start up funds for large projects—most recently, purchasing interactive white boards for the classrooms and a new phone system with expanded intercom capabilities. In short, Vision ensures a future of quality Catholic education at MIS. We would like to invite you to express your faith and belief in Catholic education with a gift to the 2010-2011 Vision Annual Giving Program. Together we can continue the tradition of generosity and the tradition of quality education at Mary Immaculate School.



Mary Immaculate School Annual Giving Campaign

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Please check all that apply:

- Current MIS Parent Current MIS Grandparent
 Alumnus, Class of _____ Faculty/Staff
 Alumni Parent (Please list children and class years) _____
 Other _____

Count on my tax deductible support for MIS for the year 20____
to be fulfilled by the last day of the school year.

Total Gift Pledged \$ _____ Amount Paid Now \$ _____

Payment: Pay online at www.mischool.org/pages/Vision_Giving
 Check Enclosed Visa MasterCard Discover

Note that the school must pay a processing fee on credit cards.

Credit Card Acct # _____ Expiration Date _____

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My credit card should be billed: Monthly Quarterly Yearly

My company, _____, will match my gift.

Phone # _____ Website _____

I am interested in receiving information about bequests/wills.

In lieu of a monetary gift at this time, I pledge this gift of prayer:
Once a week, I will pray a special prayer intention for MIS by
_____attending an extra mass _____praying the rosary _____attending Adoration.