



THE PYRAMID

MONTESSORI SCHOOL OF N. HOFFMAN & LOTUS MONTESSORI
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**MARK YOUR CALENDARS!
FOR THE SCHOOL GALA ON SATURDAY, JANUARY 27TH**



The annual school gala will be held Saturday, January 27th at Stonegate in Hoffman Estates. The gala is an adult-only celebration. The ticket price includes hors d'oeuvres, a formal sit-down dinner, open bar, and music and dancing. Tickets purchased before December 15th will be \$85 per person. After December 15th, tickets will be \$100 per person. A large selection of auction items will be available at the gala for bidding. This is a great opportunity to get a lot of wonderful items at a very good price.

The gala committee is currently soliciting donations of goods and services for the auction. If you own your own business, please consider donating goods or services for the school's auction. Because the school is a not-for-profit organization, all donations are tax deductible. Also, if you have restaurants or other businesses that you frequent, please consider asking them to donate something for the school as well. All donations are greatly appreciated and no donation is too small. Smaller items can always be combined into a basket for the auction. Donations may be left in the school office and donation receipts are available.

Advertising space will also be available in the gala program. If you are interested in purchasing advertising space, please contact Nicki Douros at ndouros@comcast.net or at (847) 962-7090.



ADOPT-A-FAMILY PROGRAM

The School has adopted 5 economically disadvantaged families from the community this year. We ask everyone to volunteer to purchase a few presents for these needy families. Wish lists will be posted at the school. When you take a tag, please sign the sign-out sheet for that gift so that we can keep track of who is purchasing what for each family. A few guidelines to keep in mind:

- Please include a gift receipt for any clothing item whenever possible as sizes can be hard to gauge.
- All gifts need to be returned to the school wrapped. They must be labeled with the family member's name and their family number. This enables us to sort presents by family and to ensure that all presents have been purchased prior to delivery.
- If you volunteer to purchase a gift and then are unable to do so for any reason, please return the tag to the school so that someone else may purchase the gift.
- All gifts must be returned to the school by Wednesday, November 29th.

A LITTLE HELP WITH YOUR HOLIDAY SHOPPING

Want to show your appreciation for the outstanding teachers and staff who make a difference in your child's life but not sure what your child's teacher would really like? Well, we sent a little bird (and a few fish, guinea pigs, turtles, and even Coz the dog) to discover a few of our teachers' favorite things. Certificates for all of the retailers listed below are available through the school Scrip program. Additional Scrip order dates have been added for the holiday season (refer to the Scrip calendar included in this newsletter for more details). Purchasing Scrip gift certificates for all of your holiday needs is an easy way to shop. You can earn a tuition credit, support the school, and show your appreciation for the faculty and staff at Lotus and MSNH all at the same time!

Name	Favorite Places
Mrs. Shiva Ahanchi	Express, Gap/Banana Republic/Old Navy, Limited, Lord & Taylor, Macy's, TJ Maxx/Marshall's, Pier 1
Mrs. Fakhra Ali	Eddie Bauer, Lord & Taylor, Macy's, Red Lobster, TJ Maxx/Marshall's, AMC Theaters, Crate & Barrel
Mrs. Zahida Tofiq Bahrainwala	Express, Talbot's, JCPenney, Macy's, Chili's/Maggiano's, Crate & Barrel, Williams-Sonoma
Mrs. Zenaida Bansil	JCPenney, Macy's, Cheesecake Factory, Panera, TJ Maxx/Marshall's, Best Buy, Pier 1, Home Depot
Mrs. Lana Bezugla	Eddie Bauer, Gap/Banana Republic/Old Navy, The Children's Place, JCPenney, Old Country Buffet, Outback/Bonefish, TJ Maxx/Marshall's
Ms. Sabita Bhaumik	Express, Gap/Banana Republic/Old Navy, Macy's, Max & Erma's, Red Lobster, Staples, AMC Theaters, Barnes & Noble, Waldenbooks, Bath & Body Works
Mrs. Krystyna Gajek	Eddie Bauer, Gap/Banana Republic/Old Navy, JCPenney, Kohl's, Sears, Starbucks, TJ Maxx/Marshall's
Mrs. Cora Cueco	JCPenney, Old Country Buffet, Jewel/Osco
Mrs. Saba Haider	TJ Maxx/Marshall's, Barnes & Noble, Bath & Body Works, Crate & Barrel, Williams-Sonoma, Waldenbooks/Borders, Kohl's, JCPenney
Mrs. Shelley Haskins	JCPenney, Kohl's, TGIFridays, TJ Maxx/Marshall's, Blockbuster, Home Depot
Mrs. Veronica Henderson	TJ Maxx/Marshall's, BP Gas, Exxon/Mobil, Marathon, Shell, AMC Theaters, Barnes & Noble, Bath & Body Works, Walgreens
Mrs. Anees Ishrati	JCPenney, Kohl's, TJ Maxx/Marshall's
Mrs. Reta Kunz-Jankowski	Macy's, Chili's/Corner Bakery/Macaroni Grill, Chipotle, Panera, Starbucks, TJ Maxx/Marshall's, Staples, Waldenbooks, Dick's Sporting Goods
Miss Kim Kosloff	Express, Finish Line, JCPenney, Kohl's, Lord & Taylor, Macy's, Shell, Best Buy
Miss Sherri Kosloff	American Eagle Outfitters, Foot Locker, Sears, Shell, Best Buy, Bath & Body Works
Mrs. Ararti Mishra	Carson Pirie Scott, JCPenney, Kohl's, Burger King, TJ Maxx/Marshall's, Best Buy, Barnes & Noble, Bed Bath & Beyond, Linens 'N Things, Home Depot, Walgreens
Miss Sara Motlagh	Dick's Sporting Goods, TJ Maxx/Marshall's, TGIFridays
Dr. Molood Naghibzadeh	Gap/Banana Republic/Old Navy, Starbucks, TJ Maxx/Marshall's, Crate & Barrel

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Mrs. Lakshmi Nookola	Land's End, Payless Shoes, Sears, Kmart, Exxon/Mobil, Staples, Bed Bath & Beyond, Crate & Barrel, Pier 1, Walgreens
Mrs. Mali Safari	JCPenney, Kohl's, Lord & Taylor, Macy's, TJ Maxx/Marshall's, Linens 'N Things
Mrs. Vahideh Safari	JCPenney, Sears
Mrs. Bridget Scales	Barnes & Noble/B. Dalton, Waldenbooks/Borders, Bed Bath & Beyond, Linens 'N Things, Bath & Body Works, JoAnn Fabrics
Mrs. Nafees Shareef	Marathon, Macy's
Mrs. Corinne Sher	JCPenney, Kohl's, Lou Malnati's, Max & Erma's, Toys 'R Us
Mrs. Mersedeh Talebnia	Gap, Starbucks, Barnes & Noble, TJ Maxx/Marshall's, Chipotle, Crate & Barrel
Ms. Maria Varbanov	Starbucks, Bath & Body Works
Ms. Robin Veitch	JCPenney, TJ Maxx/Marshall's, Build-A-Bear Workshop
Mrs. Sanije Veseli	JCPenney, Sears
Mrs. Sushmita Vohra	Gap/Banana Republic/Old Navy, JCPenney, Chipotle, Starbuck's, TJ Maxx/Marshall's
Mr. David Wiskowski	Brooks Brothers, Ruby Tuesday's, Home Depot, Lowe's, Amazon.com

HAVEN'T TRIED OUT SCRIP YET? NOW'S THE PERFECT TIME!

Still not sure what the Scrip program is? Know what it is but haven't participated yet? Now is the perfect time to start! What exactly is the Scrip program? The Scrip program is a fundraising program for the school. You purchase gift certificates from the local retailers through the school and the school earns a commission on your purchases. Then, at the end of the year, you receive a tuition credit for 40% of the amount the school earned on your purchased during the year. It's that easy. You can order as often or as infrequently as you want. It costs you nothing to participate. It is a simple, easy way to earn money for the school and earn a nice little tuition credit. Why not start today? You can purchase gift certificates for all of your holiday shopping.

Don't forget to recognize all of the individuals who make your life a little easier throughout the year...

- Your nanny and/or babysitters
- Your barber/hairstylist
- Your housekeeper
- Your postal carrier and package delivery person
- Your garbage collectors
- Your newspaper delivery person
- Your lawn service personnel
- Your personal trainer
- And most of all, the outstanding staff at MSNH and Lotus Montessori!

SCRIP HOLIDAY ORDER SCHEDULE

To help you better plan your holiday shopping, additional Scrip orders will be taken from November through the end of December. Please be advised that our Scrip provider sometimes runs out of certificates during the holiday season. Place your orders early to ensure delivery for the holidays.

Place Orders By 4PM on:	Pick Up Order by:
Thursday, November 9	Friday, November 17
Wednesday, November 15	Wednesday, November 22
Wednesday, November 22	Friday, December 1
Friday, December 1	Friday, December 8
Friday, December 8	Friday, December 15