

Mantua PTA Alert News for December 16, 2008

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1. Be ready for Spirit Day next Tuesday, December 23rd: Show your school spirit and wear Mantua colors—red and white!

2. The Mantua Online Auction is Coming to Town!

Donations due by Friday, December 19, 2008!

Please help us make this auction a success with your donation(s). It is very easy to donate online by going to the Mantua PTA website at <http://www.mantuapta.org/makedonation.html>. If everyone donates one item, our auction will be a great success! Every family receives a raffle ticket for each donation they make (limit 3 tickets per family) to be entered into the drawing to win a Nintendo DS!

Here’s an idea:

think about what you would want to bid on, and then donate that item or service to the auction!

This is our largest fundraiser of the year and the funds will be used to enrich and improve our children's programs at Mantua. The funds will be used for field trips, teaching materials, and other items that may have been eliminated by budget cuts.

Please turn in your donation form or go online to donate today

3. IT'S NOT TOO LATE!!

The PTA Student Directory is now being distributed to all families with a paid PTA membership. With your support, the PTA has funded and contributed funds for field trips, classroom libraries, teacher training, computers, software, library resources, musical instruments, stage sound equipment, and cultural/education assemblies. The PTA also sponsors the Basketball program, Book Fair, Spring Carnival, Drama Club, before and after school Foreign and Sign Language programs, Fine Arts Festival and Volunteer Programs. If you'd like to join the PTA (and get a great directory!) please fill out the form found in your Tuesday folder or contact Shannon Murphy at shannon.murphy29@verizon.net with any questions.

4. During the Winter Break, 12/23/2008-1/2/2009, the Mantua Office will be closed. It will reopen on January 5, 2009 at 8:00 a.m.

5. Drama Club Wizard of Oz DVDs Available!

The PTA will also be selling DVDs of The Wizard of Oz starting Dec. 12th for \$10. We will not be selling CDs or VHS versions at this point. Please send your checks to the front office if you want a copy and make the check out to the Mantua PTA.

6. Yearbook News for Parents

Get your pictures in the yearbook! The Yearbook Staff invites students and parents to submit photos for the yearbook. If you've got great photos of school and community events or you and your friends just having fun, we'd like to see them. Our photographers can't be everywhere. Help us get as many photos as possible to create a terrific book everyone will want to have.

Here is how you can submit photos online:

- Go to: <https://images.jostens.com>
- If it does not automatically log you into the site, enter username:1198225 and password:candids08

- Browse to select the photo(s) you wish to upload.
- Enter information about the photo and provide contact information in case the staff needs additional information.
- Click "Save Details".

It's that easy! We have a few suggestions we ask before you upload your photos.

Choose the 10-15 best photos per event.

Look for ones that have more than one child in them, that are clear, that have a variety of students

Thank you, and enjoy the rest of the school year!

If you have any questions, email jdunfee4@yahoo.com.

7. Order your Yearbook today ... the price will increase 12/23

Mantua 2008-2009 Yearbook orders are now being accepted ONLINE! A limited number will be printed – to guarantee your copy please place an order today at www.jostensyearbooks.com. The 2008-2009 yearbook is now only \$17.00, and is payable by Visa, MasterCard, American Express and Discover. Prices go up on 12/23 to \$22.00.

For more information, contact Maureen Pass, 703 385 1004 or email: moepass@cox.net

8. Start Thinking about Talent Show!

Ah tis the season to be jolly as visions of sugar plums, presents, holiday sheer and the SHARE TO CARE TALENT SHOW dance through your head! That's right! Talent Show time is almost here! The Share to Care Talent Show benefiting the Community Care Fund will take place on Saturday, January 31st and we need your talented kids to come out and audition! We also need parent volunteers. Please start thinking about how you can be a part of this event.

Audition requests to all students will go out in the Tuesday folders or may be downloaded online from the Mantua PTA website starting December 16th. Audition forms must be turned in to the PTA mailbox no later

than Wednesday, January 7th in order to schedule auditions for each act! All interested students may audition on January 12th, 13th or 14th. Audition schedules will be emailed to you by Friday, January 9th. Parents, we need your help to ensure our Talent Show is a success!! If you have any questions about the Talent Show or

would like to volunteer, please contact Jeri Gloege at jeri.gloege@gmail.com or Teresa LeMair at Teresalemair@aol.com.

9. Winter Break Drama Camp at Fairfax High School

Give your child the gift of creativity this holiday season! Fairfax High School Theatre Department is offering a 3-day winter break Drama Camp for grades 1-8, Monday through Wednesday, Dec 29-31, 9 a.m.-4 p.m. at Fairfax High School, 3501, Rebel Run, Fairfax VA.

Campers may sign up for mornings or afternoon sessions (\$75 for 3 half-day sessions) or both sessions (\$165 for the full 3-day camp.). Newly added activities include musical theatre and puppetry. See www.fxplayers.org for more information and a registration form, or call 703/818-0926.

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