



MCLEAN HIGH SCHOOL CREW CLUB

Weekly News, December 1, 2009

Dates to Note:

December 8: General Meeting, 7:30, MHS Cafeteria

December 12: Holiday Bazaar, 9AM – 3PM, MHS

LEAF RAKING FUNDRAISER

OUR LEAF RAKING FUNDRAISER WAS INCREDIBLY SUCCESSFUL! WE RAISED MORE THAN \$8,250, WELL OVER OUR GOAL OF \$7,500!!! THANKS TO SELENA AND VIVEK, OUR CHAIRPERSONS, AND ESPECIALLY TO ALL OF THE ROWERS AND PARENTS WHO CAME OUT TO HELP! HAVING SO MANY PEOPLE WORKING MADE ALL OUR JOBS GO QUICKLY AND EFFICIENTLY! WE'VE HAD SOME VERY NICE FEEDBACK FROM CUSTOMERS ABOUT OUR CREWS, ESPECIALLY THE WORK ETHIC OF OUR KIDS - GOOD JOB EVERYONE!!!



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Holiday Gift Cards

Thinking of giving gift cards for the holidays?...Or of using them to purchase gifts? The crew club earns from 4 to 15 % on gift cards (You pay the face value of the cards— for example you pay \$100 for a \$100 card—AND you earn 4 points per \$100 purchased.) We will have a limited supply available at the meeting on December 8. Please consult the list at the Great Lakes Scrip website (www.glscrip.com) for particular stores, restaurants, etc. Some examples: AMC movie passes, iTunes, LLBean, American Eagle, Gap, Talbots, Sports Authority, Chipotle, Pier 1, and hundreds more! Many of them come in multiple denominations. Please let Kathy Oram at meadeoram@comcast.net know by noon Thursday, 12/3, if you'd like to order particular cards. She will be happy to deliver if you cannot make the meeting on the 8th.

HOLIDAY BAZAAR



On Saturday, December 12, MHS will be hosting its Holiday Bazaar from 9AM to 3PM. In past years, this was a day to pick up fruit orders, poinsettias, etc. from all of the different fundraisers. This year vendors have been invited to sell gift items with a percentage of profits going to either general boosters or a specific team. We have over 50 artisans and vendors participating already!

Two of our own crew parents will be included - Julie Bryan and her sister will be selling faux wreaths, amaryllis plants and bulbs, and hand-knit holiday baby hats, and Carol Sanders will be selling holiday table runners, tree skirts, mantel runners, placemat sets, wine gift bags, and travel shoe bags. Please be sure to visit them and help them earn some money for the team! (If anyone else from the team has signed up, please let me know and we will advertise for you too!)

The crew team will have a booth, selling our popular eco-friendly Highlander tote bags (which will probably be a good seller for people to use that day!). We will also be taking orders for a book written by a former boat-mate of our own Coach Bobby. It is called "Present Perfect" and it has hundreds of hints on, of course, perfect presents for people. As a gift giving pro, I was pleasantly surprised at how many new tips, along with specific websites, it contained. The book is \$15 and we will receive \$10 for every one we sell - nice profit margin! I will have a copy of the book and order forms at the December meeting.

The crew booth needs to be manned by either enthusiastic rowers or parents! Carol Sanders' booth will be located right next to it, so there will be an adult nearby if rowers wish to sell, sell, sell. The shifts are 9-11, 11-1 and 1-3. We need 2 people for each time slot. Please contact Carol Sanders at 703 847 9409 or mncsanders@verizon.net to sign up.

ERG-A-THON INSTRUCTIONS FOR ROWERS, COXSWAINS AND PARENTS

- 1. What is the Erg-a-thon?** The Ergathon is a fundraising event where rowers row a certain number of meters (in this case 10K (10,000 meters)) on erg (rowing) machines and are sponsored by members of the community and extended family.
 - 2. Why is the team holding an Ergathon?** To raise money and raise awareness about the McLean Crew Club. We are particularly interested this year in obtaining donations from friends and neighbors in the MHS community, extended family, and employers
 - 3. When and where is it?** Saturday January 16th, 9am – 5pm, at Books-A-Million, 1451 Chain Bridge Rd, McLean.
 - 4. What do I need to do?** Raise at least \$200 in contributions from extended family, friends, neighbors and employers in the MHS community. Hand in your packet with money collected before the event to Patty Freeman.
 - 5. When do I row?** Sign up with the coaches for an hour time slot between 9 – 5.
 - 6. What if I don't have time to raise the money?** We need all team members to participate. We depend on Ergathon funds as a major part of the team budget.
 - 7. What if I won't be in town on January 16th?** We still want you to raise \$200 and you should plan to row the 10K on another date.
 - 8. What should I say to a potential contributor?** The crew team represents MHS well; the team regularly wins awards at the state and national level. But, we are a club sport which means that we do not receive monetary support from the public school system.
 - 9. What do I get out of it?** You are part of a great team that has consistently been recognized in the school, the community, and in local media. In addition, we may have prizes for the rower(s) that has collected the most amount of money above the \$200 required. This will be determined by the coaches but one prize may include a “pass” for clean up duty at Camp Cooper.
 - 10. What do parents do?** Ensure sponsors are solicited and encourage their child to participate in the rowing event. Parent volunteers also are needed for supervision, food and drink support on the day of the Ergathon. Families should remember that dollars collected earn points toward total Crew Club fee obligations!
 - 11. Any questions?** Please call Patty Freeman at 703-534-4137 or email her at freempw@aol.com for questions and for scheduling conflicts. All money collected is to be handed in to Patty prior to the event.
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WAYS TO MAKE MONEY FOR THE CLUB AT NO EXTRA EXPENSE TO YOU!...

- **REGISTER YOUR SAFEWAY CARD AT ESCRIP.COM. IF YOU SIGN UP YOUR CREDIT CARDS AS WELL, YOU CAN MAKE MONEY FOR THE CLUB BY DINING AT RESTAURANTS, SHOPPING, ETC.**
 - **IF YOU HAVE AAA TRASH SERVICE, SIGN UP FOR THEIR RECYCLING PROGRAM - YOU EARN CREDITS/CASH FOR MCLEAN CREW BY RECYCLING**
 - **BUY SAFEWAY/GIANT/STARBUCKS GIFTCARDS AT THE MONTHLY MEETING.**
 - **GO TO THE HOLIDAY BAZAAR ON DECEMBER 12TH AT MCLEAN HIGH SCHOOL!**
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Use your RecycleBank points to support McLean Crew!

1. Can I help?

If you use AAA Trash and Recycling Service AND if you have been converted to the new recycling containers (large green rolling containers with bright blue lids) then you probably can!

2. How do I start?

If you have not done so already, log into the RecycleBank website, www.recyclebank.com and set up your account. Click on the box that says "ACTIVATE", and follow the simple three step process to activate your account and start earning points.

3. What if my account is already "ACTIVE"?

Then you are ahead of the game and do not need to do anything else to establish your account. In fact, you may have enough points accumulated that you can make a donation today!

4. How do I redeem points towards a donation to the Crew Club?

Redeeming points is pretty straightforward, but it does require that you take action. The points don't automatically get redeemed; you must choose to redeem them. Here is how you do it.... Simple and straightforward. It will take no time at all!

- Login to RecycleBank website: www.recyclebank.com

- Check your balance, and determine if you have enough points to redeem them as a donation to the Crew Club. (A \$10 donation to the club is = 1025 points).
- Click on the blue "Redeem Points" box in the bottom center of the screen to initiate the redemption.
- You can select McLean Crew from the alphabetical list of ALL REWARDS, under "M", or you can select it from the Donations section, Children and Education area.
- Select Quantity of rewards. One \$10 donation equals 1025 points; two \$10 donations equal 2050 points, etc... And then select the shopping cart icon to add it to your basket.
- View your shopping cart and click on the CHECKOUT button to complete your donation. You will receive an e-mail confirming your donation.

5. Is that it? Is there more I have to do?

That is all you have to do! The funds are then electronically deposited in the Crew Club's bank account. Remember to periodically go into RecycleBank and redeem your points for a donation to the Crew Club. Look for reminders on the website, and in the weekly newsletter.

6. Who can I contact from the Crew Club if I have questions?

Contact Julie Bryan via e-mail at julie.bryan3@verizon.net

Thanks to everyone who provided input for this newsletter. Please contact me at ptapscott@mathematica-mpr.com or at (571) 243-2663 if you have information for next Monday's newsletter.