

Create in me a
clean heart, O God;
And renew a right
spirit within me.

Psalm 51:10

February 21, 2017

Dear Madeleine Parents,

The weeks from the Epiphany to the Tuesday before Ash Wednesday are called Carnival. Carnival means “good-bye to meat” in Latin. In many cities, like New Orleans, there are parades, parties, special foods, and colorful costumes. Carnival ends with Mardi Gras. Marti Gras is a French word meaning “Fat Tuesday”. This will be the last day of eating rich food and partying before we begin the ritual of fasting for the season of Lent. During the season of Lent, we put aside our old ways and turn our lives toward a time of repentance, penance, and simplicity. Lent encourages us to grow closer to God and to think about what the Gospel means to us. It is an opportunity to reflect how well we are living up to God’s law of love!

There are five important feast days and celebrations during the month of **March**: **Ash Wednesday** on March 1; **Saint Katherine Drexel** on March 3; **Saint Patrick** on March 17; **Saint Joseph, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary** on March 20; and **the Annunciation of the Lord** on March 25.

LENT BEGINS

Ash Wednesday is on **March 1** and begins the **liturgical season of Lent**. The student body will attend a special school liturgy on this day to receive ashes. Lent is a special time for individuals to renew their relationship with God and deepen their faith. It is a time of change and growth—it provides us with an opportunity to look over our lives and see where we can improve. Lent invites us to do penance, make sacrifices, do good works, give alms, pray, reflect, and meditate! **Most of all, Lent is a journey of love**. Students are encouraged to participate each day in our parish morning liturgy that begins at 7:45 a.m. In addition, **each grade level** will be assigned a special day of the week when they are invited to attend Mass as a class. Students will not be marked tardy if they attend morning Mass.

CHANGES FOR NEXT YEAR

School of the Madeleine will be using the **SMART Tuition** (management system) for the 2017-2018 school year. All tuition will be paid through this company. Most Catholic schools are already on a management system, but I have personally tried to avoid it because of the cost to each family to set up an account. However, the new mandated requirement from the Diocese of San Diego requires each school to be on a tuition management system! There will be a \$50.00 charge to set up a family account. More information will be coming out concerning these changes.

In addition, the San Diego Diocese has mandated that there will be an assessment of \$25.00 per student at each Catholic school. This assessment will help pay for the expenses for services provided to these schools. Unfortunately, we need to add \$25.00 onto the student fees for the 2017-2018 school year. Please see the attached letter from the Diocese of San Diego.

JOG-A-THON RESULTS

We want to thank all parents and students who participated in our **jog-a-thon** on February 9. At this point in time, the net profit from this PSA fundraiser is approximately \$29,000 gross. All prizes still need to be paid from this amount. Money earned from this event goes to support such items as teachers' aides for the classroom, technology upgrades, recess equipment, student awards, library material, and maintenance. We thank **Brenda Walker, Andrea Ausland**, and their **volunteers** for their dedication and hard work! A big thanks goes to all our students who participated in this event. A BIG thanks goes to our jog-a-thon sponsors:

Sardina's	Stehly Farms	Oceanfront Dental Care
Ride On Espresso	Mission Bay Automotive	Procopio
Monica Hickey, Art + Design Studio		DJ Leeds
Patenaude Wealth Management, Inc.		The Global Thread

VALENTINE CANDY GRAMS

Our Student Council sold **765 boxes** of hearts for Saint Valentine's Day. The **net proceeds were \$619.00**. The money will be sent to **Shaping Bright Futures** to help build a school in South Sudan, the homeland of a group of refugees fleeing civil war that came to be called The Lost Boys of Sudan. Thank you, Student Council, for your dedication and service!

SCIENCE FAIR WINNERS

Included in this newsletter is a list of junior high students who were recognized for their outstanding projects at our school-wide science fair. We congratulate these students for working so hard on their science fair projects! There are **3 students** who will be going to the **Greater San Diego Science and Engineering Fair** this year. These junior high students are: **Alex Boren, Brenna French, and J.D. Watson**. It is a great honor to compete in this citywide competition as only the best projects go on. The **Greater San Diego Science and Engineering Fair** is held at the Balboa Park Activities Center and will be open to the public on **March 26 through March 29**. There is a list of Science Fair winners from School of the Madeleine Science Fair in this newsletter.

CHRISTIAN LIVING AWARDS

We want to congratulate the **students who received the Christian Living awards**. This award was given to two students from kindergarten through eighth grades. These awards were presented to the students on Tuesday of Catholic Schools Week in front of the student body. **Please see the list in our newsletter of the students who were the recipients of the Christian Living award.**

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS FREE THROW CONTEST WINNERS

Students in kindergarten through eighth grades participated in the **Knights of Columbus** free throw contest at School of the Madeleine. The winners in each category are listed further on in this newsletter. We congratulate these students.

PSA FUNDRAISING COMMITMENT REMINDER

Our **main event will take place on Saturday, March 11**. See the next paragraph for more information! This is the largest of all of our fundraising efforts and provides you with many opportunities to fulfill your PSA financial commitment. Your purchase of tickets to attend the event (25% of cost) or winning an on-line/live/silent auction package (50% of the cost) receives credit toward your PSA obligations. Please see your tuition contract for details.

ON-LINE AUCTION

Included in the main event is an on-line auction. The auction started on *Saturday, February 18 at 10:00 a.m.* and will run through *Sunday, February 26 at 8:00 p.m.* Every Madeleine family will have the opportunity to login on the on-line auction, as well as forwarding the link to all family and friends. Details and login instructions were emailed to all families last Friday. Please stay alert and watch for any emails from ***Bidding For Good***. I encourage all families to login and browse our on-line auction! Thank you, ***Shauna Brown and Gina Petty***, for your wonderful work with the on-line auction.

OUR MAIN EVENT

Our largest fundraiser, **The Diamond Jubilee**, will take place next month on *Saturday, March 11* at the Manchester Grand Hyatt. The main event is an opportunity to build community, socialize with other parents, and raise funds to add new programs or to enhance what we have already. If you are still interested in attending this main event, the hotel has graciously extended our deadline and we have 20 more seats available. Thank you again to our wonderful and incredible chairs: ***Shauna Brown and Gina Petty***.

Again, this year, you will have an opportunity to purchase a photo of your child(ren). **Angela Levy** has been taking professional photographs of your child(ren). Thank you again, Angela, for your time and energy! Included in the night's agenda will be a live auction. This main event will also feature classroom art treasures.

However, the most important aspect about our main event is that it is a **fun-filled event that gives us an opportunity to build community**. This fundraiser is important because everyone can contribute to its success. Families can attend the event, purchase on-line auction items, donate to class baskets, donate wine, or purchase gift cards.

CELL PHONE POLICY

Please remember that **no child should use or have their cell phone on them during the school day**. All cell phones must be turned off and left in the student's backpack. After school, cell phones cannot be used or answered until 3:00 p.m. After 3:00 p.m., if a student needs to use their cell phone, they may do so with the permission of the teacher on duty. Texting and taking photos are never allowed on campus. **Cell phones are never allowed out at junior high dances**. They must remain in their backpacks. They will be confiscated if they are in sight and parents will have to pick them up on Monday!

SAFETY IN THE PARKING LOT

Our church parking lot is very busy with traffic at **2:45 p.m.** It is important that we all work diligently together to make it a safe place for our children. Parents who have small children should walk down to the convent area to pick up their child(ren) and walk them to their car. Keep in mind that parents backing out of parking spaces cannot see small children. Again, I ask that you **do not use cell phones** in the parking lot! **Parents and students should always use the designated pedestrian walkways between the parked cars and always follow the directions of the teachers on duty.**

SAFETY AND THE SCHOOL GATE

Please remember that you are to immediately report to the school office after you are buzzed onto the school property. In addition, please do **not allow any other individuals onto the property with you**. This will insure the safety of all our Madeleine community!

REQUIREMENTS FOR THE ADVANCED MATH PROGRAM

We are very fortunate to be able to offer an advanced math program for our students in fifth through eighth grades. This program is totally free to our families and enables our gifted math students to work beyond their current grade level. The requirements to enter this program are listed below. However, students who do not enter the program starting in fifth grade can test into the advanced math program in later grades.

To enter program:

1. The student's math grades must be mostly "A's" (90%-100%). No math grade can be below a "B" (83%).
2. Renaissance STAR testing – The student will be evaluated based on a variety of math scores from this test.
3. The student must have an average of "Very Good" (VG) in Responsible Behavior grades on the present report card.
4. The student must complete and master the appropriate level class during the summer through an on-line program or alternative math workbook completion.
5. The student must pass a mastery math test with an 85% or higher given at the beginning of the next school year.
6. The student must maintain academic success in all subjects.

To continue in program:

1. The student must maintain an 83% grade on course work.
2. The student must have a 100% completion of all assignments given.
3. The student needs to maintain a VG or better behavior grade.
4. Parents and student must be aware that homework is given on weekends to maintain the needed pace to cover all educational concepts.
5. The student will be placed on academic probation when grade falls below 83%.
6. The student will have one quarter (report card to report card) to bring up deficiencies.

Opting out of the program:

1. If a student opts out of the program, they will not be allowed to enter at a later date.

IMMUNIZATION REQUIREMENTS

All students **entering grade seven** are required to have a **Tdap booster immunization**.

The proof of this booster **must be given to our school office by Monday, May 1**.

This is a county health regulation (AB 354). No child may start the first day of school without the **Tdap booster immunization record on file**. Thank you for your cooperation!

HELP NEEDED

There is a small pine tree on the hill next to the library that needs to be taken down for safety reasons. The tree would not be difficult to cut down and dispose of in our school's trash bins. If someone could do that for me, I would greatly appreciate it. Furthermore, because of the rain, there are many weeds starting to bloom. If there is an individual or group who would be able to help out with the weeding, please contact me. You may earn service points for either task.

PRAYERS REQUESTED

Please pray for **Bishop Chavez** who is recuperating from surgery.

Yours in Christ,

Donna 

Donna Wittouck

OUR THANKS TO:

PSA Hospitality—for bringing the delicious food for our teacher appreciation luncheon during Catholic Schools Week.

Fourth Grade – for bringing the food and beautiful centerpieces for the first Friday in February.

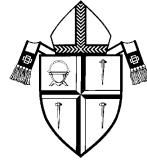
The Wickstrand Family—for organizing the Father-Daughter dance.

Sandy Phillips—for donating audiotapes to our library. Sandy is a graduate from Madeleine.

Kim Musick—for bringing in an Outback Steakhouse luncheon for our office staff and teachers.

Yvonne Oden—for donating 2 new extraordinary high-power microscopes for our science lab. These microscopes were given to her from the Biosurplus Company to enhance student learning by enabling them to visualize more detail.

Diocese of San Diego



Office for Schools

February 2017

Dear Catholic School Parents,

First and foremost, thank you for the sacrifices you make to enroll your child in Catholic school. We know for many families this isn't easy, and we are truly humbled by the trust you have placed in us and by the commitment that we share to offer your daughter or son a quality academic, moral and religious education.

As part of that commitment, Bishop McElroy commissioned a special Task Force for Schools last year to propose ways we could improve the quality of our schools and to help make them an even more attractive option for families than they are now.

Two of their recommendations have been approved.

The first recommendation moving forward is to work with parishes without schools in creating ways for these parishes to make concrete financial contributions to Catholic education. These funds would be used for tuition assistance and other forms of direct support that reflect the benefit our entire Catholic community receives from the vitality and participation of Catholic school students in the life of the Church.

The second is a new \$25 per-student fee that will be collected in addition to regular tuition, starting next school year. That fee will be used for enhanced administrative training in marketing and enrollment management, development for schools, and far better data collection and assessment tools that will help us identify students and schools that could use extra help, thus giving them the targeted support they need in order to succeed. It will also help us to better identify top performers so that we can invest and grow these schools, as well as spread best practices throughout all the schools in our diocese.

We are excited by the promise that both of these initiatives hold for elevating the overall quality of our Catholic schools and we look forward to seeing your students in the next school year. Thank you for all that you do for Catholic schools. Know that you remain in my prayers daily.

In Mission,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "John Galvan".

John Galvan
Director, Office for Schools



SCHOOL NEWS

February 21, 2017

VIRTUE FOR THE MONTH OF MARCH

Our virtue for the month of March is “**Forgiveness**.” This virtue is perfect for the season of Lent. Forgiveness is granting pardon and giving up all claims on an offense. It means releasing the need to be right by not focusing on our anger. When we forgive, we experience freedom from our pain and sorrow. Thus we become people who are more loving. Forgiveness transcends revenge, anger, and bitterness. As a community, let us help our children focus and understand the true meaning of this important virtue.

MILK/JUICE ORDER REMINDER

The milk/juice order form for April, May & June will be e-mailed to parents. If you wish your child to receive milk/juice starting Monday, April 3, 2017 please be sure to send your order form and check to the office by Tuesday, March 14th.

PARENT VOLUNTEERS ARE STILL NEEDED TO HELP DISTRIBUTE MILK FOR THE ENTIRE SCHOOL YEAR. Please call Cyndi Lugo (858) 361-2364 for more information.

ATTENTION 6th Grade Parents!

All students entering 7th grade are required by state law to have a TDap booster immunization. A copy of your child’s immunization record showing the required TDap booster must be sent to the school office by **Monday, May 1, 2017**. Your child will not be admitted on the first day of school without this immunization.

COLLECTION FOR CCSA

St. Mary Magdalene Parish is asking for donations of hygiene items for the Community Christian Service Agency. Most requested items include: Shampoo; full and travel sizes, soap; full and travel sizes, razors, toothbrushes, and toothpaste; full and travel sizes. We ask that Madeleine families bring their donations to the office or drop them off at the rectory between 8:00 am and 4:00 pm

TEXT ALERTS FOR UNREPORTED ABSENCES

Parents please remember that you must call the school by 9:30 a.m. each day your child is absent, will be late due to medical appointments, or to request homework. If you have not contacted the school office by phone or in writing to report absences you will receive a text alert that your child is not at school. If you receive a text alert, please call the school immediately. Please sign up to receive text alerts if you have not done so already. When your child returns you must provide a signed note to the teacher explaining the absence. Your phone call is not a replacement for the signed note.



COLD AND FLU SEASON

We are concerned about the health of all the children at school during this cold and flu season. If your child has had a fever, diarrhea, nasal discharge, vomiting, sore throat, headache, stomachache, earache, skin rash or just not quite him/herself please keep them home for 24 hours. Children who are not well and come to the nurse's office shortly after arriving at school also need to be kept home. This is for the health of all the children, teachers, staff and parents. Please remind your children to wash their hands frequently.

PLEASE PARENTS, IF YOU HAVE TIME DURING THE DAY...

→ WE NEED YOUR HELP ←

IN OUR "NURSES" OFFICE FROM 11:30 AM TO 1:00 PM EVERY DAY.

"No Experience Necessary"

→ SIGN UP ON-LINE ←

<http://www.signupgenius.com/go/60b0544aca22a31-nurse5>

† CHRISTIAN LIVING AWARDS

Congratulations to these students who received the Christian Living award. This award was given to two students in kindergarten through eighth grades. These students were presented with their awards on Tuesday of Catholic Schools Week in front of the student body.

KA	Connor Balkenbush	KA	Rebecca Fortaleza
KB	Kylie Waller	KB	Diesel Dahlen
KF	Michael Lombardo	KF	Ellie Saldivar
1A	Keira Cruz	1A	Shane Holt
1B	Nora Wiese	1B	Siena Hahn
2A	Payton Santos	2A	Brodie Serrano
2B	Rianna Cain	2B	Charlotte Klaus
3A	Nadira Conroy	3A	Chance Strinden
3B	Jack Bingham	3B	Caroline O'Neal
4A	Marco Trone	4A	Sophia Cragin
4B	Erin O'Beirne	4B	Connor Musick
5A	David Wise	5A	Rose Riley
5B	Mateus Pernicano	5B	Sydney Serrano
6A	Frankie Giacalone	6A	Jordan Ho
6B	Nate Wilson	6B	Jenna Settelmayer
7A	Aiden Rickwa	7A	Isabelle Escobar
7B	Wyant Scherer	7B	Sophia McLoud
8A	Anna Fontes	8A	Dominic Trone
8B	Jade Michna	8B	GianPaolo Trone
P.E.	Samantha Settelmayer	P.E.	Jelena Lugo



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS FREE THROW CONTEST WINNERS

These students in kindergarten through eighth grades participated in the Knights of Columbus Free Throw Contest at School of the Madeleine.

Boys

Thomas Kuruvilla (14 yr. old)
Ethan Stabile (13 yr. old)
John Finlay (12 yr. old)
Jack Kelly (11 yr. old)
Michael Contreras (10 yr. old)
Luke Finlay (4th Grade)
Ben Bayless (3rd Grade)
Gianluca Busalacchi (2nd Grade)
Robert Silkey (1st Grade)
Jack Guenther (Kindergarten)

Girls

Kaylee Goff (14 yr. old)
Kiana Wurtz (13 yr. old)
Sofia Brigida (12 yr. old)
Vanessa Zeman (11 yr. old)
Elizabeth Sullivan (10 yr. old)
Amelia Nail (4th Grade)
Jenna Devore (3rd Grade)
Charlotte Klaus (2nd Grade)
Keira Cruz (1st Grade)
Anela Orhan (Kindergarten)

SCIENCE FAIR WINNERS 2017

NAME	CLASS	CATEGORY	PRIZE
Alex Boren Going to the GSDSEF Screening!	8B	Engineering—Materials & Bioengineering	1 st
Brenna French Going to the GSDSEF Screening!	8B	Plant Science	1 st
J.D. Watson Going to the GSDSEF Screening!	8B	Chemistry	1 st
Cindy Tran	8A	Medicine & Health Science	1 st
Anthony Brunelle	8A	Engineering—Electrical & Mechanical	1 st
Ian DeGrood	8B	Engineering—Electrical & Mechanical	1 st
Nate Higginson	8B	Robotics	1 st
Isabel Cabrera	8A	Chemistry	2 nd
Helen Brunton	7B	Plant Science	2 nd
Patrick Miller	8B	Engineering—Electrical & Mechanical	2 nd
Conor Hickey	8A	Engineering—Electrical & Mechanical	2 nd
Ian Humphrey	8A	Engineering—Electrical & Mechanical	2 nd
Kyrsten Guzman	7B	7 th Grade Board Graphics	1 st
Patrick Baker	7A	7 th Grade Board Graphics	2 nd
Christian Conniff	7B	7 th Grade Board Graphics	3 rd

CLASS NEWS

Kindergarten

February was a fun-filled month in Kindergarten!

February 7th was the 100th Day of school! Each student brought in 100 items to share and count with the class. We illustrated pictures of ourselves at 100 years old and wrote about what we have accomplished in the first 100 days of school. Our students are 100 days smarter!

The children predicted if the Groundhog would see his shadow. Many students watched the news to discover Phil saw his shadow and there will be 6 more weeks of winter.

We celebrated Valentine's Day by decorating cookies with our Big Buddies! Thanks to all of our parents that have helped make February so filled with fun activities.

We are taking the skills we learned during our 15 weeks of handwriting instruction and applying them in Language Arts. Students are practicing writing Six Star Sentences that contain a complete thought, have details, begin with a capital letter, have spaces between words, good spelling, and end with punctuation. Please help us reinforce these writing skills at home, and you will be amazed at the progress your student will make in the coming months.

The students are so excited to progress through their reading boxes, but it is very difficult on the days when we have no helpers to facilitate this growth. A HUGE THANK YOU TO OUR VOLUNTEERS!

First Grade

February has flown by! First Grade had a wonderful Valentines Day Celebration!! We pondered the true meaning of why we celebrate this day! A man, and priest, Valentine continued to marry couples in spite of the Law named Valentine, believed in marriage, during a time when the Emperor Claudius out-lawed this sacred union between couples!

Valentine continued to marry couples in spite of the law! He was eventually imprisoned, and put to death! While in prison, the daughter of one of the guards, faithfully visited him. She helped to keep his spirits up, and reminded him he did the right thing! On the day of his death, he left a note for her, thanking her for her friendship, and loyalty. He signed it, "Love from your Valentine!" We have observed the children have a whole new appreciation for Valentines Day! First Grade has been practicing for the Passion Play! They have been such brave soldiers, as they trudge up the hill each day! We are so proud of them! They are falling in love with the "Christ who died for them, in order to give them Eternal Life! The children transform during this sacred time, and they carry with them a deeply rooted love for the Lord, for the rest of their lives! We are so graced to be a part of this life-giving time with them!

Second Grade

Happy February to all! Second grade has been learning and growing during this short, but busy month of February. We began the month practicing regrouping when adding and subtracting two-digit numbers. Then we moved on to Geometry. In Reading, we studied the difference between opinions and facts and discussed main Idea and supporting details. As part of writing, we learned about Presidents' Day and wrote informational or creative writing pieces about the Presidents. Our second graders are great writers! We also had fun with some Presidents-themed art projects. Catholic Schools Week was a blast and a great way to celebrate being part of the Madeleine community. The Jog-a-Thon was another exciting event that happened this month. Lastly, thank you for your thoughts and prayers as we prepared and received our First Reconciliation. We look forward to receiving our First Holy Communion in the spring.

The third graders are now writing some of their assignments in cursive. We are learning the cursive capital letters, too. We are learning our multiplication facts and soon we will be learning division. In social studies we recently completed our Famous American reports. In science we are learning about physical and chemical changes. Our Science Fair inventions were on display and we shared about our inventions in class. We had some very creative and helpful inventions.

We had a great Catholic School's Week! We learned the Cupid Shuffle, donated warm clothes to Casa, and thanked our teachers and parents for all they do for us. We had fun all week!

Valentine's Day was a lot of fun, too! Our parents surprised us with love notes. We had a fun party, and we were reminded to love others and treat others the way we would want to be treated.

Overall, we have had a really great year so far. School of the Madeleine is the best!

Fourth Grade

We have been busy learning new things this month! We are learning about gravity, force, and friction in science. In English we are learning about adjectives and in social studies we are learning about early settlers in California. We will soon learn about the gold rush and are looking forward to our field trip to Indian Hills next month. We will get to pan for gold (but without getting "gold fever" like the miners did). We are learning about customary units of measurement and fractions in math and are continuing to practice double-digit multiplication and long division. We had a great time at our Valentines Day party! Bye for now!

5A & 5B News

Happy February! While the east coast is braving storms this season, we are enjoying gorgeous days and incredible weather. It is hard to believe we are more than half way through the school year. Our 5th graders have been busy learning about chemical and physical changes, speed, velocity, and aerodynamics in science. They learned and reported about the Presidents and what they accomplished. We are going to attend a play next week that some of our talented kids will be performing in. Please say some special prayers for our 5th grade families and lift them up in your hearts so that they can be blessed.

Sixth Grade



Sixth grade rocked the Electric Slide during Catholic Schools Week! We celebrated all parts of our Catholic community and showed appreciation for our Catholic education. Our faith studies in the classroom include learning about the exile of the Israelites, as well as forms of exile people may experience in our community. We discussed the role of prophets and faith guides in our lives and how they can help us to stay on the path toward God.

Our class displayed group boards in the science fair and shared our volcano projects with the school community. We enjoyed seeing what the other classes have been learning in science! We are learning about the Hindu and Buddhist faiths in social studies and have created artwork which correlates with our studies. In literature, we are reading *The Bronze Bow* by Elizabeth George Speare and are making connections between the novel and our religion and history studies, while also improving vocabulary and reading skills. Our class ran like the wind in the Jog-a-thon and we are proud of our efforts to be healthy and to raise money for our school! Together with our buddies, we celebrated Valentine's Day last week by decorating cookies. Sixth grade camp is quickly approaching; our minds are brimming with excitement and curiosity about what awaits us!



“It's not how much we give but how much love we put into giving.”
— Mother Teresa

JUNIOR HIGH

GREETINGS FROM 7A & 7B.....

The seventh graders have had a busy beginning to February! We enjoyed the jogathon as well as Catholic Schools Week, where we performed the Chicken Dance with our Little Buddies. The entire school joined us on the field for an encore performance—it was so fun to dance in our pajamas! We also enjoyed our second junior high dance. We displayed our hard work and learning at the science fair—in the CSI: Madeleine projects where we learned in great detail all about fingerprints. In our classrooms we're learning about China in social studies and are working on a short research paper on Chinese inventions. In literature we are just beginning our novel study of *The Giver*. In religion we are continuing our Bible studies by reading and comparing the miracles and parables of Jesus. We completed reports on the apostles to learn more about these 12 followers of Jesus. Our next unit of study will be the sacraments in great detail as well as the Stations of the Cross as we prepare for Lent. For science our study of plants included a lab comparing and contrasting different seeds as well as identifying characteristics of gymnosperms and angiosperms. Next up is an introduction into characteristics of all animals and then on to the human body. As we near the half way mark of the 3rd quarter we realize how much we have learned and yet how much more there is to know!



8A & 8B

As February comes to a close, the 8th grade is looking forward to hearing about their acceptances to the Catholic high schools. In the meantime, we have been working hard in the third quarter. In religion, we have moved into our family life units. In Literature we have started reading the novel To Kill a Mockingbird. In English we have been working on research essays and we have been learning about phrases and clauses. In Social studies we have been working on a map project and discussing 18th century England. In math we have been working with quadratic functions. Finally, in science, now that we have finished science fair, we have been focusing heavily on motors, magnets, and electricity.

School of Madeleine PSA Meeting Minutes – January 10, 2017

Meeting Participants

Donna Wittouck	Jean Coleman	Brenda Walker	Cindy Bayless
Rosalie Rodriguez	Lisa Pendergast	Tiffany Norlander	Erica Morton
Amelia McDermott	Rachel Smith	Shauna Brown	
Gaby Sanders	Andrea Ausland	Danielle Bergener	

Call to order: Gaby Sanders

Old Business/Presidents report:

The open house on Sunday, January 8 was a huge success with 37 families that attended. Families were very impressed that Alumni were present along with some current students. A bit more coordination with Churches was suggested so they know when to expect the student that will be promoting the open house. A huge thank you to all those that helped!

Treasurer's Report:

December statement not yet available. Suggested holding the meeting a bit later in the month once she's had opportunity to receive the statement and reconcile the account.

Principal's Report:

Nothing to report

Committee Reports:

Hospitality:

No report.

Mentor Family Coordinator:

No report

Fall Fundraiser:

No report

PSA raffle:

Total as of now \$23,000+. It's the first year \$23,000 has been exceeded.

Log-A-Thon:

Less than a month away; packets will be going out soon. Sardinas is offering a community event for Tuesday, January 17th. Flyers will go to room moms on Friday. Busy working on prizes which will be changing this year. This year they will give prizes to biggest donors. Some of the top prizes include Dave & Busters, Boomers, iFly, etc. They will still give prizes for laps, i.e. lunch brought to them at school. The

top participating class will get an ice cream party. The PSA will be providing the T-shirts to the teachers this year; they will not need to purchase them. Thank you to Andrea for setting up a website. Corporate sponsorships are up this year and the sponsors will have more exposure opportunities than in years past.

Main Event:

All going well! Early bird ticket sales brought in an extra \$2,000 this year. Thinking of options for kickoff party. They are getting amazing and different types of items this year from donors. Setting up "Sneak Peak" Thursdays. The opportunity drawing will be 3 items instead of one and there will be a Wall of Whiskey in addition to the Wall of Wine. Creating incentives for purchasers such as winning Disneyland tickets. Those that donate to the Wall of Wine/Whiskey will be entered into a drawing. Angela Levy is gearing up to do the photos and will be sending out time slots for volunteers soon.

Box Tops/eScrip:

No report

Community Events:

No report

Ways & Means:

Brought in sample emergency kits. A group decision was made to include these in the fall fundraiser along with Mixed Bags.

Room Parent Coordinators:

No report

New Business:

- A. Vice president: First commitment statements are in, some still have not been received. Discussion to get a little more help on this.
- B. Catholic Identity Assessment: information was distributed
- C. Catholic School's week: room parent coordinators will check on dates.
- D. Father/Daughter dance: have 80 so far, need 150. Gaby will get in touch with Greg W to make sure information is being distributed to parents.

Meeting Adjourned at 2:35. Next Meeting will be February 14, 2017 at 1:30 pm in the teachers' lounge.

Chair & Principal Approval:

Gaby Sanders Gaby Sanders PSA President/Chair

Donna Wittouck Donna Wittouck, Principal

School of Madeleine PSA Meeting Minutes – November 15, 2016

Meeting Participants

Donna Wittouck	Jean Coleman	Gina Petty	Caryl Finch
Rosalie Rodriguez	Lisa Pendergast	Tiffany Norlander	
Amelia McDermott	Rachel Smith	Shauna Brown	
Heidie Nasland	Gaby Sanders	Andrea Ausland	

Call to order: Gaby Sanders

Old Business/Presidents report:

- A. Electronic payment system: still exploring PayPal options so families can pay for incidentals online. Greater Giving could be option since they are paid per year.
- B. Open House: Thank you to those who participated in the Open House. 43 prospective families attended. Received great feedback from two families that had also visited other schools.

Treasurer's Report:

Distributed October financials

Principal's Report:

Thanked those that participated in the Open house

Committee Reports:

Hospitality:

No report. Thanks to them for providing snack for the open house

Mentor Family Coordinator:

No report

Fall Fundraiser:

Online sales open through December. Over \$4200 in online sales so far. Will send out email and encourage families to buy now that grocery bag ban is in place. Have made \$13, 600 so far which exceeds the yearly budget of \$8000.

PSA raffle:

143 families have yet to return tickets. Have collected \$15,020 to date.

Log-A-Thon:

Working on corporate sponsors; water has been donated by Keil's

Main Event:

Invitations were sent out last week, 18 online RSVPs so far. Will continue to send out reminders for early bird discount. Meeting with Hyatt on Friday to finalize Audio Visual. Procurement going well, many letters have been sent out, will contact SOM families who donated in the past. Working on Wall of Wine ideas. Coordination online auction dates, will discuss with Donna. Also in process of coordinating high school student volunteers.

Art class lead, Jessica Flippin doing great job on class art. Teacher package lead, Rachel Moritz will get started on teacher packages in January. Angela Levy will begin coordinating photos of children for those attending the event.

Box Tops/eScrip:

First collection grossed \$985.00. This includes the box tops from the 3rd collection from last year.

Community Events:

No report

Ways & Means:

Fundraiser ideas: Tiffany gave update on Emergency Kit idea for fundraising, will bring in a sample. The cost is reasonable and goes down based on how many are purchased. Also, researched that Shutterfly offers 13% back on purchases; Tiffany will set it up.

Room Parent Coordinators:

Room parents getting Thanksgiving baskets together and collecting money. Turkeys being purchased at Smart and Final, got good price. Baskets will be delivered Friday morning.

New Business:

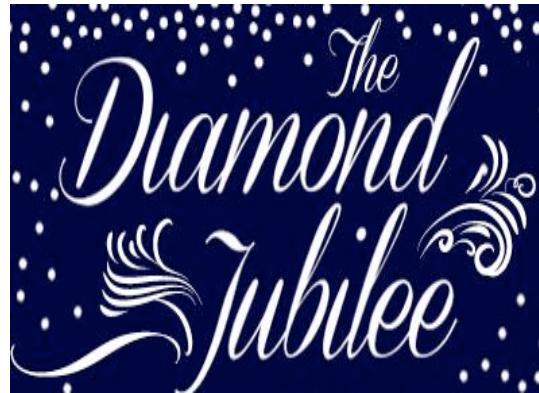
- A. PB Holiday parade: PSA will not participate in the PB Holiday Parade this year.
- B. Spirit gear: MAC is in charge of Spirit gear and looking into more ideas and logo.
- C. Timeline for collection of money: PSA committees will prepare calendar of when money is due and for what

Meeting Adjourned at 2:18. Next Meeting will be December 13, 2016 at 1:30 pm in the teachers' lounge.

Chair & Principal Approval:

Gaby Sanders PSA President/Chair

Donna Wittouck, Principal



Dear Parents and Friends,

The Main Event is just a few weeks away! We are looking forward to spending the evening with you all!

BIG NEWS! Our online auction is open for bidding! We are thankful for all of the support this far! We have added Fund-a-Wish and a chance to buy tickets for our opportunity drawing as well. We have three great prizes for the drawing, so don't miss the chance to win tickets to the Del Mar Turf Club, a \$500 Nordstrom gift card or a pair of diamond hoop earrings! Make sure to check the online auction daily as we are adding new items as they come in.

If you haven't purchased your tickets yet, the Hyatt has graciously agreed to open more spots for us. There aren't many, so if you want to go, please buy your tickets as soon as possible!

We will be collecting wine and whisky in front of the kindergarten all week this week at drop off. You can donate a bottle of wine or whiskey worth at least \$20. We will also be selling tickets for our opportunity drawing. Please remember that tickets and wine or whisky donations count towards your family commitment! Please consider stopping by our table. We'd love to see you!

We are also soliciting volunteers to assist with various projects for the Main Event. The link below is a good place to start if you still need service points for your orange card! Please look for an email with the link later today!

For additional information or questions, please visit www.madeleinemainevent.com or contact Gina Petty or Shauna Brown at Madmainevent@gmail.com.

Thank you!

Gina Petty and Shauna Brown- Main Event Co-Chairs

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 ASH WEDNESDAY MASS 11:00 AM	2	3 MINIMUM DAY No Mass	4 <i>St. Katharine Drexel</i> <i>St. Casimir</i>
5 1 st Eucharist Parent Mtg. 10:15 – 11:30 AM (Mtg. at Hall/with Child Care)	6	7 Field Day Gr. 5 & 6 1:00 pm <i>St. Perpetua & Felicity</i>	8 HOT LUNCH 1 st Eucharist Parent Mtg. 7:00 - 8:15 pm (Hall) <i>St. John of God</i>	9 4 th Gr. to Indian Hills <i>St. Francis of Rome</i>	10 Stations of the Cross & Benediction 2:00 pm	11 MAIN EVENT Manchester Grand Hyatt
12 Day Light Savings Time Begins	13	14 PSA Board Mtg. 1:30 pm	15	16	17 MINIMUM DAY St. Patrick's Day Mass 11:00 am	18 <i>St. Cyril of Jerusalem Mary</i>
19	20 <i>St. Joseph, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin</i>	21 NEWSLETTER Field Day Gr. 3 & 4 1:00 pm	22 HOT LUNCH	23 <i>St. Turibius of Mogrovejo</i>	24 MINIMUM DAY GRANDPARENTS DAY 10:30-12:00pm	25  THE ANNUNCIATION OF THE LORD
26 No Religious Ed Classes	27	28	29	30	31 Caesar Chavez Day Stations of the Cross/Benediction 2:00 pm	
6th Grade Camp						