

October 24, 2017



Dear Madeleine Parents,

We are ordinary people following an extraordinary God, who calls us to better ourselves by being holy each and every day of our lives. Keeping holy the Sabbath will always be at the heart of our faith. Sunday Liturgy and the Eucharist are the most important prayers that we can offer up to our Lord and God. We are nourished by attending Mass, receiving Communion, and by listening to the Word of God. As Catholics, we need to spend time reconnecting with God and the Sunday Liturgy does this for us. In essence, by attending Mass as a family, it says to children that making time for God and building a community with other Catholic families is important to you and therefore, should be important to them. Let's keep this a priority in our lives!

There are **five important religious feast days and celebrations** during the month of November: All Saints Day is Nov. 1, All Souls Day is Nov. 2, Saint Charles Borromeo is Nov. 4, St. Andrew is on Nov. 30 and the First Sunday of Advent is Dec. 3.

Our virtue of the month of November is **Gratitude**. Let's remember to thank our teachers for all their hard work and dedication.

OPEN HOUSE

The school will again be holding two open houses to welcome new families who are searching for a Catholic school for the 2018-2019 school year. The dates of these are **Monday, November 6** from 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. and **Sunday, January 7** from 11:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. If you know families who are interested in a Catholic education, please invite them to come to one or both of these open houses.

PROSPECTIVE NEW FAMILIES

As we plan for our open houses and enrollment for the coming school year, we recognize that in the past, some of our **best families have come through referrals**. If you know of a family who has expressed interest in a Catholic education, please share that information with us. **Fill out the referral form attached to this newsletter**. A special effort will be made to invite them to our open house, offer them private tours during the school day, and help them through the application process.

SOCIAL MEDIA PRESENCE

We are excited to announce our new School of the Madeleine Twitter account and our renewed Facebook page. We will be posting all of the wonderful events and activities that our school is participating in, both on campus and on field trips. We will post many things after the event has passed for security purposes, but we will post announcements about Open House and other marketing events ahead of time. Right now, we are waiting for all of the social media permission slips to be returned so pictures are not showing any student faces. As we receive permission from you to post your child(ren), we will be posting more group pictures.

Please follow us on Twitter @sdmadeleine and on Facebook at School of the Madeleine @SchooloftheMadeleine. We look forward to letting others know how awesome our school truly is!

STUDIO 57 – THE YEAR IT ALL BEGAN



The main event chairs are excited to announce they are holding a trial online Madeleine Christmas auction, "Calling All Angels". The auction will start on December 1 and will close December 9. Items purchased will be available for pick up after school in the small parking lot in the kindergarten area from December 12 through December 14 until 3:30 p.m. The procurement team has been working really hard and we are excited to share it with our School of the Madeleine families. Although we have a few items, we are still in great need of Christmas items. This is the time to reach out to your personal and professional circles. If you have any re-gifts, old gift certificates, or toys please donate them. You can contact Janel at (619) 871-4657 or email studio57me@gmail.com. All gifts are due no later than November 25.

See the attached flyer later in this newsletter for more exciting news from the main event chairs. Thank you, *Janel Divona*, *Susan Cuttitta*, and *Claire Dahlen* for all your hard work and excitement!

SPECIAL GRANT

AXA Advisors are awarding School of the Madeleine with a **\$5,000.00 grant**. Along with the grant, they are leading the workers needed for the school clean up day on **November 10**. A very special thank you to **Ryan Perry**, one of our first grade parents, for arranging for his company to consider our school for this generous grant and organizing this *AXA Hearts in Action* service event.

SCHOOL CLEAN UP DAY

The school clean up day has been scheduled for **Friday, November 10**. There will be a number of volunteers on campus to help freshen up things around the school (cutting back the ice plant/ brush, weeding, sweeping, cleaning & more). There will be dumpsters on campus, but not many tools. The clean up will be from 9:00 a.m. until 3:00 p.m. If you can help during the morning or afternoon, it would be great. Please bring your clippers, shovels, brooms, dustpans, gardening tools, wheelbarrows and whatever else you think would be useful.

This is a great way for families to earn some necessary service hours. Eighth graders can earn some of their service hours as well. Thanks to all who are able to give of your time to help keep our campus beautiful for all School of the Madeleine families.

If you are unable to help but can **lend us some of your tools** for the day, please label them clearly with your family name and drop them off in the school's office the week of November 6.

TEST OF EMERGENCY TEXT ALERT SYSTEM

I sent out a test of our Emergency Text System on **Tuesday, October 10, 2017**. An email was also sent out to all parents to verify that everyone received the "test". After sending out the **text** regarding the need to close school with the loss of water in September, I am hopeful that all families have now registered to receive any future Emergency Texts. Please let us know if you need any help signing up for this important notification.

SCHOOL SECURITY

All parents who come onto School of the Madeleine's campus (this includes preschool and kindergarten) must first stop at the **school office to get a visitor's badge**. This also includes parents who volunteer in the kindergarten reading room, hot lunch parents, library, and the 50-Mile Club helpers. These badges must be worn while you are on campus. When parents are ready to leave the school grounds, they must sign out at the office. Parents working in the kindergarten reading room should check out with the kindergarten reading teacher. These procedures will help us to identify unauthorized individuals who may come onto the school grounds and allow us to have a **safer environment**.

Please remember that all parents who volunteer must have previous clearance through the Diocesan **Live Scan** process or have the new **background check through the CMG Process**. **The CMG Process** includes viewing the CMG Safe Environment Curriculum and completing the background check. Both of these CMG steps require you to print and turn in a certificate of completion (one for each step) with the \$20.00 fee made payable to School of the Madeleine. We are finding parents who have lived in other cities/states may incur an additional fee because the city/state requires a different search process. By June of 2018, all returning and new families will need to be cleared through the **CMG Process**.

TUITION ASSISTANCE

Applications for tuition assistance (TADS Program) for the 2018-2019 school year will be available by **Thursday, November 9** by downloading them from **www.tads.com/request**. All applications must be mailed to the TADS Organization and be submitted by **Thursday, January 11**. It will take 6 to 8 weeks for this organization to return a report with their recommendations to us. Only second year kindergarten students or returning students in first through eighth grades whose families are in financial good standing with the school can apply.

In addition, on the same TADS website you are also encouraged to apply for the **Bishop Flores Scholarship Fund**. You are able to apply for both tuition assistance programs with the one application fee. If you apply later, you will need to pay an additional fee.

REPORT CARD CONFERENCES

Report card conferences are scheduled for minimum days on **November 8 and 9** (Wednesday and Thursday). It is required by the Diocesan Office for Schools that all parents must make an appointment to meet with their child's teacher to discuss the report card for the first grading period. No report card will be given out without an appointment. You should be given a scheduled time for your report card conference appointment by **Thursday, October 26**. Please call the school office if you do not receive a scheduled appointment time.

AWARDS ASSEMBLY

The awards assembly for sixth through eighth grades for the first quarter will be held on **Thursday, November 16** in our parish church at 2:10 p.m. There will be no awards assembly for grades four and five **at the church**. **Merit awards** for these two grades will be **given out in the classroom**. Requirements for these awards are clearly stated in the Parent/Student Handbook. Please mark your calendars.

HALLOWEEN CARNIVAL

Our Halloween carnival is scheduled for **Tuesday, October 31**. Students should wear their costumes to school. Please remember the simple guidelines regarding costumes, which were emailed to families earlier this month. I am asking you to remember the wide age group of students and siblings attending our Halloween carnival. The guidelines we have set are to keep the carnival fun and safe for all. Scary costumes and the use of fake blood can be very frightening to our younger participants. I would encourage all to consider having students dress as saints on this eve of All Saint's Day.

The carnival begins with a **costume parade at approximately 9:15 a.m.** The children will be dismissed from the parade to participate in the carnival's food and game booths. This is a minimum day with **dismissal at 12 noon. Attendance will be taken in each classroom before dismissal!** After the carnival, we need all students to help with the carnival clean up. Please do not take your child home early. Because of safety concerns, we will stagger dismissal! All parents are invited to join us for a fun-filled day! **Please remember that there will be no lunch served.** One colored wristband will be sold for \$5.00 for a bag of chips, a drink, and all games. A different colored wristband will be available for non-Madeleine siblings who wish to participate in the carnival for \$3.00 and do not want a snack. No food will be given out **without the proper colored wristband.** **These bands will be sold in advance.** The money should be turned into your child's homeroom teacher. Be sure your child's name and grade level is on the envelope. Students should bring a lunch if they are going to stay after school at the YMCA Extended Care. Net proceeds from the carnival support the following: 50% to the Missionary Childhood Association, 25% to the Madeleine's Student Council, and 25% to classroom teachers to be used for their students.

HALLOWEEN CANDY COLLECTION

Again, this year, we have an opportunity for our children to share their Christian faith with needy children in Tijuana through a program sponsored by the Notre Dame Club. Students may share their Halloween treats with children who have far less. This is a chance to have our students put their faith into action. Halloween candy may be sent to the office starting on Wednesday, November 1 through Tuesday, November 7. Please see the attached flyer from the **Notre Dame Club** for more information.

JOHNS HOPKINS UNIVERSITY TALENT SEARCH

We are pleased to inform you that School of the Madeleine will be participating in the **Johns Hopkins University Institute for the Academic Advancement of Youth.** Johns Hopkins University sponsors the 2017-2018 academic Talent Search for qualifying students in seventh and eighth grades. The purpose of the Talent Search is to identify, assess, and recognize the academic abilities of highly able students. To qualify for the Talent Search, a student must have scored in the 95 percentile or higher in a single area (mathematics or reading) on a nationally normed, standard aptitude or achievement test. We have researched and assessed our seventh and eighth grade students and have found **14 students who qualify!** If your child qualifies for this special honor, you should have received a letter home at the end of September. We are very proud to be participating in this prestigious program. In the past, many of our students have received high distinctions on these tests.

DONORS TO THE MADELEINE ATHLETIC CLUB

The Madeleine Athletic Club has helped raise funds to maintain our playing field and to help with the pee-wee sports league. In addition, they have also helped with the purchase of additional sports equipment and the purchase of team uniforms. The first **sponsorship event** held has been a good start for the needs of our sports program and I appreciate the generosity of the following families:

Platinum (\$500)

Jooste

Gold (\$250)

Graulich

Jones

Silver (\$100)

Wiese

Cruz

Manatt

Yee

Reid, J.

Quakenbush

Pabarcus

Brunetto, Sal

Kelly

Escobar

Santos, J.

Miller

Roe

Bronze (\$50)

Loverso

Clune

Catre

Lindebak

Wilbur

Hagopian

McGonigle

Flores

McCloskey

Ross

Mazza

Cashman

Borger

Guenther

Marinucci/Beckwith

Escalante

Other

Falcon

Cumba

Gault

Purdy

Contreras

Merkel

Hannum

Reid, A.

Nasland

Porter

DePaso

Thank you very much for your support and generous donations!

LABEL SCHOOL UNIFORMS AND SUPPLIES

I ask you to **label all articles of clothing, supplies, water bottles, and lunch boxes with your child's name and grade**. Each day, many school items are left on the playground. On a daily basis, a genuine attempt is made to return articles to the students. However, it is very frustrating when most of the lost items do not have names and grades on them and, as a result, end up in our lost and found box. This box is already over-flowing! Most of these school items will have to be sent to Saint Vincent de Paul because the uniform exchange cannot use them all. **I encourage all parents to check the lost and found box on a weekly basis and label all your child's school items.**

HELP NEEDED

Morning Greeters: I am still in need of individuals that can help me open car doors and greet students in the morning (**7:50-8:05 a.m.**) on **Tuesday, Wednesday, or Friday**. You can sign up for one or two days a week or whatever fits your schedule. These greeters are essential in helping me to keep the traffic moving in the morning and to prevent the cars from backing up down the hill. In addition, it is important to make our students feel important and special. One service point will be given for each day you volunteer.

Please sign up for available days using SignUpGenius:

<http://www.signupgenius.com/go/60b0544acaa22a31-morning>

Nurse's Office Helpers: The office staff is in need of individuals who can work in the nurse's office. We do not have a full time registered nurse on staff. Most of our nursing needs are for a little TLC and an ice bag! We are currently in need of parent volunteers at our busiest time of day from 11:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Monday through Friday. No experience is necessary.

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We are so grateful for your help!!!

COACHES NEEDED FOR OUR WINTER SPORTS

If you are interested in coaching one of our winter sports teams, please contact Coach Stabile in the P.E. office (619) 276-6545, ext. 227 or at coachstabile@aol.com. The teams we need coaches for are: **1st-8th grade girls soccer, 1st-4th grade boys soccer, and 5th-8th grade boys basketball.**

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PLEASE PRAY

Please pray for healing of **Bruce Sutphen**, father of **Charli** (sixth grade) and **Maré** (alumna) who is seriously ill. In addition, please pray for **John Stabile** (brother of Paul Stabile and father of alumni) who is in the hospital. Also, please pray for the repose of the soul of **Genevieve Keese**, grandmother of **Ellen** (sixth grader) and **Joey** (third grader), who passed away recently. Let us also keep in your prayers those families (several from Madeleine) and Catholic schools affected by the fires in the Napa area.

God bless,

Jean

Jean Coleman

THANK YOU TO:

John O'Neill—for generous gift cards to **Jamba Juice** for the office staff.

Sixth Grade Parents—for providing lunch for our teachers on Friday, October 6. A special thank you to the **Darren Moore Family** for the lunch from **Shore Rider**.

Kevin and Torin Bryar, and *Gus Estrada* (alumnus)—for clearing the ice plant off the south, west facing wall on Illion Street.

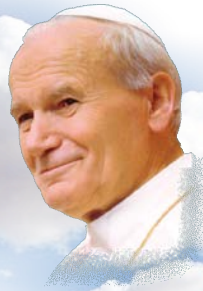
Moore Family—for hosting a generous fundraising event at **Shore Rider** on Saturday, October 14 for the **Park Family**.

Julie Grooms and *Mary Conroy*—for their work preparing flyers for local preschools and new banners to promote our upcoming Open House.

Amber Yurich—for the beautiful flowers for the school prayer table.

Olímpia Silveira and *Michelle Hageman* (alumni moms)—for bringing lunch for the teachers in honor of Dawn Park.

Saint Pope John Paul II
The Great



"Let us remember the past with gratitude,
live the present with enthusiasm,
and look forward to the future with confidence."

School News

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VIRTUE FOR THE MONTH OF NOVEMBER

With the holiday of Thanksgiving approaching, this month is a perfect time to focus on our monthly virtue of "**gratitude**". Our students are learning how they can be more appreciative of the many gifts that God has given them. To show appreciation to God, our students and their families are working to put together Thanksgiving baskets for the needy, had a Charger day for the San Diego Ronald McDonald House, and gave to the Missionary Childhood Association. Our students are encouraged daily to treasure the many blessings and the gifts they receive from God.

SIGNING STUDENTS OUT EARLY

If you are signing your child out early, a written and signed request must be sent to your child's teacher before the start of that day. We understand that sometimes signing out early is not planned, so it is a good idea to arrive at the school a few minutes early to allow your child to be called from their class and gather their belongings. Please don't call the office to have your child ready for you when you arrive. Your child will not be called out of class until you are here. Please expect to pick up any homework after school in the office, unless an agreement has been made with your child's teacher in advance.

PROCEDURES AFTER STUDENT ILLNESS

Please remember that state law requires a **written excuse be given to the school whenever a child is absent**. This note must be presented to the homeroom teacher and should include the name of the pupil, date the child was absent, and a parent signature. Phone calls are not a substitute.

NEIGHBORHOOD TRAFFIC PROBLEMS

To keep the after school traffic flowing on Illion Street, please remember that if your child has not come to your car by the time you reach the top of the passenger zone, you will need to circle so as to not block a space for others. Please do not and get out of your car while picking your child up as this slows down the pick up line.

In addition, please do not use the driveway between the rectory and the hall for pickup or drop off. This prevents the priests from being able to move in and out of the driveway.

It takes all of us to follow the rules and be good neighbors to the homes that surround the school.

SECURITY GATE

When visiting the school, please remember to say your name after the office responds to your call at the gate and immediately report to the office to sign in and get a name label. Please be sure the gate is closed behind you. Do not go directly to your child's classroom. It is only necessary to push the call button once. The call box is silent when calling the office. Thank you!



Christmas Programs



PRESCHOOL

Preschool Christmas pageant will be on **Friday, December 1 at 10:00 a.m.** in our parish hall. Please mark your calendars.

KINDERGARTEN

Kindergarten Christmas pageant will be held on **Friday, December 8 at 1:30 p.m.** in the parish hall.

GRADES 1-8

There will be **two productions** of our Christmas pageant for first through eighth grades. The first production will be on **Wednesday, December 13 at 1:30 p.m.** This production will be for those families whose last name starts with A through J. The second production will be on **Thursday, December 14 at 1:30** for families whose last name begins with K through Z.

SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR

School of the Madeleine's Scholastic Book Fair will be held in the library on November 6th, 7th, 8th and 9th. The Book Fair will be open from 8:00 am to 4:30 pm Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday. On Thursday, November 9th the Book Fair is open between 8:00 am - 1:30 pm. If you cannot attend the Book Fair, or just want to keep shopping, be sure to visit the Book Fair online at <http://www.scholastic.com/fair>. This link will be available from November 1st to November 13th for online shopping.

When online shopping, check out our Library Wish List of books. These are titles that I'd like to add to our library. Refreshing our library regularly gives kids a reason to keep reading!

I would like to give a huge thank you to the following people for volunteering their time and helping me in the library: Anne Jooste, Sylvia Gonzalez, Birte Lightner

Cindy Bayless
Librarian

BOX TOPS FOR EDUCATION

We want to thank everyone for collecting Box Tops over the summer. We have completed our first collection and received a total of 11,438 box tops! Please remember to continue clipping during the holidays!

The class winners for this collection are:

First Place:	5B, Mrs. Alves' class	2,480 box tops.
Kindergarten Winner:	KF, Mrs. Miller's class	280 box tops.

Thank you to Julie Ott and Ellen Ashman for their hard work chairing this committee and to all those who worked hard sorting and counting all the Box Tops.

THE GREAT CALIFORNIA SHAKEOUT

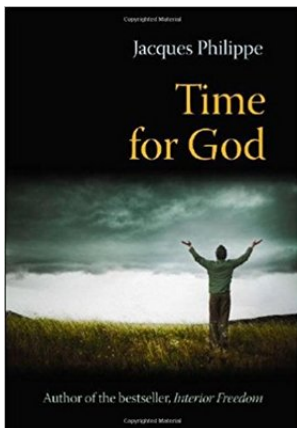
School of the Madeleine students and staff participated in the Great California Shakeout, along with 10 million Californians, on Thursday, October 19. Federal, state, and local emergency experts agree that "Drop, Cover, and Hold On" is the appropriate action during an earthquake. The Great California Shakeout is an annual event that highlights the importance of knowing the most current "best practices" for surviving an earthquake. School of the Madeleine has been part of it for at least the past six years. Part of this drill is to evacuate the school, take attendance, arrange the students into family groups, initiate search and rescue, set up a first aid center, and arrange a procedure to reunite parents and their children.

COLLECTION FOR CCSA

During the month of November, St. Mary Magdalene Parish is asking for donations of \$10.00 gift cards from McDonalds, Rite Aid, Jack in the Box, Subway, and Vons for Community Christian Service Agency. These gift cards will be used to fill gift bags for homeless individuals at Christmas. We ask that Madeleine families please bring these donations to the school office or drop them off at the rectory office between 8:00 am & 4:00 pm.

ANNUAL NOTIFICATION TO PARENTS

In accordance with Federal asbestos regulations, our school maintains a file with the results of asbestos surveys in various building materials at our school. This file is available for review with prior appointment.



Moms' Catholic Book Study invites you to join us and experience the good that comes from reading good Catholic books. We meet every Wednesday from 9:30 AM – 11:30 AM during the school year (September through May). Children are always welcome. We will be meeting in the Church Conference Room.

Beginning on November 1 through December 13, we will study and reflect on *Time for God* by Jacques Phillippe. What if you could actually gain time and be more productive by praying? If we make time for God through prayer, He multiplies our time and makes it fruitful and productive in all areas of our life. Maybe you are unsure what prayer really is or who is it for? These questions will be answered through this study as we review the fundamental principles of true prayer.

Visit our website, <http://momscatholicbookstudy.weebly.com>, and click on *Meeting Information* for more details or contact Kim Uskokovic at mosaic22@hotmail.com.



OCTOBER

CLASS NEWS

KINDERGARTEN

Our field trip to the pumpkin patch was a success. We were able to observe everything we have been learning about pumpkins, including their life cycle. We each brought a pumpkin back to school and decorated them with our Big Buddies. The Halloween carnival is on Tuesday October 31st. We can't wait to see everyone's costume! We strongly suggest that parents come to the carnival or arrange someone to walk around with your children. It is very overwhelming for these students.

In math we have been focusing on shapes, patterning, and positional words. In practical life we are learning about autumn, bats, spiders, and pumpkin life cycles, skeletons, and Halloween. In Religion we have been learning about the Creation Story. God created this beautiful world for us to enjoy and take care of it.

Our students are so motivated to read and are keeping us busy in the reading room. Please consider signing up to help our students in the reading room.

A big thank you to all of our reading room helpers and to our room moms for helping us organize all of these exciting events!

We hope you have a wonderful and safe Halloween. Boo!

FIRST GRADE

First Graders are getting ready for Halloween, and have settled into routines in the classroom now. The children are taking responsibility for bringing their homework back to school every day. We have been decorating our room in preparation for Halloween! We are also learning about how Halloween came to be. It was the celebration of "All Hallows Eve" in preparation for All Saints Day! The word "Hallow" means Holy! Everyone came dressed as a particular Saint! The children are enjoying writing in their journals using Halloween themes! We celebrated the Feast of the Holy Rosary on October 7th! The children are learning the Mysteries of the Rosary, and find great comfort in saying a decade of the Rosary, after lunch, for Peace, as Our Blessed Mother requested of all of us; especially to pray the Rosary every day as a family, for World Peace! We have also learned about the story of Fatima, as we celebrated the 100th Anniversary of Our Lady's Appearance on October 17, to now St. Jacinta, St. Francisco, and soon to be St. Lucia! (the 3 children of Fatima) Our Lady asked for sacrifices, conversion, reparation, and to turn our hearts back to GOD, and to say the Rosary every day for PEACE! We also have been learning about the lives of saints, and that God created us to be good, and holy, and we can all strive to be saints through prayer, and the way we treat others! The children are being challenged with math as they problem solve! They have to explain why they are performing certain operations in their calculations! They have been up for the challenge!! We have also supplemented their reading with Chapter Books to increase their vocabulary, and to further challenge their reading skills! The children are getting better at understanding sentence structure, and are able to recognize mistakes, and to correct them!

SECOND GRADE

October has been a very busy month. In religion, we learned about Baptism. In math, we studied addition and subtraction facts and place value. We enjoy using i-Pads to better memorize our facts and take Renaissance Reading quizzes. In science, we are learning about plants, animals, habitats, and life cycles. We had an amazing time at the Reuben H. Fleet Science Center! In social studies, we are learning about communities and how to read a map and use a compass rose. Art is always so much fun, especially around Halloween. Our classrooms are looking spooky already. We are so excited for Halloween and can't wait for the carnival!

THIRD GRADE

Third Grade is very busy and exciting! We've been doing a lot of Halloween art. We made a spooky night Halloween scene in Arts Attack. We've also made black cats, footprint ghosts, and marble painting spiders. In math, we are learning regrouping in subtraction. In Religion, we are learning about the Great Commandment. We celebrated a beautiful rosary in honor of the 100th anniversary of Our Lady of Fatima. In science, we are learning about habitats and animals. We did a research report on a spider. We started the 50 Mile Club during recess and lunch. The end of the quarter is fast approaching and we are working our best to meet our Renaissance Reading goal. We are looking forward to the Halloween carnival. We are lucky to go to such a good school and have such loving teachers.

Third Grade is fun!

FOURTH GRADE

We are getting ready for Halloween and look forward to the Halloween carnival! Our rooms are filled with Halloween art and related writing activities. We are reviewing addition and subtraction facts and learning problem-solving strategies in math. We are learning about plants and animals in science and about Native Americans in social studies. We will be learning about the saints in religion and are continuing to set a positive and Christian example in our daily work and play.

FIFTH GRADE

Happy October! We are busy this month celebrating many things. We learned about Christopher Columbus and his journeys in Social Studies. We did a mini unit about spiders since Halloween is getting close. Thanks to all of the parents that volunteered to help in our booth or donated items to make it a fun day for us. We have settled into the routine and are working hard in class. Always make sure we are studying our math facts, spelling words, and Spanish. We are celebrating a rosary commemorating the 100th anniversary of the visitation of Our Lady to the children in Fatima. People all over the world are celebrating this event with us on this very day. We are hopeful that prayer and kindness will help people overcome some of the obstacles that are faced.

SIXTH GRADE

Sixth graders participated in an Ancient Adventure when we visited the Museum of Man at the end of last month. Our recent social studies topics include the ancient civilization of Mesopotamia and its many technological advances including the wheel, sail, plow, and irrigation systems. In science, we are moving and shaking—groups worked to build edible structures to withstand simulated earthquakes. After the "earthquake" hit, we adjusted our structures as needed. In literature we are studying the short story form, as well as using our skills to make inferences and recognize an author's use symbolism. We have improved our descriptive writing with spooky haunted house stories and we have begun our original fairy tales, focusing on characterization. Our religion studies this month include the story of Exodus. We related God's delivery of the Hebrews from slavery to how Jesus delivers us from sin and to Eternal Life with Him. Lastly, we can't wait to celebrate Halloween with our classmates. Our kindergarten buddies brought pumpkins from back from their field trip, and we helped them decorate their pumpkins to prepare for Halloween!



SEVENTH GRADE

Happy October from seventh grade! We are fully back in the swing of things now that we are nearing the end of the first quarter. It's crazy to think we've already reached that first milestone!

Activities and academics have kept us busy. We went as a class for a volunteer field trip to the San Diego Food Bank where we learned about food insecurity in our community and then went on to pack **16,000 pounds** of pears! This is food that was then distributed to families in San Diego who are hungry or facing economic hard times. We also enjoyed our first junior high dance. It was a big success and we all had a great time!

In our classes we're learning and challenging ourselves. In Literature we have read both fiction and non-fiction short pieces and we are soon beginning our novel study of *I am Malala*. We are nearing the end of our study of Islam in social studies. In science we have finished our study of DNA, RNA, and protein synthesis and are currently learning about pedigrees, genes, fingerprints, and genetic engineering. In religion class we have finished our first unit with an in-depth study of the Blessed Trinity. We are starting our Science Fair Project research on Fingerprints in Computer class while we learn new word processing skills.

EIGHTH GRADE

We are continuing to work hard as the first quarter comes to an end. In science class, we are learning about different forms of energy. To help us learn this concept, we have been working on a roller coaster project. Advanced Math is learning about linear equations, and regular math is studying scientific notation. In Spanish, we are learning how to describe our friends and families. In religion we are learning about conversion, Pentecost and the Holy Spirit. In social studies we are reviewing the Constitution and the constitutional convention. In literature, we are continuing our conversation on Fahrenheit 451. Finally, we are excited to be taking a trip to the San Diego Food Bank in November to do some Christian service before the holidays!



A graduate of the School of the Madeleine is:

A compassionate Catholic / Christian
An independent learner
A responsible individual
An effective communicator and
A globally aware citizen



School of the Madeleine

Calling all Angels!

We are excited to announce our 1st Madeleine Christmas auction, "Calling All Angels". The auction will start on December 1 and will close December 9th. Items purchased will be available for pick up after school outside the kindergarten area from December 12th thru 14th until 3:30. Our procurement team has been working really hard and we are excited to share it with our SOM families.

Although we have a few items, we are still in great need of Christmas items. This is the time to reach out to your personal and professional circles.

Have any re-gifts, old gift certificates, toys? Please donate them. You can contact Janel at 619-871-4657 or email studio57me@gmail.com. All gifts are due no later than November 25.

Many thanks to those who have donated and those that have procured. We would also like to ask for our SOM families to help out if you can!

Three easy steps

1. Go to madeleinemainevent.com
2. Go to sponsors and download the 3 forms
3. Mail or email to your special contacts

Finally, invitations for Studio 57 will be going home in your child's backpack in November. We look forward to celebrating our founding year with you!

Studio 57

March 10, 2018

San Diego Hilton & Resort

Sincerely,

Your Main Event Team

School of the Madeleine Parent Referral Form

Parents: As you think of friends, neighbors, relatives, and other families with whom you may associate, we invite you to write any prospective family's name, address, phone number and any pertinent information about them on this form (like names and ages of children, place of business, etc.). We will send the family a letter with a packet of information about our school. If you permit, we would like to mention your name in the letter as the referring party. If you do not wish for us to use your name, then please indicate that below. Please feel free to duplicate this form if you think of more families. Thank you!

Your Name _____

1. Parent's Names _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone Number _____

Pertinent Information

2. Parent's Names _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone Number _____

Pertinent Information

You may use my name in the referral letter _____ Yes _____ No



Halloween Candy Collection for the Poor



Each year students and parishioners are asked to donate part of their Halloween candy which is used for the Christmas distribution at the Casa de los Pobres (House of the Poor) in Mexico. Toothbrushes and toothpaste are also greatly appreciated!

The Sisters of the Franciscan Missionaries of Our Lady Queen of Peace coordinate an annual Christmas distribution where 1,500 impoverished families receive a chicken, rice, beans, canned vegetables and fruit, and a bag of candy to make Christmas festivities a little sweeter! Families also receive blankets, jackets, shoes and toys for the children.

Please leave candy donations in the school or church office.

The candy collection is coordinated by Caroline Kelner, volunteer board member of the Casa de los Pobres, and Cara Bandera of the Notre Dame Club of San Diego.

Thank you!

Church of St. Mary Magdalene

Office of Religious Education

1945 Illion Street

San Diego, CA 92110

(619) 276-1248

Dear School of the Madeleine Families,

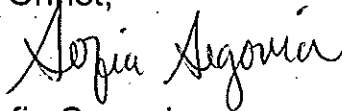
Looking ahead, if you'd like to have your child receive 1st Holy Communion with their classmates (usually in 2nd grade) at St. Mary Magdalene Church, a Catholic baptism is required. With this in mind, if your child is not baptized and it's your desire to do so, we encourage you to begin the baptism process as soon as possible by contacting the Rectory at 619-276-1041.

If your child is not baptized, and you would like to have your child receive this sacrament, please be advised that the process for baptism changes once your child turns **7 years old**. Children who are seven or older and not previously baptized, receive all **three** Sacraments of Initiation (Baptism, Confirmation, *and* Eucharist).

If your child was baptized in another Christian denomination and you would like them to receive 1st Holy Communion in the 2nd grade, they will need to enter into full communion with the Catholic Church by making a Profession of Faith.

For more information, please feel free to contact Sofia in the Office of Religious Education (619) 276-1248.

In Christ,



Sofia Segovia

Director of Religious Education

St. Mary Magdalene Church

619-276-1248



2017

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 All Saints Day Liturgy Mass 11:00 am <i>All Saints Day</i>	2 2 nd Gr. to CYT Performance at Mater Dei High <i>All Souls Day</i>	3 No Mass MINIMUM DAY <i>St. Martin de Porres</i>	4 <i>St. Charles Boromeo</i>
5 Daylight Savings End	6 OPEN HOUSE 9:00 – 11:00 am Accepting New Family Applications	7 8 th Gr. to Food Bank 5 th Gr. to Jr. Theatre	8 Report Card Conferences MINIMUM DAYS	9	10 NO SCHOOL Observance of Veterans Day School Clean-Up Day <i>Pope St. Leo the Great</i>	11 Veterans Day <i>St. Marin of Tours</i>
12	13 <i>St. Francis Xavier Cabrini</i>	14 PSA Board Meeting 1:30 pm NEWSLETTER PSA Raffle Ends	15 HOT LUNCH <i>St. Albert the Great</i>	16 Kindergarten Thanksgiving Feast Awards Assembly 2:10 Gr. 6-8 <i>St. Margaret of Scotland St. Gertrude</i>	17 MASS 11:00 am MINIMUM DAY <i>St. Elizabeth of Hungary</i>	18 <i>St. Rose Philippine Duchesne</i>
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
	THANKSGIVING BREAK					
		<i>The Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary</i>	<i>St. Cecilia</i>	Thanksgiving Day <i>St. Clement I and St. Columban</i>	<i>St. Andrew Dung-Lac and Companions</i>	<i>St. Catherine of Alexandria</i>
26 OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST KING OF THE UNIVERSE	27 School Resumes RE-REGISTRATION BEGINS Madeleine Family (Siblings) Registration Begins	28	29 HOT LUNCH Advisory Board Mtg. 5:30 pm	30 <i>St. Andrew, Apostle</i>		