

November 14, 2017

Dear Madeleine Parents,

November is the perfect month to celebrate and recognize the many blessings in our lives. Quite often we think of our larger blessings and miss the opportunity to say thank you to God for the little positive things in life. In essence, a person with a grateful heart recognizes that everything we have comes from God. Therefore, on Thanksgiving Day, let us spend time to give thanks to God.



I want to offer a special thank you to all of you for the support and kindness you have shown me this year. I am extremely grateful for each and every one of you. Please continue to thank your child(ren)'s teachers as they are extremely dedicated and work so hard to help each child achieve his or her best.

There **are five important religious feast days and celebrations** during the month of December: **Saint Francis Xavier** on December 3; The **Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary** on December 8 (Holy Day of Obligation); **Our Lady of Guadalupe** on December 12; **The Nativity of the Lord** (Christmas) on December 25; and the **Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph** on December 30.

THE LITURGICAL SEASON OF ADVENT

The First Sunday of Advent is on **December 3** and the official start of the Church calendar. The Season of Advent is a time of quiet, joyful preparation for the celebration of Jesus' birth. It is also a time to remember that we wait for Christ to come again at the end of time.

SCHOOL CLEAN UP DAY

The school clean up day on **November 10** was a huge success. There were a number of volunteers on campus from *AXA*, school parents, and alumni freshening things up around the school, cutting back the ice plant/ brush, weeding, sweeping, and cleaning along the fences on the field. It was truly a *Hearts in Action* service event and I thank everyone who participated.

A special thank you to alumni—*J.D. Watson* and *Michael Lindebak*; and parents—*Kevin Bryar*; *Cuong* and *Vicky Nguyen*; and *Ryan, Stephanie, Logan, and Caden Perry* who helped on the clean up day. A very heartfelt thank you to *John Schlichting* who helped on this day and works tirelessly to maintain the field throughout the year.

MAD SCIENCE ASSEMBLY AND GRANT

A special thank you to the *American Chemical Society* whose grant provided an engaging Mad Science assembly for our fourth and fifth graders on October 27. The *Spin, Pop, and Boom* assembly was very exciting for the students and included many fascinating science demonstrations. I am sure we have many future scientists in the making after seeing the enthusiasm of the students during the assembly! Thank you, American Chemical Society, for this special opportunity.

FOOD PANTRY SERVICE OPPORTUNITY

Seventh and eighth grade students had an opportunity recently to give their service at the San Diego Food Bank. Seventh graders went October 5 and eighth graders went on November 7 to help prepare food for distribution to the poor. I'm proud of our students for making service an important part of their lives. A special thank you to our teachers and the parents who drove and participated, as well.

BENCH TO HONOR DAWN PARK

A beautiful bench has been added to the field to honor *Mrs. Dawn Park*.

The *Mahady Family* and *Mia Lloyd*, parents of alumni and long supporters of School of the Madeleine, donated the bench. *Mike Alves* and *Mike O'Neal* built the beautiful trellis over the bench to add some lovely shade. I'd like to offer a special thank you to *Meg Alves* who organized the whole project and



added the beautiful succulent potted plants to adorn the bench. We hope to have a blessing and dedication of the bench in the spring.

STUDIO 57 – THE YEAR IT ALL BEGAN



The Main Event's, *Calling All Angels*, online Christmas auction begins December 1 and runs through December 9. Be sure to check it out for Christmas gifts. A sincere thank you to *Susan Cuttitta*, *Claire Dahlsen*, and *Janel Divona*; the main event co-chairs, for their hard work and dedication. Please see more information from our co-chairs regarding the auction and main event in this newsletter.

BOTTOM OF THE HILL

It is strongly discouraged to have students wait at the bottom of the hill for pick-up after school. The bottom of Illion St. is off campus and therefore, is not supervised by any Madeleine staff. Many students go directly to waiting cars but other students wait unsupervised for their ride or carpool to arrive. Last week, there was an incident that was quite dangerous for the students. A large truck was trying to make it up the very steep hill. The front wheels of the truck were lifting up off the street and the front end of the truck was close to tipping over. One of the Madeleine dads saw this danger, stopped, and ran over to move the students out of the way. The students waiting did not respond to the dad and instead stood there video taping the incident with their cell phones. We need to realize that students are not adults and do not always see the danger and use good judgment. I want to thank the dad who stopped and tried to help the students. He also helped the truck driver back down the hill and choose another route.

If you ask your child(ren) to go down the hill for pick-up, please reconsider. The pick-up process in the passenger zone goes quickly if everyone follows the rules. You can always wait at the bottom of the hill until you see that the passenger zone is moving before coming up the hill for your child(ren). Thank you for your help.

I have also received calls from our neighbors on Gardena, as well as from the rectory regarding our parents blocking the intersection of Illion St. and Gardena in the morning. Please do not block the intersection as you wait to come up Illion St. to drop off your child(ren).

MORNING DROP OFF

If you are using the passenger zone in front of the school to drop off your child in the morning, **we ask that you do not get out of your car!** The greeters and I will help your child and remove their backpacks. If you need to give last minute instructions, sign notes, or discuss pick-up details, please drive up to the church parking lot! This will help keep the passenger zone moving in the morning.

In addition, if you are the last car in the line to drop off your child, wait until traffic starts moving and pull up to the top of the passenger zone. This will prevent the last car from holding up all the cars waiting to enter the passenger zone. When leaving the passenger zone, please pull out as far as you can in the drive-through lane (still stay right of the yellow line). This will allow another line of cars to enter the passenger zone. With everyone's help, we can make the drop off in the morning more pleasant for all and a much faster experience. Thank you for your cooperation.

Thank you to the greeters who have helped me during these past few weeks: *John White, Tim Graves, Ellie Flores, and Paula Cross*. Even if you can only help once in awhile, it really makes a difference for drop off!

Please sign up for available days using SignUpGenius:
<http://www.signupgenius.com/go/60b0544acaa22a31-morning>

EARLY MORNING DROP OFF

Please remember that the campus is not open until 7:45 a.m. in the morning. No child may be on campus before this time unless they are supervised by a teacher in their classroom or checked into day care. Free day care does not start until 7:45 a.m. Students who are dropped off early will be charged a fee and requested to sign up for the YMCA day care program. We are strictly adhering to this policy.

HALLOWEEN CANDY

School of the Madeleine collected **6 boxes** of Halloween candy. A representative from the Notre Dame Club picked up the candy on **Wednesday, November 8**. The candy is used for the Christmas distribution at the Casa de los Pobres (House of the Poor) in Mexico. I thank all those Madeleine families who generously participated in this donation.

CROSS COUNTRY MEET

The 2017 Cross Country Meet held at Cathedral Catholic High School on October 14, 2017 was an amazing success. We had an incredible 74 athletes participate. I am very proud of our athletes.

Team Trophies were won by the following:

Kindergarten Girls	3 rd /4 th Grade Girls
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1 st /2 nd Grade Girls	5 th /6 th Grade Girls

I want to thank *Katy Sanford* and her assistant coaches; *Pham Zeman, Julia Heying, Kimberly Mowrey and Margarita García!* Thank you to all the parents and families for your support of this program

OCTOBER CONTEST WINNERS

Attached to this newsletter, you will find a list of winners of the Red Ribbon Week Coloring Contest, the Halloween Pumpkin Carving Contest, and the Halloween Costume Contest. Congratulations to all the winning students!

THANKSGIVING BASKETS

Our school is preparing Thanksgiving baskets for the Center for Community Solutions. This organization, located in Pacific Beach, helps women and families of domestic violence. We will be assembling 22 food baskets to distribute this Friday. **Each basket includes a turkey and all the fixings for a Thanksgiving dinner.** This is a way for us to teach our children to share and to think of less fortunate individuals. **Thank you for your generosity!**

PRESCHOOL & KINDERGARTEN CHRISTMAS PROGRAMS

The preschool Christmas pageant will be on **Friday, December 1 at 10:00 a.m.** in our parish hall. Our kindergarten Christmas pageant will be held on **Friday, December 8 at 1:30 p.m.** in the parish hall. Please mark your calendars!

GRADES 1-8 CHRISTMAS PAGEANTS

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 any families whose last name starts with A through J. The second production will be on **Thursday, December 14 at 1:30 p.m.** for families whose last name begins with K through Z.

Doors will be opened for all performances 45 minutes before starting time. There is **no advanced reserved seating** before any of our school performances. Parents who wish brothers or sisters to attend the kindergarten or preschool performances will have to sign them out at the office. Please write a note to their teacher informing them that they will be attending the sibling's performance. For the safety of everyone, any siblings attending any performances **must** be **SEATED** with their **PARENTS!** Thank you for your cooperation!

Please, parents, stay for the whole show. It is **very frustrating to the students**, as well as to the teachers, to have students pulled out of school right after their song. Teachers often have planned activities for the entire class after their performance and it can be difficult for them when too many students leave. Furthermore, this is an entire school production and should be seen from beginning to end!

BAND CONCERT

There will be a **Madeleine band concert** by our experienced members before the Christmas pageant on **Thursday, December 14 at 1:00 p.m.**

CHRISTMAS VACATION

Friday, December 15 is a **minimum day**. Students will be dismissed at noon from the church. Christmas vacation this year will begin on Monday, December 18. We return to school on Wednesday, January 3.

TUITION ASSISTANCE

Applications for tuition assistance (TADS Program) for the 2018-2019 school year are available **now** by downloading them from **www.tads.com/request**. All applications must be mailed to the TADS Organization and be post-marked 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. The amount of assistance allotted is determined by the need of the family.

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.

RE-REGISTRATION

Each year, in December, all families are required to re-register for the upcoming school year. Families will be mailed a re-registration form for each child and be asked to pay a re-registration fee per family.

Re-registration forms for returning students for the 2018-2019 school year will be mailed on Monday, November 27. The re-registration fee is \$90.00. **Your forms and payment are due on Monday, December 4 for your child to receive priority placement.** Please be sure that you send in your re-registration on time. Your child's enrollment for 2018-2019 cannot be guaranteed with the late return and payment of your re-registration. Tuition rates for next year will be announced in March when some of the basic expenses (benefits, insurance, COLA, etc.) are received from the Diocesan Office.

Applications for Madeleine families wishing to enroll sibling(s) for the 2018-2019 school year (preschool through 7th grades) are available in the office. You may pick up these applications or call the school office to have one sent to you. These applications must be returned by Tuesday, December 12 in order to receive priority placement. Your payment of the family re-registration fee will cover the sibling application fee.

Our second **Open House** is on **Sunday, January 7 from 11:30 a.m.-1:00 p.m.** Applications for new students are available in the school office or online from our website. Only applications with required documents and appropriate fees will be accepted.

Success in keeping tuition increases low is dependent on successful fundraisers and parents donating their time and energy to the school. Therefore, securing your child's final placement for the 2018-2019 school year **is contingent** not only on full payment of tuition but also on completion of the fundraising commitment and service hours by April 1, 2018.

RAINY DAY PROCEDURES

On rainy days, we always need extra parents for lunch duty to cover the classrooms. On these days, it is all right to just show up for supervision duty if you have completed the live scan/background check through the Diocese or the new CMG clearance. When you arrive on campus, sign in at the office and then report to the P.E. office and Coach O'Neal or Coach Stabile will give you a classroom assignment. Please remember that you will receive **two service points for lunch supervision.**

Please remember **that if it is raining hard at dismissal time**, you may **pick up your child early.** You do not have to check out at the office if you pick up your child after 2:30 p.m. This rainy day policy will help alleviate traffic, help small students stay dry, and will create a safer dismissal environment. We do encourage all parents to send their children to school with an umbrella on school days when rain is forecast. Raincoats with hoods are allowed on campus but are not to be worn in the classroom.

THANK YOU FALL SPORT COACHES

Thank you to our outstanding fall coaches and their assistants. Coaching takes a lot of personal time/energy and helps students to grow in their maturity and sportsmanship.

8th Gr. Varsity Football: *Eric Rivera*

7th Gr. Varsity Football: *Sean Behan*

6th Gr. JV Red Football: *Mike Contreras, Bob Anderson*

5th Gr. JV White Football: *John Dorris, Dave Graulich*

8th Gr. Varsity Red Girls Volleyball: *Todd Wurtz*

8th Gr Varsity White Girls Volleyball: *Joel Michel*

7th Gr. Varsity Girls Volleyball: *Carina York*

6th Gr. JV Red Girls Volleyball: *Jeannette Nunes*

6th Gr. JV White Girls Volleyball: *Lauren Moore*

5th Gr. JV Red Girls Volleyball: *Nazaré Judd*

5th Gr. JV White Volleyball: *Adrianna Wurst, Molly Wauson*

Track Team: *Katy Sanford, Pham Zeman, Julia Heying, Kimberly Mowrey* and *Margarita García*.

SPECIAL THANK YOU

I want to thank the many parents who helped with our November open house.

These parents gave tours to our new visiting families: *Mary Conroy, Julie Grooms, Gaby Sanders, Rachel Brunton, Jessica Flippin, Civita Bardaro, Jenny La Raia, Keith Diertrle, Brenda Walker, Paula Cross, and Amelia McDermott*.

Other individuals who helped with hospitality and greeting: *Erica Morton* (and tours), *Nicole Santos* (and tours), *Claudia Virgilio*, and *Emily Perrinez*.

A very special thank you to the following families who posted yard signs to advertise our November Open House: *Grooms, Harper, Haskett, Sanders, McDermott, Cross, Santos, Wood, Wickstrand, J. Lopez, J. Stehly, Nasland, Moore, and Jenson*.

Let us know if you would like to help advertise our January Open House with a yard sign.

I'd also like to thank the 8th grade students from Advanced Math who helped tour the new families: *Delia Graves, Lucy Bacich, Michael Behr, Ella Kuhn, Anna Evenson, Erika Festa, Joe Montali, Luke Wolff, Roman Beck, Gracie Brutto, Kiara Ashman, Aidan Rickwa, John Lopez, Sean McDermott, Isabelle Escobar, Ruby Espinoza, Christian Conniff, Helen Brunton, and Anita Flores*.

PRAYERS REQUESTED

Please pray for the repose of the soul of *John McCall*, brother of Fr. Steve McCall, who passed away recently. Keep in your prayers, *Bruce Sutphen*, father of Charli (sixth grade) and Maré (alumna) who is seriously ill. In addition, please continue to pray for the healing of *John Stabile* (brother of Paul Stabile and father of alumni).

In addition, we pray for a safe Thanksgiving, as many of us will be traveling out of town to visit friends and family.

Please follow us on Twitter @sdmadeleine and like us on Facebook at School of the Madeleine @SchooloftheMadeleine.

From the faculty and staff of School of the Madeleine, we wish you a very *Happy Thanksgiving!*

God bless,

Jean

Jean Coleman

THANK YOU TO:

AXA Advisors—for their **\$5,000.00 grant** and providing many of the workers for the school clean up day on **November 10**.

Ryan Perry, one of our first grade parents—for arranging for his company to consider our school for a generous grant and organizing the *AXA Hearts in Action* service event.

Fifth Grade Parents—for providing lunch for our teachers on Friday, November 3.

Seventh Grade Parents—for providing lunch for our teachers on November 8.

Kindergarten Parents and *Tyler Martín*—who provided lunch from Miguel's for our teachers on November 9.

Mary Conroy—for donating pens imprinted with School of the Madeleine for Open House and new families.

Dierdre Brennen (grandmother of Ava and Oliver Bayne)—who helped us properly dispose of several worn and tattered American flags.

Alison Sánchez (alumna) for her generous donation to the school.

Kevin and *Torin Bryar*, and *Gus Estrada* (alumnus)—for cutting ice plant around the field in preparation for the community clean up day.

Kevin Bryar—who purchased inflatable bins for the debris from the field and arranged for them to be picked up.



I'm thankful Lord – so thankful
You've blessed me day by day.
Food, shelter, friends and family
You've given when I pray.

And though I am quite grateful
For these things I hold so dear,
What I really cherish most of all
is Your presence ever near.

I may be full or empty.
I may be glad or sad.
But You're the constant in my life,
The best blessing I could have!

Thank you, Lord.
I love you.



SCHOOL NEWS

November 14, 2017

ENROLLMENT IN OUR CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOLS

Parents of our eighth graders who are planning to enroll in local Catholic high schools should go to the website of the school they wish to apply to for application information. The instructions for tuition assistance are also on their websites.

Request for transcripts for local Catholic high schools will not be sent out until after the first semester grades are recorded. Therefore, please do not turn in your request **until January**. All requests should be sent directly to the office.

LIBRARY NEWS

Our Book Fair was a big success! Thank you for your support! The Library was able to get some new books for our collection and there is also some money left over to purchase supplies. I would like to thank all of the volunteers who worked at the Fair. I truly appreciate all the time, energy and patience you put into our Book fair!

Cindy Bayless, Librarian

MILK/JUICE ORDER REMINDER

The milk/juice order form for January, February and March will be e-mailed by room parents. If you would like to order milk or juice, please be sure to send your order form to the office by the December deadline noted on the form. Milk/Juice orders will not be accepted in January after the Christmas Vacation.

COLLECTION FOR CCSA

During the month of December, 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.



CLASS NEWS

KINDERGARTEN

Kindergarten has been very busy. We had so much fun at the Halloween carnival and the Pumpkin Patch. We also had a wonderful time decorating our pumpkins with our Big Buddies. Thank you Room Moms for making it a success.

We are preparing for Thanksgiving by learning about the First Thanksgiving. We will have a joyful Thanksgiving Feast with our big buddies on Thursday November 16th. The kindergarteners will dress as Native Americans with vests made from paper bags, paper head-dresses, and beaded necklaces. We had a lot of fun creating the Native American costumes themselves. Their sixth grade big buddies will dress as pilgrims. Thank you kindergarten and sixth grade parents for all of your help preparing for our feast and donating food items so that needy families could have Thanksgiving feasts as well.

In Religion we discussed the saints and how we can live like them. We also learned about the church calendar with Ordinary Times and the special celebrations we have in our Church.

Of course, we also thought about what it means to be thankful. Thank you kindergarten parents for the fantastic conferences. It was wonderful getting to know all of you better.

FIRST GRADE

November is already upon us! We are preparing for our Thanksgiving Feast with our "first grade family!" We have many projects going, as we ponder the true meaning of Thanksgiving! We are studying about the founding of the New World, and the pilgrims who travelled across the dangerous sea to begin a new life. We are also learning about the Indians who were the first to inhabit America, and their help to the pilgrims in how to survive on the land! The children are also thinking about all the blessings in their life that fill their hearts with "gratitude", and that a grateful heart, is a saintly heart! In the month of November, the first graders learned about two special celebrations in the Catholic Church; All Saints Day and All Souls Day. We attended the school Mass on All Saints Day. Many of the children brought in pictures of Saints, holy cards, statues, and prayer books to celebrate All Saints Day. We continue to pray our decade of the Rosary daily, and on All Souls Day we remembered to pray for our deceased family members, and friends, and all the souls in Purgatory, that need our prayers! We continue to progress in reading, and learning the value of words, and building our vocabulary. The students are improving in reading with fluency and expression! We wish you a peace-filled Thanksgiving with your loved ones!

SECOND GRADE

November has been a busy month in second grade. We all really enjoyed sharing both our character pumpkins. In math, we have been learning about place value, even and odd numbers, skip counting, and number patterns. We are continuing to work on our math fact practice daily. In religion, we have been learning about the sacrament of Reconciliation. Lastly, we have been very busy with various writing projects. We have so much to be thankful for, and we wish everyone a blessed Thanksgiving!

THIRD GRADE

November has been an exciting month. With Thanksgiving coming, we have been learning about the Wampanoag tribe, the Pilgrims, and how they lived. We learned about saints who stood up for others and set good examples. We have also been doing fun art for November, too. Recently we have started to learn cursive. So we will start multiplication. We can't wait for Thanksgiving and we are thankful for our amazing school and teachers.

Kailey Davidson
Charlotte Wickstrand

FOURTH GRADE

This month we have been busy doing many projects. We worked on a project about Native American tribes in Social Studies, and in science we are working on an animal project to finish our unit on plants and animals. In math we are learning to multiply with large numbers, and in English we have been working on our writing. We are putting our faith into action by collecting Thanksgiving food items to give to a needy family. We will soon be starting on the Christmas program, we are looking forward to spending time with our families this Thanksgiving holiday.

FIFTH GRADE

Welcome Autumn! The clocks are set back, the moon has been lovely, and we've had an extra hour of sleep. Second quarter has started and we're off to a good start. We have been learning about the forming and settling of the 13 colonies. Ecosystems are the topic in Science class. Long division and fractions are being mastered too. We read a great thought provoking novel and then saw the Junior Theater play. It was terrific. A big thank you to all of the families that donated goodies for the Halloween carnival and volunteered to help there or drive on our field trip. We will be working on collecting all of the items for the annual Thanksgiving baskets for the needy. Thank you for being so generous.

SIXTH GRADE

The sixth graders are so very thankful for their many blessings, especially our parents and families. We are looking forward to sharing a Thanksgiving feast with our kindergarten buddies this week! We prepared for and participated in celebrating the Liturgy on the Feast of All Saints at the beginning of the month. Our religion studies have focused on the Passover and the Eucharistic Celebration. In literature we are working on short speeches that demonstrate our opinions and provide reasons with supporting evidence. In social studies we are learning about the civilization of Ancient Egypt and have been able to draw connections with last month's field trip to the Museum of Man. We are currently doing online research on pharaohs, which we will present to the class when we return from break. We pray that we all appreciate our abundant blessings and that we enjoy special time with family and friends on Thanksgiving!



JUNIOR HIGH NEWS

SEVENTH GRADE

As we start the second quarter, seventh graders are quickly becoming Google Classroom and ChromeBook masters! In Social Studies we have been conducting Internet research on African countries and we are creating slide presentations in Google Slides. We have worked on our own slides and then shared them and did a peer review with our classmates. In Literature we are reading *I am Malala* as a class. Malala's story inspires us with her examples of courage, dedication, passion, and dignity. We are really enjoying this story and the discussions it evokes. We'll soon be working on our final projects inspired by Malala and her good works in the world. In Science we are working on our Science Fair/Stream Fair Projects on Fingerprints—CSI: Madeleine. Our research papers with bibliographies are complete. We have taken our own fingerprints in class. Next we will determine if our class fingerprints match the percentage of the general population. In Religion we are currently learning about the Liturgical Calendar and how the seasons of the Church are celebrated. We are learning a lot of new things in Spanish. When we return from Thanksgiving break, on Monday afternoon, we will be delivering bags throughout the neighborhood around Madeleine. Our neighbors who live here will fill them with food for the needy. We ask our parents who are available to assist us as chaperones for this service event. We wish everyone a Happy Thanksgiving! Enjoy the Break!

EIGHTH GRADE

This past month has been filled with fun activities and lots of valuable learning. We took a trip to Cathedral Catholic High School, in North County. They had a great presentation and now we are torn between schools. The next day, we had lots of fun on Halloween at the carnival. In Literature we are finishing up the novel Fahrenheit 451. In Social Studies we are continuing to learn more about the Constitution, the Articles, and the three different branches of government. In Science we are learning about thermal energy, waves, and working hard on our science projects. We started off the year with a new Spanish teacher, Senora Escobedo, and are now settled in and hard at work developing and studying our flashcards. In Religion we are learning about the Church's struggles and growth during the early Middle Ages. We are looking forward to Thanksgiving and spending the week with our families giving thanks for what we have.



Congratulations to the following students:

Red Ribbon Coloring/Poster Contest Winners

KA	Amelia Dawson	4B	Carson Prah
KB	Stella Lamerato	5A	Shannon Smith
KF	Mariana Perez	5B	Camila Zouvi
1A	Audrey Cashman	6A	Jasmin Corrales
1B	Chloe Moniz	6B	Mitchel Sanford
2A	Lilly La Raia	7A	Sofia Brigida
2B	Abigail Danson	7B	Jazmin Cruz
3A	Katie French	8A	Tracy Hicks
3B	Francesca Balistreri	8B	Ruby Espinoza
4A	Nathan Balkenbush		

Pumpkin Decorating Contest Winners

Scariest	Sam Holcomb-2B
Most Original	Maggie Holcomb-6A
Most Creative	Jenna O'Beirne-7A
Best Movie Themed	Arianna Carini-4A
Cutest	Giovanna Brunetto-4A

Costume Contest Winners

Funniest	Natalie Stehly-7A
Most Original	Gianna Nunes-6A
Most Creative	Cate Shillito in 2A and Nora Wiese in 2B
Scariest	Janee Feliciano & Jiselle Ferreira in 6A
Best "Look-alike"	Tracy Hicks-8A
Best Group	"The Trolls"
	Sydney Serrano-6B
	Audrey O'Neal-6B
	Madeline Bergener-6B
	Peyton Moore-6A
	Olivia Vasquez-6B



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



MAIN EVENT NEWS!

Dear SOM Parents and Friends,

The 1st School of the Madeleine Christmas auction, "Calling all Angels" goes live in just 7 days! Bidding is easy. On December 1st thru December 9th log on to www.MadeleineMainEvent.com and click on the Christmas Auction Tab. There, you will be able to bid on several items that make great Christmas gift, things to do, and perhaps enjoy for yourself! **NOTE:** There will be a buy now option for the items that expire early December. I can arrange for you to receive your gifts to use before the auction is over. Items purchased will be available for pick up outside of the kinder wall December 12th thru the 14th after school until 3:30. We want to thank everyone who helped make this possible. We could NOT have done this without you!

By this time, you have received a very special Studio 57 underwriting form. This is an opportunity to promote families, friends, and businesses at the Madeleine Main Event. There are various sponsorship levels. Please participate to support our school.

In addition, planning is well underway for our main event. Invitations will be sent home the last week in November with your eldest child. When you receive your invitation, make sure to follow the instructions provided. Your RSVP will help you avoid the long check-in line.

We are excited to report that monetary donations are starting to come in! Thanks to our most recent corporate sponsor Herman Pro AV!

Just like years past, we will hold an on-line auction prior to the gala. We are still in need of more auction items! Our procurement meetings are a fun way to support each other and get to know one another. Feel free to join when you can. Look for the evite. If you don't receive an invitation, please email us at studio57me@gmail.com.


Thanks for all your support,

Susan Cuttitta, Claire Dahlen, and Janel Divona

Main Event Co-Chairs

December

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1 Preschool Christmas Program 10:00–11:00 am PSA Raffle MINIMUM DAY Online Christmas Auction	2
3 1st Sunday of Advent	4 RE-REGISTRATION DUE <i>St. John Damascene</i>	5 	6 HOT LUNCH Progress Reports K-8 <i>St. Nicholas</i>	7 <i>St. Ambrose</i>	8 Immaculate Conception Mass 11:00 am Kindergarten Christmas Program 1:30 pm	9 Online Christmas Auction Ends <i>St. Juan Diego Cuauhtlatoatzli</i>
10 2nd Sunday of Advent	11 <i>Pope St. Damasus I</i>	12 NEWSLETTER Madeleine Family (Siblings) Registration Due PSA Board Meeting 1:30 pm <i>Our Lady of Guadalupe</i>	13 Christmas Program Families A-J 1:30 pm Advisory Board Mtg. 5:30 pm <i>St. Lucy</i>	14 Band Concert 1:00 pm Christmas Program Families K-Z 1:30 pm <i>St. John of the Cross</i>	15 MASS 11:00 am MINIMUM DAY	16
17 3rd Sunday of Advent	Christmas Vacation					23 <i>St. John of Kanty</i>
24 <i>Christmas Eve</i> 4th Sunday of Advent	25  <i>Christmas</i>	26 <i>St. Stephen</i>	27 <i>St. John, Apostle and Evangelist</i>	28 <i>The Holy Innocents</i>	29 <i>St. Thomas Becket</i>	30
31 <i>The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph</i>						