

June 6, 2017

Dear Madeleine Parents,



With the passing of the solemnity of Pentecost (the birthday of the church) most families are ready for summertime. With the last day of school on the horizon, we begin to celebrate this amazing season of sunshine, the beach, bare feet, and summer vacations to visit with family/friends, or just to experience new and exciting places. The world is alive with rich colors and filled with adventure and surprises. The church welcomes in “Ordinary Time” by wearing green vestments, which is so apropos to the season. This “ordinary time will continue through the fall”!

As I say my final farewell to students, parents, and teachers, I want you to know that Madeleine is a special place because of all of you. You will always be in my heart and in my prayers. As I look back through the years, I can honestly say that my time at Madeleine has been one of the best of my life. May Our Lord and Savior bless each of you!

There are **five important feast days and celebrations** during the month of **July and August**: **St. Junípero Serra** on July 1; **St. Kateri Tekakwitha** on July 14; **Saint Mary Magdalene** on July 22; the **Transfiguration of our Lord** on August 6; and **The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary** on August 15.

Have A Fabulous Safe and Fun Summer!

PROSPECTIVE NEW FAMILIES

As we plan for the coming school year, we recognize that in the past, some of **our best new families have come through referrals**. If you know of a family who have children in **kindergarten, first, and second** grades who has expressed interest in a Catholic education, please share that information with us or ask that family to call the school office to schedule an appointment to visit the school. A special effort will be made to help them through the application process and accept them into the school.



CONGRATULATIONS TO SANDY VARGAS

Mrs. Vargas was nominated by Ian DeGrood for the **Saint Augustine Teacher Tribute Award**. This award was given for her dedication to the field of education and development of young people academically, spiritually, and socially. It recognizes her great contribution to our School of the Madeleine students and the community. **Congratulations, Mrs. Vargas!!**

SUMMER READING LIST

Each child in kindergarten through seventh grades at School of the Madeleine has been emailed a summer reading list. All students will have a summer reading requirement for their next grade level. This reading assignment is due the first week of school. Parents will need to **sign off on this assignment when school begins for the 2017-2018 school year**. If you do not receive this list, please call the office.

STUDENT FEES AND TUITION FOR THE 2017-2018 SCHOOL YEAR

Student fees for the 2017-2018 school year **were due on May 1**. Student fees must be paid to retain priority placement for the coming school year. The first tuition payment is due **July 1** through **SMART TUITION**. Non-payment of tuition by **July 10** will result in a student being dropped from enrollment and placed on a waiting list. **Family contracts** should have already been signed and turned in to the office.

NEW GUIDELINES FOR ESTABLISHING PARISHIONER RATE

To establish a supporting parishioner rate, you must use your **weekly collection envelopes**. If you are signed up with Faith Direct, the eGiving program through St. Mary Magdalene Parish, you will need to **request offertory cards** in lieu of collection envelopes to place in the basket to show your attendance.

Your registration at St. Mary Magdalene, **weekly attendance at Mass, participation in parish activities, and your contributions are key to establishing a supporting parishioner rate**. This must be done for one year (**July to June**) prior to establishing this rate. Envelopes and offertory cards turned in to the rectory mail drop or cash placed in the collection basket will not establish a supporting parishioner rate.

NEW SCHOOL YEAR

Your 2017-2018 master calendar and a student supply list are included in this newsletter and can be found on our Madeleine website. The new school year begins on Wednesday, August 23. There will be a **Welcome Back Coffee** on the first day of school at 8:30 a.m. in the parish hall. All parents are cordially invited!

Our **new parent meeting (K-8)** is on **Thursday, August 17** at 6:00 p.m. in the parish hall. We cordially invite all new parents to attend. **The new parent meeting for preschool** is on **Monday, August 21 at 4:00 p.m. in the parish hall**. Kindergarten open house is on **Tuesday, August 22 at 4:00 p.m.** in the kindergarten classrooms. This is an opportunity for your child to meet their teacher.

Back to School Night for junior high will be on **Wednesday, August 30** at 6:00 p.m. in the junior high classrooms. **Back to School Night** for grades K-6 will be on **Wednesday, September 6** at 6:00 p.m. in the classrooms. Volunteer sign-up sheets will be available in the main hallway in the school. Please take the opportunity to become involved!

The **Main Event** will take place at the Mission Bay Hilton on **Saturday, March 10**.

Grandparents' Day will be on **April 20**. Mark this date on your calendar.

JOHNS HOPKINS UNIVERSITY TALENT SEARCH

School of the Madeleine had **26 eligible** 7th and 8th grade students for the **2017 Talent Search sponsored by Johns Hopkins University**. Participation in this search is voluntary after meeting the eligibility requirements and we had five students take part in the search. Congratulations to the students who qualified and took part in this program.

Also, a special congratulations to *Cindy Tran* (8th grade), *Helen Brunton* (7th grade), and *Laura Wise* (7th grade) who earned **"High Honors"** during the academic Talent Search. This honor is given for being among the highest scoring participants because of their superior scores in mathematical, verbal, and spatial abilities. All three girls received a special certificate commemorating their achievement. Congratulations to you all!

ATHLETES OF THE YEAR

Congratulations to *Brenna French* and *Sinjon Bobolia* on being voted eighth grade **Athletes of the Year** by their peers. Many of our other students were recognized at the awards ceremonies last week for 7th and 8th grades. The **Spirit Award** was presented to *Rick Balke* in recognition of his time and dedication to Madeleine Sports.

50-MILE CLUB VOLUNTEERS

A special thank you goes to **Shannon Sindici, Rose Preciado, Thu Le Leon, Nicole Wickstrand, Kim Musick, Tracy O'Beirne, Carrie Engleman, Lisa Wilber, Janel Divona, Sarah Warner, Crystalin Morris, Floriana Ricasa, Amy Prah**l and **Karen Kelly** for helping at recess and lunch with our Fifty-Mile Club. A big thanks goes to *Denise Trone* for doing all the weekly spreadsheets for all grades. A special thanks goes to *Mrs. Pacheco* for helping to organize the 50-Mile Club.

THANK YOU TO BOARD/COMMITTEE MEMBERS

A special thanks goes to the parents on different boards and committees for their expert advice, fundraising ability, and organizational/planning skills.

ADVISORY BOARD: Greg Cavanagh, Mark Cumba, Keith Dietterle, Julie Grooms, Mary Kassira (Conroy), and Elizabeth LaCosta

PSA BOARD MEMBERS:

Gaby Sanders (president); Rachel Smith (vice-president);
Rosalie Rodriguez (secretary); Lisa Pendergast (treasurer);
Cindy Bayless & Tiffany Balkenbush(ways and means);
Heidi Nasland & Danielle Bergener (room parent coordinators);
Erica Morton & Nicole Santos (hospitality);
Paula Cross (new family mentors);
Shana Jones & Jenny Haskett (community connect)

FUNDRAISER COMMITTEES:

Diane Williams & Caryl Finch (fall fundraiser);
Brenda Walker & Andrea Ausland (jog-a-thon);
Shauna Brown & Gina Petty (main event chairs);
Shauna Brown & Gina Petty (on-line auction for the main event);
Amelia McDermott (PSA raffle);
Julie Ott & Ellen Ashman (box tops, Amazon, etc.)

A SPECIAL THANKS

Thank you to *Angela Levy, Diane Williams, and all the volunteers* for their help with the hot lunch program all year long.

Kristi Cullum for taking care of our Automated External Defibrillator program.

Cindy Lugo for being a terrific milk/juice coordinator during this year.

I want to recognize and thank *our room parents* for all the ways they have shared their time and talents in helping our teachers, the school, and for planning lunches for the teachers every first Friday of the month.

THANK YOU TO OUR NURSES

A huge thanks goes to *Michelle Higginson* for coordinating the nurse's office volunteers. A further thank you goes to our dedicated nurses who consistently tended the minor wounds and tears of our students during the school year: *Deirdre Brennan, Rose Cragin, Esther Cruz, Kristi Cullum, Lisa Sullivan, Jeanne Williams, Gigi Blanchard, Emily Perrinez, Patrick Spears, Sylvia Gonzalez, Karen Kelly, Madeleine Thompson.*

OFFICE DEPOT BACK TO SCHOOL PROGRAM

Every time parents shop at **Office Depot** and provide School of the Madeleine's identification number, our school will receive 5% of the total purchase price in gift cards. These gift cards can be used by our office to purchase duplicating paper or other office supplies. If you are planning to purchase back to school supplies this summer or if you own your own business and shop at Office Depot, please consider using Madeleine's I.D. number. **Our school number is 70013744.**

AMAZON PURCHASES

New to the Madeleine website is an **AMAZON SMILE** button. By simply clicking on the Amazon button, you will earn funds for the school every time you shop! Shopping at Amazon through our website is exactly the same as it would be if you went to Amazon directly. However, if you do it through our Madeleine web page, the school will receive a percentage of your purchase (anonymously). **Free to you, INVALUABLE to Madeleine!**

You can still shop through the Online Mall on our Madeleine website. This includes many other stores that offer a percentage back to the school.

Please pass on this information to ALL your family and friends who shop at Amazon.

COMPANY MATCHING GIFTS

Many corporations recognize and are willing to support private education through a matching gift program. Your employer can advise you if your company will match your gift—often as much as two or three times your contribution. We encourage you to ask your company's personnel office for matching gift instructions and/or forms. Please make sure you list School of the Madeleine as the institution you want matching gifts to go to and not the Diocese of San Diego or St. Mary Magdalene.

PLANNED GIVING

Planned gifts, such as bequests, trusts, life insurance, assignment of a beneficial interest, endowments, life estates, are wonderful ways to give for the future of Catholic education at School of the Madeleine!

Prayers Requested

Please pray for a safe summer for all our Madeleine families.

Yours in Christ,

Donna 

Donna Wittouck

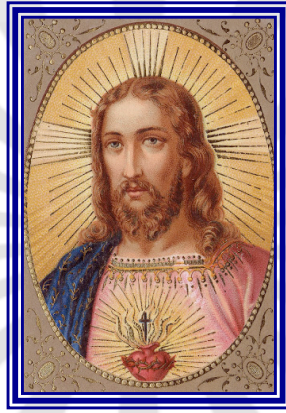
THANK YOU:

Michael Karıjanian— owner and chef of *Sweet & Savory Gourmet*, catering and take-out, located on Mt. Acadia Blvd. Mike catered a delicious luncheon for my retirement celebration.

Rachel Moritz—for her hard work and dedication to making this year's Main Event Teachers' Packages a HUGE success. From planning and organizing to execution, it was a job well done.

Kristi Cullum & Emily Perrinez—for screening our eighth graders for scoliosis.

Whitney Morton and Family—for hosting the teacher luncheon in May.



*Rest your head upon
the **Heart** of Jesus and learn
from His generous **Love**.*

SCHOOL NEWS

June 6, 2017

A SINCERE THANK YOU!

We would like to thank all of our volunteer parents for their faithful service in our school's office throughout this year, we appreciate not only your caring aid to our students, but also your help with various office projects. You all are truly angels!

Thank you Michelle Higginson for managing our online "nurses" sign up calendar, for spreading the news when volunteers are needed, and for keeping us informed when there are changes to the sign up calendar. We greatly appreciate what you have done for us this year!

We hope every one of you has a wonderful summer! See you next year!

Sincerely,
Tara, Barbara & Julie Ann

MILK PROGRAM

Thank you Cyndi Lugo for coordinating our milk program yet another year! We sincerely appreciate all the time you gave in helping the milk program run efficiently. We are very gracious for our Milk Helpers. Thank you, **Cristina Costa, Janel Divona, Michelle Jiu, Rina Lombardo, Linda Lugo, Claire Dahlen, Maria Yee, and Civita Bardaro**, you were always here on your specified day to give milk & juice to the students. It's your volunteer service that has kept our milk program running for over 30 years!

UNIFORM EXCHANGE NEEDS VOLUNTEERS

The school uniform exchange is looking for volunteers for the 2017-2018 school year. Helpers sort and label the used uniforms and/or lend a hand at the exchange. Earn service hours and get first pick of the uniforms! This is a free service offered to SOM families and needs supporters to keep it running. Please email Juliet Conniff at julietbutcher@sbcglobal.net to volunteer or for more information.



*Immaculate Heart of Mary.
Please pray to Jesus
on our behalf.*

June Class News

Kindergarten

Kindergarten has been busy preparing for our kindergarten graduation. We have practiced our songs and dance moves and are ready to entertain you on Thursday June 8th at 10:30 in the Church Hall.

In Practical Life we learned all about habitats in the Rainforest and Desert and the plants and animals that can survive there. In Math we finished our book so we have been practicing our addition and subtraction facts each day. We also made cards and special gifts for our fabulous fathers.

We are so excited at the progress all of the students made this year in all of the subject areas. The Reading program is successful because of the wonderful volunteers that came each week. This year our reading room was filled each day with parent and grandparent volunteers. There are too many helpers to list but we appreciate each one of you. We would like to send a special thank-you to Mr. Dan who continues to come each week even after his grandson has graduated from 8th grade. He is a treasure to all of us. A big thank you to Mrs. Sylvia who has spent endless hours helping the students in the reading room and helped the teachers organize and prepare for the year.

We hope you have a safe, wonderful, and blessed summer.

First Grade

June has finally arrived!! It is "bitter-sweet", as we prepare to say farewell to our precious children! It has been a blessing to see their academic, and spiritual growth, as they embraced each new challenge! It is our prayer, that the children will continue to nourish the seeds that have been deeply rooted in their hearts, and souls this year, so that they will bear great fruit, that will "change the world!! Thank you parents for all your support, and generous hearts! We wish you a restful summer, and may God fill you with His Peace!!

Second Grade

The end of the year is here once again. As we wrap up our final lesson plans and clean our classrooms, we reflect upon what a wonderful year it has been. The last day of school is always bittersweet. We are excited for the summer, but sad to say goodbye to some of our friends for a few months.

The second grade teachers would like to thank our room moms for their hard work, support, and dedication this school year. We would also like to thank all of the parents for their support in and out of the classroom. Most of all we would like to thank our students. Without them, we would not be able to experience some of the simple joys in life. Their smiles, laughter, and hugs will always be remembered. They will remain in our thoughts and prayers. We wish them the very best as they continue their education at School of the Madeleine and beyond. Have a great summer!

Third Grade

The school year was AWESOME! We learned many things. We had great assignments and a real fun field trip! We know that third grade is going to be a memorable year. All the teachers were nice. We thank the teachers, aides, and parents who helped us learn this year. God bless our teachers, aides, and parents! We couldn't have done it without them!

Marielle Ryan
George Burrell

Fourth Grade

We can't believe that this year has come to an end! We had a lot of fun in fourth grade and have learned a lot too. We look forward to fifth grade and to a relaxing summer vacation. We want to thank all of the parents who helped us this year by planning parties, driving on field trips, helping with class projects or helping at home with homework.

See you next year!

Fifth Grade

Goodbye to all as we will meet again in August. Looking back at our wonderful 5th graders, we reflect on the many accomplishments, friendships, and experiences we had as a family. We learned a great deal from our many guest speakers and presentations from our 7th grade science students. We figured out how to work best with each other, we brought out each other's strengths and worked on minimizing our weaknesses. We donated for various charities throughout the year, and emphasized that we are a whole community, not just a class, and we must always work towards helping and caring for everyone. We hope 5th grade was memorable for all of you. We thank you for following our program and letting us get to know and love your children. You are all very blessed to have such wonderful kids and we expect to hear great news about their futures.

Thank you and enjoy the summer.
Mrs. Fox and Mrs. Alves

Sixth Grade

Sixth grade had such an amazing year. In social studies we learned about Ancient Civilizations such as the Greeks, Romans, and the Ancient Chinese. But we didn't just learn about the past. We also discovered things about the world around us happening today. We expressed our creativity through the visual arts, poetry and literature. In science we learned about weather and how our Earth can change by great weather disasters. In religion we learned more about our faith, focusing especially on the Virgin Mary and the Old Testament. Some other highlights include 6th grade camp and our field trips to the Museum of Man and Mission Trails. We all look forward to the years to come and thank our teachers for preparing us for Junior High!

Written by Jordan Ho

Seventh Grade

We wrapped up our study of mammals with our scavenger hunt field trip at the San Diego Zoo. We learned a lot, walked a lot, and had a great time observing the animals and their adaptations and behaviors with our classmates. In Social Studies we concluded our study of the Renaissance and now we are learning about the Age of Discovery. In Religion we took a final on the Sacraments. We not only learned much about the 7 Sacraments given to us by Jesus but we also know more about what to expect on a final exam. We love our new sweatshirts! We wish everyone a fabulous summer filled with joy and peace. The next time you hear from us---we will be in 8th grade!



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SEPT					1	4	5	6	7	8	11	12	13	14	15	18	19	20	21	22	25	26	27	28	29
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JUN					1	4	5	6	7	8	11	12	13	14	15	18	19	20	21	22	25	26	27	28	29

Minimum Day (Noon Dismissal)		Legal Holiday		School Not In Session		School Vacation		No School Teacher Work Day	
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1st Day of School 2017-18

Minimum Days

Labor Day

Teacher Professional Growth

Halloween Carnival

Parent-Teacher Conferences

Veterans Day

Minimum Day

Thanksgiving Vacation

Minimum Day

Christmas Vacation

M. L. King Jr. Day

08/23/17 (Minimum Day)

08/24/17 & 08/25/2017

09/04/17 (Legal Holiday)

10/20/17 (No School)

10/31/17 (Minimum Day)

11/08/17 & 11/9/17 (Minimum Days)

11/10/17 (Legal Holiday)

11/17/17

11/20/17-11/24/17

12/15/17

12/18/17 - 01/02/18

01/15/18 (Legal Holiday)

Teacher Professional Growth

Presidents' Day

Teacher Professional Growth

Holy Thursday

Easter Vacation

Grandparents Day

May Crowning

Memorial Day

8th Grade Graduation

Kindergarten Last Day

Last Day of School (Pre & Grades 1-7)

02/16/18 (No School)

02/19/18 (Legal Holiday)

03/16/18 (No School)

03/29/18 (Minimum Day)

03/30/18 - 04/06/18

04/20/18 (Minimum Day)

05/11/18 (Minimum Day)

05/28/18 (Legal Holiday)

06/01/18 (Minimum Day)

06/07/18 (Minimum Day)

06/08/18 (Minimum Day)