

June 11, 2013



Dear Madeleine Parents,

For many of us, it seems impossible that the 2012-2013 school year is nearing its conclusion. Our eighth graders have already graduated and our remaining students are in the midst of their final week of school. For most, it will soon be a time for summer travel, fun, and relaxation.

So much has transpired during the past nine months and our Lord has truly blessed our Madeleine community. Some events have brought us great joy and happiness and other events brought tears to our eyes and feelings of sadness and sorrow. Our students have progressed academically, a new track and stadium seating enhances our facilities, and our school continues to prosper. Illnesses among our school families and faculty members, budget anxieties, Catholic school closures, and preparing for our school accreditation process were major concerns this year. However, through it all, we have grown and blossomed into an even stronger community that celebrates our faith, aspires toward academic excellence, and promotes a commitment of concern and caring for each other. We are truly blessed as a school family!

I would like to thank Fr. Steve for his spiritual guidance and leadership. We thank our teachers and staff for their outstanding commitment and dedication to Catholic education, for their love, and nurturing care. We thank our board members, chairs of our fundraising events, and our many volunteers and parents who work to make Madeleine a strong and vibrant school. We thank God for his presence, guidance and ask that He continue to fill us with his peace and faith.

Have A Wonderful Summer!

NEW MAIN EVENT COORDINATOR

It is with great pleasure that I announce that Michelle Basnight will be our **main event coordinator** of the 2013-2014 school year. I not only thank her for stepping forward and taking on the important job, but also ask that all parents rally around her and help her with her task!

EARLY MORNING DROP OFF

Please remember for next year that the **campus is not open until 7:45 a.m. in the morning**. No child can 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. Thank you for your cooperation.

SUMMER READING LIST

Each child in kindergarten through seventh grades at School of the Madeleine has been e-mailed 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 2013-2014 school year**. If you do not receive this list before the last day of school, please call the office.

STUDENT FEES AND TUITION FOR THE 2013-2014 SCHOOL YEAR

Student fees for the 2013-2014 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**. Non-payment of tuition by **July 15** 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.**

LAST DAY OF SCHOOL AND KINDERGARTEN GRADUATION

The last day for kindergarten classes is **Thursday, June 13**. The kindergarten graduation ceremony will take place on that day at 10:30 a.m. in the parish hall. Because of problems in the past, **parents must sign siblings out** at the school office for them to attend kindergarten graduation. Notes to release students without a parent to sign them out in person cannot be honored. At the hall, **all siblings must be seated with their parents.** Thank you for your cooperation.

The last day for preschool and first through seventh grades is **Friday, June 14** with dismissal at 12 Noon. There will be a school Mass on this last day at 10:00 a.m. followed by a fourth quarter awards assembly for fourth through seventh grades.

NEW SCHOOL YEAR

Your 2013-2014 master calendar and a student supply list were included in the May newsletter and can be found on our Madeleine website. The new school year begins on Thursday, August 29. 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 22** at 6:00 p.m. in the hall. We cordially invite all new parents to attend. Kindergarten open house is on Monday, August 26 at 4:00 p.m. This is an opportunity for your child to meet their teacher. Preschool new parent meeting is on Tuesday, August 27 at 4:00 p.m.

Back to School Night for junior high will be on **Thursday, September 5** at 6:00 p.m. **Back to School Night** for grades K-6 will be on **Wednesday, September 11** at 6:30 p.m. with a social at 6:00 p.m.

Grandparents' Day will be on **March 28, 2014**. Mark this date on your calendar.

BOX TOP COLLECTION

We would like to thank all of you for participating in our 3rd Box Top collection. The school, family and friends, and parishioners collected a total of 7,731 Box Tops for the 3rd collection of the year! If you want to turn in the Box Tops you are currently saving before the next official collection period, which will be October, you can always drop them off anytime during the school year in the collection boxes that are in the office hallway and in the back of the church. Please don't forget to write your class number on the bag.

The class winners for this collection are Mrs. Herreweyers' class in 7A taking the top spot with 1,327 box tops. WOW! Mrs. Alves' 7B was not far behind with 981 box tops, and rounding out the top three was Mrs. Karam's 5B class with 886 box tops. For Kindergarten, the winner is Mrs. Nielsen's KB class who handed in 474 box tops.

The Box Top Committee would like to thank *Caryl Finch, Daniella Cramp, Julia Kenyon, Susie Humphrey, Connie White, and Margaret Killion* for all their hard work sorting and counting them. Thanks also to *Kim Musick* and *Marketa Wise* for providing the treats for the winning classes.

SERRA CLUB ESSAY CONTEST

Our fifth and sixth grade students participated in an essay contest sponsored by the Serra Club. Each wrote an essay on the theme of "Vocation Awareness." The following student entries were chosen as first place winners: *Cecilia Bacich* (5A), *Kate Rickwa* (5B), *Jordan Allen* (6A), and *Isabella Boren* (6B). The second place winners were: *Julianna Padilla* (5A), *Gina Spagarino* (5B), *Kaylee Stiffler* (6A), and *Gunten Mark* (6B). We congratulate these students.

HONORS AT ENTRANCE FOR CATHEDRAL CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL

Congratulations to the following eighth graders who received Honors at Entrance. Honors at Entrance is awarded to eighth grade students who scored in the **top 10%** on the high school entrance exam.

Cathedral Catholic High School: *Cassidy Wurtz, Noah Lindsey, and Luke Stabile.*
Our Lady Of Peace Academy: *Sara Anfuso, Angela Dang, and Amanda Wylie*
St. Augustine High School: *Ryan Kenny (\$10,000 scholarship), and Joseph Vechinski*

RENAISSANCE READING AWARDS

All students in second through sixth grades participate in the **Renaissance Reading Program**. This wonderful on-line program encourages our students to read at home. Reading is one of the avenues that fosters success in education. Each teacher sets a quarterly goal for his or her students. However, some students far exceed these mandatory requirements. The school recognized the first, second, and third highest scores in each classroom with a certificate and a medal at the awards assembly on Friday, May 24. The following students received recognition:

2A

1st place: Brynn Watson
2nd place: David White
3rd place: Michaela Hine

2B

1st place: Claire Latham
2nd Place: Sophia Brigida
3rd place: Charlie Bingham

3A

1st place: Justine Freitas
2nd Place: Erik Brenes
3rd Place: Colin Winstanley

3B

1st Place: Aiden Rickwa
2nd Place: Helen Brunton
3rd Place: Ben Brentall

4A

1st Place: Maria Castiglione
2nd Place: Samantha Settlemayer
3rd Place: Patrick Miller

4B

1st Place: Ivan Seegmiller
2nd Place: Alexandra Boren
3rd Place: Cindy Tran

5A

1st Place: Alexandra Hornick
2nd Place: Michelle Rickwa
3rd Place: Angelina Hicks
3rd Place: Alanna Hine

5B

1st Place: Kate Rickwa
2nd Place: Kate Latham
3rd Place: Clare Hermanson

6A

1st Place: Madeline Espinoza
2nd Place: Jimmy Miller
3rd Place: George de Merlier

6B

1st Place: Daniel Gabriel
2nd Place: Laura Kuruvilla
3rd Place: Alex Escobar

ATHLETES OF THE YEAR

Congratulations to *Lacey Yahnke* and *Finn Jiu* for being voted eighth grade Athletes of the Year by their peers. Many of our other students were recognized at our annual Athletic Banquet held on Wednesday, May 22. A huge thanks goes to *Rick Balke, Corey Stewart, and the many helpers who organized* this event. We also thank *Sina Balke, and Nuccia and Tracy Hicks* for preparing the delicious dinner for the awards banquet. Students who received Most Valuable Player, Sportsmanship, and Most Improved Awards for each team can be found on the MAC website.

ALL TOURNAMENT TEAM

Congratulations to eighth grader, *Lacey Yahnke*, for being named to the All Tournament Team after participating in the Our Lady of Peace Basketball Tournament this spring. We are very proud of our girls who took part in this tournament.

50-MILE CLUB RECOGNITION

Our third through fifth graders participated in the **50-Mile Club** this year. This program encourages our students to walk or run around our track at recess and lunch and promotes physical fitness. Participation in this program is voluntary. This year we had 63 students that qualified for at least 50 miles. We recognized all these students with a certificate and a medal at our Friday, May 24 awards assembly. However, many students far exceeded this goal. The following three students accumulated the top miles during the 2012-2013 school year:

John Lopez (86 miles), Blake Levy (92 miles), and Michael Lindebak (93 miles).

50-MILE CLUB VOLUNTEERS

A special thank you goes to **Pattiann Aardema, Lisa Bolton, Marti Brentnall, Keirre daLuz, Maria daLuz, Carrie Engelman, Milka Evanko, Shana Fink, Julie Finlay, Amy Freitas, Adrianna Genera-Wurst, Maria Lopez, Amy McCoy, Cynthia Meinhardt, Maureen Olsker, Jessica Rowland, Susan Scheper, and Carina York** for helping at recess and lunch with our Fifty-Mile Club. A big thanks goes to **Luci Montgomery** and **Denise Trone** for keeping spreadsheets for each teacher logging the laps. A special thanks goes to **Mrs. Pacheco** for helping to organize the 50-Mile Club. This program encourages students in third through fifth grades to be physically fit by running or walking around our track at recess and lunch.

MAIN EVENT THANK YOU

I want to thank *Nazare Judd, Evelyn Feliciano, Jolene Ferreira, and Jeanette Nunes*, our **PSA Main Event Chairs**, for their outstanding and overwhelmingly successful work on this year's PSA Main Event Auction, "Masquerade Ball 2013". I would also like to thank *Amelia McDermott*, who chaired this year's very successful PSA Main Event Raffle. The Masquerade Ball 2013 was a huge success and will be remembered for many years. I also want to thank all their committee chairs and workers for their dedication. Through today's date, the Masquerade Ball 2013 and PSA Main Event Raffle combined have netted the school **\$135,725.92!** The Main Event Auction and Post Auction Sales, including an anonymous Fund-A-Wish matching donation of \$10,000, generated a net of \$121,268.45 and the PSA Main Event Raffle earned a net \$14,457.47. Thank you again to the Main Event Masquerade Ball Chairs, the Main Event Raffle Chair and all the committee members who worked so tirelessly to ensure such fabulous and fun events! Thank you also to all the families whose generous support ensured the success of these fundraisers.

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: Susana Mahady (president), Keith Dietterle, Ron Evanko, Sten Johnson, Julie Grooms, Kathryn Miller, and Kathy Otto.

PSA BOARD MEMBERS:

Jessica Rowland (president), Laura Latham (vice-president), Amy Jones (secretary), Lisa Pendergast (treasurer), Julie Finlay (Ways and Means), Carrie Engelman and Gretchen Grunburg (room parent coordinators), Mary Szuch (hospitality), and Marti Brentnall (new family mentors).

Fundraiser Committees:

Michelle Karvounis and Kate Vechinski (gift wrap); Jenny Bingham and Tracy O'Beirne (jog-a-thon committee); Evelyn Feliciano, Jolene Ferreira, Nazare Judd, and Evelyn Nunes (main event chairs); Cindy Bayless, Debby Ferrante, and Kristen Silva (box top collection).

TECHNOLOGY COMMITTEE: Dana Faccio, Bryan Nielsen, Ron Evanko, Mark Forsyth, Eric Nasland, Charles Sanders, and John Luedke.

A SPECIAL THANKS

A sincere thanks goes to *Gretchen Grunburg* for taking care of our school's website. Our hats are off to you, Gretchen!

I am sincerely grateful to *Michael Norton and Francisco Christian*. These energetic individuals helped me with morning duty consistently throughout the school year! A BIG cheer goes to them!

Thank you to *Elizabeth Castiglione and Angela Levy 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.

MADELEINE ADVERTISEMENT PAGES

We will be selling business card size advertisements for our School of the Madeleine telephone book. Our school of the Madeleine phone book is sent out to our parents at the beginning of each school year. If you would like to purchase space for an ad, please call **Debby Ferrante at (858) 270-1674. This is an excellent way to advertise your business to all our Madeleine families.**

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.**

TARGET REWARDS CARD

Did you know that every time you spend money at Target, you can receive 5% off your total bill and you can earn 1% for our school. Just sign up for a Target Redcard (credit card or debit) either in the store or online, then designate our school and start earning. The application, which is online, takes one minute to fill out and you are on your way. Once you get the card, you can go online to designate School of the Madeleine.

If you have friends or relatives that shop at Target, you can have them add our school and earn even more.

BUILD MY KIT STUDENT SUPPLIES PROGRAM

School of the Madeleine has partnered with Build My Kit School Supplies to provide you with a convenient way of purchasing your child's supplies for next year ONLINE! We decided to enter into this partnership for two reasons. First, we recognize that this is a fantastic time saving, cost effective program for busy parents who don't want to travel all over town to purchase these items on their own. Second, Build My Kit offers very competitive pricing and they agreed to help our school by giving back a cash donation for every purchase made. This option saves you time and money and provides additional resources for the school. Please support this partnership as it will really benefit our students and teachers.

All kits purchased will be shipped directly to our school and will be ready for your child or children their first day of class.

Follow these 5 simple steps to order your supplies:

1. Go to <http://parent.buildmykit.com>
2. Select City and State
3. Select School
4. Select Grade Level
5. Purchase Your Kit

Please note in order to guarantee on time delivery for the 2013/2014 school year online orders must be received by **August 1, 2013.**

FOOTBALL AND VOLLEYBALL COACHES FOR 2013-2014

We are currently looking for coaches for the 2013-2014 school year to help with our football and volleyball teams in the fall. If you are interested, please call Coach Stabile in the P.E. office at (619) 276-6416.

MAC FIELD IMPROVEMENT DAY

Our Madeleine Athletic Club **field improvement day** is scheduled for **Saturday, June 22** from 9 am –12 Noon. They need 15-20 volunteers to help improve the field and surrounding areas behind the fencing and bleachers. Basically, we will be removing weeds and ice plant. Please bring your sunscreen, gloves, wheelbarrows (just need a few), steel tong rakes, and landscape shovels if you have them. Contact **Corey Stewart** (cjstew4@san.rr.com or at (619) 890-2118 if you can help. Thank you in advance for your continued support of the School of the Madeleine.

ESTABLISHING PARISHIONER RATE FOR THE 2014-2015 SCHOOL YEAR

Please remember if you want to qualify for the discounted parishioner rate for tuition for the 2014-2015 school year, you must start immediately using weekly church envelopes. If you pay monthly or bi-monthly, you must turn in an empty envelope to demonstrate your consistent attendance and participation in the parish. This must be done for one-year prior (July to June) to establish a supporting parishioner status. See the tuition scale for further information.

Prayers Requested

Please pray for Caralina Floding that she may receive the healing power of our Lord. In addition, we pray for a safe summer vacation for our students and their families.

Yours in Christ,

Donna 

Donna Wittouck

THANK YOU:

Kip and Tiffany Quakenbush

For their monetary donation for recess equipment.

Girl Scout Brownie troop 4283 (1st grade) and 3873 (2nd grade)

For planting flowers on the hill next to the library.

Lauren Moore and Heidi Nasland

For coordinating the picnic for Carolina Floding.

Kindergarten

As we wrap up our year in kindergarten, it's amazing to reflect and think about how far the kids have come! When they arrived in September they were so young. They've grown so much in body, mind and spirit! Kindergarten has been a year of learning--about God and our Catholic faith, how to read, how to add, many ways to do art, and how to make friends that will last for years to come. Kindergarten graduation is just around the corner this Thursday, June 13th at 10:30, and the kids are working hard to make sure it is a song and dance-filled celebration!

We'd like to take this opportunity to send a huge THANK YOU to all the kindergarten parents and grandparents who have helped in so many ways!!! We have had an enthusiastic and willing group of parent helpers in reading room, in the classrooms, and doing all the important "behind the scenes" work. Thanks to all of you for your time and effort--we couldn't have done it without you! Also, a special note of *thanks* to the room mothers who coordinated so many activities!

Kindergarten wishes everyone a safe and enjoyable summer!!

KA KB & KF

1A/1B

We are coming to the end of our first grade journey. The children seem to be nostalgic as they sense the final days of this school year. Since September, they have shown growth in all areas of their development. They have become self-confident, independent thinkers and show a sense of pride in what they are able to accomplish. It is so gratifying to see this transformation in each child. We want to thank all of the parents for their unwavering support of the many different activities that occurred throughout the year. Your dedication and commitment to these events and to your child's success has been invaluable to us. It is hard to say goodbye to our beloved students. We hope that they continue to foster their pursuit of knowledge as they end this year and move on to 2nd grade. We want to wish everyone a happy, enjoyable, and safe summer.

2A & 2B News

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're 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!

3A and 3B News

Oh No! The year is almost over! We have had great memories with Mrs. Pacheco and Mrs. Schumacher. They are awesome teachers! Some of our best memories are being with old friends and meeting new friends. We loved visiting Stehly farms and tasting fresh organic fruits, too! We learned multiplication, division, and cursive. Whew! We worked hard! We hope that you all have a wonderful summer with no troubles or worries. May God bless you!

-Written by Kiara Ashman and Luke Wolff

4A and 4B

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!

5th GRADE NEWS

These last few weeks in fifth grade have been fun and hectic! In addition to our studies, we hosted Mr. Bolton, who spoke with us about a really innovative invention he's been working on. We learned about astronomy in science, making star wheels to help map the night sky. In math, we've been studying geometry, perimeter and area in various plane shapes. In social studies, we gave final presentations on topics we learned about this year. We've also been reading novels as classes, such as Hatchet and The Little Prince.

All of fifth grade wishes everyone in our Madeleine family a blessed, fun, and safe summer!

6th GRADE NEWS

June is the last month of school and there are more activities than ever! We met with our little buddies to hear them sing their graduation songs. Happy Graduation Little Buddies! Our amazing teachers are collecting our last work and we are taking our last tests. This school year will be one to remember. Summer is just around the corner and we are ready for it! Thanks to all the room parents and parents who helped make this a special year. We appreciate all you did for us! Happy Summer everyone! Now on to 7th grade!

-Written by Jake Cavanaugh, Nathan Cherry, and Andrew Cassidy-

Greetings from 7A & 7B

Hard to believe, but this is our last newsletter as seventh graders! In Social Studies we completed our book on Ancient Civilizations. Now we are doing cooperative grouping projects combining learning with fun! These projects are reinforcing all the material we have learned throughout the year. In Math we survived Geometry and learned many new concepts. We completed our oral reports and research papers for English and are wrapping up the year with compound and complex sentences. In Science we are completing our study of the human body. God truly made our bodies amazing! Please check the school website for the required summer reading assignment for 8th grade Literature. In Religion we completed our study of the Spiritual and Corporal Works of Mercy. We are happy to report that we are trying to put our faith into action. Collectively, 7A and 7B donated \$500.00 of spare coins to the school fundraiser for our little buddy, Carolina Floding. Many of our classmates shaved their heads and we are very proud of our efforts. We wish everyone in our Madeleine family a healthy, happy, and peaceful summer, filled with God's many blessings. The next time we write a newsletter, we will be in 8th grade.....