

September 17, 2019



Dear Madeleine Parents,

The first full month of the new school year is off to a wonderful start! I continue to count my blessings as I see our school community made up of dedicated teachers and staff, kind students, and caring parents working together to make our school the best! Our P.S.A. Board members coordinated our Back-to-School Coffee, kicked off the fall fundraiser, supplied cold water and uniform exchange at Back-to-School Nights, worked on the *Great Main Event 2020* and *Spectacular Sweepstakes*, met with new room parents, and organized a fun-filled *Back-to-School Hoedown*. Thank you to everyone who planned these events and to all the helpers who worked tirelessly to make all this happen! I am so blessed to be the principal of this amazing school community!

I hope this school year will be one of growth and accomplishment for your child(ren).

There are **four important religious feasts** in the month of **October**: St. Thérèse of the Child Jesus on October 1; St. Francis of Assisi on October 4; St. Luke on October 18 and Saints Simon and Jude on October 28.

CHURCH ATTENDANCE ON SCHOOL DAYS

Since School of the Madeleine is a Catholic school, we offer the opportunity for children to participate in daily Mass. Daily Mass starts at 7:45 a.m. and ends approximately at 8:20 a.m. Students should immediately report to the office and inform office personnel that they were at Mass so they are not marked tardy. All students going to Mass should be on time and not interrupt church services by arriving late.

AVAILABLE STUDENT OPENINGS

We still have a few openings in our **first and second grades**. If you know a family who may be interested, please have them call the school office at (619) 276-6545.

OPEN HOUSES FOR 2019-2020

This year, we are again holding two open houses. The first one will take place on **Monday, November 4** from **9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.** and the other will be on **Sunday, January 12** from **11:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.** I encourage all Madeleine families to invite their friends, especially to this first open house. Visitors will be given a tour of the school and will actually see classrooms in session. Our best referrals come from you, our current families. If you know anyone who has expressed an interest in Catholic schools, **November 4** would be a perfect time for them to visit.

SCHOOL COUNSELOR

We are fortunate again this year to have an on-site counselor at School of the Madeleine. **Ben Fishburne** will continue to be here on **Mondays**. Mr. Fishburne is a licensed Marriage and Family Therapist and has been working with children for nearly 20 years. The paperwork for this service can be downloaded from the Madeleine web page and the home screen on SchoolSpeak.

Mr. Fishburne will begin seeing students immediately. Please feel free to contact him through the school office. He is available to all students from preschool through eighth grade. Mr. Fishburne can help our students with emotional stress, difficulties with friendships, and organizational or study skills.

FUNDRAISER FOR 9/11

On September 11, the Student Council led our school with a prayer service and flag raising ceremony to remember all those who perished in the 9/11 terrorist attacks. We also asked each student to bring in \$1.00 for “Tuesday’s Children” which provides personalized support and a safe “landing place” to traumatized, grief-stricken children, families and communities left reeling from terrorism or traumatic loss. We proudly raised \$640.25 for this worthy cause. A special thank you to Mrs. Vargas and Mrs. Casinghino, our moderators for Student Council, for helping to organize this special prayer service.

KEEPING OUR STUDENTS SAFE

I want to review the policies we have in place at School of the Madeleine to keep our students safe. This August, all teachers, staff, and administrators attended a mandatory meeting at USD where Bishop McElroy and District Attorney Summer Stephan spoke to all the Diocesan mandated reporters about the importance of being diligent and watchful for signs of any type of abuse to the students attending our schools and parishes.

Back in 2002, the diocese worked on a plan in compliance with the Charter for the Protection of Children and Young People. The school implements the **NO-GO-TELL** curriculum each fall and reviews this throughout the year as necessary. You should have received a letter from your child(ren)’s teacher outlining what the age-appropriate discussion would cover. As a school, we report back to the diocese each year to ensure the fulfillment of these steps. The diocese also requires that all volunteers in each school have been cleared to volunteer. This clearance, through **CMG Connect**, includes a safe school curriculum, understanding and agreement to honor the Code of Ethics, and a background check of each volunteer.

School of the Madeleine is also fortunate to have a locked school campus, a gate where you need to identify yourself to be buzzed in, where all parents and visitors are required to sign in and to wear a name tag, and security cameras around campus. The administration also conducts regular fire, earthquake, and lockdown drills. In addition, the faculty received an in-service last year to include procedures for an active shooter. As a school community, we need to work together to support the procedures we have in place to ensure our children are safe.

SCHOOL SPEAK

Thank you to all the parents who have logged into SchoolSpeak and updated your profile. The access to update your profile information on SchoolSpeak was only granted to parents for a limited time through September 4. If you have not logged on to SchoolSpeak yet, please take a moment to do so. If you need to update your information, please email your request to tlopez@schoolofthemadeleine.com.

User Name and Login Password: An email with personal login information was emailed to parents from SchoolSpeak on the first day of school, August 21. If you need your user name and password resent to you, please call or email Tara Lopez (619) 276-6554 x223 tlopez@schoolofthemadeleine.com for assistance.

Emergency Text Alerts & Important School Announcements: In order for parents to receive important messages from the school and text alerts in the case of a school emergency, it is vital for all parents to log on to SchoolSpeak and verify that your phone number and email address are valid and your mobile carrier is selected. I will conduct a **test** of the emergency text system next Wednesday, September 25.

Madeleine White Pages: The Madeleine White Pages school directory will be published from the SchoolSpeak database. Parents have the option of omitting their address, email address or phone number if they don't want to share it with other Madeleine families. If you want to update or change your privacy settings for the school directory and were unable to do so on SchoolSpeak, contact Tara Lopez before October 7, 2019. The Madeleine White Pages order forms were sent home with your eldest child the first week of September and the pre-purchased books will be sent home with your eldest child in October.

SchoolSpeak App: I am excited to announce that SchoolSpeak has an app available for all grades. The SchoolSpeak app is a convenient way for parents to view your child's academic performance (Gr. 2-8). It provides easy access to important school and class announcements and a month to month school calendar that can be synched right to your phone. Do you want to remember all of our Mass days? Add these days to your phone calendar through the SchoolSpeak App and set an alert to remind you.

SchoolSpeak Resources: Quick Links: When you are logged into SchoolSpeak, you will see on the left a dark blue column under the heading, "Quick Links". You will have access to School Announcements, School Website, Monthly School Calendar, Fundraiser Information, Yearbook Order Form, and any other resources that we choose to post during the school year. I would like to encourage parents to look at SchoolSpeak resources regularly. Depending on how many announcements have been posted, it might be necessary to scroll down a bit in order to see your child(ren)'s classroom information, grades, class announcements, etc.

PROGRESS REPORTS/STAR PARENT REPORTS

First quarter **progress reports** will be sent home on **Wednesday, September 25**. This report is given to students in first through eighth grades to inform parents of their child's progress. **Progress reports are sent home mid-quarter, four times a year.** If you have any questions concerning your child's progress report, please be sure to make an appointment with the teacher. All progress reports should be signed and returned promptly.

In addition, parents with children in second through eighth grade can check their progress through SchoolSpeak. Approximately a week prior to progress reports and report cards, grades may not be published as teachers are finalizing grades. The current final grade will be correct on the printed progress report and report cards.

With your child's progress report, you will also find your **STAR Parent Report**. You do not need to sign and return these reports. The next testing session will be **January 13-31, 2020**.

REPORT CARD CONFERENCE APPOINTMENTS

For the first quarter, all parents will be asked to make an appointment for a conference with their child's teacher to receive their report card. The school will be sending home a form requesting your choices of the **time frame** that will be most convenient for you for this conference. This slip will be sent home **by email on Wednesday, October 9 and must be returned by Wednesday, October 16**. You will receive a confirmation of your specific appointment time by **Thursday, October 24**. Report card conferences for this year will be scheduled on Wednesday, November 6 and Thursday, November 7 between 1:00 p.m.- 6:00 p.m. with the last appointment of the day starting at 5:45 p.m. In addition, a shorter schedule of conference times will be on Friday, November 8 from 1:00-2:00 pm.

BACK-TO-SCHOOL HOEDOWN

Our Back-to-School Hoedown was a wonderful success! Thank you to everyone who came with family and friends. We had a fabulous turnout with over 500 people in attendance. The games, bounce houses, DJ, and cakewalk were great fun for the students. The adults were able to enjoy a glass of wine or beer in the beer garden. The tacos and fixings were delicious. All in all, it was an outstanding way to kick off the school year!

Thank you to P.S.A. for organizing and coordinating the event. Special thanks to *Danielle Bergener*, our P.S.A. president, *Lauren Lukens*, P.S.A. Ways and Means, and *Civita Bardaro*, *Allison McCurdy*, and *Meg Fegan*, the Hoedown Community Event Coordinators. Thank you also to all the parents and junior high students who donated their time to supervise the check in table, the games, and the bar. Thanks to those who donated baked goods for the cake walk, and bottles of water.

Thank you to *Lauren* and *Darren Moore*, *Regan* and *Andy Wiese*, *Lauren* and *Josh Lukens*, *Michelle* and *Todd Higginson*, *Craig* and *Bryn DaLuz*, and *Coach O'Neal* and *Coach Martinez* for their generous donations of beer kegs, bottles of wine, and for working at the Beer Garden.

A special thank you goes to *Adelle* and *Josh Danson* for getting the lights, sparkling waters and coordinating the food! I want to give a personal thank you to the *Bergener Family* who came on Saturday morning to do a thorough final cleaning so the campus would be ready for classes on Monday morning.

FALL FUNDRAISER

A special thank you to *CJ Finch* and *Kira Espiritu* for co-chairing our fall fundraiser again this year. Thanks to all the families who supported this event. Remember, you can still buy items online through December 31, 2019.



A special thank you to *Mimi McGinty*, *Patty Roe*, and *Amy Pabarcus* for co-chairing our jog-a-thon again this year. The date is set for Friday, November 15. If you are considering being a corporate sponsor, a donor form was emailed home yesterday and can also be found on SchoolSpeak under the Resource tab.

THE GREAT MAIN EVENT 2020

A special thank you to our Main Event Co-Chairs: *Susan Cuttitta*, *Claire Dahlen*, *Janel Divona* and *Megan Eacret*. Thank you to everyone who helped make the *Spectacular Sweepstakes* a huge success! We raised \$7,300 from the Sweepstakes Ticket Sales!

Congratulations to the following winners of the *Sweepstake* prizes: **Boehme Family** (Shark Week Experience), the **McLaughlin Family** (Bully's Prime Rib & Old Town Mexican gift card), the **Benedicto Family** (New Year's Eve Bash), the **Lyons Family** (Moore Trifecta gift cards for Shore Rider, Cordova, & Cove House), and the **Holden Family** (Main Event Parking Spot)!

Thank you to the following Madeleine families who donated the incredible prizes mentioned above: the **Conniff**, **Dahlen**, **Danson**, and **Moore Families**, as well as the **Main Event Team**. Please see more information from our co-chairs on SchoolSpeak.

ONLINE AUCTION

This year, we've split the Online Auction and the Main Event into two separate fundraising events. The Main Event will continue to have the live auction, class baskets and class art. The Online Auction will be larger this year than previous years and will require additional donations and items. Our goal is to be able to support the P.S.A. Budget with the funds that are raised from the Online Auction. Some of these budgeted items include teacher aides, computer technology, and additional equipment for recess.

The Online Auction will be held February 10 - February 23, 2020. A special thank you to **Lara Fast** (mom of Aria Amine, 1A) who has taken on the lead for the school's online auction. If you are interested in getting involved with this initiative, please reach out to Lara. Much of the volunteer activity can be done outside of normal work hours so it is a perfect opportunity for working parents to earn volunteer hours.

NEW PROCUREMENT POLICY

To support the expansion of the Online Auction and other fundraising efforts in 2019-2020, each Madeleine Family is asked to provide a new item with a value of \$50 or more this year to be used in one of our fundraisers. Items can be a cash donation, gift card, or a tangible item.

Items are due to school [on December 1, 2019](#). Families that procure or provide an auction item for the 2019-2020 school year will receive one free dress pass for each student in your family.

Please note, auction item procurement is optional for this school year but will become part of each family's fundraising commitment for the next school year. Family participation in this effort helps ease the burden of our procurement teams.

PARKING LOT AND PICK-UP DIFFICULTIES

Overall, the parking lot and dismissal procedures are going well. There are a few areas, however, where I need your help. I have had more neighbors than ever call this year to complain about my parents not being mindful of safe practices during pick-up times.

In the parking lot, if you are coming down the first lane closest to the street, you may **only turn left or north on Illion Street**. The second and third lanes are merging to turn right or south.

Also, if you are walking down the sidewalk on the parking lot side of the street, you need to walk into the parking lot and cross at the crosswalk there. Please do not cross in front of the driveway where cars are exiting. The parking lot has **two walkways**, which are safer for you and lead directly to the crosswalk where there is a teacher to assist students to cross safely. Always be aware as you are backing out of any parking space as there are many young students who may not be tall enough to be seen.

If you are picking up your children in front of school at dismissal, you **may not block the drive through lane going north up the hill** while you wait for a spot to open in the passenger pick up at the curb. This causes a terrible back up down the hill. Those cars are parents trying to go up to the parking lot or our neighbors. In their frustration, they try to go around you by going into the lane coming south down the hill. Because of the steep grade of the hill, this is a very dangerous situation for all concerned. It would be better to wait at the bottom of the hill until you see that the passenger zone is moving.

If you are still asking your child(ren) to meet you at the bottom of the hill, even though I have asked you not to do so, please be respectful to the neighbors there by not double parking and by not blocking driveways or the intersection.

Lastly, please be respectful to the teachers on duty trying to help you and keeping everyone safe. You would be shocked, as I am, when teachers tell me how disrespectfully they are treated when they are doing their best to keep students safe. I know it can be a time of stress, but please be respectful and grateful to the teachers.

WCEA/WASC ACCREDITATION

Our school will be going through our WCEA/WASC Accreditation **February 19-21, 2020**. We will keep you informed of our progress and ask for your help with the process from time to time.

In March of 2014, School of the Madeleine was awarded a six-year clear accreditation, the highest term possible, from the Western Catholic Educational Association (WCEA) and the Western Association of Schools and Colleges (WASC). The faculty and shareholders at Madeleine have been busy preparing and writing the self-study report for our upcoming accreditation. Again, I want to thank all the parents who provided input through the *Parent Survey* and with the various sections of the self-study we have sent out through the monthly newsletters last year and this year. Please find sections ***Chapters 2A School Profile*** and ***2B Use of Prior Accreditation Findings to Support High Achievement of All Students*** included on SchoolSpeak. Any input or questions you may have are welcome. As noted on the school calendar, there are additional days off for students this year in order for the faculty, staff, and parents to complete this thorough and comprehensive process.

Our school's **Mission** and **Philosophy Statements**, as well as our **Schoolwide Learning Expectations** are available on the school's website and on SchoolSpeak for you to review.

MENTORS FOR OUR NEW FAMILIES

A huge thank you to all our volunteer mentors who helped our new families this year! This is a very important service and helps make many new families feel part of our Madeleine community. I want to thank *Kimi Mowrey* and *Bevin Melody* for coordinating this program.

HOT LUNCH PROGRAM

Every year, there are dedicated individuals who volunteer for our Madeleine hot lunch program. A big thank you to *Jessica Flippin*, *Lisa Wilber*, and *Meg Fegan* for organizing the program again this year. Our first hot lunch will be next week.

EMERGENCY PLAN

As part of the emergency procedures already in place at School of the Madeleine, we want to inform parents of our evacuation plan. These procedures would be put into effect for any reason we need to leave the buildings on campus. Depending on the specific reason for the evacuation, the students will be gathered at either the school's field, the lower church parking lot, parish hall, or church. If these areas are not considered safe, the students will be walked down to **TECOLOTE PARK**. Tecolote Park is located at the end of Sea World Drive/ Tecolote Road, east of Morena Boulevard.

If it is necessary for parents to pick up their child(ren) from school because of an emergency situation, it is imperative that parents remain calm and follow the directions and procedures given by the staff! Procedures for emergencies are practiced

often with the students to ease their fear in case of a real disaster. Children will become more frightened if parents are hysterical!

It is also important **for your child(ren) to know a phone number**, other than their home number, where they can reach you during any emergency.

CELL PHONE AND APPLE WATCH POLICY

Please remember that **no child should use or have their cell phone on them during the school day**. All cell phones **must be turned off and left in the student's backpack**.

After school, cell phones cannot be used or answered until 3:00 p.m. After 3:00 p.m., if a student needs to use their cell phone, they may do so with the permission of the teacher on duty. Texting and taking photos are never allowed on campus.

Apple watches should **not be brought to school**. This is because students could text message and make phone calls with them. In addition, they could use calculators or the Internet during classroom instruction. If they are brought to school, they must be taken off and kept in your child(ren)'s backpack until after dismissal.

INTERNET, INSTAGRAM, TEXTING USAGE

It is important that all Madeleine parents supervise their child's use of computers and cell phones. The school is finding that teachers are spending teaching time dealing with the effects of the social media apps your child(ren) are allowed to use at home.

Computers and cell phones offer technology, social media, communication, and information instantaneously for our students' use. However, it can be misused so easily if a child does not have maturity or good judgment. Nothing that has been **written or looked up on the computer ever goes away** and it is so easy for adults or the police department to trace messages sent or Internet sites that have been used.

To avoid all problems, please have a talk with your child concerning the ethical use of technology. It could not only avoid disciplinary actions from the school but also a visit to your home from the police department!

LOST LUNCH BOXES

Please clearly label your child's **lunch box** and **water bottle** with their name and grade. If these items are forgotten, we will always return it to your child's classroom. However, if there is no name on the lunch box or water bottle, we will place it in the lost and found area to be held for a short while.

UNIFORM POLICIES

As a school we are trying to be consistent with our uniform policies. As partners in education, teachers and parents need to work together to ensure the uniform policies are being followed. Some common issues are listed below.

Reminders for the girls include no hoop or dangling earrings, no make up, which includes nail polish, and the skirt length should be no shorter than 3 inches above the knee (this is the width of a 3x5 index card).

For the boys, they are required to wear a belt and make sure their hair is above the eyebrows and ears and off the collar.

For everyone, uniform shirts should be tucked in, white socks should be worn that cover your ankles, and only solid black, navy blue, grey, or white athletic shoes should be worn.

Thank you to all students who are following these policies.

WORLD BOOK ONLINE

A note to remind you that School of the Madeleine subscribes to *World Book Online*. We hope that your whole family will use the World Book sites often to help with homework, special projects, at-home learning, and information seeking.

Our World Book subscription allows us to give you this valuable reference source at your home computers 365 days a year, 24 hours a day. Home access is included in School of the Madeleine's subscription and is provided at *no cost to you*. Please see additional information on SchoolSpeak.

PRAYERS REQUESTED

Please continue healing prayers for *Carter Santos*, brother of Josie (alumna) and Peyton (5B), and *John Nolan*, father of Gabriel (3B) in our Madeleine community.

Please remember to thank your child(ren)'s teacher! They are dedicated and work tirelessly to provide the best instruction for your children. What a blessing they are to our school community!

God Bless,

Jean

Jean Coleman

Thank you to:

John O'Beirne—for continuing to set up cones in the parking lot in the morning.

Bayne Family—for the bagels and cream cheese, chocolates, cinnamon rolls, croissants, cookies, and apple strudel rolls for the faculty and office staff to enjoy.

Dierdre Brennan—for the coffee and creamer for the office staff.

P.S.A. Board Members—for the wonderful back-to-school luncheon for the teachers on September 6.

Lisa Hill—for the beautiful flowers for the prayer table.

Price Family—for the Spanakopeta for the office staff.

Paola Gistaro—for the yummy brownies for the office staff.

Anonymous—for the delicious Hawaiian chocolate covered macadamias.

Erin Lyon—for the donation of a fan to KB.

Judd Family—for the book donation to the library.

Moritz Family—for the book donation to the library.



Don't allow anything to interfere with your love for Jesus. You belong to Him. Nothing can separate you from Him. That one sentence is important to remember. He will be your joy, your strength. If you hold onto that sentence, temptations and difficulties will come, but nothing will break you. Remember, you have been created for great things.

Mother Teresa

School News

VIRTUE FOR THE MONTH OF OCTOBER

The virtue for the month of October is **Honesty**. Honesty is the ability to be fair, truthful, and to act with integrity. Qualities of honesty also include candor and sincerity. Practicing honesty means to tell the truth and to do what you know is right. It also includes not taking advantage of others or gossiping about others. It is such an important virtue that the Seventh and Eighth Commandments forbid dishonesty ("Thou shall not steal," and "Thou shall not bear false witness"). As a school community, it is important to help our children to understand and model this important virtue.

ADVISORY AND PSA MEETINGS

All Advisory and PSA board meetings are open to parents. Please look on the school monthly calendar for dates and time. Sometimes **there are unexpected changes in meeting times, so please call the day before if you intend to come to a meeting**. Periodically, notes from both boards are printed in the newsletter to keep parents informed.

PARKING IN THE FRONT OF SCHOOL

There have been many days when the school custodian could not enter or leave the school grounds because of cars blocking the driveway. **Parking in the white passenger zone in front of the school is not allowed**. This zone is for picking up or dropping off your child(ren). When people park in this area, it creates a traffic jam and causes a hazard to the safety of the students. Tickets have been issued by the San Diego Police for parents who park in this area! When picking up or dropping off, the driver should not get out of their car.

RESERVED PARKING SPACES

Please be attentive of the reserved parking signs posted in the church parking lot. There are several PAID spaces reserved for parents as part of the "Hassle Free" Main Event Package, and one space reserved for the Main Event chairpersons. **DO NOT PARK IN THESE SPACES FOR ANY LENGTH OF TIME ON SCHOOL DAYS!** In addition, the spaces allocated for the convent residents and Directors of Religious Education and Youth Ministry are reserved 7 days a week.

AFTER SCHOOL PICK-UP

When picking up your child(ren) at the end of the school day, it is important that you keep the **area at the top of the stairs leading to the kindergarten and preschool play areas clear**. We ask parents not to wait for their child(ren) at the top of these stairs. With too many parents gathered in this area, it becomes chaotic, congested, and unsafe for our kindergarten and preschool students. Because of this problem, many kindergarteners are separated from their teachers or from extended care personnel. Therefore, for student's safety, we ask that you wait in the parking lot convent area.

If you are waiting for your child in the parking lot, please wait in the holding area between the east and west steps of the convent area. Many parents and students are waiting in the area near the parking lot crosswalk along the black chain-link fence. This area becomes overly congested creating a bottleneck where parents and students cannot move into the parking lot crosswalk to safely go to their cars. Please always follow the directions of teachers on duty! In addition, please remember that if you are driving down the isle closest to Illion Street, you **must turn left onto Illion Street**.

The passenger zone in front of school is for picking up students only. Please do **not park and leave your car** for any reason. If there is not a space for you to pull over, you will need to circle or park in the church parking lot. **Never stop and block the through traffic lane!** *If your child(ren) have not come to the 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.*

SAFETY OF STUDENTS - BEFORE & AFTER SCHOOL

Safety of our students is a primary concern at School of the Madeleine. Please remember to follow these simple rules:

Please do not ask your **child(ren) to meet you at the bottom of Illion Street** or **in front of the parish church/hall at dismissal time**. These are unsupervised areas and very unsafe. **Students**, whose parents park down at the bottom of Illion Street, **must wait at the crest of the hill**. These parents may call their child(ren) to let them know if they are parked on Gardena Street and then the child(ren) can proceed down the hill and immediately get in their parent's car. Many parents have called us and have complained that our Madeleine students are misbehaving and even playing in the streets. The rectory has also called us and informed us that the students who are waiting in front of the church or hall have done damage to plants and bushes.

Remember, there is no charge for the use of the extended care program beginning at 7:45 a.m. **Please do not wait outside of the classroom with your child**. Other students will join you creating supervision problems. If you wish to stay with your child and wait for the 8:00 a.m. bell, do so in your car or at the lunch tables at the back of the main building.

Parents of **kindergarten students should wait at the tables** in the kindergarten/preschool courtyard. **Please do not allow your child to use the swings or the play structure.** Thank you for your cooperation in our efforts to keep all students safe!

Please use the crosswalk in the parking lot. Do not cross at the driveway. Please **use the designated walkways in the church parking lot** to get to your vehicle. This area provides a safe passageway for students and adults.

Please do not stand and talk in the walkway.

Please **pull all the way forward in the designated parking spaces** in the church parking lot. This will avoid the traffic lanes from being blocked. Thank you for your cooperation!

Please follow the teacher's directions before **entering the passenger zone area in front of the school**. You may have to circle and then try again if this lane is full. Please **do not park** your vehicle in the rectory or hall driveways at anytime. In addition, parents should **not park** in front of the school driveway.

EARLY MORNING DROP OFF

Please remember 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.

SAVE THE DATE FOR THE BOOK FAIR

School of the Madeleine's Book Fair is scheduled for November 4th - 7th. If you didn't get a chance to sign up as a volunteer and you would like to, please contact the school librarian, Cindy Bayless. cbayless@schoolofthemadeleine.com. All volunteers must have clearance through the CMG Connect process.

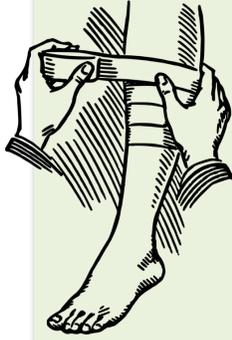
THE NURSE'S OFFICE

Dear Parents,

We have several students that are allergic to bee stings, have food allergies or asthma and require an Epi-Pen, inhaler, or medication such as Benadryl or Tylenol. If the latter is true for your child(ren), the Epi-Pen or inhaler must be in the nurse's office or with your child's teacher. **In no instance can any medications be solely in your child's backpack.**

If your child requires an Epi-Pen, inhaler, or medication such as Benadryl or Tylenol to be kept at school on an ongoing basis throughout the year, the California Education Code requires the school to have a "**Physician's Recommendations for Medication**" form completed and signed by the student's physician and signed by a parent. The information required on this form is necessary to comply with the law and to insure adequate protection for our students.

We do not have a full time registered nurse on staff. Our nurse's office is staffed only part-time by volunteer parents, so this form is important for the school to have on file in the event of an emergency. Please contact the school office if you have any questions regarding this matter.



VOLUNTEERS FOR THE NURSE'S OFFICE

Caring parents are needed in the office to attend to hurt or sick students between 11:30 am to 1:00 pm. Volunteers must be cleared through the CMG process. Please sign up for available dates [>HERE<](#)

Picture Day

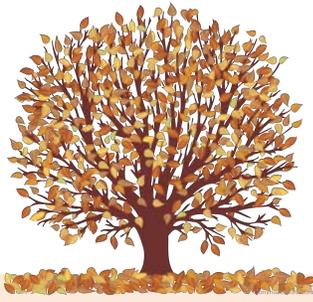
Angela Levy Photography will be at School of the Madeleine to take student photos beginning next week. Order form envelopes were sent home with students on **Monday, September 16**. Information on Picture Day dates and make-up day if your child is absent is included on the Angela Levy Photography flyer sent home with the order form.

Picture day is a dress-up day. Dress is Sunday best. It is expected that for school dress-up days, students are in collared shirts/blouses, pants, and skirts/jumpers (no shorter than 3 inches above the knee). Jeans, sweat suits and beachwear are not allowed. Leggings are not allowed for any dress-up occasion. Only uniform shorts may be worn for dress-up days. Corduroy pants or cargo pants are not allowed.

Students DO NOT need to wear their PE clothes if picture day falls on their PE day. The PE teachers keep things light on picture day and usually do a walk and talk type of class.

COLLECTION FOR CCSA COMMUNITY CHRISTIAN SERVICE AGENCY

The CCSA assists those who are unable to obtain for themselves the basic necessities of life in addition to resource counseling to move people toward greater independence and self sufficiency. **St. Mary Magdalene Parish is currently collecting donations of sandals, flip flops and shoes** for the Community Christian Service Agency. We ask that Madeleine families take their donations to the rectory office, or to the vestibule of the Church between 8:00 am and 4:00 pm. You may also bring donations to the school office.



Classroom News



Kindergarten

Hello and welcome to all Madeleine families! This first month of kindergarten is an exciting time as we all get to know each other and become accustomed to new routines. We have introduced the students to our Reading Room, and they are busy learning consonant sounds as well as blending sounds together to make words. A big part of student progress in our Madeleine reading program is volunteer participation. Volunteers who have completed the CMG process and have been cleared may sign up to volunteer in the Reading Room!

In Religion we are learning God's gift of family and friends to us. In Practical Life we have worked on letters, colors, and autumn. We will soon be working on bats and cats, spiders, pumpkins, and skeletons! Thanks to all the new Kindergarten families who attended Back-to-School Night! We are going to have a great year together!

First Grade

First Graders have been amazing! Everything is so new to them on this side of the street, but they have met the challenges with brave little hearts, and a smile! We have been completing little projects that reveal a little bit about themselves, and their interests. We have been working on our handwriting; perfecting the formation, of our letters. In Reading, we are reviewing the three step process for sounding out words, which includes blending our vowels, and consonants. We are learning sentence structure, and its two parts in forming complete thoughts. In Math we are ordering numbers 0-12, using the words one fewer than, one more than, counting on, counting back, and problem solving. In Religion we are learning about our Church Community, and that Jesus is our Good Shepherd. They are enjoying being a part of our school Mass community. We are discussing Bullying, and how to change a Bullies heart. Thank you parents for your support, and Trust, as we join with you in the education, and formation of your precious child!

Second Grade

Our new second graders have been very busy. In math, we have been reviewing addition and subtraction facts. In religion, we have been learning more about our church community and Baptism. In science, we have been studying different kinds of plants and animals. Each week in reading, we have been learning different reading strategies to make us stronger readers. We enjoyed meeting all of our second grade families at Back to School Night. This is going to be a fun-filled year in second grade!

Third Grade

In third grade we are learning new things and new subjects. The subjects we are learning this year are math, reading, religion, spelling, and English. In math, we are learning money, rounding, thousands, ten thousands, and hundred thousands. In reading, we are learning new words. In religion, we are learning the sacraments of initiation and how to be active in our faith. Third grade has been an awesome year!

Written by: Sonoma Wurster

Fourth Grade

Fourth grade is off to a great start for the school year 2019-2020. We have loved having air conditioning during these hot days. Thank you again to all the parents who helped make that a reality.

Our first field trip is to Birch Aquarium in La Jolla. We will need 8 parents to drive and go with us. It was a great program last year. We had a class on fish diversity, time to tour the museum and then lunch outside. We will be gone from about 9 to 12:30. Please make sure you are cleared for working with students. Call the school office for information on clearance.

As you know, fourth grade has started in their new Social Studies curriculum that is all on computer. An email was sent home so you can log into the program at home and look at it. There will be periodic assignments that also use the book, as well as various projects assigned by Mrs. Kalleberg. Please write to her if you have any questions concerning Social Studies.
Here's to a great year!

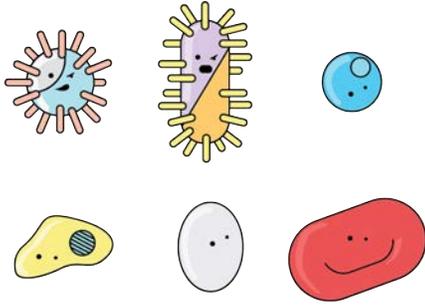
God bless,
Mrs. Clamon and Mrs. Kalleberg

Fifth Grade

Welcome back! We hope that everyone had a restful summer. It is great to see all of our students again. We have a few new students in both classes. We're proud that our class has made them feel comfortable here too. We are incredibly grateful for the improvements at our site. The air conditioning is amazing! Thank you parents for making that happen. Many of the students joined the after school sports program, which is always fun. As we move forward we will be working on our relationships with each other and following the Golden Rule.

Sixth Grade

Sixth grade is off to a great start! We have welcomed new students into our class and have reconnected with our classmates. Our religion studies began with recalling ways we can respond to God's call like our ancestors in faith, Abraham and Sarah. We've also been learning about the immense sacrifice Jesus made for us, and how we can make sacrifices for others as we respond to God's call. In literature we have been studying the elements of plot, along with comparing and contrasting fiction and nonfiction texts. Sixth-grade scientists have taken a journey to outer space to discover more about our solar system! We are eager to meet our little buddies in a few weeks, and can't wait to spend time with our kindergarten friends throughout the year.



Junior High

Seventh Grade

We have now moved to junior high, and we're off to a great start! We are learning to be more organized and responsible as we switch classes and maintain our lockers.

We have already done some fun things in our classes. In social studies, we drew and watercolor Roman temples. We are learning all about the parts of cells in science, and we're practicing identifying them. We have also begun discussing our Science Fair Project on Fingerprints. In English, we've been studying nouns and adjectives, and we're getting ready to work on writing narratives and reading our first novel for the year. In Religion, students have been doing a wonderful job on their Student Prayer Projects. We have also been working on Chapters 1 and 2 of our Religion book, and reflecting on the parts of the Mass. We also reflected on the events of September 11th and prayed for those who passed away that day at an assembly led by our Student Council. During the week of 9/16, students will participate in a mini-unit on No Go Tell and Anti-bullying. Please be on the lookout for an information sheet sent home about this unit!

Our teachers, Mrs. Westfall, Mrs. Czerniak, Mrs. Vargas, Mrs. Karam, and Mrs. Norman, are all wonderful. Seventh grade will definitely be a memorable year!

Eighth Grade

Eighth graders are excited to be back in school and ready to start what's sure to be a fun and memorable year! We are already back in our routine, taking notes, doing homework, studying for tests, and participating in our classes and extra-curricular activities. In our classes, we are learning to simplify equations and doing inequalities, beginning our in-depth study of Fahrenheit 451, learning about the American Revolution, creative writing, and learning about Newton's Laws. We are looking forward to soon meeting our Little Buddies. Next week we will have our first high school presentation when representatives from Cathedral come to visit.

We're looking forward to the best year ever!