



June 2, 2020

Dear Madeleine Parents,

For many of us, it seems impossible that the 2019-2020 school year is nearing its conclusion. Our eighth graders have already graduated, and our remaining students have finished their final week of school. Having our school year end through distance learning is still so surreal. I want to thank you all for your amazing support through these last ten weeks. It really took us working together in partnership to make it happen. Our students have continued to grow spiritually, academically, and emotionally. We have become an even stronger community that celebrates our faith and promotes a commitment of concern and caring for each other. We are truly blessed!

I would like to thank Fr. Steve and Fr. John for their spiritual guidance and leadership. I 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 especially thank God for his presence, guidance and ask that He continue to fill us with his peace and love.

There are **seven important feast days and celebrations** during the month of **July** and **August: St. Thomas** on July 3; **Saint Mary Magdalene** on July 22; **St. James** on July 25; **The Transfiguration of our Lord** on August 6; **St. Maximilian Kolbe** on August 14; **The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary** on August 15; and **The Passion of St. John the Baptist** on August 29.

Have A Wonderful, 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 who have 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.

SUMMER READING LISTS

All students in kindergarten through seventh grades at School of the Madeleine 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 2020-2021 school year**. The summer reading lists can be found on the school website under the “Students” drop down menu. Your child will use the reading list of the grade that they will be entering into in the fall.

STUDENT FEES AND TUITION FOR THE 2020-2021 SCHOOL YEAR

Student fees for the 2020-2021 school year **were due on May 15**. 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.

GUIDELINES FOR ESTABLISHING AND MAINTAINING 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 2020-2021 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 19, 2020. 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 invited!

Our **new parent meeting (K-8)** is on **Thursday, August 13** at 5:00 p.m. in the parish hall. We cordially invite all new parents to attend. The Kindergarten Meet and Greet is on **Monday, August 17** at **3:00 p.m.** in the kindergarten classrooms. The new parent meeting for preschool is on **Monday, August 17** at **4:00 p.m.** in the parish hall.

Back to School Night for junior high will be on **Wednesday, August 26** at 6:00 p.m. in the junior high classrooms. **Back to School Night** for grades K-6 will be on **Wednesday, September 2** 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!

Grandparents' Day will be on **March 19, 2021**. Mark this date on your calendar.

MAIN EVENT 2021! COME ONE, COME ALL!

A special thank you to our co-chairs for the main event: *Susan Cuttitta, Claire Dahlen, Janel Divona, and Megan Eacret*. I am so grateful that this wonderful group agreed to move all this year's plans to our new date on Saturday, February 27, 2021 at the BRICK in Liberty Station. This will truly be a fabulous evening celebrating our school community!

ONLINE AUCTION

The Main Event Online Auction will be chaired again by *Lara Fast!* Thank you, *Lara*, for your commitment to organizing another online auction!

JOHNS HOPKINS UNIVERSITY TALENT SEARCH

School of the Madeleine had 18 **eligible** 7th and 8th grade students for the **2019-2020 Talent Search sponsored by Johns Hopkins University**. Participation in this search is voluntary after meeting the eligibility requirements and we had four students who took part in the search. Three students went through the testing and one student is eligible for the program. Congratulations to the students who qualified for this program.

ATHLETES OF THE YEAR

Congratulations to *Gianna Nunes* and *Jacob Reid* for being voted eighth grade **Athletes of the Year** by their peers. Many of our other 8th grade students were recognized at the awards ceremony last week. The **Spirit Award** was presented to *Katy Sanford* in **recognition of her time and dedication to Madeleine's Track program**. Please see the Special Edition of 8th grade awards which is at the end of this newsletter.

A SPECIAL THANKS

Thank you to *Jessica Flippin, Lisa Wilber, Meg Fegan,* and *all the volunteers* for their help with the hot lunch program all year long.

A very special thank you to *Kristi Cullum* for taking care of our Automated External Defibrillator program for so many years.

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.

Thanks to the morning greeters who helped open car doors in the morning during the school year: *Pat* and *Addie Cowan, Cecy Brigida,* and *Lisa Lieb*.

A special thank you to *John O'Beirne* who put up cones in the parking lot each morning all year long!

THANK YOU TO OUR NURSES

A big thank you to *Michelle Higginson* for her time creating the online sign-up for nurses, and a very special thank you to *Kristi Cullum* for managing our AED units. We are grateful for your dedication this year and in years past. We wish you both the best as your children graduate and move on to high school. You will be truly missed! A further thank you goes to our parent and grandparent volunteers who consistently tended to the minor wounds and tears of our students during the school year: *Deirdre Brennan, Cathy Holl, Mary Saavedra, Joey* and *Brittany Fio, Addie Cowan,* and *Andrea Shillito*.

CMG CLEARANCE FOR 2020-2021

All returning and new families will need to be cleared through the **CMG Process to be able to volunteer for the 2020-2021 school year**. The **CMG Process** includes viewing the **CMG Safe Environment Curriculum** (training modules) and completing the **Background Check**. Both of these CMG steps require you to print and **turn in a certificate of completion (one for each step)** with the **\$20.00 fee** made payable to School of the Madeleine. We are finding parents who may have lived in other cities/states may incur an additional fee because the city/state requires a different search process. Thank you for working to complete this step to help keep our students safe. The link for CMG is: www.CMGconnect.org If you have any further questions, please contact Diana DiLiberto at (619) 276-6545 ex. 232.

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 Parish.

PLANNED GIVING

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

HELP NEEDED

If you are looking for a way to earn service points over the summer for the next school year, I am looking for someone who likes to garden. I have several flower boxes in the front of the school and library that need some thinning out and TLC. Call the school office and let me know if you can help me out.

For the next school year, I will need morning greeters to help students unload from cars in front of school. If you can help regularly, it would be great, but you can also stop by when your schedule allows and help anytime!

PRAYERS REQUESTED

Please pray for a safe summer for all our Madeleine families. Continue healing prayers for **John Nolan**, father of Gabriel Moore-Nolan (3B) in our Madeleine community.

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

Please continue to **thank** and support your child(ren)'s teachers. We are truly blessed to have such dedicated and hard-working teachers at School of the Madeleine!

God bless,

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