



APRIL 2014

Principal Message - Ms. Cote

It is hard to believe that there are only three months left in this academic year. In order to achieve our attendance and academic goals, we need to work together as a **TEAM** to ensure every one of our students is at school every day from April until the end of June. Our MTMS parent covenant states that parents, “**Ensure that your child is at school and in uniform**”. Thank you for making this a priority in your home. Our overall attendance for the month of March was 92.01%, our lowest month ever! The overall attendance for this year is 95.84%. We strive for excellence and will continue to work towards an overall attendance of 97%.

We had 85% of our parents join us for our three way conferences during this reporting period; it is our goal to meet with all of our parents over the next few weeks. Thank you to the staff and students who prepared report cards and presentations to share the incredible learning that happens at MTMS. We will continue to challenge all of our students to meet their personal goals and to be **INTELLECTUALLY COMPETENT** each and every day.

A huge thank you to Mr. Sorensen for his leadership in our first Maker Faire at MTMS. Maker Faire is diverse in content and embraces the spectrum of science, engineering, art, performance and craft. Maker Faire celebrates the enthusiasm and passion that drives each of us. Mr. Sorensen and the staff provided an open studio for our students to **CREATE**. Students worked through the steps of an engineering process creating such things as: duct tape back packs, a refrigerator using the process of evaporation, water purifiers, unique school designs and electronics. The **CREATIVITY, COLLABORATION** and **INNOVATION** was incredible. Thank you to all of our mentors who came out to support their mentee and our students over the three days. We were also fortunate to have several visitors from Campion. Thank you Father Frank and Edmund Lo for stopping by to celebrate Maker Faire with us. Thank you to Father John Matheson for sending a special card to our students celebrating their creativity. Stephen Cheng, Chemistry Professor from the University of Regina and university student, Mhmoud Essalah, came to share their work around a maker weather balloon project. MTMS students have been invited to the official launch of the weather balloons later in April.



The Optimist Band Festival performance by our grade 6,7 and 8 musicians was exceptional. Congratulations to the students who are the principle players in the band. We have several students representing MTMS, playing solos and ensembles, at Band Days on April 8th, 10th and 11th. We are so proud of each student for being **OPEN TO GROWTH** and rising to the challenge of performing on stage. Eunice Domingo will represent MTMS at the Grand Concert, which is the division wide honor band. Best wishes to Eunice and all those that are playing at Band Days. Thank you Mr. Drotar for spending time after school helping students to grow their musical skills.

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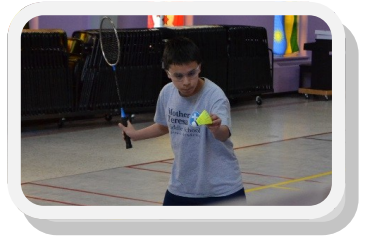
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The Battle of the Books City Championships took place at Miller High School on March 31st. Some of our team members read between 7 and 8 novels. We are proud of our teams and look forward to competing again next year.

We are well into our badminton season. Thank you to our badminton players and coaches, Mr. Rieder, Mr. Nelson and Ms. Elias for their dedication to our badminton program. Games against other schools have started and we look forward to the city tournament that will be held on April 28th and 29th.



Our after school programs enrich the lives of our students. These opportunities extend the learning beyond our academic curriculum. A huge thank you to all the individuals who “**DO**” and “**GIVE**” to our after school programs. In the words of Mother Teresa, “It is not how much we do, but how much love we put into the doing. It’s not how much we give, but how much love we put into the giving.” The unconditional love is evident in every moment of every day at MTMS.

We had several opportunities to extend our network this month. Thank you to the Rotary Club of Regina South for their generous donation that will be used to purchase non-fiction books for our students. We enjoyed hosting the Rotary Club of Regina South for lunch and each member that was present provided our students with yet another opportunity to interact and communicate with our extended community. As well, Belinda Kriek, Rotarian and artist collaborated with Grade 8 student, Serenity Runge, to create a photograph with a literacy focus. The photograph will be submitted to the 2014 Rotarian Photo Contest.

Father Don Doll S.J, award winning Jesuit photographer, who was in Regina to deliver the Nash Lecture at Campion on March 11th. When in Regina he spent the day at MTMS. He has been featured in the likes of National Geographic and when at MTMS he took some beautiful photographs of our students and the school. Father Doll, you are an inspiration! On March 27th, Erik Oland S.J., from Toronto also visited. Erik is Mr. Sorensen’s, Novice Master and came to MTMS to celebrate the incredible work that Mr. Sorensen is doing with our students. Thank you Father Erik for helping us to celebrate our weekly Lenten celebration.

We also had a “business luncheon” on March 18th; our guest speaker was Donnie McKay. He shared his photos and told stories about his trip to the Winter Olympics in Sochi, Russia as well as sharing a number of treasures that he had traded for his Canadian items. Our students were also fortunate to Skype with Andrea Bundon, guide for Margarita Gorbounova and para-olympic athletes, Margarita Gorbounova and Brittany Hudak. Questions were asked about how the athletes train for the different events and what inspired them to become athletes. Several students were curious about what the conditions were like in Sochi, how old the athletes were and how they performed in their events. Andrea, Margarita, and Brittany provided all of our students with an opportunity to learn more about the para-olympics. Thank you Andrea Bundon for giving us a real life experience to connect globally.



Rand Teed, drug and alcohol educator, came to MTMS to share a drug presentation on the affects and use of Marijuana. Thank you Rand, for giving us the factual information so that our students can make informed, positive choices today and in the future.

We are getting ready to start another phase of our journey with our first class of grade 8 students preparing to go to high school. We are moving forward with excitement and of course some nervousness as well. Mr. Gonzales, along with the MTMS team, has been working diligently to help each of our students prepare and feel confident while discerning over the high school that is the best fit for each of them. Thank you to our grade 8 mentors and to Mr. Jerry Goebel, author and leader in building communities of intentional courtesy, who helped to lead the grade 8’s in creating a visual representation of their **NETWORK** as part of their preparations. We are planning and preparing for our **GRADE 8 YEAR END EXERCISES** that will be held on **SATURDAY, JUNE 21ST**. Please mark your calendars for this very special occasion. If there are any parents of grade 8 students who would like to help with some of the planning please contact the school.

As we embark on the last three months of this academic school year, may we take time to ponder the words of Mother Teresa, “Let no one ever come to you without leaving better and happier. Be the living expression of God’s kindness: kindness in your face, kindness in your eyes, kindness in your smile.”

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30	31 DAY 3 3:15-4:15 Drama French Club Origami Cheerleading	1 DAY 4 BAND GR. 7/8 3:15-4:15 Badminton Violin Cadets MacKenzie Art	2 DAY 5 BAND GR. 6 AM BAND GR. 7/8 PM 3:15-4:15 Study Hall Poetry Drama Art	3 DAY 1 BAND GR. 6 3:15-4:15 French Club Jujitsu Dungeons&Dragons MacKenzie Art Stocks Badminton	4 DAY 2 Swimming U of R 1:00-3:30pm School Dismisses @ 3:30 from U of R	5	
6	7 DAY 3 3:15-4:15 AR Reading Drama French Club Origami Cheerleading	8 DAY 4 BAND GR. 7/8 3:15-4:15 Badminton Violin Cadets MacKenzie Art	9 DAY 5 BAND GR. 6 AM BAND GR. 7/8 PM 3:15-4:15 Study Hall Poetry Drama Art	10 DAY 1 BAND GR. 6 3:15-4:15 French Club/Art Jujitsu/Badminton Dungeons&Dragons PARENT NIGHT 6:00-7:30PM	11 DAY 2 Swimming U of R 1:00-3:30pm School Dismisses @ 3:30 from U of R	12	
13	14 DAY 3 3:15-4:15 AR Reading Drama Set Design Origami Cheerleading RSO-Clarinet	15 DAY 4 BAND GR. 7/8 3:15-4:15 Badminton Violin Cadets MacKenzie Art	16 DAY 5 BAND GR. 6 AM BAND GR. 7/8 PM 3:15-4:15 Study Hall Drama Calligraphy Art	17 DAY 1 BAND GR. 6 3:15-4:15 Jujitsu French Club Dungeons&Dragons Badminton MacKenzie Art	18 NO SCHOOL 	19	
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27	28 DAY 2 3:15-4:15 Drama Set Design Origami Cheerleading RSO-Trumpet	29 DAY 3 3:15-4:15 Badminton Violin Cadets MacKenzie Art	30 DAY 4 BAND GR. 7/8 3:15-4:15 Badminton Study Hall Drama Art	<div style="border: 2px solid black; padding: 10px;"> <p>NEXT PARENT MEETING</p> <p>THURSDAY, APRIL 10, 2014</p> <p>6:00PM-7:30PM</p>  </div>			