



FEBRUARY 2014

Director of Student Supports Message– Mr. Ron Gonzales

It was an exciting and fast paced month at Mother Teresa Middle School. There are so many positive moments to share and highlight with everyone. As the Director of Student Supports, I am going to focus on a few key areas: attendance, mentoring, enrichment programming, transitions to high school and recruiting.

Attendance: Overall, our attendance for this year is 96.46%. We are very close to reaching our goal of 97%. The key is to focus on a **TEAM** approach and continue to work together to achieve this goal. I would like to thank all of the parents/guardians for their continued support. The communication and problem solving regarding transportation if your son/daughter has missed the bus has continued to be a success. Our **RELATIONSHIPS**, focus and handling everything together are vital. My commitment is always to the students and families. Thank you to Ms. Elias and Ms. Liebel for playing a big role in supporting our attendance plan every day. Let's continue to be **PASSIONATE** about reaching our goal of 97% attendance at Mother Teresa Middle School. I would also like to thank all of the parents/guardians that came to last month's parent meeting. The attendance was 81.8%. I would like this percentage to increase every month because these meetings are so important to our success in communicating, sharing positive stories, and interacting together. **I challenge all parents/guardians to beat this percentage at our next monthly meeting on February 27.** There will also be some special draws at the end of the evening to thank you for your commitment to the school.

Mentoring: I am excited to announce that all grade 7 and 8 students are matched with a mentor. We have 35 matches and have just over 100 contacts in and out of school. Every week there can be 10 to 15 scheduled outings. I want to say a big **THANK YOU** to all of the mentors for volunteering their personal time to such a great and worthy program at our school. With every outing, you are creating a positive experience and special memories for each student at Mother Teresa Middle School. There will be a few planned group outings throughout the year as well for all mentors/mentees to get together. Stay tuned for the upcoming events.

Enrichment Program. We are very excited to say the Enrichment Programming is in full force with 4 to 5 activities offered everyday after school. This is the first time that our school has a boy's and girl's basketball team. I would like to thank **Mike Bilinski** for volunteering to coach the team. This is his second year working with our students and he is a very positive and enthusiastic person. Cheerleading, lead by **Kelsey Davis**, is into its second year. The team is working very hard and looking at competing later this year. I would like to thank **Mr. Lo** for offering Origami to the students. His talent and ability to work with our students is outstanding. We are pleased to announce that the **McKenzie Art Gallery** has continued to support our school and along with **Enbridge** has made a commitment for our arts program for the next 5 years. The Regina Symphony Orchestra musicians and Ed Minovich continue to offer MTMS students with incredible musical experiences. Other programs that are currently offered or coming in the next few weeks are: zumba, poetry, photography, and calligraphy. The volunteers in the community are the key in making the Enrichment Programming successful. Thank you again to our School Community Outreach Coordinator, **Ms. Elias** for scheduling the activities after school.

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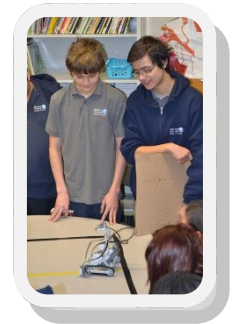
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Transition to High School: The MTMS Team is working very hard preparing our 16 grade 8 students for high school next year. The students have been able to attend a few high school tours and presentations in the community.



Mr. Rieder, Ms. Elias and I have been discussing very important high school topics in the classroom. This month the students will be writing their discernment piece indicating where they would like to attend school next year. The parents/guardians and mentors will play a very important role in their success. As the Graduate Support Director, I look forward to the new challenges ahead and we will continue to work as a team in making grade 9 positive and rewarding for your child. There will be more events announced in the future as we continue to prepare our grade 8's. We will continue to inform and communicate with all parents/guardians at the monthly meetings for this important journey ahead.

Recruiting: I can't believe we are in the process of looking for new students entering grade 6 this September. We have currently updated our information pamphlets and posters for the 2014-2015. We passed out our new information pamphlets at the last parent/guardian meeting. If you know anyone who is interested in sending their son/daughter to Mother Teresa Middle School, please pass on this information. Interested families can contact the school and we will follow up. **We will also be offering a Parent Information Night on Thursday, March 6, 2014 from 6:00-7:00 pm. Please share this information with anyone interested in the community.**



We have a lot to accomplish together in the next few months. Let's embrace the challenges and enjoy this journey together as we support your son/daughter at Mother Teresa Middle School.

Winter break is from February 15th to February 23rd, 2014. Please take this time to relax, be safe, and enjoy your loved ones.

**“Success is when you establish a routine.
Do it over and over again and you will reach
your goal!”**

Please join us for our monthly....

**Parent Meeting
Thursday, February 27
6:00-7:30p.m.**

Mark in your calendars.
Our next monthly meeting is
Thursday, March 20, 2014.

**We are starting to accept
applications for next year's grade 6
class. Should anyone know of a
family that has a son/daughter that
will be entering grade 6 in the fall and
would benefit from attending MTMS,
please have them contact
Mr. Gonzales at 569-6867.**



February 2014



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2	3 DAY 5 BAND GR. 6 AM BAND GR. 7/8 PM 3:15-4:15 AR Reading French Club Zumba Cheerleading	4 DAY 1 BAND GR. 6 3:15-4:15 MacKenzie Art Photography RSO-Violin Cadets Basketball	5 DAY 2 Rodger Ross Storytelling Grade 6's Curling 3:15-4:15 Bracelet Making Art Class Calligraphy RSO-Percussion Study Hall	6 DAY 3 Come N' Learn Reading Buddies 3:15-4:15 MacKenzie Art Basketball Coding RSO-Trombone	7 DAY 4 BAND GR. 7/8 School Dismisses @ 3:30	8
9	10 DAY 5 BAND GR. 6 AM BAND GR. 7/8 PM 3:15-4:15 AR Reading French Club Zumba Cheerleading Origami	11 DAY 1 BAND GR. 6 3:15-4:15 MacKenzie Art Photography RSO-Violin Cadets Basketball	12 DAY 2 Saskatchewan Aboriginal Storytelling by Carol Daniels Grade 6's Curling 3:15-4:15 Bracelet Making Art Class Calligraphy Study Hall Poetry	13 DAY 3 Grade 6 class to attend the Mayor's State of the City Address 3:15-4:15 MacKenzie Art Basketball Coding RSO-Flute	14 DAY 4 BAND GR. 7/8 Prairie Dance Circuit Performance School Dismisses @ 3:30 Happy Valentine's Day ♥♥♥	15
16	17 Family Day No School	18	19	20	21	22
February/Winter Holidays Spend some time on AR Reading & IXL Math over the holidays!						
23	24 DAY 5 BAND GR. 6 AM BAND GR. 7/8 PM 3:15-4:15 AR Reading French Club Zumba Cheerleading Origami	25 DAY 1 BAND GR. 6 3:15-4:15 MacKenzie Art Photography RSO-Violin Cadets Basketball	26 DAY 2 3:14-4:15 Bracelet Making Art Class Calligraphy Study Hall Poetry	27 DAY 3 3:15-4:15 MacKenzie Art Basketball Coding RSO-Percussion Dungeons/Dragons Parent Meeting 6:00pm-7:00pm	28 DAY 4 BAND GR. 7/8 School Dismisses @ 3:30	1