

Mother Teresa



Middle School

A Jesuit Academy

NOVEMBER 2013

Director of Student Supports Message– Mr. Ron Gonzales

It is hard to believe that we are going into our third month of the school year! The students and staff are very established in their routines. The students are fully engaged, learning many new things in the classroom. As I walk through the halls, I can hear Math, English, Science, and Social Studies being taught enthusiastically by our teachers. When I go to the gym, the students are changed, warming up and getting ready to begin a variety of drills and activities led by Mr. Nelson, our Physical Education teacher. These months have been full of action and excitement.

At MTMS this month we were able to achieve 97.05% attendance. We were able to beat our last months attendance and meet our goal of 97%! It is always important that all of the students, parents/guardians and the staff work together in order for this to happen. We thank you for your cooperation and we know our communication and trust will continue to grow stronger. In the Student Service area you will see an attendance wall created by Ms. Elias. She is also keeping the bus schedule up to date. We would like to thank Ms. Elias for doing both of these. Remember, the school has two buses with 51 students being picked up and dropped off every day. We know there are many situations that can arise that affect the bus schedule. Ms. Elias has changed the schedule more than 14 times since the beginning of the school year to accommodate all of the students needs at MTMS. We thank all the parents/guardians for their daily communication with the school and for their patience.

I would like to focus on the **Enrichment Programs** we offered after school in October. Our cooking class just wrapped up its eight week program. I would like to thank Paz for coordinating helpers and creating many tasty and beautiful dishes for our students. They were able to sample many new foods and took home recipes to share with their families. Mr. Bellavance was in charge of the Art Club and French Club on Mondays and Wednesdays. James Kleisinger ran the History Club every Thursday and he just finished an 8 week cycle. Mr. Nelson, our Computer and Physical Education teacher ran the Chess Club every Thursday. Ms. Scheuer, was in charge of Improv once a week. Regina Police Service Cadets is up and running every Tuesday after school. It is nice to see we have more than 20 students involved in this program. Last week, students went off school grounds to the Neil Balkwill Centre. Cadets plan to do a few more outings with the students before Christmas. Crystal Toth from the YMCA is doing Yoga for our students every Monday. This year, we developed a fitness room for the students at MTMS. The official name will be "Goals Gym!" Our new fitness equipment and programming will provide new opportunities for our students. Ms. Brundige and Mrs. Liebel are having a lot of fun with the girl's fitness program. I see many smiles in the room every time I walk by. I will be in charge of the boy's fitness training, but we just recently made contact with a personal trainer who is willing to take on the program after school. Wrestling is scheduled every Monday and I am having a wonderful time working with all the students involved.

November will include new after school programs such as: Babysitting for all grade 6 students, Origami, Film/Acting and Volleyball. Ms. Elias and Mr. Nelson are coaching the boys and girls volleyball teams. We have 21 girls and 8 boys participating in volleyball. We are proud to say this is the first volleyball team ever at MTMS. The dental, vision and hearing appointments were in full swing last month. We thank Dr. Lefebvre, our dentist, Dr. Monea, our optometrist, and Lisa Richardson, our audiologist for supporting our school every year. Their work never goes unnoticed. They play a huge part in minimizing health issues with our students.

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Senator Pana Merchant from Ottawa made a visit to our school. This was her second visit with our staff and students. She was able to reconnect with our former grade 6 students and shared a day in the life of a Senator during our morning assembly. We also had visits from Maureen Power and Dawn Froats from Notre Dame High School in Wilcox and Riel Bellegarde from the Saskatchewan Indian Institute of Technologies.



The MTMS Mentorship Program is in full force with more than 30 school outings in October. We are pleased to announce that all grade 8 students have a mentor once again this year. A few mentors have come to the school to have lunch with their mentee and there are usually two or three outings every weekend. I want to thank the students, parents, and mentors for believing in the program. We are currently in the process of pairing all of our nineteen grade 7 students with a mentor. The launch for the grade 7's will be in January, 2014. We will keep all parents/guardians updated with the training and development of this program.

We would like to thank Jessie Watch and Brandon Pituley. They are both fourth year nursing students who did their six week practicum at our school. They built strong relationships with our students. They were such great help in the student services area and in the classrooms. Jessie and Brandon had such an amazing experience at MTMS that they have both signed up to become grade 7 mentors. We would also like to thank Ebonie Martin's parents and Cowley Farms for bringing pumpkins to the school. The students definitely enjoyed carving pumpkins and participating in a contest run by our practicum nurses.

We had our second monthly parent/guardian meeting on October 17th. Our attendance was 71%. We were down from 77% in September. The school will be taking attendance at our monthly parent meetings. The meetings are an important way to communicate and connect with all parents. It is important to remind all parents/guardians this is one of the commitments agreed upon when your son/daughter was accepted at MTMS. We look forward to seeing all parents at the next monthly meeting on **Thursday, November 21st from 6:00-7:30p.m.** At the next parent meeting we will be discussing the process of preparing the grade 8 students for their high school transitions. We will start this process by taking them on tours of the high schools. This is a very exciting time for everyone and we look forward to working with you over the next few months with the high school selection process.

We look forward to another amazing, positive, and FUN month in November!

STUDENT LEAD CONFERENCES

Report Cards will be distributed on
Monday, November 25th

Student Lead Conferences will be on:

Tuesday, November 26th from 2:00pm-5:00pm
and

Wednesday, November 27th from 2:00pm-5:00pm

Your scheduled time will be sent home in November
but if you would like to request a time please call

Mrs. Liebel at 569-6867 or
email lliebel@mtmschoolregina.com

Please join us for our monthly....

Parent Meeting
Thursday, November 21st
6:00-7:30p.m.

Mark in your calendars our
next monthly meeting is
Thursday, December 19th.





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Sun Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri Sat

Liturgical and Special Days for November							1	2
1 All Saints, World community day 2 The commemoration of all the Faithful Departed (All Souls' Day) 10 Stewardship Sunday 11 Remembrance Day 24 Bible day, Our Lord Jesus Christ King of the Universe							NO SCHOOL	

3	4 DAY 3 3:15-4:15 Yoga Babysitting Gr. 6's Wrestling	5 DAY 4 BAND GR. 7/8 All Souls Celebration 3:15-4:15 MacKenzie Art Gallery Film/Acting Girls Fitness Cadets 3:30-5:00	6 DAY 5 BAND GR. 6-am BAND GR. 7/8-pm 3:15-4:15 Origami Study Hall Volleyball Practice	7 DAY 1 BAND GR. 6 3:15-4:15 Reach Cooking Art Boys Fitness Volleyball game-girls	8 DAY 2 Remembrance Day Celebration 1:00 p.m. School Dismisses @ 3:30pm	9
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17	18 DAY 2 3:15-4:15 Yoga Babysitting Gr. 6's Wrestling	19 DAY 3 3:15-4:15 MacKenzie Art Gallery Film/Acting Girls Fitness Cadets 3:30-5:00 Volleyball game-boys	20 DAY 4 BAND GR. 7/8 3:15-4:15 Origami Study Hall Volleyball practice	21 DAY 5 BAND GR. 6-am BAND GR. 7/8-pm 3:15-4:15 Reach Cooking/Art Fitness/volleyball-girls Parent Meeting 6:00-7:30pm	22 TPD NO SCHOOL	23
24	25 DAY 1 BAND GR. 6 3:15-4:15 Yoga Babysitting Gr. 6's Wrestling Report Card Distribution	26 DAY 2 3:15-4:15 MacKenzie Art Gallery Film/Acting Girls Fitness Cadets 3:30-5:00 Volleyball playoffs Student Lead Conferences 2-5pm	27 DAY 3 3:15-4:15 Origami Study Hall Volleyball practice Student Lead Conferences 2-5pm	28 DAY 4 BAND GR. 7/8 3:15-4:15 Reach Cooking Art Boys Fitness Volleyball playoffs	29 DAY 5 BAND GR. 6-am BAND GR. 7/8-pm School Dismisses @ 3:30pm	30