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## LEARNING AND LEADING LIKE CHAMPIONS and becoming “Men and Women for Others” Principal Message—Ms. Terri Cote

The first day of spring arrived on March 20<sup>th</sup>. Every season has its own beauty and with spring comes new life and new beginnings. Mother Teresa Middle School students and staff, like the flowers of spring, are “blooming where they are planted”. We do not always get to choose the circumstances that we find ourselves in, but we have a deep trust that God is allowing each of us to be, wherever we are, doing the best we can with what we have. Together, as the MTMS family, we will be a testimony of God’s love, grace and goodness.

**WE BELIEVE THAT GOD IS PRESENT IN ALL THINGS.**

### SPIRITUAL CHAMPIONS

This week we celebrate “Catholic Education Week” from May 11<sup>th</sup> - 17<sup>th</sup>. “Catholic Education: Answering the Call” is this year’s theme. MTMS students are challenged on a daily basis to be **MEN AND WOMAN FOR OTHERS** discerning how they might answer God’s call through service to others. We will continue to encourage every student to focus on using their strengths, individual gifts and talents.

### MTMS continues to Network like CHAMPIONS.

We welcome Andrea Carandang, a Jesuit Volunteer from Toronto, who will be immersing herself in the MTMS environment over the next few months. Andrea is looking forward to learning more about herself, our First Nations and Metis peoples and community as well as finding deeper meaning in what God is calling her to do with her life as a future educator. She has quickly become part of the MTMS team. We are blessed and welcome her into the MTMS family.

MTMS has an incredible network of people that continues to grow, one relationship at a time. A special thanks to Joanne Kozlowski, Director of Communications & Marketing at Campion College, for bringing Sister Helen Prejean to our school. Sister Helen, C.S.J., is a Roman Catholic nun, a member of the Congregation of St. Joseph and a leading American advocate for the abolition of the death penalty. She wrote the book *Dead Man Walking* that was published in 1993 and then made into a movie in 1995. Sister Helen inspired us with her messages and reminded us to continue to “Watch What We Do, To See What We Believe” a phrase that she coined herself.

Right after the Easter break, we attended the Tim Horton Children’s Foundation Camp in Kananaskis, Alberta. Thanks to Mr. Rieder for networking and applying to the camp on behalf of MTMS. The camp provided our students with several opportunities to live out our Jesuit Principles and to achieve the camp program goals which focused on goal setting and positive personal achievements, while experiencing life in the Canadian Rockies.

## March & April Perfect Attendance Champions

Jagoda Bolesta  
Teegan Brandon  
Tiondra Cyr  
Rae Desnomie  
Nolan Kay  
Tayvian Maxie  
Creedance McKay  
Damon Neskar  
Jamie Tapaquon

Julianne Agunas  
Jaydan Anaskan  
Blue Cyr  
Dustin Desnomie  
Beatrice Domingo  
Mykayle Jaegli  
Samantha Kingerski  
Maize Mugot  
Yetunde Ogundibo  
Alexandra Panaligan  
Xavier Severight

Winnie Charles  
Valerie De Sosa  
Maureen Felix  
Skyla Gosselin-Strongarm  
Jesse Grywacheski  
Malik Hassan-Weiss  
Jazmine Itong  
Michael Kingerski  
Sonny McKay  
Joseph Nightingale  
Alexis Smith-Wintonyk

## Overall Attendance

**96.8%**

We believe that **GOD IS PRESENT IN ALL THINGS** and being in the mountains gave our students another space to feel and see the presence of God and His creation. Students experienced rock climbing, hiking, team building activities in the wilderness as well as theatre arts and drumming. These enriched experiences enhanced and extended our 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade curriculums. Our students overcame adversity, set goals and achieved them. Relationships, as well as a sense of team, were nurtured.

The MTMS school culture was further strengthened in and through this experience. We focused on our Jesuit Principles and holistic, family centered approach to growing our student's hope, wellness and engagement. The students and staff made such an impression over the four days and we were strongly encouraged to apply again for spring camp next year. Thank you to all of the MTMS staff who attended the camp and to Deb Neskar, parent to Damon, one of our 6<sup>th</sup> grade students, for joining us as well. The Tim Horton Children's Ranch camp is a world class organization, who, through providing camp experiences, is generously giving back to communities across Canada and the USA and making a difference in the lives of children. **THANK YOU...TIM HORTON'S!**

### MTMS has an ATTITUDE of GRATITUDE

**We believe that authentic relationships build valuable networks in the community and the world.**

We are grateful to Rick Folk for engaging our students in the Optimist International Oratorical Contest; a first for MTMS. Rick worked with our students and brought his team to MTMS for our school "speak off". Congratulations to Maize Mugot, Beatrice Domingo and Valerie De Sosa for writing and delivering their speeches with confidence and poise. The topic they spoke on was, "How My Optimism Will Help Me press on to Greater Achievements in the Future". Maize was chosen to represent MTMS at the city finals. She was awarded with a bronze medal. Congratulations to Maize! We are very proud of all the students who participated.

We are grateful for Mr. Drotar, our band director and teacher, who spends countless hours inspiring and helping each MTMS student to develop skills to be able to play their instrument. Congratulations to all the students who participated in the Regina Catholic Schools Band Days Festival as well as the Optimist Band Festival. All of the students who took part were OPEN to GROWTH! Maize Mugot and Beatrice Domingo received an Honourable Mention for their performances at the Band Days Festival. On May 27<sup>th</sup>, our 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> Grade students will travel to Saskatoon for a Band Tour that will feature workshops at the University of Saskatchewan with Dr. Ohlerkling.

Mackenzie MacKay is a special friend to all at MTMS. She is a graduate of Luther College who came to MTMS last year, upon her return from university, to share her insights, wisdom and tips for success with our 8<sup>th</sup> grade students entering high school in the fall of 2014. She also talked about setting goals and her career path. This year she returned to share "Chapter 2"; her challenges and successes during her second year of university and once again inspired our second group of 8<sup>th</sup> grade students going off to high school. Mackenzie and her family also donated several novels to our MTMS library. We are grateful for this gift of literacy.

Thank you to Maurice Laprairie for the gorgeous photos of the 8<sup>th</sup> grade student's eyes that are part of the installation, "We See...An Amazing Future for Ourselves", and for our 8<sup>th</sup> Grade promotion ceremony photos that were taken on Thursday, May 7<sup>th</sup>. Our students always enjoy spending time with Maurice and he has a special way of bringing out the best in each of our students.

# AR Reading Champions

## Grade 6's

Jagoda Bolesta  
Chande Cote  
Tiondra Cyr  
Rae Desnomie  
Riley Galenzoski  
Shantea Gosselin  
Jaden Isnana  
Nolan Kay  
Rae-Dean Klyne  
Tayvian Maxie  
Creedance McKay  
Damon Neskar  
Cheyanne Passmore  
Diego Pepper-Machiskinic  
Jamie Tapaquon  
Nelson Threefingers

## Grade 7's

Julianne Agunas  
Jaydan Anaskan  
Angel Brass  
Cole Cardinal  
Blue Cyr  
Dustin Desnomie  
Beatrice Domingo  
MyKayle Jaegli  
Samantha Kingerski  
Ashantay McKenzie-Missens  
Maize Mugot  
Yetunde Ogundibo  
Alexandra Panaligan  
Anisha Regmi  
Xavier Severight  
Angel Sylvestre-Crowe  
Ashanti Tanner

## Grade 8's

Winnie Charles  
Valerie De Sosa  
Maureen Felix  
Skyla Gosselin-Strongarm  
Jesse Grywachski  
Malik Hassan-Weiss  
Brittany Hayden  
Michael Kingerski  
Sonny McKay  
Caleb Neithercut  
Joseph Nightingale  
Devin Pepper-Machiskinic  
Elijah Redman  
Alexis Smith-Wintonyk  
Charles Tabije  
Jared Wahpoosewyan  
Denzel Yellowtail

## MTMS ATTENDANCE CHAMPIONS

Thank you to our families and students who are relentless in helping us to achieve our attendance goals. Our Student Support Team, Mr. Gonzales, Ms. Schmidt and Ms. MacPherson "**do whatever it takes**" to help each and every student personally achieve our goal of 97%. At MTMS we appreciate the work that they do on a day to day basis because we know that being in school is essential to overall success; academically, socially, mentally, physically, emotionally and spiritually. And...**WE LOVE SEEING ALL OF OUR STUDENTS AT MTMS ...100% OF THE TIME.** For the month of March our overall attendance was 96.88% and for April it was 96.7%. We will continue to make daily attendance a priority and challenge each family to work towards having their child/children at school every day for the months of May and June. We continued to track attendance for our 9<sup>th</sup> grade students at the high school. Attendance for MTMS students for the first semester overall was 93.6%. Seven out of sixteen students achieved and exceeded our goal of 97%.

## MTMS STUDENTS are ACADEMIC CHAMPIONS

As the end of the school year draws near, we want to remind the families to help their child/children prepare for their last reporting term and the assessments that are coming up. We expect all of our students to do their best work and put forth 100% effort. At MTMS we embrace a **GROWTH MINDSET** and look forward to sharing the results with our students and families. We will participate in the **Tell Them From Me Survey** from the Ministry of Education in the next week as well as complete the third term of our **MAPS** testing; an international test in Reading, Language Usage and Mathematics. We will continue to monitor our AR Reading results and want all of our students to be achieving 90% or better in their reading comprehension; 100%...100% of the time. In October, we had 81% of our students meeting this goal. We have 96% of our students achieving 90% or better and we expect to report by the end of the year that all of our students have met this goal.

Our **BATTLE of the BOOKS CITY CHAMPIONSHIP TEAMS** placed 8<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup>. Forty-six teams participated this year! Micheal, Jesse, Jagoda and Beatrice got 1<sup>st</sup> place in NORTH ZONES during the preliminary battles with 70 points. A first for MTMS!

**We believe that all students can learn and every minute counts. We believe that setting high expectations enables us to meet our goals.**

## TRANSITIONS, DISCERNMENT and ADMISSIONS

Making the transition to high school comes with mixed emotions for both staff and students. We are proud of our 8<sup>th</sup> grade students for taking the time with their families, Mr. Gonzales and the Student Support Team to discern the very best placement for their high school education. The MTMS team will continue to journey with this second group through their high school years right through to employment. Thank you to Notre Dame College, Luther College High School, Miller Comprehensive Catholic High School, Archbishop M.C. O'Neill and LeBoldus Catholic High School for accepting our second group of students, transitioning to high school in the fall of 2015.

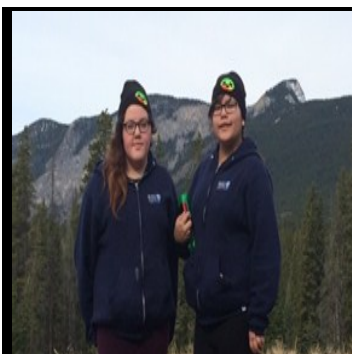
Thank you to the families and students who came out to our 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Transition to High School meeting. The personal stories about transitioning to high school, shared by our 9<sup>th</sup> grade students and parents were filled with insight, wisdom and words of advice for successful transitions. A huge thank you goes out to Tameeka and Draydin who spoke about Notre Dame and Eunice who shared stories from Luther College High School. Mooklee, a student at Archbishop M.C. O'Neill and Serenity, a Miller Comprehensive Catholic High School student, both shared stories of triumph and overcoming obstacles. Thank you to our 9<sup>th</sup> grade parents, Bridgette Cyr and Karen Runge who came to share their stories from a parent perspective.

We are looking forward to celebrating our 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Celebration on Saturday, June 20th.

# Together WE can do GREAT THINGS

"We Watch what we Do, to see what we Believe"

- Sr. Helen Prejean



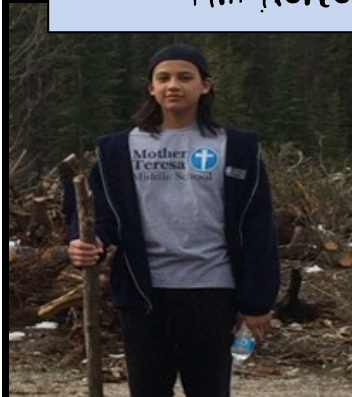
Tim Horton's Camp



Donated books from Mackenzie



Sister Helen Prejean



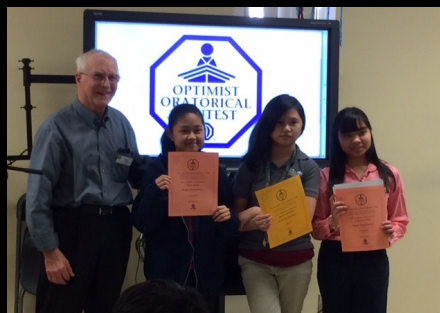
Andrea - Jesuit Volunteer

Photos from Maurice Laprairie

We See... An Amazing Future For Ourselves



Battle of the Books




Optimist Oratorical Contest



Band Days with Mr. Drotar

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Su	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1 DAY 4 <b>BAND GR. 6</b> Swimming U of R 1:00-3:30pm	2
3	4 DAY 5 <b>FULL BAND GR. 7/8</b> 3:15-4:15 AR/Homework Club Mackenzie Art Zen Art/Crafts Dungeons & Dragons Fitness/Wrestling	5 DAY 1 <b>FULL BAND GR. 6</b> 3:15-4:15 AR/Homework Club Joy Luck Club Poetry Track Practice Cadets Fitness/Wrestling	6 DAY 2 3:15-4:15 AR/Homework Club Junior Violin Marathon Club  <b>Track &amp; Field</b>	7 DAY 3 <b>BAND GR. 7/8</b> 3:15-4:15 AR/Homework Club Mackenzie Art Senior Violin Babysitting Course <b>Gr. 8 Celebration</b> <b>Photos @ 1:00 pm</b>	8 DAY 4 <b>BAND GR. 6</b>  Swimming U of R 1:00-3:30pm  School Dismisses @ 3:30 from U of R	9
10	11 DAY 5 <b>FULL BAND GR. 7/8</b> 3:15-4:15 AR/Homework Club Mackenzie Art Zen Art Crafts Dungeons & Dragons	12 DAY 1 <b>FULL BAND GR. 6</b> 3:15-4:15 AR/Homework Club Poetry Track Practice Cadets	13 DAY 2 3:15-4:15 AR/Homework Club Marathon Club Fitness/Wrestling	14 DAY 3 <b>BAND GR. 7/8</b> 3:15-4:15 AR/Homework Club SaskPower Tree Planting Mackenzie Art Babysitting Course Engineering	15  <b>NO SCHOOL</b> <b>TPD</b>	16
17	18  VICTORIA DAY <b>NO SCHOOL</b>	19 DAY 4 <b>BAND GR. 6</b> 3:15-4:15 AR/Homework Club Joy Luck Club Poetry Track Practice Cadets Fitness/Wrestling	20 DAY 5 <b>FULL BAND GR. 7/8</b> 3:15-4:15 AR/Homework Club Marathon Club	21 DAY 1 <b>FULL BAND GR. 6</b> 3:15-4:15 Mackenzie Art Babysitting Course Engineering <b>Parent Meeting</b> <b>Pot Luck Dinner</b> <b>6:00pm—7:30pm</b>	22 DAY 2  Swimming U of R 1:00-3:30pm  School Dismisses @ 3:30 from U of R	23
24	25 DAY 3 <b>BAND GR. 7/8</b> 3:15-4:15 AR/Homework Club Mackenzie Art Zen Art Crafts Dungeons & Dragons	26 DAY 4 <b>BAND GR. 6</b> 3:15-4:15 AR/Homework Club Poetry Track Practice Cadets <b>Track &amp; Field</b>	27 DAY 5 <b>FULL BAND GR. 7/8</b> 3:15-4:15 AR/Homework Club Junior Violin Marathon Club Fitness/Wrestling <b>Gr. 7&amp;8 Band Trip</b> <b>to Saskatoon</b>	28 DAY 1 <b>FULL BAND GR. 6</b> 3:15-4:15 AR/Homework Club SaskPower Tree Planting Mackenzie Art Babysitting Course Engineering	29 DAY 2  Swimming U of R 1:00-3:30pm  School Dismisses @ 3:30 from U of R	30
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