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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 20th. 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 11th - 17th. “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 6th, 7th and 8th 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 6th 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 27th, our 7th and 8th 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 8th 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 8th 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 8th grade student's eyes that are part of the installation, "We See...An Amazing Future for Ourselves", and for our 8th Grade promotion ceremony photos that were taken on Thursday, May 7th. 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 9th 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 8th and 11th. Forty-six teams participated this year! Micheal, Jesse, Jagoda and Beatrice got 1st 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 8th 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 8th Grade Transition to High School meeting. The personal stories about transitioning to high school, shared by our 9th 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 9th grade parents, Bridgette Cyr and Karen Runge who came to share their stories from a parent perspective.

We are looking forward to celebrating our 8th 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



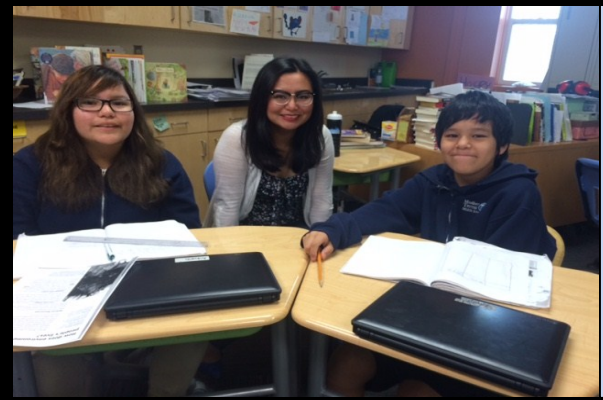
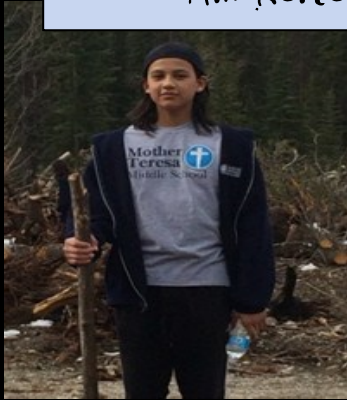
Tim Horton's Camp



Donated books from Mackenzie



Sister Helen Prejean



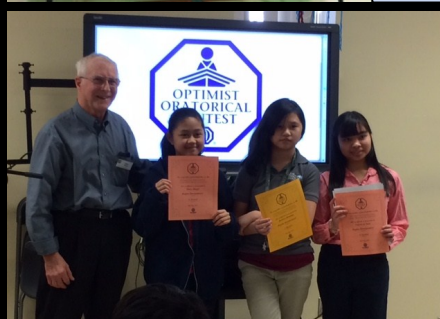
Andrea - Jesuit Volunteer

Photos from Maurice Laprairie

We See... An Amazing Future For Ourselves



Battle of the Books




Optimist Oratorical Contest



Band Days with Mr. Drotar

MAY 2015

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