

December 5, 2016

Dear Madonna del Sasso Families,

During this third week of advent, may we see through the eyes of a child. Lord, may we come to you in simple faith, with hearts held open before the manger, waiting to be filled with your love.

It is with great joy to be working at Madonna del Sasso School where it is relevant that student learning is the most important school factor influencing student achievement! Thank you for the warm welcome and support. Frankly, I love being here at MDS!

Blessings to you and your family,

Mr. Angel Rivera, Principal



Join us at Sherwood Hall on Thursday, 12/22 at 6:30pm for this year's Christmas program, "The King is Coming to Town." There will be a free-will donation at the door with all proceeds benefiting St. Vincent de Paul. Please share the attached flyer via social media or word of mouth with friends, family, neighbors and co-workers. Our students have a message for everyone . . . THE KING IS COMING!

**MDS SCHOOL CALENDAR -**

**There is NO EXTENSION including Preschool Extended Care (PEC) on Thursday 12/22, so that students and families can arrive at Sherwood Hall in time for the Christmas program.**

**There is NO SCHOOL/NO EXTENSION on Friday, 12/23.**

**CHRISTMAS ANGELS** - Packets with information about our annual "Christmas Angels" service project is going home today with each student. Our school has adopted 14 families that are categorized as "homeless" by the Salinas City School District. This means that these families do not have their own place that they can call "home." These children attend school on a regular basis. Please read the letter and information in the packet, and help in any way that you can. For any questions, please contact your child's teacher. **Gifts and monetary donations must be turned in to your child's teacher by the end of the school day on Friday, December 16<sup>th</sup>.** *Thank you in advance for your generosity!*

**MDS ADVISORY BOARD MEETING:** There will be a meeting on Tuesday, December 13<sup>th</sup> at 7:00pm in the MDS Faculty Room. The first 20 minutes of the meeting are open to comments from the public, after filling out a "Request to Speak" form before the meeting begins.

**RAINY DAY LUNCH SCHEDULE/RAINY DAY UNIFORMS –**

If it is raining during lunchtime, we will adhere to the following LUNCH schedule:

Kindergarten ~ Students will have lunch in their classroom at 11:55

First – Fourth ~ Students will have lunch in the Student Activity Center (SAC) from 11:45 – 12:15

Fifth – Eighth ~ Students will have lunch in the Student Activity Center (SAC) from 12:15 – 12:45

Just a reminder that students are still required to follow the uniform policies with regard to rainy day attire. Please refer to the MDS Uniform Handbook on our website ([mdsschool.com](http://mdsschool.com)) for more details regarding rain jackets and footwear.

**PARKING LOT** – It has been brought to our attention that parents have been parking in unmarked spots during dismissal. This causes a very dangerous situation. Please, please park in only designated parking spots. We do not want to jeopardize the safety of our students, families and staff.

**MIXED BAGS FUNDRAISER** – Mixed Bag orders should arrive the week of December 12-16. The shipment will include the prizes! Thank you for your patience.

**ST. VINCENT DE PAUL**

Each student in **Fifth and Sixth** is asked to bring a sack lunch for needy families on Thursday, December 15<sup>th</sup>. In the sack lunch, please provide a piece of fresh fruit, a bottle of water or juice, a bag of chips and a sandwich. Sandwiches can be one of the following: cheese and meat OR just meat (no condiments, lettuce, tomatoes, etc., in the sandwich), peanut butter and jelly, or just peanut butter. You may choose to provide something sweet such as cookies. Please send the food items in a paper lunch sack on Thursday morning, December 15<sup>th</sup>. Thank you in advance for your generosity.

## UPCOMING IMPORTANT DATES

Dec. 12<sup>th</sup> – ~~Meet & Greet, 5:30pm in the Cross Hall~~ - **CANCELLED**  
Dec. 14<sup>th</sup> – Minimum Day dismissal K-8 12:30pm  
Dec. 15<sup>th</sup> – Sack Lunch for St. Vincent de Paul – Fifth and Sixth  
Dec. 22<sup>nd</sup> – Christmas Program, The King is Coming, Sherwood Hall at 6:30pm. **No Extension/PEC**  
Dec. 23<sup>rd</sup> - Jan. 6<sup>th</sup> – Christmas Break, No School/No Extension  
Jan. 9<sup>th</sup> – School resumes  
Jan. 19<sup>th</sup> – Coast-Tel Credit Union on Campus! 11:30-12:00 (Preschool) and 12:00-12:40 (K-8)

