

November 7, 2016

Dear Madonna Families,

It is with much pleasure to share with you the following Madonna del Sasso middle school honor roll students for the first quarter of the 2016/2017 school year.

Principal's Honor Roll - GPA 4.0: Katherine Hodges (8th), Alia Moya (7th)

"A" Honor Roll - GPA 3.6 to 3.9: Skyler Bybee (8th), Trisha Chua (8th), Mikayla Lorico (8th), Sean Bautista (7th), Sophia Irinco (7th), Jade Pimentel (7th), Katrina Rebancos (7th), Soraya Zepeda (7th), Erik Casillas (6th), Nicole Dickman (6th), Siena Fematt (6th), Camila Gallegos (6th), David Hodges (6th), Sydney Juarez (6th), Kailani Mason (6th), Laleina Mercado (6th), Kyle Posecion (6th), Katie Yoder (6th)

"B" Honor Roll - GPA 3.0 to 3.5: Felipe Alonzo Melchor (8th), Jasmine Ortiz (8th), Maya Padilla-Chavez (8th), Rudy Zepeda (8th), Veronica Borowski (6th), Ethan Costes (6th), Loryn Gonzales (6th) Jonathan Uy (6th)

This school year we have started a new Madonna tradition, which is to recognize two students each academic quarter who exemplify the school's Schoolwide Learning Expectations (SLEs) both in the classroom and on the playground. One student is selected among the teachers in grades one through five and one student is selected among the middle school teachers. This award has been named the **Crusader Choice Award**. The two students selected unanimously by their teachers are:

- Sean Bautista - Seventh Grade
- Ethan Quizon - Fourth Grade

We are extremely proud of all of our Madonna students and are thrilled to be able to recognize those students who are consistently giving one hundred percent to their academic achievement. We are also proud of our excellent teachers who each day provide quality lessons and activities that nurture and foster student learning and success in a faith based learning environment. Go Crusaders!

Yours in Christ,

Mrs. Cynthia Fogarty, Interim Principal

WELCOME TO MDS SCHOOL!

We would like to send a warm Madonna welcome to the following students and families who have recently joined our school:

Tyga Gonzalvo - Fourth Grade
Benjy Altamirano – Seventh Grade
Isaiah Franklin – Third Grade
Dyllan Newcomb – Fourth Grade
Landon Cordone – Fourth Grade
Grace Zhang – Preschool

We are delighted to announce that Laura Menchaca has joined our MDS office staff! In addition to be our receptionist, Laura will be responsible for Attendance, Volunteer Clearance and Service Hours. She is also bilingual! If you have a moment, please stop by the office and meet LAURA.

ATTENDANCE – MDS Handbook Reminder

Parents are requested to call the school office at (831) 424-7813 between 8:00 and 8:30 a.m. if a student will be absent for the day. An email may also be sent to the classroom/homeroom teacher and/or office staff (lfitzgerald@mdsschool.com and lmenchaca@mdsschool.com) to inform the school of the student's absence. The office staff will forward the email to the teacher(s). The school office staff will attempt to call parents to verify an absence if a call has not been received. A note is still needed when the student returns to school. The note for absences should include: 1) child's name; 2) dates of the absence(s); 3) reason for absence; 4) signature of parent or guardian.

Parents are encouraged to support the school's emphasis on academic success by not scheduling vacations, elective medical care, recreational activities, etc., during school hours. The school reserves the right to deny granting an excused absence, even with a parental note.

Medical and dental appointments should be made after school whenever possible. Doctor and dentist verification of appointments, or note stating the same, is needed for a recorded MEDICAL EXCUSE. Students MUST return to school immediately after appointment or the absence will NOT be marked as a medical excuse—it will be recorded as a regular absence. Excessive absences or tardies, even if necessary and excused, may result in no grades recorded on the quarterly report card. The school reserves the right to deny granting an excused absence, even with a parental note.

MDS FOOD DRIVE

Our annual Food Drive started TODAY! Each class will have a barrel for food collection. Attached is a list of suggested items to donate. Please do not send any dented cans or glass containers. The Food Drive will run through November 17. Thank you for helping feed those less fortunate.

LUNCH PROGRAM – *Room for Dessert* November's menu and order sheet are on the school's website.

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL

Each student in **Third and Fourth grade** is asked to bring a sack lunch for needy families on Thursday, November 10th. 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, November 10th. Thank you in advance for your generosity.

MESSAGES FROM THE BOOKKEEPER

Building and Maintenance Fee

The Building and Maintenance fee is due by November 10, 2016. Please make your check payable to MDS School and note "B&M fee" on the memo line of your check. Please contact Elaine Turner at 424-7813, Ext., 12 with any questions. Thank you!

Graduation Fee for Parents of Eighth Graders

The graduation fee of \$150 is due prior to November 10, 2016. Please make your check payable to MDS School and note "Graduation fee" on the memo line of your check. You will see the assessment of the fee on your Tuition statement. If special payment arrangements are needed please call Elaine Turner at 424-7813, Ext. 12 prior to November 10, 2016.

Friendly Reminder

Please make out separate checks for each kind of payment that you send into the school: K-8th grade Extension payments (**payable to MDS Extension**) and Preschool Extended Care (**payable to MDS PEC**). This will assist me in posting your payments to the correct account. Thank you kindly, Elaine.

MDS SPORTS

The 7th/8th grade girls' volleyball team made it to the Championship! They played Carmel on Thursday, 11/3. It was a very close, nail-biting game that unfortunately we lost. Our girls played with class, dignity and faith. We are so proud of the girls and coaches!

UPCOMING IMPORTANT DATES

Nov. 9th – Minimum Day dismissal at 12:30 (Grades K – 8th)
Nov. 10th – Sack Lunch for St. Vincent de Paul – Grades 3 and 4
Nov. 10th – Coast-Tel on campus at lunch. They will be available for Preschool at 11:30.
Nov. 11th – Veteran's Day, No School/No Extension
Nov. 21-25 – Thanksgiving Break, No School/No Extension