

October 31, 2016

Dear Madonna del Sasso School Families,

November is such a special month in our Catholic church! We begin the month with the celebration of the Feast of All Saints and All Souls' Day, November 1st and November 2nd, followed by The Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Thanksgiving, and the First Sunday of Advent at the end of the month. As we celebrate these November feasts we are reminded of life's goodness and joys and sorrows and struggles, all of which bring us closer to God and his desire for us to follow Him with our whole heart. In his St. Peter's Square homily on November 1, 2013, Pope Francis stated, "The Saints are not supermen, nor were they born perfect. They are like us, each one of us. What changed their lives? When they recognized God's love, they followed it with all their heart without reserve or hypocrisy." What a beautiful reminder to us as we enter this month of November to be aware of God's presence in our lives and the lives of others as God is calling each one of us to Sainthood. We simply need to follow His call. Our school community celebrated Mass together this past Friday in celebration of All Souls' Day. I am hoping this Tuesday you can find time in your busy family schedules to celebrate as a family the Feast of All Saints. The mass schedule for Tuesday, a Holy Day of Obligation, is in today's bulletin.

As Pope Francis reminds us so often, God's desire for us is to serve others. At Madonna del Sasso School our parents and students are often called to serve not only our school community, but our larger Salinas community as well. This past Friday a group of our middle school students under the guidance of Mrs. Borowski peeled enough potatoes to serve the 200 people who came to Dorothy's Kitchen on Saturday for a hot meal! Also on Friday, a group of our school parents under the guidance of Mrs. Smoot completely transformed our school garden, preparing it for our students to plant the seedlings they will grow in their classrooms. The garden is located just outside Rooms 2 and 3 between Cross Hall and the school. Please take time to see Madonna's newly refreshed garden. A special "thank you" goes out to the Lee family for their generous donation of supplies for the garden, including a whole truck load of mulch. To all of our Madonna del Sasso School volunteers THANK YOU!

Volunteerism is the voice of the people put into action. These actions shape and mold the present into a future of which we can all be proud. . . .Helen Dyer

May God's blessings of peace and joy fill your hearts and homes,

Mrs. Cynthia Fogarty, Interim Principal

MASS SCHEDULE FOR THE WEEK – Madonna del Sasso Church

All Saints' Day Vigil

Monday, 10/31 5:30pm

All Saints' Day – Holy Day of Obligation

Tuesday, 11/1 8:15am
12:15pm
5:30pm
7:30pm Spanish Mass

All Souls' Day

Wed, 11/2 8:15am
12:15pm
5:30pm
7:30pm Spanish Mass

HONOR ROLL ASSEMBLY – Wednesday, 11/2

Join us at 8:15am on Wednesday in the Student Activity Center (SAC) for our Honor Roll Assembly.

COMMUNITY SERVICE – MDS Middle School



Our middle school students under the guidance of Mrs. Borowski peeled enough potatoes to serve 200 people who came to Dorothy's Kitchen on Saturday. Students doing God's work!

GARDEN PARTY – Thank you to our volunteers!

A big THANK YOU to Ms. Smoot and the following volunteers who helped clean up our school garden. We truly appreciate your dedication and hard work! A special “thank you” to the Lee Family (Tiffany, 3) for their generous donation of supplies and mulch!



Miki Asano (Teresa, 4)
Cristabelle Oropeza (Nadia, 4)
Ekaterina Sazyrina (Arina, 5)
Reveca Huerta (Edie-7) He worked hard too...shoveled and manned the wheelbarrow like a man--big help)
Binzee Gonzalvo (Tyga, 4)
John Jandinero (Nathan, 2)
Jorge Muros (Jorge, 2)
Elizabeth Sheridan---grandmother, came for a while (Caitlyn and Griffin, PS, K)

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

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL

Each student in **Fifth and Sixth grade** is asked to bring a sack lunch for needy families on Thursday, November 3rd. 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 3rd. Thank you in advance for your generosity.

MDS SPORTS

The 7th/8th grade girls’ volleyball team is in the PLAYOFFS!! Next game: Pacific Grove at 5:30pm at Northminster Presbyterian Gym. Please come and support our team and school!

UPCOMING IMPORTANT DATES

Nov. 1st – 4th – Fall Parent/Teacher conferences continue with Minimum Days, Dismissal at 12:30; preschool regular dismissal time
Nov. 2nd – Honor Roll Assembly 8:15am in the SAC
Nov. 3rd – St. Vincent de Paul, fifth and sixth grade students to bring in lunches (see above)
Nov. 9th – Minimum Day dismissal at 12:30 (Grades K – 8th)
Nov. 11th – Veteran’s Day, No School/No Extension
Nov. 21-25 – Thanksgiving Break, No School/No Extension