

September 12, 2016

Dear Madonna del Sasso families,

*What a pleasure it has been getting to know your children! MDS has such a beautiful and welcoming spirit for which I am so grateful. At the direction of our Bishop, Friday morning Deacon Carl organized a special peace prayer service for the students. Your children were so respectful throughout the service, which even included the participation of MDS's adorable children's choir. It was such a joy to see all the students gathered together in the SAC to pray specifically for peace in our community. Our Madonna students are making a difference not only through their prayers for peace, but also by the examples of peace and love they show in their daily lives at Madonna del Sasso School. I look forward to seeing many of you at Mass this Friday morning for Grandparents and Special Persons Day as we continue to pray for peace and reconciliation in our community and throughout the world.*

*Please be aware that this week's newsletter contains an updated school calendar. The calendar revisions were made with our MDS families' needs in mind. Should you have a paper copy of the original calendar that was sent home earlier in the school year, please destroy it to keep any confusion with dates to a minimum. Thank you so much.*

*As we commemorate the fifteenth anniversary of September 11, 2001, I close with a prayer attributed to Fr. Mychal Judge, a Franciscan priest who served for several years as the chaplain for the New York City Fire Department. When the planes hit the World Trade Center the morning of September 11th, witnesses saw Fr. Mike run into the North Tower alongside the fireman he served. Fr. Mychal Judge died that day, becoming the first recorded victim of the 9-11 attacks. Below is his daily prayer:*

*"Lord, take me where You want me to go,  
Let me meet who You want me to meet,  
Tell me what You want me to say,  
And keep me out of Your way."*

*Wishing each of you a blessed week filled with God's peace and love,*

*Mrs. Cynthia Fogarty, Interim Principal  
Madonna del Sasso School*

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**GRANDPARENTS' & SPECIAL FRIENDS' DAY**

Grandparents' & Special Friends' Day will be held on Friday, September 16, 2016. We are asking each child to bring in \$2.00 to be used toward making the day unforgettable! Your child will receive a free dress day on October 12<sup>th</sup> for the donation! Student dismissal will be at 12:00 noon on Friday. Thank you for your support of this special day. If you are donating beverages, please drop them off at 8:00 am in the Cross Hall.

**LUNCH PROGRAM**

If you will be ordering a lunch from Room for Dessert this week, please remember to turn your lunch order form into the office or email [roomfordessert@me.com](mailto:roomfordessert@me.com) by end of day TODAY, 9/12. Thank you!

**STAR ASSESSMENT –**

September 19<sup>th</sup> – 29<sup>th</sup>

Renaissance Learning STAR Assessments have been scheduled for grades K-8. A testing schedule for each of grades may be found in the school office. Typically the individual Renaissance Learning STAR Assessments do not take longer than 45 minutes to complete. With the exception kindergarten and first grade, each student takes one reading assessment and one math assessment per testing period. This greatly reduces the number of minutes needed for standardized testing. Please read Superintendent Cheng's letter for more detailed information regarding the assessments. In addition to her letter, a parent information night will be scheduled prior to your parent conferences with the purpose of discussing in further detail the results of the STAR testing. Should you have any further questions regarding Renaissance Learning you may contact me through the school office or by email at [cfogarty@mdsschool.com](mailto:cfogarty@mdsschool.com). On behalf of our faculty and staff, I thank you for your support of the school's efforts to ensure our students are continuing to excel academically.

**MIXEDBAG FUNDRAISER**

September 28<sup>th</sup> – October 20<sup>th</sup>

Our goal is for each student to sell 5 items or more. Packets will go home TODAY with students. Friends and family can support our fundraiser by shopping online at [www.mixedbagdesigns.com](http://www.mixedbagdesigns.com). Make sure to add our ID# 56580 at the top of our site before shopping or at checkout. Please contact Diana Poudrier at 206-1033 or [dianapoudrier@gmail.com](mailto:dianapoudrier@gmail.com) if you have any questions.

**BOX TOPS**

We will be participating in the Box Tops for Education (BTFE) Program again this year. What is BTFE? Basically it's FREE MONEY FOR OUR SCHOOL! Clipping Box Tops is an easy way for you to help our school. Box Tops are each worth 10¢ and they quickly add up to real cash. Just look for pink Box Tops on products, clip them, and send them to school. You can tape or glue (do NOT staple!) Box Tops on the collection sheet that is attached to this email, or send them in a sealed envelope or bag with your child's name and grade. Get your relatives, neighbors and co-workers involved! **There are prizes for the students and classes that bring in the most BTFE!** BTFE are on many products –

including office supplies! For more information on the Box Tops for Education program, including a list of participating products and our school's progress, click the link on our website. Be sure to become a member to receive exclusive coupon offers and learn about extra ways for our school to earn.

The first collection date is October 28<sup>th</sup>.

#### **BACK TO SCHOOL BBQ – RAFFLE WINNERS**

Congratulations to the following Back to School BBQ Winners:

2 Bags of School Supplies – 1) Devon & Christopher Talavera, 6<sup>th</sup> Grade

2) Alia Moya, 7<sup>th</sup> Grade

VIP Christmas Show Seating – Perez Family, 1<sup>st</sup> Grade

Congratulations and thank you for supporting our school!

#### **ST. VINCENT DE PAUL**

Each student in **Kindergarten & Preschool** is asked to bring a sack lunch for needy families on Thursday, Sept. 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, Sept. 15<sup>th</sup>. Thank you in advance for your generosity.

#### **MDS SPORTS**

Our Girls Volleyball season has begun! A schedule for games will be going home soon, we hope everyone will come out and support our TEAM!

#### **UPCOMING IMPORTANT DATES**

Sept. 12<sup>th</sup> – Room For Dessert Lunch Orders Due

Sept. 12<sup>th</sup> – 16<sup>th</sup> – Book Fair (see [www.mdsschool.com](http://www.mdsschool.com) for hours)

Sept. 14<sup>th</sup> – Minimum Day, Dismissal at 12:30 (K-8)

Sept. 15<sup>th</sup> – St. Vincent del Paul Sack Lunch – Kindergarten & Preschool

Sept. 16<sup>th</sup> – Grandparents' & Special Friends' Day (special dismissal at 12:00)

Sept. 19<sup>th</sup> – Progress Reports

Sept. 19<sup>th</sup>–29<sup>th</sup> - Star Assessment

Sept. 28<sup>th</sup> – Mixed Bag Fundraiser Begins!

Sept. 30<sup>th</sup> – SF Opera/Opera a la Carte at 1:00 in the Student Activities Center (SAC)

Oct. 12<sup>th</sup> – Minimum Day, Dismissal at 12:30 (K-8)

Oct. 12<sup>th</sup> – Free Dress for \$2.00 Grandparents' & Special Friends' Day donation

Oct. 20<sup>th</sup> – Report Cards

Oct. 21<sup>st</sup> – Professional Growth Day – NO SCHOOL/NO EXTENSION