
MDS MESSAGES – Week of 3/21/2016

Prayer

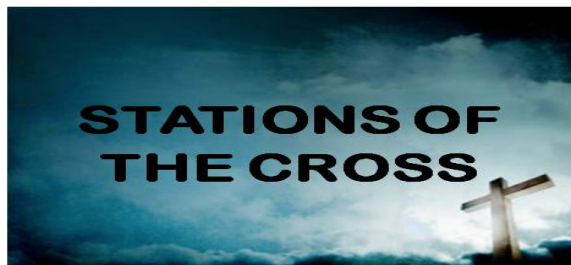
God of love,
My prayer is simple:
Your son, Jesus, suffered and died for me.
I know only that I cannot have real strength
unless I rely on you.
I cannot feel protected from my many weaknesses
until I turn to you for forgiveness and your unalterable love.
Help me to share this
strength, protection and love with others.

MOTIVATE INSTRUCT NURTURE

Holy Week - Stations of the Cross

The Stations of the Cross is a Lenten devotion that offers witness to Jesus' Passion and Death. At each station we use our senses and our imagination to reflect prayerfully upon Jesus' suffering, Death, and Resurrection, and to simply experience the visual images to reflect on Christ's love for us.

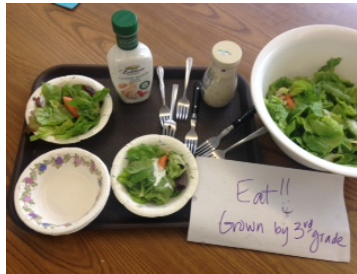
Please join us on **Wednesday, March 23rd at 2:00 pm for a reenactment of the STATIONS OF THE CROSS** by our 8th Grade students – guided by Deacon Carl.



Curriculum Connection

Many of our teachers are connecting their curriculum with hands on experiences through educational field trips and activities:

Hartnell Planetarium - Our 3rd graders will be visiting the Hartnell Planetarium where they will enhance their knowledge about astronomy and space science. Also if you haven't visited our outdoor classroom recently, stop by and see the variety of plants the students have grown. They even provided some salad for our teachers.



Rosicrucian Egyptian Museum & San Jose Tech Museum of Innovation - Our 5th grade students will visit the San Jose Tech Museum of Innovation and will have the opportunity to participate in two lab classes – *Dynamics of Gravity & Magnetism*. Ms. Mason & Mr. Starks has been working with these students here at MDS in our own SCIENCE LAB and hope to continue to inspire these students through hands on Science experiences.

Our 8th grade students will spend time viewing one of the largest collection of Egyptian artifacts architecturally inspired by the Temple of Amon at Karnak, at the Rosicrucian Egyptian Museum. The exhibit includes objects from pre dynastic time through Egypt's early Islamic era. Ms. Borowski's students have been studying the history of Egypt and will be able to connect what the students have learned in the classroom to actual artifacts from this era.

Island of the Blue Dolphin – Newberry Award Winning Book - Our 4th graders completed Information Reports based on the *Newberry Award Winning* book *Island of the Blue Dolphin*. Students research an animal from the story, created a poster board to display their finding, and presented their report with the class. This activity gave the students the opportunity to further explore topics in the story, as well as enhance their speaking, listening, and writing skills.

Preschool Science Activities - Ms. Rita & Ms. Eva have been very busy allowing the students the opportunity for HANDS ON SCIENCE! Here are some pictures to show what is happening in our amazing Preschool.



2016-2017 REGISTRATION

Registration for the 2016 – 2017 school year is due. We still have a few families who have not turned in their registration forms for next school year. Please make sure to completed and return your registration - *Tuition Fees and Agreement* to the school office. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Mrs. Terrazas at 424-7813. Thank you!

SCHOLARSHIPS

We are proud to announce two of our 8th grade girls have received scholarships to Notre Dame High School for the 2016-2017 school year. Way to go GIRLS!!

MDS Talent Show –

What a GROOVY NIGHT!! Thank you to our talented students for sharing their gifts of singing to tumbling to playing a Haydn Sonata on the piano!! It was an amazing night. A big THANK YOU to Mr. Lorico for providing us with Music and Ms. Susie for heading this event!!

WCEA Update

Accreditation process.

Our Leadership team – Ms. Smoot, Ms. Borowski and Ms. Wood have been working very closely with our faculty and staff reviewing our goals from our last Accreditation, discussing the progress made over the last several year, including areas for improvement and areas of concerns.

A big THANK YOU to the many parents who have already completed the *WCEA Parent Survey*! If you have not had a chance to complete the survey as of yet, you still have time...please click the link below to complete. Remember all surveys are confidential.

Link to survey: <http://goo.gl/forms/NuQcDJ5BVB>

If you prefer a paper version to complete please visit the school office for a copy.

We will be reviewing the surveys as a team and informing all our stakeholders of our findings. After reviewing the findings from these surveys we will begin to create goals for our school, focusing on STUDENT LEARNING. We welcome any and all your suggestion- thoughts- and or comments.

Mrs. Terrazas' office is always open if you would like to meet with her about any concerns, suggestions or ideas you may have to enhance student learning here at Madonna del Sasso School!

Volunteers Needed – April 2nd

We are in need of volunteers to help on April 2nd at the Monterey Diocesan Employee Walking Challenge Kick Off, which will be held at Notre Dame High School. *You must have your fingerprint clearance and Shield the Vulnerable Certificate on file in our school office prior to volunteering for any event.* **You will receive MDS Service Hours for helping.** Please sign-up by clicking the link below. Thank you!

<http://www.signupgenius.com/go/9040849a4ab28a31-parent1>

St Vincent de Paul - Service Project: Sack Lunch

Each student in **Third and Fourth Grade** is asked to bring a sack lunch for needy families on March 24th. 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, March 24th. Thank you in advance for your generosity.

HSA Home School Association

	Volunteer Opportunities
Stations of the Cross	March 23 rd
Grandparents Day	April 22 nd
Applebee's Pancake Breakfast	April 23 rd
Father Daughter Dance	April 29 th
Art Show	May 17 th

Dates to Remember

March 25th – April 1st Easter Break

The possibilities are endless at Madonna del Sasso School!