



September 17, 2021

Dear Old Mission School Parents,

Our students are continuing to have great success in raising pledges for our Walkathon! Students have raised over \$33,000 already (which is more than twice what we raised at this same point last year!) and sponsorships are also coming in well. We do have some main and logo sponsorships still available. The fifth-grade class is holding on to their significant lead in funds raised by a class. The Falcon Games competition winners today in each bracket were as follows: first grade, fifth grade, 7G, and 8B. Congratulations!

Last year students and sponsors raised over \$80,000, well in excess of our Walkathon goal. If our school raises \$50,000, the teachers will come in uniform while students receive a free dress day, and, if we reach the \$80,000 mark, I myself will dress in uniform for the entirety of trimester 2 (except on free dress days). Just in case you haven't logged in to Pledgestar, here is the [link](#). Thank you in advance for helping support your school and bridge the gap between tuition and the cost to educate our students!

We have begun our STAR testing window for the fall. We participate in STAR testing at least three times each year. We are happy to report that our students are doing well even during this pandemic. At our spring testing, 75.7 % of Old Mission students performed at proficiency in reading, and 79.7% were proficient in math compared with the overall Diocesan schools' proficiency rates of 65.8% in reading and 70.2% in math. We are thankful that our efforts are helping our students learn while we also develop socially responsible, spiritually enriched, and kind human beings.

We are continuing one of our favorite traditions on the Feast of St. Francis, October 4th--Blessing of the Animals! Last year students brought photos or pictures to represent their animals/pets for the blessing. This year we are able to bring actual pets. Please note, all pets must be leashed or contained, and no hooved animals are allowed. MCP is generously allowing us to use their field and we must be respectful guests and pick up after our furry friends. All will be masked as this is typically a pretty large gathering. Parents must accompany and bring home pets immediately following the blessing. We will assemble at 8:15 on the MCP field and should finish by 8:30/8:40 or so. Once again, there is NO parking in the drop-off zone; rather park on surrounding streets not requiring permits or in the parking structure on Palm. This is a student and teacher favorite! We are so happy to be able to continue this celebration.

The Old Mission Catholic School community is dedicated to the development of socially responsible citizens who are spiritually enriched, academically empowered, and morally accountable for their actions.

A survey was sent to you last week as part of Old Mission School's self-study in our school accreditation process. Your feedback is valuable to this process. If you haven't completed it yet, please take a few minutes to do so. It's linked [here](#).

Please support our Parent Club [September Dinner To Go](#) from Milestone Tavern. Tacos are on the menu! All orders are due by September 24th for a September 29th pick-up.

Upcoming events:

September 13-24	STAR Testing
September 27	Diocesan Prof. Dev. Day, no school
September 29	Mid-trimester 1
September 30	Picture Day
October 1	First Fri.Birthdays, Minimum Day dismissal
October 4	Feast of St. Francis, Blessing of the Animals
Oct. 17-23	Character Counts Week
October 29	Walkathon

Have a great weekend.

-Shirley Gray