

August 30, 2011

Dear Madeleine Parents,

It is with great pleasure that I welcome new (see attached list) and returning families to the 2011-2012 academic year. It is hard to believe that school will begin in a few weeks. Hopefully, you have had the chance to relax and enjoy the summer sun.

School of the Madeleine is unique because parents and teachers are dedicated to quality education and belief in Catholic values. We are committed to building a community that is permeated by the Gospel message of love. In this loving environment, our students can grow and develop to their potential. I pray that the remainder of the summer will bring further rest and relaxation to your family and that this new school year will be full of accomplishments for your children.

As always, I pray for a safe and peaceful new school year for our parents, students, faculty, and staff.

#### **NEW PARENT MEETINGS**

I would like to welcome all new families and encourage their involvement at our school. There will be an information night for parents of new students on **Wednesday, August 31** at 6:30 p.m. for kindergarten through eighth grades in **the parish hall**. The focus of this meeting is to acquaint parents with School of the Madeleine. This is an opportunity to meet other new families and members of the Advisory and PSA Boards. There will be an opportunity for individual questions to be answered. **Parents of preschoolers** will also have an orientation meeting on **Wednesday, August 31 in the Saint Francis Room**. This room is located right off the main church parking lot. The meeting will start at **6:00 p.m.** and parents will be able to visit the classrooms following the meeting. In addition, there will be a kindergarten open house on Wednesday August 31 at 4:00 p.m. to have parents and students meet the kindergarten staff and see their classrooms. Parents should have received a special invitation to this event in the mail.

#### **NEW FACULTY MEMBERS**

We welcome our new staff member **Ms. Alarcon**. Ms. Alarcon will be teaching second grade. She taught kindergarten at Saint Jude's Academy and was also a substitute teacher in the San Diego Unified School District. Ms. Alarcon has a BA in Psychology from the University of California and a California Teaching Credential with a CLAD emphasis from San Diego State University. I know you will make her feel a part of our Madeleine family. **Mrs. Karam** will now be teaching fifth grade this year.

We are very excited about the new changes in our Madeleine faculty for the 2011-2012 school year.

## **TEACHER INSERVICES PROVIDED BY THE SCHOOL**

The school sent and paid for five teachers to attend a week-long educational program called **Schools Attuned**. This program will help teachers to understand the learning styles of different students and how best to meet their instructional needs. In the past five years, a majority of our teaching staff has now been educated in this process. In addition, a majority of our teachers were sent to a two day Diocesan conference given by **Dr. Carolyn Coil**. This conference will help our teachers to better monitor student progress in order to guide the classroom instructional program to meet the diverse educational needs of our students. The teacher will have a follow up professional growth day on November 4.

## **NEW TEXTBOOKS AND EDUCATIONAL MATERIALS AT MADELEINE**

This year, new **Spanish textbooks** were purchased for our seventh grade students. Enrichment and supplemental materials for this program were also procured. Last year we purchased new Spanish textbooks for eighth grade. These new textbooks are part of our school's effort to continue to have a challenging Spanish curriculum that will help our students to be fully prepared to enter high school at the Spanish I or Spanish II level. Our other textbooks will now be used in grades five and six.

We have also added to our curriculum a program that will emphasize the **eight Catholic virtues** that we would like our students to internalize. One virtue will be presented to our student body each month. A banner will be hung on the fence in the back playground area to remind our students of that virtue. The eight virtues are: **Respect, Faithfulness, Compassion, Responsibility, Honesty, Forgiveness, Gratitude, and Humility**.

In addition, **new preschool curriculum** was purchased for our **three-year-olds and the two four-year-olds programs**. This new program covers all subject areas (math, reading, phonics, art, and music) and will ensure that our preschool curriculum is the best in San Diego.

**Ten new Apple laptops** were purchased for our teachers to use. They will replace the older laptop computers that some of our teachers are using. The funds to purchase these laptops came from the PSA budget. **Two carts** were also purchased to hold student laptops and enable them to be rolled into the classroom for student use.

**Four document cameras were also purchased**. This will enable teachers to demonstrate charts and graphs to our students as well as analyze student work for the entire classroom. Two of these cameras were paid out of the PSA budget and two were purchased with school funds.

**Six eBeams and short throw projectors** were purchased. eBeams allow any white or chalkboard to be turned into an interactive board. Some of these eBeams were purchased with the main event Fund-A-Wish money; others were purchased with donated funds from various donors including The Ladies Club or school funds.

**Two new white boards** were purchased for our **seventh grade classrooms**. These boards will be at a more appropriate height for students.

In addition, **extra student chairs** were purchased for several classrooms, as well as, a new **lab table for the 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> grade advanced math room**, and a **kidney shaped table for 2<sup>nd</sup> grade**.

We will continue our subscription to the award-winning **World Book Online Reference Center for our Madeleine families**. This web site includes all articles from the 22-volume World Book Encyclopedia. In addition, thousands of additional articles, pictures, maps, and media are included. Our subscription allows our students and families access to this valuable reference source at their home computers 365 days a year, 24 hours a day. We are providing this service to our families at **no charge**. The usual rate would be \$49.95 for each family.

We will also continue to subscribe to the **Renaissance Reading program**. This program promotes reading in grades 2-6 but encourages students to read and then take on-line tests to check comprehension. There is a yearly fee for the Renaissance (Accelerated) reading program.

### **LOOK WHAT'S NEW AT MADELEINE**

During the summer, the **old tile** floors including the cement foundations were replaced in both first grade classrooms. New linoleum was installed **and the cement was replaced outside of the classroom**. **This is a BIG improvement!**

The **wall around the play structure** in the **main school building** was **removed** and **wood chips were replaced with soft rubber matting**. This project was completed for the safety of our students.

The **roof on the north** end of the main school building **was replaced**. Each year for at least the next four years a section of the roof in the main school building will have to be replaced, as well as, the roof on the resource building.

The **south wall of the main school building** was **replaced** with an entire new wall. This project needed to be completed because the wall was so old and wide open to the elements that it was leaking water and allowing moisture to get into the classrooms. In addition, a **small wall was constructed near the 1A classroom door**. This will help prevent wind driven rain from entering under the classroom door.

A **video security system** was installed on top of the main school building and in the hallway of the main school building. This purchase was made because of the vandalism that occurred three years in a row. It will also help the safety of our students during the school day.

A **large section of the sunshade** was replaced in the main lunch area after damage occurred to it during the recent winter storms.

**Two sections of the fence** in the back of the schoolyard were replaced because it had been cut and bent by intruders during the late evening hours.

A **new 8-foot fence** was installed in the back of the parish hall. This installation occurred for the safety of our students during the school day, as well as, to prevent vandalism during the evening hours.

Because of the age of the school buildings, maintenance and school improvements are necessary expenditures that need to be completed in order to have a safe and well-maintained school environment for our students.

## **BACK TO SCHOOL NIGHTS**

Our annual **Back to School Nights** provide an opportunity to meet with teachers and hear an explanation of their classroom programs. Back to school meetings are for parents only and are scheduled as follows:

### **Parents of junior high students**

**Thursday, September 8 at 6:30 p.m. in the parish hall**

Parents are invited to meet in the parish hall for the junior high orientation. Refreshments will be served. After a short hall meeting, you will be dismissed to the junior high classrooms where you will be given a presentation by each of your child's teachers.

### **Parents of students grades kindergarten through 6**

**Wednesday, September 14 at 6:00 p.m. in the parish hall**

This gathering will begin with a social at 6:00 p.m. The meeting will begin at 6:30 p.m. followed by an opportunity to meet with teachers in their classrooms and to hear an explanation of the classroom program.

## **YMCA EXTENDED CARE**

Extended day care (for kindergarten through eighth grades) will be available beginning Tuesday, September 6. This program opens at 7:00 a.m. and ends at 6:00 p.m.

Because our extended care program is a licensed day care provider, it is important that any child who is attending morning or after school care **fill out the registration forms**. This can be done through the YMCA in Mission Valley. **Please note that they have a part time rate available to our parents.** This part time rate was developed for School of the Madeleine families only and should help many of our parents with extended care costs and provide an additional option.

Students that arrive before 7:45 a.m. must immediately report to the day care trailer and have their parents sign them in with the YMCA personnel. Any student who does not report in will be given a detention. From 7:45 a.m. to 8:00 a.m., there is an unlicensed extended care program. No sign-in is required after 7:45 a.m. During this time, all students must be seated at the lunch tables in the rear of the main school building. An orderly dismissal from this area will occur with the 8:00 a.m. bell. **Please remember that students are not allowed in front of the school building (even with a parent) before the bell rings at 8:00 a.m.** These procedures are important for the safety of our students. Thank you for your cooperation.

## **SAFETY FOR PRESCHOOL AND KINDERGARTEN STUDENTS**

Safety continues to be a very important focus for our kindergarten and preschool students. **Classroom doors for these students will open at 8:00 a.m.** If you bring your child before this time, you must wait in the courtyard area in front of the classrooms. Since there is no school supervision, parents are responsible for their child. **No child is allowed to play on the swings or the play structure** at this time. Kindergarten parents may also choose to check their child into extended care. An adult will escort kindergarten students from our day care program to their kindergarten classroom.

Sorry, there is no day care service provided for preschool. After the first day of school, it is important that kindergarten parents help develop their child's independence by leaving their child **at the door** of their classrooms.

## **TRAFFIC PROCEDURES**

Attached to this newsletter you will find a list of traffic and safety rules for you to follow during the school year. The **safety** of our students is a **primary concern**. Please read these rules carefully before the first day of school. Due to the size of the school, I suggest you bring your child to school early during the first week and have them check into our YMCA Day Care until the 8:00 a.m. bell rings. **Remember that there is no charge for the use of the extended care program beginning at 7:45 a.m.** Please do not wait outside of the classrooms with your child after the first day of school. **If you wish to stay with your child and wait for the 8:00 a.m. bell, do so in your car or at the lunch table area at the back of the main school building.** After the first week, parents of small children should walk their child to the front gate or to the kindergarten play area. It is important for each parent to say their good-byes to their children outside the classroom. ***This will avoid confusion in the classroom*** and will allow the teachers to welcome their students. Thank you for your cooperation!

## **PSA COMMITMENT INFORMATION**

As stated in your contract, there is a **\$240.00 PSA commitment, which includes the mandatory purchase of \$40.00 raffle tickets** for each family. Your PSA commitment must be fulfilled each year by **May 1** to secure placement for your child(ren) for the following school year. **I want to clarify the ways to complete your commitment to avoid any confusion. These changes that were made last year should help families meet their PSA fundraiser commitment easier than in the past.**

- 50% of what you spend on Gift Wrap and Jog-A-Thon goes toward your PSA commitment. For example, if you buy \$100.00 worth of gift-wrap, \$50.00 goes toward your commitment.
- 25% of what you spend on tickets for the Madeleine Main Event.
- 50% of your purchases from the silent/live auction count toward your PSA commitment.
- \$40 mandatory raffle tickets

If you do not fulfill all your commitment through these **four fundraisers**, you may make a monetary donation for the difference. You can also make a direct donation of \$240 to pay your PSA commitment. Be sure to include your family number and specifically indicate on the donation check that it is for your PSA commitment so it is not applied to another undesignated account.

**Please refer to the copy of your 2011-2012 school contract.** If you have any questions, please contact **Gary Garlarpe** at (619) 291-3687. **The PSA budget is attached to this newsletter.** Without successful fundraisers, the school budget will have to pick up the expenditures that are normally picked up by PSA. This means an increase in tuition. The school has been very conscientious about keeping expenses down for all families. **This has been done by decreasing or eliminating some of the expenditures that were included in the PSA budget in the past two years. This \$240 PSA commitment is still very inexpensive compared to most Catholic schools.**

## **PSA END-OF-THE-YEAR SURVEY**

Each year the PSA Board sends out a survey so the school can better communicate with parents and respond to the needs of our students and their families. I appreciate your time and energy in returning this survey. Your thoughtful comments are thoroughly discussed and analyzed. Periodically in our monthly newsletter, Jessica Rowland, our PSA President, will be writing responses to some of your inquiries.

## **UNIFORM REGULATIONS**

All students should be in **full uniform** the first day of school. All uniform shorts, including P.E., must be purchased at Dennis Uniform. School of the Madeleine has standards of neatness in dress and hair! In the past, we have struggled with students who have not followed our uniform regulations by wearing short skirts, rolled skirts, incorrect socks, and inappropriate hair length. Students who do not follow uniform policy will receive a uniform infraction notice, which will affect their Responsible Behavior grade.

**Hair must be the natural color.** Students may not highlight, dye, or change their natural hair color in any way. Students who have altered their natural hair will not be allowed into the classroom until their hair color has been changed back. Please refer to the Parent/Student Handbook for details. I ask for your support with these policies.

**Please check your child before leaving your home each morning.** Many minutes are spent during the school day correcting these student violations. Thank you for your support!

Please remember that **no leggings are allowed**. This includes dress up day too. For further information on uniform or dress up regulations, please see the Parent/ Student Handbook.

## **RESERVED PARKING**

Three parking spaces at the south end of the church parking lot are reserved every school day for the winners of the "Hassle Free Year" package from our dinner dance. These spaces are reserved parking for before and after school, and for all school events such as the Christmas Program and especially the first day of school. These three parking spaces are labeled clearly. Please be courteous and **DO NOT PARK IN THESE RESERVED SPACES!**

## **BOX TOPS FOR EDUCATION PROGRAM**

School of the Madeleine will be collecting **General Mills' box tops**. These box tops will be used to purchase educational materials. I want to thank *Julie Grooms, Kristen Silva* and *Jen Michna* for organizing this program.

## **MAIN EVENT FUNDRAISER**

Our annual dinner dance or **Main Event fundraiser** is scheduled for **Saturday, March 3 at downtown hot spot of the Hard Rock Hotel**. This stylish and hip Rock N' Roll paradise is located in the Gaslamp Quarter of downtown San Diego and will allow Madeleine parents to sway and boogie to the sound of legendary greats like Chuck Berry, Elvis Presley, and the Beatles. It promises to be a **rockin' good time!** Please mark your calendars. This fundraiser is the school's biggest moneymaker of the school year. Please remember that the purchases that PSA pays for during the school year results in lower tuition for all Madeleine families. We thank *Susan Scheper and Amy McCoy* for volunteering to be our main event chairs. This special night promises to be a fun-filled evening!

In support of Madeleine Rocks there will be a **Helicopter Rock Band Drop**. At our back to school picnic a helicopter will hover over the far end of the Madeleine athletic field and drop numbered balls with rock band bracelets. If your number is the lucky one to land in the Grand Prize Container or the nearest to it, you will win a cash prize. The cash prize is based on 50% of money received from the sale of the balls with maximum prize money of \$500.00. Go to [www.madeleinemainevent.com](http://www.madeleinemainevent.com) for more details. Madeleine Rocks water bottles will also be on sale!

### **HOT LUNCH PAYMENT PLAN**

Again this year, we will provide an option for parents who wish to order hot lunch and pay for it in advance. Please watch for more information on this program. For those individuals who do not wish to participate in the advance payment program, we will continue to accept money on the day of hot lunch.

**Please remember that credit will no longer be given to students who have forgotten their hot lunch money.**

### **POLICY FOR PARENT VOLUNTEERS**

Please remember in order to volunteer when students are present, you must **have viewed the Safe School Environment video, be cleared through the live scan process, and read and signed the Diocesan Code of Ethical Standards for Church Ministers**. This will enable you to help or work with students in a variety of ways. For example: driving on field trips, working in classrooms, supervising at lunch duty, helping with the Halloween carnival, or being an athletic coach.

### **2013-2014 SCHOOL YEAR TUITION SCHEDULE**

School of the Madeleine will be changing the tuition and student fees schedule for the 2013-2014 school year. All families will pay **student fees for the following academic year in May** and start the **first tuition payment in July**. This new tuition schedule would have the last tuition payment due in April. This will help the school to better know its enrollment numbers and accept new students faster. Many school families now do not inform the school that they are planning to leave until August or even September. Often this leaves the school with no available students on the waiting lists because potential families have enrolled in their second choice of schools. Both student fees and the first month tuition **will be non-refundable**.

### **THANK YOU TO THE MADELEINE ATHLETIC CLUB**

A huge thanks goes to the **Madeleine Athletic Club, Corey Stewart, and all the volunteers** that worked so hard this summer to refurbish the grass area, clear weeds, and install a safety encasement on the top part of the school fence. Our field has never looked so good! The MAC is responsible for maintaining the grass field, helps with purchasing after school sports uniforms, and puts on the end-of-the-year sports banquet. This organization saves the school a tremendous amount of money and therefore keeps tuition costs down. The Madeleine Athletic Club is always looking for new members. The volunteers that helped were: ***Rick Balke, Tom Strobbe, Peter Lloyd, Paul Yahnke, Paul Jarrad, Brenner Jarrad, John Schulte, Rod Jui, Michelle Rohde, Riley Rohde, Hunter Rohde, Scout Rohde, Tiffany Quakenbush, Christopher Stewart, William Stonehouse, Robert Arca, Daniel Arca, Kayla Balke, Tracy Hicks, Angela Hicks, Nuccia Hicks, Tracy Hicks III, Sten Johnson, Irma Johnson, and Kellie Johnson.***

### **OFFICE DEPOT BACK TO SCHOOL PROGRAM**

Every time parents shop at **Office Depot** and provide School of the Madeleine's identification number, our school will receive 5% of the total purchase price in gift cards. These gift cards can be used by our office to purchase copier paper or other office supplies. If you are planning to purchase back to school supplies this summer or if you own your own business and shop at Office Depot, please consider using Madeleine's I.D. number. **Our school number is 70013744.**

### **UNITED WAY DONATIONS**

School of the Madeleine is part of the United Way Donation Program. You can designate the school as the benefactor for your donation by listing the school and its address.

### **APPLICATIONS ARE STILL BEING ACCEPTED**

Due to recent dropouts, the school is still accepting applications in some grades. If you know anyone who is interested in attending School of the Madeleine, please contact them. This is a great opportunity that may not exist in the future.

### **PRAYER REQUESTED**

Please keep all our Catholic schools in your prayers that they have a successful school year.

Yours in Christ,

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Donna Wittouck

## Thank You To:

*Mary M. Lyttle*—for donating National Geographic Books to the library.

*Joanne Mera*—for providing props for our 8<sup>th</sup> grade award luncheon and graduation dance.

*Patty Roberts*—for making the floral center pieces for our 8<sup>th</sup> grade award luncheon.

*Josue Estrada*—for staining and painting the play structure over the summer.

*Kathryn Miller, Mark Miller, Larry Dykes, Collett Stark, Bernadine Trusso, and Joe Kampp*—for creating a school virtual tour video for our website.

*Julia and Patrick Miller* -- for narrating the school's virtual tour video for our website.

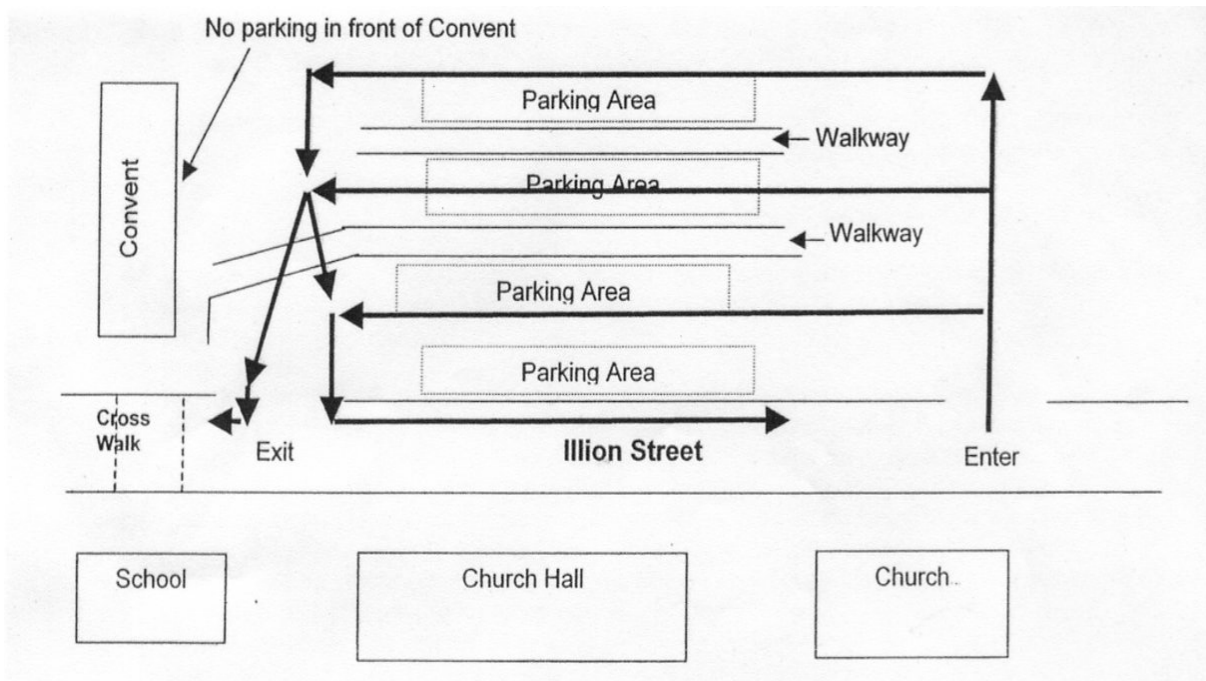
*The Ladies Club* for donating a monetary gift that was used to purchase an eBeam.

## PARKING GUIDELINES

Over 600 children arrive and depart school every day. The great majority of these children arrive by car. For this reason, it is extremely important that parents follow the school parking guidelines. These instructions were designed by the San Diego City Police Department's School Safety Officer.

Please read these guidelines and follow them. Your child's safety is at stake!

1. Enter the parking lot at the north end. Exit at the south end (see map below).
2. Park in the designated parking spaces. Do not block the aisles.
3. PARKING LOT SPEED LIMIT IS 5 MILES PER HOUR (that is slow!)
4. Instruct children to use the crosswalk and designated walkways in the parking lot. Look both ways!
5. The main crosswalk by the convent is the only place that students may cross the street.
6. Pedestrians must use designated walkways between parked cars. Traffic lanes are for cars only.
7. The convent parking lot is reserved for faculty only. No parent parking!
8. Students may be dropped off at the white curb in front of school, provided that the driver is **able to pull up to the curb (double parking is not allowed)** and driver is not blocking traffic. If you are not able to follow these guidelines, please proceed up the hill and turn into the parking lot. No traffic tie-ups please.
9. No U-turns on Illion Street.
10. Follow the directions given by the Safety Patrol and Staff in the parking areas.
11. PAY ATTENTION. Your full attention is needed. Little children are difficult to see and will dart off in front of a car without thinking. Think Safety!
12. If you are exiting the parking lot from the row closest to Illion Street, you must turn left out of the parking lot. See map below for more details.
13. Students waiting for their parents to pick them up in the church parking lot must wait in the teacher supervised area near the convent. NO children are allowed to wait for their parents in the upper church parking lot or in front of the church, rectory or hall.
14. No parking in spaces facing the convent during school hours.
15. THINK SAFETY! Please do not use cell phones while in the parking lot.



## 2011-2012 PSA BUDGET

### REVENUE:

Gift Wrap	\$14,000.00
Main Event	\$58,000.00
Raffle	\$10,000.00
E Scrip	\$1,600.00
Jog-A-Thon	\$17,500.00
Commitment Fee	\$900.00
Box Tops	\$1,200.00

### EXPENSE:

Student/Parent Handbook	\$2,400.00
Recess Equipment	\$700.00
Library Material	\$150.00
Furniture	\$2,500.00
Computer Technology	\$13,550.00
Educational Material	\$10,000.00
Teacher/Staff Christmas Bonus	\$8,150.00
Teachers' Aides	\$52,500.00
Teacher Wish List	\$0.00
Student Awards	\$600.00
Staff Inservice	\$900.00
School Assembly	\$0.00
PSA Supplies	\$50.00
Hospitality	\$425.00
Teacher Appreciation Luncheon	\$425.00
Development	\$1,000.00
PSA Newsletter	\$0.00
Art Supplies	\$2,500.00
School Maintenance	\$2,300.00
Tuition Assistance Fund	\$2,000.00
Raffle	\$3,000.00
Consultant	\$0.00
Misc.	\$50.00

**Students new to  
School of the Madeleine  
In 2011-2012**

**Kindergarten**

Kaia Benedicto  
Madeline Bergener  
Alejandra Cain  
Taylor Christian  
Jasmin Corrales  
Kathleen Day  
Elliott De Gano  
Anthony Dyson  
Gabriel Estrada  
Cole Gibson  
Julian Gistaro  
Enya Grooms  
Annalise Hickman  
Jacob Kilbourn  
Michael Kilbourn  
Anthony Quinn  
Jacob Reid  
Logan Sanford  
Mitchel Sanford  
Nicolas Santos  
Richard Seffens  
Ellen Shwayhat  
Jacqueline Silva  
Drew Sindici  
Elisabeth Sullivan  
Olivia Vasquez  
Isabella Vaught  
David Wise  
Vanessa Zeman

**1<sup>st</sup> Grade**

Griffin Conway  
Jeremiah Sullivan

**2<sup>nd</sup> Grade**

Ruby Espinoza  
Stella Occhialini

**3<sup>rd</sup> Grade**

Zoe Basnight  
Asher De Gano  
Anna Fontes  
Remington Renard

**4<sup>th</sup> Grade**

Jacqueline Wylie

**5<sup>th</sup> Grade**

Spencer Busby  
Aram Hodoyan-Monzon  
Mason Lyons  
Jack Shea  
Riley Shea

**6<sup>th</sup> Grade**

Ariadna Hodoyan-Monzon  
Jesse Matthews  
Violet Renard

**7<sup>th</sup> Grade**

Ruben Fontes  
Andrew Lanzrath

**8<sup>th</sup> Grade**

Isabella Avila

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**NEWS FROM THE OFFICE!**

Included in this newsletter is the Milk/Juice Quarterly Order Form. Our Milk/Juice Program will begin in October. Please make your selections for October, November and December and return the order form and a check in an envelope marked "Milk Program" to the school office by **Friday, September 16th.**  
(619) 276-6545 ext.222

**OPENING DAY COFFEE**

All parents are invited to our annual morning coffee/tea in the parish hall at 8:30 a.m. on the **first day of school**. This event is social, as well as informational, and provides a great opportunity to meet new parents and re-establish old friendships. **At this meeting, the Safe School Environment film will be shown and Monique Jackson will be available to do live scans.** Both of these are part of the requirements for parents to volunteer at the school and to be around our students. This is a great opportunity to complete both requirements early in the school year.

**OPENING WEEK**

The first day of school is **Tuesday, September 6**. All class assignments will be posted on individual classroom doors and on a table in front of the office area. Classroom doors will be opened early on the first day of school. Please note that school starts at 8:00 a.m. and normally classrooms will be opened at this time. **Tuesday and Wednesday** will be minimum days with dismissal at 12 Noon. Because of traffic congestion during the first week, I suggest you bring your child early to school. Extended care will provide free daily service from 7:45 a.m. to 8:00 a.m. After the first day, all students who arrive on campus before 8:00 a.m. must report to the extended care area. If you **wish to stay with your child** and wait for the classroom doors to open at 8:00 a.m., **you must go to the tables in back of the school and wait there**. Students arriving after 8:05 a.m. must report to the school office for a tardy slip. Thank you for your cooperation!

**FIRST WEEK OF SCHOOL**

**WATCH FOR IMPORTANT PAPERS TO COME HOME!**

During the first week of school, the office will send home with your child the following 2 items: an Emergency Card and the yellow Disaster Release Record form. Both forms are due in the classroom by Monday, September 12, 2011). Permission slips to play sports will also be sent home.

The second week an order form for purchasing the Madeleine White Pages (\$5.00), the orange Family Service Record card and the Earthquake Comfort Bag Flyer will be coming home.

The orange Family Service Record will help you keep track of service hours earned. The record is due in the school office by May 1, 2011. Completed record cards may be turned into the school office at anytime during the school year! Please remember that each family is required to complete **20 service hours** during the school year.

For specific information regarding fundraiser obligations, refer to your Parent/Student Handbook or your school contract. Fundraiser commitment and service point cards are **due May 1, 2012** for all Madeleine families. Please remember that families who do not complete their service points will not be allowed to re-register for the 2012-2013 school year.

### **VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR NURSES OFFICE**

We are looking for volunteers to help in the nurse's office between 11:30 am and 1:00. If you have time to volunteer any day of the week please sign up at the Back-to-School Coffee in the parish hall or call the school office at (619) 276-6545 ext.222. If you have questions regarding what the duties consist of you may contact the school office. All volunteers are required to view the Diocesan Video and have a live scan on file in the school office.

### **CONTACT NUMBERS**

The office staff would like to encourage parents to make sure your children memorize phones numbers (home, office & cell) where you may be reached during the school day. It is very helpful to the staff and good for your child to know phone numbers when they ask to use the phone in the office. It is also important to have those numbers memorized when they are not at school for emergency purposes.

### **FUTURE NEWSLETTERS**

All monthly newsletters during this school year will be **emailed to each family** or you may download it from the Madeleine website. If you **wish to receive a hard copy** of the school newsletter, please call the school office at (619) 276-6545 and ask to speak to Jonell. **The newsletters will be sent out on these dates:** Sept. 27, Oct. 25, Nov. 22, Dec. 13, Jan. 24, Feb. 28, March 27, April 24, May 22, and June 12. These dates will also appear on the monthly calendar which will also be found on our website.

### **BACK TO SCHOOL PICNIC**

Our annual Back to School Picnic will be held **Sunday, September 11** between 12 Noon and 2:00 p.m. All families are welcome. This is a great opportunity to meet new families and re-establish relationships with returning families. To kick off the main event awareness, we will have a ball drop from a helicopter during the picnic. Please

see the flier attached to this newsletter. For planning purposes, families must fill out the intent to attend form.

### NEED OF VOLUNTEERS FOR HOT LUNCH

Each year a dedicated group of volunteers have arranged and worked to give our Madeleine students a pizza hot lunch twice a month. **In order to continue our hot lunch program, we need volunteers.** We are in desperate need of new volunteers. Volunteering means helping to serve hot lunch on campus on hot lunch days. You should be prepared to be on campus from 11:45 a.m. to 12:45 p.m. If you can help, please call **Angela Levy** (619) 684-5518 or **Elizabeth Castiglione** (858) 274-2596. I know it will be a BIG disappointment for our students if we have to cancel hot lunch because there are not enough volunteers!

### GRANDPARENTS' DAY

**Our yearly Grandparents' Day is Friday, March 16, 2012. This is a minimum day with dismissal at 12 Noon.**

### SUBSTITUTES FOR LUNCH DUTY

Even though parents are no longer required to do lunch duty, we will occasionally need substitutes for absent teacher assistants. If you can help, please call the school office so your name can be put on a substitute list. You will receive 2 service points for each yard duty served. Substitutes must report to the P.E. office at 11:50 a.m. and do supervision until 1:00 p.m. Substitutes must have been live scanned, have seen the Safe School Environment video, and signed the Diocesan Code of Ethics.

### CASA DE LOS POBRES

During the month of September, School of the Madeleine is collecting used clothing and plastic grocery bags for the needy families of Casa de los Pobres. Please bring these items to your classroom. 5B is in charge of collecting them from each classroom. Thank you!

### COLLECTION FOR CCSA

During the month of September, St. Mary Magdalene Parish is asking for donations of pop-top cans of fruit and breakfast bars for needy families. We ask that Madeleine families bring their donations to the school office, take them to the rectory office, or leave them in the vestibule of the Church between 8:00 a.m. and 4:30 p.m.

## NOTICE OF NONDISCRIMINATION POLICY

The Catholic Schools in the Diocese of San Diego, mindful of their mission to be witnesses to the love of Christ for all, admit students of any race, color, and national and/or ethnic origin to all the rights, privileges, programs and activities generally accorded or made available to students at the schools. The Catholic Schools in the Diocese of San Diego do not discriminate on the basis of race, color, and national and/or ethnic origin, age, sex or disability in the administration of education policies, scholarship and loan programs, and athletic and other school-administered programs.

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Enjoy the rest of your summer and see you soon!

# September 2011

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						<b>Saint Gregory the Great</b>
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
<b>23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time</b>  <div style="text-align: right;">4</div>	<b>Labor Day Holiday</b>  <div style="text-align: right;">5</div>	<b>School Begins</b> Morning Coffee 8:30 am Show Live Scan Film  Gift Wrap Sale Begins  <b>Minimum Day &amp; Preschool 1/2 Day</b> <div style="text-align: right;">6</div>	<b>Minimum Day &amp; Preschool 1/2 Day</b>  <div style="text-align: right;">7</div>	Jr. High Back to School Night 6:30 pm  <div style="text-align: right;">8</div>	<b>Singing Practicing 11:20 am</b>  <div style="text-align: right;">9</div>	<div style="text-align: right;">10</div>
Development Board Back School Picnic 12 noon - 2:00 pm  <div style="text-align: right;">11</div>	<b>The Most Holy Name of Blessed Virgin</b>  Computer & Library Begin  <div style="text-align: right;">12</div>	<div style="text-align: right;">13</div>	Back to School Night (K-6) Social 6:00 pm Mtg. 6:30 pm  <div style="text-align: right;">14</div>	Band Assembly Gr. 3-5 1:30-2:00 pm Gr. 6-8 2:10-2:45 pm  <div style="text-align: right;">15</div>	<b>Mass 11:00 am (Commissioning Mass)</b>  <div style="text-align: right;">16</div>	<div style="text-align: right;">17</div>
Catechetical Sunday Religious Education Classes Begin  <div style="text-align: right;">18</div>	Room Parent Mtg. (Hall) 8:15 am  <div style="text-align: right;">19</div>	PSA Board Mtg. 5:30 pm  <div style="text-align: right;">20</div>	<b>St. Matthew</b>  <b>Hot Lunch</b>  <div style="text-align: right;">21</div>	<div style="text-align: right;">22</div>	<b>St. Padre Pio</b>  Gift Wrap Sale Ends  <div style="text-align: right;">23</div>	<div style="text-align: right;">24</div>
<div style="text-align: right;">25</div>	Picture Day Grades K-4 8:30 am Dress Up  <div style="text-align: right;">26</div>	<b>Newsletter</b> Picture Day Grades 5-8 8:30 am Dress Up  Advisory Board Mtg. 5:30 pm  <div style="text-align: right;">27</div>	<div style="text-align: right;">28</div>	<div style="text-align: right;">29</div>	Singing Practice 11:20 am  <b>St. Jerome</b>  <div style="text-align: right;">30</div>	

**MILK/JUICE ORDER – OCTOBER, NOVEMBER, & DECEMBER**

The milk/juice orders for October, November, and December will be collected at one time. If you wish your child to receive milk/juice starting Monday, October 3rd, please complete the order form below and return to the classroom by **Friday, September 16, 2011.**

Please return the lower half of this form to the classroom with your child’s name, grade and each month’s selection marked. Also, please remind your child each month of their selection (milk or juice).

Please make checks payable to the School of the Madeleine.

The cost for each selection is \$.65.

- October: \$.65 x 19 days.....\$12.35
- November:     \$.65 x 14 days.....\$9.10
- December:     \$.65 x 10 days.....\$6.50
- Total for all three months:.....\$27.95

If you have any questions regarding the orders, please call Julia Donley at (858)352-6255.

You may earn service points for distributing milk during the lunch hour. Milk should be ready for pick up by 11:45 for Grades K-4<sup>th</sup> and 12:20 for Grades 5<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup>. We need volunteers to distribute milk Monday-Friday. If you are interested, please contact Julia Donley.

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**OCTOBER MILK/JUICE ORDER**

STUDENT	GRADE	CHOC	MILK	JUICE

**NOVEMBER MILK/JUICE ORDER**

STUDENT	GRADE	CHOC	MILK	JUICE

**DECEMBER MILK/JUICE ORDER**

STUDENT	GRADE	CHOC	MILK	JUICE

# HOT LUNCH PROGRAM

The hot lunch program takes place multiple Wednesday's throughout the year and offers children the option to purchase pizza, a drink, and a dessert for lunch.

There will be a pre-paid option offered for the hot lunch program. For families interested in participating please fill out the form. It is important to remember that for those who do not wish to pre-pay that money will still be accepted on the day of hot lunch. There will be another form attached to the December newsletter for families who wish to continue with the pre-paid option for the duration of the hot-lunch schedule.

The pre-paid hot lunch form is **DUE by September 9**. The first hot lunch is scheduled for September 21. Please check the monthly school calendar for additional dates.

**Prices are as follows:**

1 Slice of Pizza: \$1.75

Drink: \$ .50

Cupcake: \$ .25

If your child is not participating in the pre-paid option please send them with hot lunch money in an envelope marked with their name, classroom, and food selection.

The lunch truck does not come on hot lunch days. There will be NO credit issued to children who do not bring their lunch or have money for pizza. Teachers will take a count of how many slices of pizza each child will be purchasing the day before hot lunch.

**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED:**

The program is dependent on volunteers to help serve the food (11:30 – 1pm) as well as make/purchase desserts that are ready by the morning of hot lunch. A service point is earned for each hour of volunteering and for every two dozen cupcakes donated. Volunteers can sign up at the Welcome Back Coffee the first day of school or contact either of the committee chairs. Volunteers will be contacted by phone and/or email with further instructions.

Hot lunch committee chairs:

Elizabeth Castiglione, [lizrenteria@yahoo.com](mailto:lizrenteria@yahoo.com)  
(858) 336-6304

Angela Levy, [angeladlevy@hotmail.com](mailto:angeladlevy@hotmail.com)  
858-531-3239

# Hot Lunch Pre-Pay Form

**September – December 2011**

The hot lunch pre-pay form is designed for students who order the same selection each time. For example, if you child always orders 1 slice of pizza, one drink, and one dessert OR 2 slices of pizza, one drink, and one dessert.

If your child's order changes each time, this form DOES NOT apply to your family. If you do not pre-pay money will still be accepted on hot lunch days.

Once we receive your pre-paid form your child will be issued a colored card representing their order. The card will be held by the teacher and given to the student on the day of hot lunch. All children whether they have pre-paid or not should participate in the teacher pizza slice count the day before hot lunch.

**\*\*\*THIS FORM ONLY APPLIES TO CHILDREN WHO ORDER THE EXACT SAME THING EACH HOT LUNCH \*\*\***

**PLEASE USE A SEPARATE FORM FOR EACH CHILD**

STUDENT NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

GRADE/CLASS: \_\_\_\_\_

HOW MANY PIZZA SLICES: \_\_\_\_\_

1 (ONE) DRINK: YES NO (PLEASE CIRCLE ONE)

1 (ONE) DESSERT: YES NO (PLEASE CIRCLE ONE)

**PRICES:**

Pizza Slice: \$1.75 (large slice)

Drink: \$ .50

Dessert: \$ .25

Please note that there will be **NO REFUNDS** issued if your child misses a pre-paid hot lunch.

**There are 6 hot lunches in this pay period.** If your child will be ordering 1 of each item the total amount due is \$15.00 (\$2.50 X 6). If your child will be ordering 2 pieces of pizza, one drink, and one cupcake the total dues is \$26.00 (\$4.25 X 6). If your child will NOT be ordering a drink or cupcake please adjust your total accordingly.

**Families do have the option of pre-paying for the hot lunch program for the entire year. There are 13 hot lunches scheduled for the school year.** Please note that you are paying for the entire year on the form and adjust your total accordingly.

Please make checks payable to: School of the Madeleine. Please include your payment and order form in an envelope marked "HOT LUNCH PRE-PAY" for the school office.

If you have any questions please contact:

Angela Levy, 858-531-3239

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**Please join us for the  
Annual Back to School Picnic**

**Sunday, September, 11<sup>th</sup>**

**12:00 -2:00**

**On the field**

**Bring a chair or a blanket**

**Hot dogs and Drinks will be served**

Please detach and turn in to your oldest child's Teacher



**Please RSVP no later than**

**Friday, Sept. 9th**

**Family name**\_\_\_\_\_

**Number of People**\_\_\_\_\_



***Mark your calendars for the 2011-2012  
Main Event fundraiser Madeleine Rocks!***

When: **March 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2011**  
Where: **The Hard Rock Hotel Downtown**

***How Can You Support Our School?***

- **Buy 50/50 Raffle Numbers for the Helicopter Band Drop!**

This isn't your average raffle! On September 11, at the Back to School Picnic, a helicopter will hover over the far end of the Madeleine Athletic Field and drop numbered 'Band' bracelets. If your number is the lucky one to land in the Grand Prize Container, you can win up to **\$500!** **Raffle numbers are only \$5 each** -- buy as many as you would like to increase your chance to win CASH! For all the details, go to [www.madeleinemainevent.com](http://www.madeleinemainevent.com).

- **Stay COOL and support the biggest fundraiser of the year by buying a Madeleine Rocks Aluminum Water Bottle. Only \$10.**



*Buy your raffle numbers and water bottles at the back to school coffee after drop-off on September 6!*

- **Volunteer!**

Sign up to play a role in Madeleine Rocks! We need a lot of "roadies" to put on this gig! Sign up early – we will randomly choose one lucky volunteer at the 9/6 morning coffee to receive a gift certificate to The Poseidon restaurant!

*On Facebook? Like us! School-of-the-Madeleine-Main-Event.*

**Ladies Club**  
**School Year 2011 – 2012**

**Get Excited for a New Year and**  
***Mark Your Calendars!***  
***We have the 1<sup>st</sup> two events Booked!***

**September**

**La Dolce Vita**

**1237 Prospect Street 92037**

**Thursday, September 29<sup>th</sup>**

**6:00 – 9:00p**

**(located in the walkway between the stores, there  
is an arch at the beginning of the walkway)**

**RSVP by Tuesday, Sept. 27**

**October (*it's a Wednesday*)**

**The Wine Pub**

**2907 Shelter Island Drive**

**Wednesday, October 19<sup>th</sup>**

**6:00 - 9:00p**

**RSVP by Monday, Oct. 17**

**RSVP Molly Moseley**

**\$30 for members**

**\$35 for nonmembers**

**\*\*we will have GREAT raffles\*\***

***Please send in payment with your oldest child  
to the office for collection.***



MAC news.... Attention Madeleine Parents:

It's now time for the kids to strap on the back-packs and head back to school. The MAC has had a busy summer getting the field, courts, and playground ready for the new school year as well as working on a our new & improved apparel line. As a matter of fact, we have two important announcements: Our PE Shirts are now official school sportswear and can be bought and paid for on-line at our website! Please take advantage of this opportunity and check out our prices as they are lower than the Dennis store.

In addition to the PE Shirts, we now have new MAC Shirts and Shorts **FOR PARENTS**. The shorts are in two styles, one for games and one in the so called Coaches Style (with pockets). Please be aware that the shorts are for grownups only and ARE NOT to be used by students at PE classes. We also have new designs and colors in our line of hats and visors.

As stated, you may order on-line by going to [www.madeleineathleticclub.webs.com](http://www.madeleineathleticclub.webs.com) and click on the Store. All orders are due by August 22, 2011 in order to have the apparel ready to be delivered by the time school starts. Please plan accordingly and submit your request as soon as possible. **Update: Due to a superb response to our new PE MAC Apparel and the use of our brand new ONLINE ordering system, we would like to extend the On-Line orders until Sept 3, 2011 in order to receive them in the first week of school.**

Last but not least, remember that all of the proceeds go to support the various athletic programs at SOM. So go ahead and place your order today. Your own child/children will thank you for it!

Here is a quick look at this years' schedule....

**June 25- FIELD IMPROVEMENT DAY** –A great big thanks goes out to everyone that helped. We had a great turnout.

**August 22**-MAC apparel orders due.

**September 6 to 9**-MAC apparel orders delivered, MAC Membership drive begins.

Pee Wee Soccer and 3<sup>rd</sup>/4<sup>th</sup> Grade basketball (New) registrations begin. Information will be placed on the website by August 31.

**September 24**-MAC Social Event

**September 18**-Pee Wee Soccer & 3<sup>rd</sup>/4<sup>th</sup> Grade Basketball seasons begin.

**October 22**-MAC Social event

**December 15**-Pee Wee Basketball registration begins.

**December 26-28**-Junior Varsity Boys/Girls Holiday Basketball Tournament (New)

**January 15**-Pee Wee Basketball begins.

**February 18**-MAC Social Event

**May 4-12<sup>th</sup>** Annual MAC Golf Tournament

**May 5**-Madeleine whole school track meet

**May 16**-MAC Varsity Awards Banquet

**May 20**-Cathedral Catholic Track Meet-date yet to be verified.

**We are also in need of help in a couple of positions:**

**-Apparel coordinator    -Secretary/Communications director**

**-Awards Banquet coordinator**

If you have questions or comments, please contact any member of the board or send us an email at [MadeleineAthleticClub@yahoo.com](mailto:MadeleineAthleticClub@yahoo.com). All board contacts are listed on the MAC website.

Rick Balke, MAC president  
MAC President



**Sunday Gospel Readings and  
Questions for home reflection:**

***Gospel September 4, 2011***

Matthew 18:15-20

"If your brother sins (against you), go and tell him his fault between you and him alone. If he listens to you, you have won over your brother. If he does not listen, take one or two others along with you, so that 'every fact may be established on the testimony of two or three witnesses.' If he refuses to listen to them, tell the church. If he refuses to listen even to the church, then treat him as you would a Gentile or a tax collector. Amen, I say to you, whatever you bind on earth shall be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven. Again, (amen,) I say to you, if two of you agree on earth about anything for which they are to pray, it shall be granted to them by my heavenly Father. For where two or three are gathered together in my name, there am I in the midst of them."

**Questions for Adults:**

Jesus tells us that we are all responsible for one another. The source of that power is Christ "I am there with them."

How does your family handle conflict when it arises? When disagreements arise, how do you try to resolve them as a family?

After reading the following prayer, reflect on how it can help us strive for peace in our families, and in the relationships that make up our daily life.

**Prayer of St. Francis:**

Lord, make me an instrument of your peace:  
where there is hatred, let me sow love;  
where there is injury, pardon;  
where there is doubt, faith;  
where there is despair, hope;  
where there is darkness, light;  
where there is sadness, joy.

O divine Master, grant that I may not so much seek to be consoled as to console,  
to be understood as to understand,  
to be loved as to love.

For it is in giving that we receive,  
it is in pardoning that we are pardoned,  
and it is in dying that we are born to eternal life.  
Amen.

**Questions for Children:**

How can you try to follow Jesus' teachings when you fight with your brother, sister, or a friend?

This week, before you go to bed, pray for someone you have trouble getting along with.

***Gospel September 11, 2011***

Matthew 18:21-35

Then Peter approaching asked him, "Lord, if my brother sins against me, how often must I forgive him? As many as seven times?" Jesus answered, "I say to you, not seven times but seventy-seven times. That is why the kingdom of heaven may be likened to a king who decided to settle accounts with his servants. When he began the accounting, a debtor was brought before him who owed him a huge amount. Since he had no way of paying it back, his master ordered him to be sold, along with his wife, his children, and all his property, in payment of the debt. At that, the servant fell down, did him homage, and said, 'Be patient with me, and I will pay you back in full.' Moved with compassion the master of that servant let him go and forgave him the loan. When that servant had left, he found one of his fellow servants who owed him a much smaller amount. He seized him and started to choke him, demanding, 'Pay back what you owe.' Falling to his knees, his fellow servant begged him, 'Be patient with me, and I will pay you back.' But he refused. Instead, he had him put in prison until he paid back the debt. Now when his fellow servants saw what had happened, they were deeply disturbed, and went to their master and reported the whole affair. His master summoned him and said to him, 'You wicked servant! I forgave you your entire debt because you begged me to. Should you not have had pity on your fellow servant, as I had pity on you?' Then in anger his master handed him over to the torturers until he should pay back the whole debt. So will my heavenly Father do to you, unless each of you forgives his brother from his heart."

**Questions for Adults:**

If you have been wronged and the person who hurt you apologizes, do you have the right to withhold forgiveness? What happens to a person who won't forgive?

Today's gospel tells us that there is no limit to God's mercy. As a family, ask God to help us forgive others the way He forgives us.

**Questions for Children:**

What did Peter ask Jesus? It may seem like a lot to forgive someone who hurts us or does something wrong over and over again. However, what do you think Jesus meant when we said, "***We have to forgive someone not only seven times but seventy-seven times.***"

## ***Gospel September 18, 2011***

Matthew 20:1-16

"The kingdom of heaven is like a landowner who went out at dawn to hire laborers for his vineyard. After agreeing with them for the usual daily wage, he sent them into his vineyard. Going out about nine o'clock, he saw others standing idle in the marketplace, and he said to them, 'You too go into my vineyard, and I will give you what is just.' So they went off. (And) he went out again around noon, and around three o'clock, and did likewise. Going out about five o'clock, he found others standing around, and said to them, 'Why do you stand here idle all day?' They answered, 'Because no one has hired us.' He said to them, 'You too go into my vineyard.' When it was evening the owner of the vineyard said to his foreman, 'Summon the laborers and give them their pay, beginning with the last and ending with the first.' When those who had started about five o'clock came, each received the usual daily wage. So when the first came, they thought that they would receive more, but each of them also got the usual wage. And on receiving it they grumbled against the landowner, saying, 'These last ones worked only one hour, and you have made them equal to us, who bore the day's burden and the heat.' He said to one of them in reply, 'My friend, I am not cheating you. Did you not agree with me for the usual daily wage? Take what is yours and go. What if I wish to give this last one the same as you? (Or) am I not free to do as I wish with my own money? Are you envious because I am generous?' Thus, the last will be first, and the first will be last."

### **Questions for Adults:**

How does this parable of Jesus teach us that love and generosity cannot be "measured" or compared? Do we ever act like the "grumbling" servants?

As a family, discuss the pitfalls of constantly comparing one member of the family to another.

Sometimes, when we see another living in a way that we consider sinful, we wonder how Jesus can forgive and love that person. This week, we can ask God to help us look at our own life before judging others.

### **Questions for Children:**

God loves everyone, even the people who take longer to do what is right. What does Jesus want us to learn from this story about being fair?

Give an example when you thought life was unfair in the last week or two.

## ***Gospel September 25, 2011***

Matthew 21:28-32

"What is your opinion? A man had two sons. He came to the first and said, 'Son, go out and work in the vineyard today.' He said in reply, 'I will not,' but afterwards he changed his mind and went. The man came to the other son and gave the same order. He said in reply, 'Yes, sir,' but did not go. Which of the two did his father's will?" They answered, "The first." Jesus said to them, "Amen, I say to you, tax collectors and prostitutes are entering the kingdom of God before you. When John came to you in the way of righteousness, you did not believe him; but tax collectors and prostitutes did. Yet even when you saw that, you did not later change your minds and believe him."

### **Questions for Adults:**

In this Sunday's gospel, how does Jesus make it clear that actions speak louder than words?

Reflect on something in your life where God might be calling you to follow Him, but you have not been able to do so. Pray for the strength to help you trust in Him.

Reflect on your activities over the last few weeks. Find one instance where you failed at something. Think about that failure. What did you learn from it and why did it happen? How do you keep from getting discouraged when you fail?

### **Questions for Children:**

In the passage above, which son failed: the son who said "no," then changed his mind, or the son who said "yes," and did not do what he said he would do?

There are certain things God wants us to do. During the last week, name something you felt God wanted you to do but you had difficulty following through.

### **INTENTIONS OF THE HOLY FATHER, Pope Benedict XVI, FOR THE MONTH OF SEPTEMBER**

**General Intention:** For all teachers, that they may convey love in truth and educate in authentic moral and spiritual values.

**Missionary Intention:** That the Christian communities spread throughout the Asian continent may proclaim the Gospel with fervor, bearing witness to beauty with the joy of the faith.