



MotherTeresa
Regional School

September 7, 2011

Home School Communication

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Arrival Procedures

Please remember to not exit your car when in the line in front of the school. In addition, it is important not to pass those who are lined up. This is dangerous given that there is not room on South Avenue for four cars and people do come from the opposite direction. Middle School students are permitted to go around the back of the building and straight up to their classrooms to get their items in their locker. The students in grades 6-8 will not line up in the back as in years past. Parents are asked to use the crosswalk when walking their children to school, this sets an important example of safety to all of our students.

Important Forms to be Returned

Today the Emergency Information Card is going home with your child(ren). Please fill out and return as soon as possible so we will have current emergency contact information. Also please look under Parent Information on our website and sign and return the following forms by Friday: Family Handbook Agreement, Cell Phone Usage Form, Acceptable Use of Computers. Also if your child is in Middle School (grades 6-8) please return the Elective Selection sheet which is on the front page of the website. Thank you in advance.

Back to School Night

Back to School Night this year will be Monday, September 19th at 7pm. The PTA will be available to answer any questions as well.

Opening School Liturgy

Please join us on Friday at 9:00 am for the Opening school liturgy at Saint Agnes Church. Families are welcome to join us but are asked to sit toward the back so the students can sit together..

Cross Country Registration

It is not too late to sign up for Cross Country. The registration deadline is Friday, **no exceptions**, September 9th. A current Sports Physical is required in order to practice.

Football Frenzy

The Football Frenzy tickets went home with your youngest child today if you did not already pick it up. The Athletic Association asks that every family sell ten tickets. Please return any unwanted tickets to school as we are required to return them to the company. You may request additional tickets.

Immunizations

Please note students who do not have a record of their immunizations on file with the nurse by Friday will be unable to return to school on Monday. Please refer to the family handbook for immunization requirements.

Clubs/Activities

The club and activity sign up sheet will be posted tomorrow on the school website. The deadline to sign up will be next Thursday.



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September 2, 2011

Dear Parents:

The *No Child Left Behind Act of 2001* (NCLB) reauthorized federal legislation to continue to provide a variety of programs, materials, and services to children and teachers in nonpublic schools similar to those provided to public school students and teachers. These activities are enhanced by additional federal funds provided for school attendance areas with families whose income falls below specific levels or who benefit from other federal assistance programs. In order for our children to benefit from these additional funds, it is very important for us to know how many children attending our school are members of these families.

Please review the enclosed survey and simply indicate whether you meet the criteria by checking Yes or No. Additionally, identify the public school district where your child(ren) would attend school if not attending a nonpublic school. This information is essential to ensure our continued participation in the federal programs such as Title I. It is an important benefit that we do not want to lose. Please return this form by September 9, 2011. All information will be kept confidential.

Thank you for your assistance with this survey.

Sincerely,

Melissa Whelan Wisk

Enclosures

SAMPLE NONPUBLIC SCHOOL SURVEY
(TITLE I ONLY)

Family Survey

1. Use the attached *Income Eligibility Guidelines* chart to answer the questions in item #1.

Is your family income less than the amount in column 2 (Federal Poverty Guidelines)?

Yes _____ No _____

Is your family income less than the amount in columns 3 - 5 (Reduced Price Meals)?

Yes _____ No _____

Is your family income less than the amount in columns 6 - 8 (Free Meals)?

Yes _____ No _____

2. Are you receiving assistance under the Temporary Assistance to Needy Families (TANF) program?

Yes _____ No _____

3. Are any of your children eligible to receive medical assistance under the Medicaid program?

Yes _____ No _____

4. Identify the public school district that your child(ren) would have attended if not attending a nonpublic school and their grade level.

Name of Public School District (required)	Grade Level (required)
1.	
2.	
3.	
4.	

Home Address (required): _____

INCOME ELIGIBILITY GUIDELINES

(Effective from July 1, 2010 to June 30, 2011)

Household Size	Federal Poverty Guidelines	Reduced Price Meals - 185%			Free Meals - 130%		
	Annual	Annual	Month	Week	Annual	Month	Week
48 CONTIGUOUS STATES, DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, GUAM AND TERRITORIES							
1	\$10,830	\$20,036	\$1,670	\$386	\$14,079	\$1,174	\$271
2	\$14,570	\$26,955	\$2,247	\$519	\$18,941	\$1,579	\$365
3	\$18,310	\$33,874	\$2,823	\$652	\$23,803	\$1,984	\$458
4	\$22,050	\$40,793	\$3,400	\$785	\$28,665	\$2,389	\$552
5	\$25,790	\$47,712	\$3,976	\$918	\$33,527	\$2,794	\$645
6	\$29,530	\$54,631	\$4,553	\$1,051	\$38,389	\$3,200	\$739
7	\$33,270	\$61,550	\$5,130	\$1,184	\$43,251	\$3,605	\$832
8	\$37,010	\$68,469	\$5,706	\$1,317	\$48,113	\$4,010	\$926
For each add'l family member add	\$3,740	\$6,919	\$577	\$134	\$4,862	\$406	\$94



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Weekend of September 10

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Thank you in advance for your assistance in the annual fund collection and in celebrating the Back to School Mass.



August 31, 2011

Dear Middle School Community,

Each trimester children in Middle School grades will have a new elective. Electives will rotate each trimester. Students are to read the choices carefully and then choose their first, second, and third choice elective for each trimester. We will do our best to accommodate everyone with the exception that all sixth grade students are assigned Study Skills the first trimester. Electives will begin Wednesday, September 14th and will count toward the grade of the class taught by the teacher. A parent signature is required on the choice of elective.

Please read through your choices carefully and complete the back form to choose your elective. Forms are due back by Friday, September 9, 2011.

Electives may be added to later trimesters; however, this will give us an idea of each child's preferences and more time to schedule them accordingly.

PLEASE SIGN AND RETURN BY FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 9th

Student's Name _____ Grade _____

Choice	<u>1st Trimester</u>	<u>2nd Trimester</u>	<u>3rd Trimester</u>
1st			
2nd			
3rd			

I have discussed the choices with my child and understand that the best effort will be made to grant that request by the school. I also understand the elective will count as a grade.

Parent/Guardian Signature

1st Trimester -

Science Elective

We will conduct experiments together following the scientific methods steps; discuss different ways in which to put together a science fair project. Each elective class will also have the opportunity to conduct a science experiment which will last close to the whole trimester. This experiment will be done together as a class, as students work closely together in order to make their own hypotheses, chart changes, analyze data, and make their own conclusions over the weeks. Experiments may include: Growing mold, hatching baby chicks, raising baby bunnies, growing different types of household plants and putting them in different environments to see what effects their growth.

Study Skills

Do you ever find yourself taking an hour to look for a paper in your binder when it was just there a minute ago? Do you ever sit down to take a test and realize that you studied the wrong thing? Having a set of study skills to help you organize your academic career will help you effectively use the important information that you get in class every day. This elective will teach you how to organize your backpack and locker, set up a homework routine, take notes, study for tests, and more. School doesn't have to be so hard once you have some routines in place!

Civil War Elective

The Civil War elective will put students inside the Civil War to experience the battles and the way of life in America during the 1860s. This course will include lessons from a real life Civil War re-enactor, and assorted movie clips depicting the lives and battles of the American Civil War. Appomattox Court House, Abraham Lincoln, Battle of Gettysburg, Stonewall Jackson, Robert E. Lee, and Ulysses S. Grant are only a few of the many topics which students will be introduced to in this exiting history elective.

Videography

Using Windows Movie Maker, students will be lead through the steps to learn to use this easy computer program. Students will not only capture video and audio from the internet and will learn about copyright laws when taking media from the internet.

2nd Trimester -

Baking Elective

Students gain a hands-on experience creating a variety of baked goods and desserts. This baking elective will provide students with an understanding of the ingredients and methods used in creating breads, pastries, cookies and other desserts. Students learn how dairy, fruits, flour and chocolate come into play with pastry and baking.

The History of the Irish

This fun and exciting elective will teach students the history of the Irish and the story of how Irish-Americans helped build the United States of America. St. Patrick, Mary Robinson, Bono, and Michael Flaherty are just some of the Irish figures who will be discussed. Students will have the opportunity to listen to traditional Irish folk music, watch Irish dances, and spend sometime living as the Irish do.

Yearbook

Capture the memories of the school year! Students will work together to layout and design pages for the 2011-2012 yearbook. Put your creative skills to work and help record the history of Mother Teresa Regional School.

Psychology for Kids

Learn about yourself. Explore your interests and abilities. Find out why you act the way you do and discover what makes you unique. This elective promotes self-discovery, self-awareness, and self-esteem, and empowers you to make good choices.

Photography

Students will gain hands-on experience with digital cameras creating a variety of photos from varying MTRS activities. You will have an understanding of how to take interesting photos, how to download, upload, print and store photos, familiarization of photography terms, as well as manipulate and enhance photos using software on computers. Cameras will be provided to students with the opportunity for them to use their own equipment.

Personal Computer Exploration

Have you ever wanted to know what exactly happens when you press the power button on the computer? Are you curious as to why the screen lights up with powerful graphic images? In this class we will open a desktop computer, remove the parts of it, find out what they do, reassemble it and make it run again. If you have a curious mind and a sense of adventure, then consider this tech elective.

3rd Trimester –

Career Elective

The career elective will help students choose future educational courses and extracurricular activities that will help assist them with future career interests. Students with strong career interests may find high school level courses which can help them build their skills towards their goals. Students who are not as sure may find courses that may help them test out their career interests. Students can best match their interests, research job titles for educational planning, match job interests with job entry requirements, and develop a high school educational plan based upon their career interests. During this 13 week elective, various professionals will come in and speak to the students about their careers, educational background, and requirements of their job.

Weird New Jersey Elective

Ever wonder where the New Jersey Devils got their name from? Or why the Statue of Liberty is in New York and not New Jersey? Are there really only midgets in "Midgetville"? All these questions, and so much more, will be answered in the Weird New Jersey history elective. Students will learn the history of the Great Garden State as told by the Weird New Jersey series, Fourth of July Asbury Park and many other great books about the State of New Jersey.

Toddler Time

Can you picture yourself as a teacher one day? During Toddler Time, students will share stories with local toddlers every week, help them learn songs, and make crafts based on the story of the day.

What Makes People Tick

Learn about others. Are people more logical or emotional? How do people make judgments? Are we more alike or more different? Sharpen your people skills as experimenters, researchers, and observers of human nature. The more you find out about others, the more you learn about yourself.

Health and Wellness

Is the sugar in fruits the same as the sugar on the table? Can you name the fruits and vegetables that are in season now? Students will discover the nutrients in various foods and why it's important for us to eat our nutrients as opposed to taking supplements, discover healthy snacking alternatives and also create healthy recipes for the class to taste.



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Volunteers Needed for Taste of the Bay!

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The Taste of the Bay is October 14th, 7-10pm!

Please let us know if you can help the evening of
the 13th, the morning of the 14th and/or the
evening by:

Decorating and Set Up

Lighting

Assisting the Restaurants that Participate

Selling 50/50 Tickets

Selling Tickets at the Front Door

Selling Tickets for the Gift Baskets

Clean Up

Name _____

Phone # _____

Email Address _____

Hours Available _____

Or email Bev McGee at taryn28@aol.com or
Sherilyn Przelomski at Przelomskisr@comcast.net.

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MTRS Million Pages Goal

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Name _____

Grade _____

House: Circle one Aquinas Seton Jude

My goal for the Million Pages is _____ pages.

Remember:

The start date is September 14th and the end date is June 14th.

Only chapter books count towards the million pages.

The books must be finished after the start date of September 14th for it to be counted.