



**MotherTeresa**  
Regional School

October 12, 2011

# Home School Communication

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## Progress Reports

Progress reports will be sent home for students in grades 1 and 2 only tomorrow. Parents of students in grades 3-8 can access their child's progress through Genesis and the parent portal system. The progress of children in PreK and K will be discussed with teachers at conferences. If you are having difficulty accessing the parent portal system, please send an email to Mrs. Stinson.

## Parent Teacher Conferences

Please note that parent/teacher conferences will take place on Thursday, Oct. 13 from 5-8PM; or, Friday from 12:30-2:45PM. Please fill out the attached form and return it to the main office or email it to Mrs. Stinson at [secretary@mtregional.com](mailto:secretary@mtregional.com). Appointments are made on a first come, first serve basis. We will try to schedule you for the time closest to your request. You will meet with teachers for five minutes. At the end of school, Mrs. Stinson will post the assigned times on the website.

## Congratulations Tyler

Tyler Duminski scored his personal best in a recent ice hockey game. At the Arenas of Woodbridge he scored 4 goals and 1 assist in his team's 5-3 victory. Excellent job!

## Sports Physical

If your child is participating in a Winter sport, you must have the sports physical completed by your doctor and returned to the Health Office before your child can start practicing with the team. The form is posted on the front page of the website as well as under Parent Information/Health Office.

## 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Parents

Hi 8th grade parents, As you know the mission carnival is coming up and every year the 8th grade does the "number wheel". If anyone has any new or gently used stuffed animals taking up room in their attic please send them into the office marked 8th grade mission carnival as this is what we use for prizes. Thanks, Christine & Cindy

## McTeacher Night

Thank you to all who turned out for McTeacher Night. We raised \$301. Congratulations to the following classes who had 75% attendance at McTeacher Night: First, Second, Third, Fourth, and Sixth. On Friday, October 14<sup>th</sup>, students in these classes may come to school dressed down.

## Spirit Wear

Don't forget that Friday is the deadline to order the MTRS jackets. These make great gifts because you can personalize them. They will not be offered again this school year, so hurry before it's too late. See attached forms or visit the PTA page.

## Visitation Ministries

I would like to invite every parent to join me in the school chapel this Thursday afternoon at 2:15 for prayer. The power of prayer is awesome and I would urge each of you to come and experience this fellowship. This week's scripture: "Come unto Me, all ye that labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest." +Matthew 11:28 KJV



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## Learning Academy

There is still time to register for the MTRS Learning Academy! Registration has been extended until tomorrow, Thursday, October 13, 2011 for Irish Step Dance, Drama for Kids, Mini-Chef Academy and the learning with Lego Bricks for Kidz class. Registration for our one day only history and hockey classes is ongoing. Visit [mtrregional.com](http://mtrregional.com) for registration information.

The Learning Academy is designed to provide enrichment opportunities to all children in the area on the safe and fun environment of the MTRS Campus. Classes for the Fall 2011 session are available on Monday and Wednesday afternoons, as well as Saturday mornings. **Registration is open until October 13, 2011.** Space is limited. Additional information on the Learning Academy is available by calling the school at 732-291-1050 or by visiting the website under Learning Academy.



# Learning Academy

**One Time Only Learning Academy Opportunities Now Available!  
Register at [mtregional.com](http://mtregional.com)!**

**The History of Hockey, \$25 per student**

**Grades 3-5: Saturday, October 22 from 10:00am-12:00pm**

**Grades 6-8: Saturday, October 22 from 12:30pm-2:30pm**

Are you a new fan of hockey? Do you want to learn more about the fastest game on earth? Well, you've come to the right place! On this afternoon, we will look at the history of the sport, from early beginnings on ponds in Canada and Russia to the game we know and love today. We will look at pictures and watch highlight videos of some of the most exciting plays to ever happen! Gordie Howe, Bobby Orr, Wayne Gretzky, Patrick Roy, Martin Brodeur, Henrik Lundqvist, Sidney Crosby, and Alex Ovechkin, are just a few of the players that will be profiled! Make sure to wear your favorite team shirt, and let the excitement begin! When we are done, we will walk down to the gym and shoot around, then play a short scrimmage.

**Mysteries of the Unknown: Witches, Vampires, and Werewolves, \$10 per student**

**Grades 5-8: Saturday, October 29 from 11:00am-12:00pm**

Are witches, ghosts, vampires, and werewolves more fact than fiction? This course will examine the historical aspects behind some of the most interesting and downright creepy legends out there. Learn what is fact and what is myth in this exciting course just in time for Halloween

**Mysteries of the Unknown: Strange Creatures, \$10 per student**

**Grades 5-8: Saturday, October 29 from 12:00pm-1:00pm**

Do the Loch Ness Monster, Abominable Snowman, and Jersey Devil really exist? Find out for yourself in this exciting course where we will look at the legends and supposed photographs of these creatures and do some of our own investigating!

**The Haunted History of New Jersey, \$10 per student**

**Grades 5-8: Saturday, October 29 from 1:00pm-2:00pm**

Just in time for Halloween! New Jersey has a ton of history, and with that, a ton of hauntings and ghosts as well! Join us in this exciting course as we separate myth from fact with places such as the haunted royal governor's mansion in Perth Amboy, creepy Whipporwill Road in Middletown, and the old Spy House in Port Monmouth, that saw pirates and other strange legends walk the halls in the 1700's.

**All Classes Taught by Hockey Coach and "History Guy" Greg Caggiano**



# Learning Academy

## **New Jersey's Role in the American Revolution, \$10 per student**

**Grades 5-8: Saturday, November 5 from 11:00am-12:00pm**

Why was the battle of Monmouth so important? Why was Benjamin Franklin's son William arrested in Perth Amboy? There are many famous events that happened right in our own backyards and we don't even realize it! Come explore history up close and personal in this fact-filled program that will inspire you to keep looking for more long after it is over!

## **Nazi Germany and the Holocaust, \$10 per student**

**Grades 7-8: Saturday, November 5 from 12:00pm-1:00pm**

This course will look at the very basics behind the Holocaust and introduce the students to one of the worst tragedies in world history. We will examine how this event came to be, by looking at Adolf Hitler's rise to power, his government, and the men behind the concentration camps. Please note: by signing your child up, you are giving them permission to view the brief ghetto scene from *Schindler's List*, as it helps to illustrate what life was like for those in captivity.

## **History 101: Fun Facts and Curiosities, \$10 per student**

**Grades 7-8: Monday, November 7 from 3:30pm-4:30pm**

Did Columbus discover America? Was the Revolutionary War fought over taxes? Was George Washington really our first president? What kind of government do we have? These are just a few of the questions that will be answered in this exciting program that will make you look at history like you have never seen it before! Find out what the textbooks leave out, and see for yourself! Make sure to come loaded with questions, because there are no holds barred here!

## **Battles that Changed the World: Medieval Warfare, \$10 per student**

**Grades 6-8: Monday, November 7 from 4:30pm-5:30pm**

This course will take a look at some of the earliest battles, such as the 300 Spartans fight at Thermopylae, the Roman siege of Masada, and battles from wars in Medieval Europe. This informative course will go over the basics of technology and tactics, as well as the people involved.

## **Battles that Changed the World: Fighting in the 1700's-1800's, \$10 per student**

**Grades 6-8: Saturday, November 12 from 11:00am-12:00pm**

This course will move into the 1700's and 1800's as we look at new advancements in technology that led to battles such as Monmouth and Bunker Hill in the American Revolution, as well as Waterloo and the Alamo. Please note: by signing your child up, you are giving them permission to view PG-13 rated film clips that may show some battle violence.

## **Battles that Changed the World: American Civil War, \$10 per student**

**Grades 6-8: Saturday, November 12 from 12:00pm-1:00pm**

This course will look at two of the deadliest and most important battles of the American Civil War, Antietam and Gettysburg, and go in-depth into why so many men were killed in such short amounts of time. Mistakes by generals, poor tactics, and superior technology all led to these two battles that shaped the nation we currently have today. Please note: by signing your child up, you are giving them permission to view PG-13 rated film clips that may show some battle violence.

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 14, 7:00 - 10:00 PM

# *Taste of the Bay & Wine and Beer Tasting*



Purchase  
tickets early;  
attendance limited  
to 300. Order form  
on reverse side.

Enjoy wine & beer and great tastes from area restaurants.

Wine Bar ● Harborside ● Kunya Siam Thai ●  
Town & Surf Diner ● Memphis Pig Out ● Zoe's ●  
Walter Mihm's Steakhouse ● Windansea ● Francesco's ●  
Salt Creek Grille ● Chilango's ● Flaky Tart ●  
The Hudson Cafe ● Jersey Shore Roasters

**Tickets \$40**

**50/50 Raffle ● Gift Baskets**

**Information: visit [mtrregional.com](http://mtrregional.com) or call 732-291-1050**



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# *Taste of the Bay & Wine and Beer Tasting*

## Ticket Order Form

Primary Contact Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone Number \_\_\_\_\_

Please indicate ticket delivery method.

If you would like MTRS to deliver your tickets via an MTRS Student, please provide;

Student Name/Grade \_\_\_\_\_

If you would like MTRS to deliver your tickets via mail to primary contact, please indicate:

Yes \_\_\_\_\_

If you will pick up at MTRS office, please indicate:

Yes \_\_\_\_\_

# of Tickets	Price	Total
	\$40	
Payment Enclosed		\$

**\*\*Tables may be reserved for parties of ten.\*\***

Checks payable to Mother Teresa Regional School.

*For office use:*

Total Amount Remitted \_\_\_\_\_  Cash  Check # \_\_\_\_\_



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Hello MTRS Families,

My name is Dana Gearl and I am a parent to Larry in the 4<sup>th</sup> grade and Shawn who has just started in Pre-K 3. I am writing to all of you to ask for your help. My family and I are participating in the Make a Wish Foundation's Fundraiser Run for Wishes. This is an important organization to us because it has helped a very special little boy, my nephew Colin. This is his journey as told by his mom, my closet friend, Renee'.

Hello MTRS Families

My name is Renee Bibaud. My husband Jeff and I are the proud parents of 3 beautiful boys. Everett is 7 years old, Colin is 5, and Gavin will be 2 this month. We have lived in Belford, New Jersey most of our lives.

In July of 2006 we were expecting Colin, our 2nd son. During our April pre-natal visit, we received news that would change our lives forever. We were told that our son was going to be born with **CHD, Congenital Heart Defect**. Colin was born on July 24, 2006 and was immediately transported to Children's Hospital of Philadelphia (**CHOP**). Little did we know that this would be our second home for the next four years. When there were openings, we stayed at the Ronald McDonald House, otherwise, we stayed at hotels that were in close proximity to our son. Colin's defects consist of the following: **(HLHS) Hypo Plastic Left Heart Syndrome** which means the left side of his heart is undeveloped (half a heart), **(DORV) Double Outlet Right Ventricle** which means the aorta and the pulmonary artery are connected to the right ventricle, **(VSD) Ventricular Septal Defect** which means that there are one or more holes in the wall of the heart that separates the right and left ventricles, **(PS) Pulmonary Stenosis** which means a narrowing of the heart valve that lets blood flow from the lower-right chamber into the lungs, and **(PDA) Patent (means open) Ductus Arteriosus** which is a condition in which a blood vessel called the Ductors Aryeriosus fails to close. **There is no cure for this CHD.** Colin had his first of three open heart surgeries on September 19, 2006 at 3 months old. The doctors inserted a PBA Band around the pulmonary artery to slow the blood flow going into his lungs. His second surgery was on February 6, 2007 at 6 months old in which there was a single ventricle repair (bi-directional Glenn). His last planned surgery was on April 2, 2010 which was the Fontan procedure. At this time, Colin's heart is working with 3 chambers and the doctors don't know how many unplanned open heart surgeries he may need. We do know that he will have a permanent hole in his heart & there is a possibility that he may need a heart transplant. **We do not know what Colin's future holds.**

In April of this year, Colin was granted a wish by the Make a Wish Foundation. Our family was treated to a weeklong vacation in Orlando, Florida. Colin and his brothers had a wonderful time. Since then, our family and friends have decided to step in and do whatever we can to benefit the wonderful organization that is the Make a Wish Foundation.



This is a picture of Colin and his brothers. (Top to bottom) Everett, Colin, and Gavin

On Saturday, October 22<sup>nd</sup>, we will be joining together to participate in the Walk for Wishes Walk/Run. There is no fee to register or to participate we are just asking for people to get some pledges, come out and walk/run with us to raise money to support the foundation. It is going to be a wonderful event and a chance to meet other **CHD** patients.

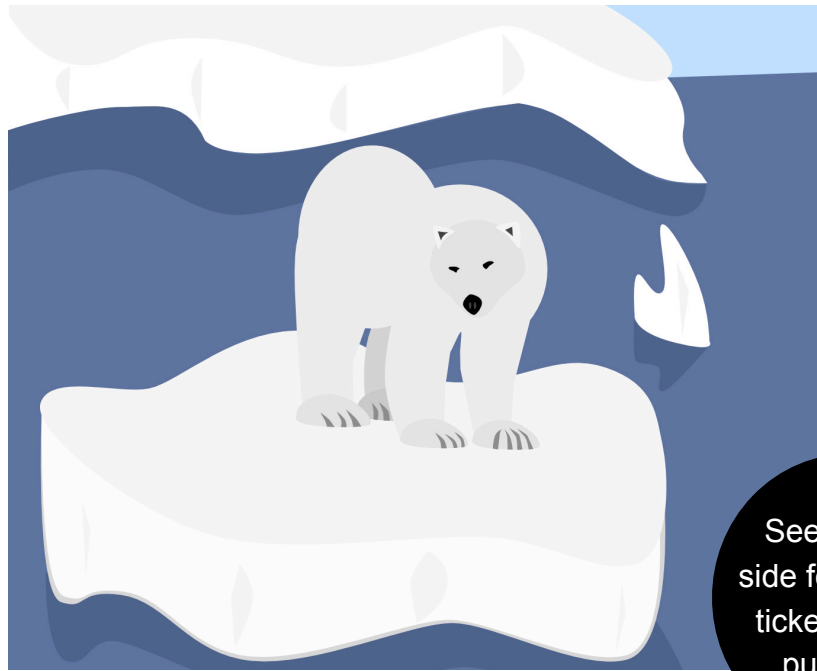
Thank you in advance for your participation and/or generosity.

Renee, Jeff, Everett, Gavin, and especially Colin Bibaud.

ANCIENT ORDER OF HIBERNIANS

# *Polar Plunge*

# *Pub Crawl*



See reverse  
side for to order  
tickets for the  
pub crawl

**Saturday, December 10th**

Help the Ancient Order of Hibernians raise funds to sponsor the annual polar plunge. If 20 people join from MTRS a bus will pick up at MTRS at 12:00 pm and return at 7:00 pm. Tickets are \$35.

Deadline to order is October 14, 2011.



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## Street Devils Finale

The MTRS Street Devils held our Championship games last week and our season ending All -Star game on Friday. Our kids played so hard and so well all year, we are VERY proud of them.

Many of them played for the first time and ended the season with quality skills. The ones that have played before, elevated their skill level. We thank them all and the parents for allowing us to borrow your kids.

We look forward to our next season and would love to hear your feedback and input! Send all comments to [vindi1@aol.com](mailto:vindi1@aol.com)

Thanks to all who help us and to the parent volunteers. Special thanks to the Easop family.

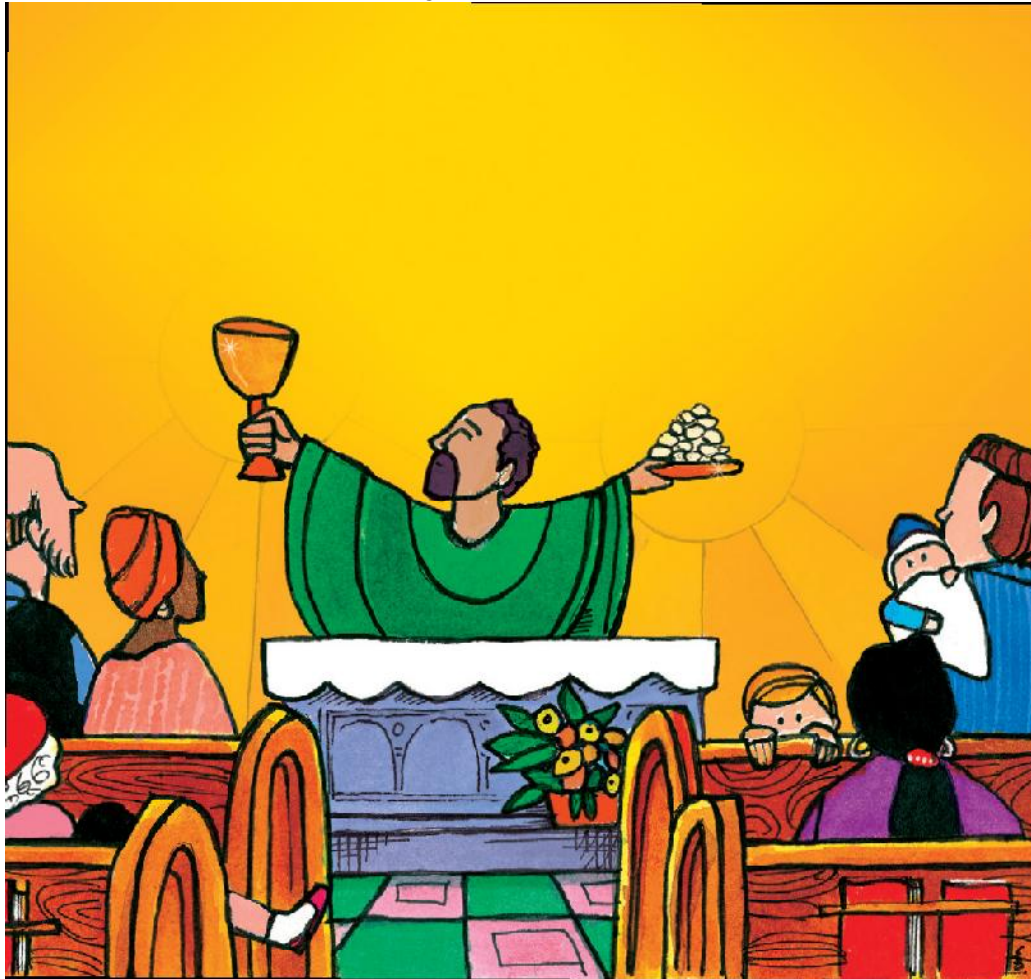
Congratulations to the RiverRats and Coach Brian Sullivan who won the Junior division and to the Wolfpack and coach Greg Caggiano who won the Senior division.





# AND WITH YOUR SPIRIT

Songs for Deepening Children's Understanding of the Mass  
By John Burland



Come and See John Burland Perform the Songs from his new Album on November 15th

## Two Locations

Mother Teresa Regional School, 55 South Ave., Atlantic Highlands, @ 9AM

Or

St. Barnabas Parish, 33 Woodland Rd., Bayville, @ 7PM

Sponsored by Our Sunday Visitor Curriculum Division



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# MTRS Hunger Challenge

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## Help Feed the Hungry

This is the third annual Mother Teresa Regional School Hunger Challenge. Each year the Monmouth Ocean Food Bank hosts a hunger challenge. MTRS will not be participating in that challenge in order to help our parish food pantries directly but we will challenge ourselves to bring in a weighty amount of food. The challenge ends November 17<sup>th</sup>.

Each class in grades PK thru fifth grade will be separated into a house. Students will be encouraged to bring in items from the list below to help create Thanksgiving food baskets. Students who bring in twenty five items will receive a homework pass. The house with the most weight of food will receive 150 points and the turkey trophy award for the year, second place 75 points and third place 25 points. Box potatoes and stuffing mix will count for three times their weight as they are needed specifically for Thanksgiving. If the houses combined bring in one ton of food, we will have a special treat for the whole school.

Seton House- Kindergarten and Fifth Grade

Aquinas House- PK4, Second, and Fourth Grade

Jude House- PK3, First, and Third Grade

### Items Needed for Thanksgiving Dinner

Bread	Boxed Potatoes	Cranberry Sauce	Packaged Stuffing
Gravy	Soup	Pasta	Pasta Sauce
Canned fruit	Juice	Cake mix	Metal cooking pans for turkey
Canned sweet potatoes	Tuna	Fresh potatoes/onions	Powdered/boxed milk

Any additional items are also greatly appreciated. We are preparing to help make over 200 dinners and help stock the local food pantries as much as we can. Thank you in advance for your generosity.



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# Halloween Happenings

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## Trick or Treat!

There are several activities at MTRS to celebrate Halloween.

October 28<sup>th</sup> . Trunk or Treat

Join the PTA as they sponsor the first ever Trunk or Treat. Bring your cars and decorate your trunks for some trick or treating. Bring candy to hand out at your car and bring your pumpkins to collect your candy. A costume contest will be held as well as a pumpkin carving contest. Food will also be available for sale. Join us for this fun Halloween event.

October 31<sup>st</sup> - A Day Filled with excitement.

Students may dress down for \$1 in orange and black. No students may dress in costume on this day. The annual Mission Carnival is that afternoon. Students bring change to be able to play carnival games and purchase treats. All proceeds from the day go to the Missions.

Younger siblings are invited to go trick or treating that afternoon and join us for the mission carnival. Please invite your younger friends to join us in costume as they walk around the school to go trick or treating.



OCTOBER 28, 2011; 6:00 PM - 8:30 PM

# Trunk or Treat

No bells, no knocking to ask for a treat

From trunk to trunk, children move their feet

Think your car, costume or pumpkin is the best

Let us judge when you enter our contests

Play games, win prizes, do the monster mash

Our "trunk or treat" is sure to be a bash



Use the form on  
reverse side to  
register for the  
event!

Costume and pumpkin-carving contest

Great prizes • 50/50 raffles • Delicious food

Admittance is free • Everyone is welcome

Register your car by 10/21 • Gates open at 5:00 pm

Gates will close at 6:00 pm & reopen at 8:30 pm

Event held in gym in the event of rain



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# Trunk or Treat

## Guidelines:

- Car Owners must complete the reservation form to participate.
- Car owners must provide their own treats.
- Car check in begins at 5:00 pm. Gates will close at 6:00 pm. For safety purposes, vehicles will not be allowed to leave the lot until the event ends at 8:30 pm.
- Admittance and all activities are FREE!
- Food for sale: pizza (by the slice or pie), hot dogs, beverages
- 50/50 Raffle
- In the event of rain, please plan to set-up your “trunk” in the gym.

**Form must be returned by October 21st  
to be eligible for contests and to participate with a car.**

Family Name \_\_\_\_\_

Number of Children \_\_\_\_\_ Number of Adults \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

Our Family is participating in

- Trunk or Treat with a car (decorate your car to participate in our contest)
- Costume Contest (come dressed in costume- contest is at 7:30 pm)
- Pumpkin Decorating Contest (decorated pumpkins delivered by 6:30 pm with judging at 7:00 pm)

Please reserve our family a pizza pie. \_\_\_\_\_ total number of pies to be reserved.





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# Mission Carnival

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## Schedule for Day

Lunch will begin a few minutes early on this day to allow more time for the mission carnival. First lunch will begin at 11:15 am.

### Mission Carnival Schedule

<u>Time</u>	<u>Cafeteria</u>	<u>Gym</u>
12:10-12:35	PreK & 7	K & 8
12:35-1:00	K&8	PreK & 7
1:00-1:25	1,2,3	4,5,6
1:25-1:50	4,5,6	1,2,3

2:00 pm Raffles over the speaker

Students will have the opportunity to try their luck at a variety of games. Please send change in with your child in a Ziploc baggie with their name on it. Most games will cost between \$.25-\$.50. There will also be raffles chances are \$.25 each. There is even an Ipod being raffled off so bring in lots of change.

All students may dress down in orange and/or black for \$1.00. **NO COSTUMES!!**

The proceeds from the dress down day and the mission carnival will go to our membership in the Holy Childhood Association and the missions. Mrs. Flanagan, our mission moderator, thanks everyone in advance for their support of the Mission Carnival.





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## Trick or Treat



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# October 31, 2011 12:30-2:00 pm

Come and trick or treat at Mother Teresa Regional School. Each classroom will have goodies available for children ages newborn to five years old. Don't worry about the possibility of rain and let your child wear their costume. Visitors are welcome to come and trick or treat at the classrooms and have a snack in the school cafeteria. In addition, the students will be hosting a mission carnival with fun games and prizes. You are welcome to join us for this event going on at the same time.



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