



Mother Teresa
Regional School

October 26, 2011

Home School Communication

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Trunk or Treat at MTRS

Please plan on attending this Friday from 6-8:30PM in back of school. There will be lots to do: pumpkin contests, costume contest and fun with friends. Attention all car owners - There are still some spots opens for Trunk or Treat. Please fill out the reservation form and return it by Thursday (10/27) if you are interested in participating in this fun family event. We are sure to have a howling good time!

Halloween at MTRS

On Monday, we will have our mission carnival for the students. Parents are asked to **not send in** goodie bags as the children will be earning plenty of goodies at the carnival games. Students may dress down in orange and black on Monday. Costumes may be worn on Friday for Trunk or Treat as part of the costume contest. Younger siblings not enrolled at MTRS may come trick or treating on Monday morning from 12:30pm until 2pm.

Grandparent Addresses

We are sending a copy of the student newspaper to the grandparents. We are using last year's grandparent tea address list. If you did not provide their address last year, or are new to the school, please email your student's grandparents address to Mrs. Stinson so that they can receive a copy of the school newspaper.

AOH Pub Crawl

We are in need of a few more people for the pub crawl to guarantee a bus. If you are available to attend, please send in the form by this Friday, so we can confirm with the AOH and have a bus at MTRS. It is sure to be a fun time to raise funds for the Polar Plunge.

Visitation Ministries

This week's scripture and one of my favorites: "This is the day which the Lord hath made; we will rejoice and be glad in it." Psalm 118:24 KJV The power of prayer is awesome and I would urge each of you to come and experience this fellowship. The next prayer session is this Thursday at 2:15 and also next week on Tuesday morning at 7:45 in the school chapel. I hope to see you!

Hunger Challenge

Don't forget to bring in your items for the hunger challenge. We are in need of many things to help those who are less fortunate for the Thanksgiving holiday.

Uniform Swap

We will be holding another uniform swap November 17th from 2:15 until 4:00 in the school cafeteria. Please bring in any clean items you would like to swap at that time.

Barnes and Noble Event

Save the date for November 12th to come to the Holmdel Barnes and Noble event. More details in next week's HSC.

Upcoming Events

Friday, October 28, 6-8:30PM
Monday, October 31
Tuesday, November 1

Trunk or Treat (gate opens at 5pm)
Dress Down for the Missions and enjoy the Mission Carnival
Liturgy at St. Agnes Church 9AM

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

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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Buddy Day for Grades 1-5

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Friday, November 11th 8:30 am – 2:00 pm

Mother Teresa Regional School invites friends from the local community who are currently in grades 1-5 to be our guest on Friday, November 11th.

We want your guest to come and spend the day in our school, meet your teacher and classmates, and see what great things are happening at Mother Teresa Regional School.

The day will include hot lunch in the cafeteria and the celebration of the liturgy at Saint Agnes Church. All your friend needs to do is bring a snack and a smile.

If you have a friend who would like to join us for the day, please have their parents fill out a Permission Slip and bring it to the school office by November 8th. Please call (732) 291-1050 x 110, for additional information.

We can't wait to meet your friend!

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MTRS Pep Rally

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November 3, 2011

Please join the Athletic Association on November 3rd at 6:00 pm to help kick-off the Hawks Winter Sports Program.

School Spirit Contests:

- 1) We will host a Hula Hoop contest.
- 2) Student dressed with most school spirit will win a prize
- 3) Class with the loudest cheer will win a prize

The Athletic Association will provide refreshments to enjoy!



Come out and support THE HAWKS

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Warm Up Pants and Jerseys

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Orders Due November 4th

We are once again offering Shooting Jerseys for JV and Varsity Teams. The shooting jerseys will have your child's last name silk-screened on the back. Due to a change in material – the shooting jerseys will be different from previous years. They will now be made from 100% eXtreme microfiber Cationic colorfast polyester with moisture management fibers.

Jerseys are available in Youth Large size for \$22 and Adult sizes for \$22

If you would like to purchase warm up pants to complete the Hawks ensemble they are now available! They will be navy blue, snap up the side of each leg with "Hawks" silk-screened down one leg. Your child's last name will also be embroidered high on the hip so there is no confusing "whose pants are whose".

Warm up pants are available in Youth Large size for \$30 and Adult sizes for \$33

Orders take 3 weeks to come in. Orders must be in by Friday, November 4th.

No exceptions!!!! Make checks payable to MTRS.

Any questions call Ann Margret Duminski. 917-885-6202

Please indicate:

Child's Name : _____

Grade: _____ Team: _____

Print neatly!!!!

Shooting Jersey:

Size: YL AS AM AL AXL Price \$22 / \$22
(circle one)

Warm up pants:

Size: YL AS AM AL AXL Price \$30 / \$33

ANCIENT ORDER OF HIBERNIANS

Polar Plunge



Return to
MTRS by
12/20/11

Benefitting Catholic Education in the Bayshore Checks payable to Mother Teresa Regional School.

Name _____

Address _____

City, State Zip _____

eMail _____ School **Mother Teresa Regional School**

I am a business owner and would like to sponsor the event on behalf of MTRS. Please attach a business card or indicate wording of sponsor name: _____.

- \$25 Name on official sponsor sign
- \$50 Name on sign on the beach heading for the water
- \$100 Name at the venues (band, registration, refreshments)
- \$250 Name on the official t-shirt as a sponsor
- \$500 + Tuition assistance to a school awarded in your name



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Holiday Express Service Opportunity

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November 9 and December 7 3:30 – 5:00 pm

Students in grades 6-8 are invited to help assemble gift bags for Holiday Express. Holiday Express is a charitable organization that venues that include soup kitchens, veterans homes, disable adult and children facilities, special needs schools, even Catholic Charities Partners in Recovery, among others and delivers gift bags of items delivered during Holiday concerts. The maximum number of students who can come each day is 20. We also need parents to drive students to the warehouse in Shrewsbury.

In addition to student assistance, the organization is in need of items for the gift bags. The items and the total amount that are needed are listed below. All the items must be new. Students will receive a house point for every item brought in and 10 house points for volunteering.

Body Wash . 12,000	Shampoo . 7,000
Coloring Books for adults . 5,000	Socks for kids (warm) . 2,000
Deodorant for men . 10,000	Socks for men (white heavy) . 10,000
Deodorant for women . 8,000	Socks for women (white heavy) . 4,000
Gloves for men . 7,000	Toothbrushes for adults . 6,000
Playing Cards . 7,000	Washcloths . 10,000
Rain Ponchos . 10,000	Wool Hats . 10,000

Please return the form below if you are interested in helping to assemble the gift bags. Sign ups will be taken on a first come first serve basis. Please hand your form directly to Mrs. Wisk.

Name _____ Grade _____

_____ I would like to help on November 9.

_____ I would like to help on December 7.

_____ My parent can help drive and can take _____ passengers in the car.

Parent Signature

Date



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Barn for the Poorest Poor

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Help MTRS feed the homeless!

Beginning Tuesday 11/1, the third and eighth grade classes will be collecting bagged lunches for the homeless. Our goal is for the children to bring in a bagged sandwich, juice or water bottle, snack and a special thought (written by the child). Mrs. Duffy, the coordinator of The Barn of the Poorest of Poor will be accepting our first donation at 9:00 Mass on Tuesday, 11/1. This will be an ongoing project that will begin Tuesday 11/1 and will continue every Tuesday through June. Thanking you in advance for your time and support.



November 01



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Healthy Meals Grow Healthy Kids! Maschio Food Services, Inc.	Meals Prepayment 20 days = \$60.00 Make checks payable to Maschio Food Service.	1 Popcorn Chicken Mashed Potatoes Corn Chilled Fruit Cup Low-Fat Milk	2 Pasta with Meatballs Garlic Bread Tossed Salad Chilled Fruit Cup	3 Hamburger or Cheeseburger on Bun French Fries Chilled Fruit Cup Low-Fat Milk	4 PIZZERIA PIZZA Tossed Salad Chilled Fruit Cup Low-Fat Milk	5
6	7 Cheese Quesadilla Mexicali Corn & Rice Chilled Fruit Cup Low-Fat Milk	8 Pizza Sticks Tossed Salad Chilled Fruit Cup Low-Fat Milk	9 Mac & Cheese Carrots Fresh Zucchini Low-Fat Milk	10 Breaded Chicken Patty Sandwich Chicken Noodle Soup Chilled Fruit Cup Low-Fat Milk	11 PIZZERIA PIZZA Tossed Salad Chilled Fruit Cup Low-Fat Milk	12
13	14 Ravioli Tossed Salad Garlic Bread Chilled Fruit Cup Low-Fat Milk	15 Chicken Fajita Rice Fresh Apple Low-Fat Milk	16 French Toast Turkey Sausage Hash Brown Orange Juice Low-Fat Milk	17 Cheese Steak Sandwich Baked French Fries Fruit Cup Low-Fat Milk	18 PIZZERIA PIZZA Tossed Salad Chilled Fruit Cup Low-Fat Milk	19
20	21 Meatball Hero Veggies Chilled Fruit Cup Low-Fat Milk	22 TURKEY DINNER Hot Turkey Mashed Potatoes Green Beans Apple Crisp Low-Fat Milk	23 NO LUNCH	24 SCHOOL CLOSED HAPPY THANKSGIVING	25 SCHOOL CLOSED	26
27	28 Twin Tacos Rice Chilled Fruit Cup Low-Fat Milk	29 Grilled Cheese Tomato Soup Chilled Fruit Cup Low-Fat Milk Choice	30 Popcorn Chicken Mashed Potatoes Corn Chilled Fruit Cup Low-Fat Milk			Served Daily
Drink Milk for Strong Bones All meals include choice of flavored and unflavored milk.	Salad with Protein, Whole Grain Bread, Fruit & Milk M/W/F - Supreme T/TH - Chicken Caesar	Complete Lunch \$3.00 Entree \$2.50 Milk \$0.60 Baked Chips \$0.75 Ice Cream \$1.00 / \$1.25 Baked Cookie \$0.30	Hot Pretzel \$0.75 Soup \$1.00 Salad Platter \$3.00 Spring Water \$0.50 Snapple \$1.25 Fresh Fruit \$0.60	Hot Dog on a Bun with Vegetable and Fruit or Milk for a Complete Lunch	Chicken Nuggets with Vegetable and Fruit or Milk for a Complete Lunch	



The Network

The following information was recently released from the Office of Non-Public Education [ONPE]:

Secretary of Education Arne Duncan announced the inaugural year of the Green Ribbon Schools program, which will recognize schools for reducing environmental impact on their communities, promoting healthy school environments for their students and staff, and offering high-quality environmental education.

The award aims to encourage energy and resource conservation measures that can lead to cost savings and job creation; environmental and behavioral changes to promote health and productivity among students, staff and other school occupants; and the use of environmental and sustainability education to support students' preparedness for some of the nation's fastest growing employment sectors.

The Department plans to provide a nominee submission deadline in early 2012 and announce the first Green Ribbon Schools before the end of the 2011-12 school year.

For a fact sheet and power point overview on Green Ribbon Schools, visit <http://www2.ed.gov/programs/green-ribbon-schools/index.html>



Dear Friends,

The autumn weather has finally arrived and has set in. No doubt, school activities are being enhanced by the fresh crisp air and beautiful Fall scenery. As your campus buzzes with activities, our legislature has been busy formulating a new agenda for education reform in New Jersey. Presently, all 120 seats are open for the 215th legislature. The network directors have been meeting with candidates that are campaigning for the open seats, presenting our position as we advocate public policies for Catholic schools. In our conversations, we are being told that the politicians need to hear from their constituents about their concerns for their schools and communities.

That being said, I remind you **Tues. Nov. 8th 2011 is Election Day**. I urge you to go out and exercise your right to vote. I invite you to visit <http://faithfulcitizenship.org/> to gain a wealth of information on the participation of Catholics in Political Life. This website will provide media resources, prayers and activities that you may use in your parish, home and school before and after election and guidance on how to take action. Most importantly, you will be informed about what the Church teaches on Faithful Citizenship by reading statements from the United States Catholic Bishops.

Above all, I cannot stress enough how vital it is that you continue to remain a vibrant part of your school and parish community by attending Mass regularly. Our school faculty does a wonderful job in educating our children in the Catholic tradition but as parents we need to cultivate those efforts at home. Teaching our children through prayer and worship that the Eucharist is central to our lives they "are enabled to express in their lives and manifest to others the mystery of Christ and the real nature of the true Church." [CCC 1068]
God bless you and be sure to send an adult with your trick-or-treaters on Halloween night.

Usha Rosidivito and Your N.J. Network Directors

**MAINTAINING A TRADITION OF EXCELLENCE:
A WHITE PAPER ON THE GIFT OF CATHOLIC EDUCATION TO THE PEOPLE OF NEW JERSEY
[Part 1 of a 3 Part series from 2008] by Dr. George Corwell-Dir. of Ed., NJCC**

Background : Since the first New Jersey Catholic school opened in Madison in 1850, Catholic elementary and secondary education has offered a wide variety of educational options for students in New Jersey. At the outset, these schools served the children of European immigrants who, because of prejudice, faced daunting prospects. Soon, thanks in large measure to these Catholic schools, the immigrants and their descendants moved quickly out of poverty and into the middle class. As the children of these immigrants attained economic success, particularly in the period after World War II, they left the urban neighborhoods of their roots, leaving Catholic schools behind. An expansion of Catholic schools in the suburbs occurred in the 1950s and 1960s, responding to the needs of this burgeoning middle class. The movement of this group created an increased number of Catholic schools in “rim districts” surrounding urban areas.

Catholic schools in the urban areas faced many challenges. Some were forced to close, but others remained open and have continued their core mission of providing an education for children who suffer from poverty and discrimination. This group of students includes a large number of African-American children, the vast majority of whom are not Catholic. The increased enrollment of Latino children in Catholic schools also continued through the last two decades of the Twentieth Century. Having accepted the challenge of addressing a new immigrant population, Catholic schools continued to face more and more vexing problems in the 21st Century.

The demise of some inner-city Catholic schools has been caused by a convergence of factors which have created serious obstacles in the past several years. An ongoing decline of clergy and religious as administrators and teachers in these schools has created a situation by which over 90% of most Catholic schools are staffed by lay personnel (thus increasing the need for enhanced tuition revenues). At the same time, a lack of expendable income among lower-and-middle class families in urban neighborhoods has created the need for family members (in many cases single parents) to work second and third jobs to pay even the modest tuition. Aging physical plants in Catholic schools in these urban areas, some approaching 75 – 100 years of service, require significant capital expenditures for their continued existence. Furthermore, because the Catholic Church operates multiple ministries of service to New Jersey residents (including Catholic hospitals, shelters, substance abuse centers, and other broad works of charity), the amount of diocesan subsidies available to support non-self-sustaining schools has diminished drastically.

An additional factor in the closing of urban Catholic schools has been the creation of charter schools in certain urban areas, sometimes at a highly concentrated rate. Many poor families seeking relief from the problems of urban public education have chosen charters as a “free” alternative, even though their first choice would have been a values-based education in Catholic schools. For example, the plethora of charter schools in the city of Trenton (some of which have now closed) was a driving force in the closure of every Catholic school within the city limits.

A ten-year snapshot with basic enrollment data highlights the current trend in Catholic education. State-wide Catholic school enrollment for the 2006 – 2007 school year consists of over 127,000 elementary and high school students in 361 schools. Comparable figures from 1996 – 1997 reveal over 148,000 elementary school and high school students in 422 schools. Much of the loss of these students occurred within urban settings.

[Next issue: Accomplishments of Catholic Schools]