



St. Monica School Extended Day Weekly News!

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Contact Us!

During School Hours, you can call the office and they will relay any messages. Alternatively, you may email our program at

extendedstaff@methuenatholic.org

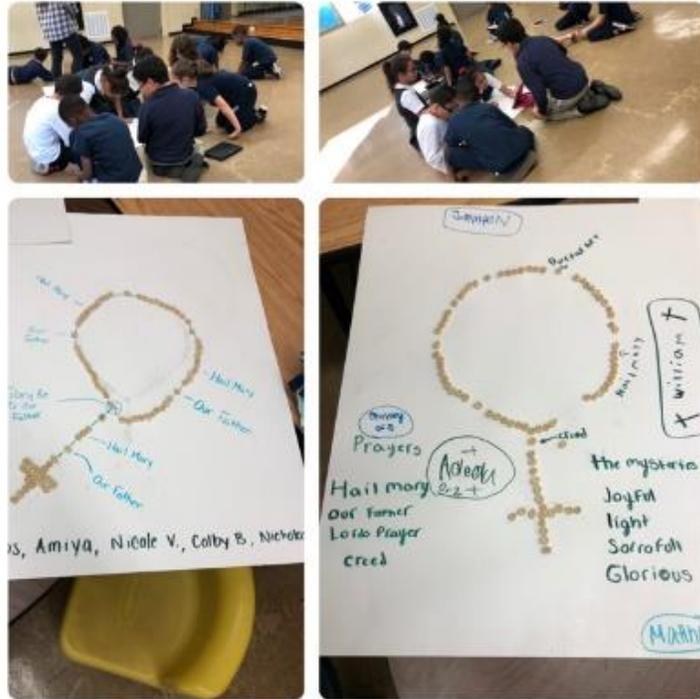
All emails will be returned by 6PM that day.

Weekly Recap!

This past week we had lots of fun while learning more about the Rosary and exploring the World Series! To begin the week, we discussed what the Rosary was, why we pray it, and what a “special intention” was. Since some of our Early Childhood students will be visiting Nursing homes for Halloween, we made special cards to take to them. We had discussions about how a small token, such as the home-made card, can mean so much!



Our Stream this week was using iPads to look up what a set of Rosary beads looks like. We also combined this activity with our snack attack! Working in groups, the students then took cheerios to construct a set of Rosary Beads and labeling each section. Students did a great job!



As we approached the middle of the week, we focused on the World Series. We sharpened our pencils and used some Math skills to survey the group. We found 2 out of 20 people were rooting for the Dodgers. Students in Pre-K through Gr. 4 predicted who they thought would win. Students in Gr. 5-8 discussed what percent of the group that was. We all then used Art skills to generate a chart which demonstrated a predicted score versus the actual score. Continuing the World Series theme, the next day we then made Pennants to show support of our favorite team, or just a creative design!



We finished our week the same we started it. We did a Rosary activity, based on age group. Pre K-Grade 2 completed a puzzle made of pieces that had the Hail Mary on it. Grade 3 and 4 students played a Board Game designed to fill in the blanks of the Hail Mary Prayer. Students in Grades 5-8 completed a word search with more complicated words. All had a great time while



Coming Events!

Over the next week, we will be exploring the World Series a little further. We have a great Snack Attack and Crafting ahead. We will also continue discussions on Saints.

A Few Reminders!

*Please see below for a few quick reminders.

*Please note: Thursday, NOV 8th is a 1/2 day. Extended Day will be open from 11AM-6PM. If you think your child will be coming, and have not done so, please be sure to sign up on the sheet by the sign out book. We also will be ordering pizza for lunch that day. Slices will cost \$2 and will need

to be ordered and paid for by Nov. 7th. We appreciate your assistance so we can ensure the program is properly staffed that day.

*** This year, we are going to host a Saints party! Each season we will focus on a Holiday that has a religious background. We certainly will be accepting donations of baked goods, drinks, etc. This party will be the first full week of November. More details to follow!**

*** We do still have a block of time allotted at Extended Day for Homework. However, some students need a quieter environment or a longer period to finish. One option we wanted parents to be aware of is Homework Club. Homework Club is offered Monday through Thursday (no club on Tuesdays in October only). The cost is \$5 per day and it goes from 2PM-3:30PM. It is proctored by Mrs. Castagna, in her 7th Grade Homeroom. It allows opportunity for homework to be done in a quiet room, with a teacher present for any assistance needed. If your child participated and needed Extended care, they would be charged from 3:30 until pick up. For more information, or to sign up, please email the office for details.**

***As you know, we also allow for iPad use after 4:30 each day. We also allow them to be used if needed for Homework or we are doing an activity. Please remind your student they may not use them to make phone calls/Face time calls, send text messages, play you tube videos, or chat on any social media forums. Staff do walk around while they are using them as we want them to enjoy their iPad while it is free time. With safety being a priority, we also want to make sure all content is appropriate, and contact does not become external.**

***It is starting to get cooler outside. Please be sure your**

child has a warm coat, hats, and gloves. We do go outside frequently and will not always have enough staff to stay inside with those who may not have appropriate gear. We appreciate your cooperation!

***As it gets colder, it also means rainy and dare I say-snowier days are ahead. This can also mean traffic delays. As we close at 6, please plan accordingly to be here by that time. We understand many of our parents work in town, or a distance away. We are suggesting that you find someone to be a backup in case of such delays. We sincerely thank you in advance.**

***Extended Day does provide a snack each day. If you know your child may be there after 4PM on any day, we suggest packing an additional snack in their lunchboxes.**

***We do allow vending machines to be used. We do not, however, have change so please send in the correct amount. Please make sure to remind your child that we do not share money for vending machines.**
