



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 explored pumpkins! We learned a Pumpkin Prayer, created a Pumpkin of Gratitude, participated in pumpkin crafts, played outside, and held our first talent show, and so much more!

Students loved the Pumpkin Prayer. They thought it was great to be able to make their own pumpkins as we recited the prayer.



THE PUMPKIN PRAYER

Open my mind so I can learn about You;
☺ Cut off the top ☺
Take away all my sin and forgive me for the wrong things I do.
☺ Clean out the inside ☺
Open my eyes so Your love I will see;
☺ Cut two eyes ☺
I'm sorry for turning up my nose to all You've given me.
☺ Cut a nose ☺
Open my ears so Your word I will hear;
☺ Cut two ears ☺
Open my mouth to tell others You're near.
☺ Cut a mouth ☺
Let Your light shine in me so others can see.
☺ Place a candle inside ☺

Later in the week we had a pumpkin drawing contest! Students could use a wide variety of materials. Their creativity came shining through. All of the students did a great job and had a choice of a medal or a cross as a prize!



Our Snack Attack was a pumpkin patch! We crushed graham crackers, layered pudding, and topped with more graham cracker. Candy corn was added to most of the patches. We also did a poll of which ones had candy corn and which ones did not. We discovered 9 more students liked candy corn than the 3 who did not.





Another week of mixed weather meant we were able to play indoors and outdoors.



Coming Events!

Over the next week, we will continue to celebrate the month of the Rosary. We will have games, crafts, and special prayers. We will also begin to look at Saints in preparation for All Saints Day.

A Few Reminders! *(Please note, these have been updated with important information)*

*As Halloween approaches, I just wanted to update everyone on a Halloween party at extended 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 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.**
