



## Cheverus Catholic Family Newsletter

November 2015



Dear Families,

During the month of November, the Church prays especially for the souls of those who have gone before us in faith. We celebrated the Feast of All Saints on November 1 and All Souls on November 2. Here at Cheverus, we have placed a "Book of Remembrance" in the main corridor outside of Ms. Mary Beth's Pre-K classroom. We have invited all members of the school community to place the names of friends and family members who have gone home to God in the Book. Each morning when we pray we remember those names.



A "thank you" to all who participated in the Fall Raffle. Winners have been listed in the PTA news.



We celebrated the First Fridays of both October and November with Mass. The November Mass was offered for the repose of the soul of Alex Vitale, senior at Malden Catholic, who was killed in a car accident. Brother Thomas Puccio, Principal attended the Mass along with students representing the Senior Class.



Cheverus Catholic is participating in a new standardized testing format (MAP) for all grades from kindergarten through grade 8. This testing is mandated by the Catholic Schools Office of the Archdiocese of Boston. Students will be tested twice a year. The purpose of the new testing format is to allow us to collect more data on the progress of students over the course of the year.

The federally funded Title I Program has begun. We have 32 students who are taking advantage of the program. They are receiving remedial and extra help in Math and Reading on Mondays and Wednesdays for one hour on each day.

Our entire Middle School (grades 6, 7, and 8) will attend a Field Trip to the deCordova Museum in Lincoln on Thursday, November 19. This was made possible as part of a grant by the Gordon and Marjorie Osborne Foundation.

Grades 4 and 5 attended a Field Trip to the Museum of Science on October 22.

The entire school participated in a N.U.T. Day (No Uniform Today) on October 23 to benefit breast cancer care and research. The proceeds of the event were donated to the Winchester Hospital Breast Care Center.



The entire school participated in a letter-writing program to American Veterans expressing support and gratitude for their efforts and sacrifices on behalf of our country and all of us. Letters were sent to the Chelsea Soldiers' Home, Malden and Revere Veterans of Foreign Wars, Disabled American Veterans of Malden, and the Malden American Legion.



Band lessons began on October 7. We have over 51 students participating in the program! Students are studying a variety of instruments.



Finally, as we approach the end of the month, we ready ourselves for the celebration of Thanksgiving. Despite the many challenges we face daily, it is important that we take the time to reflect on those blessings that we enjoy. It is all too easy to focus on the negative; the Thanksgiving holiday should serve as a reminder that we are a fortunate people.

Let us give thanks for those people in our lives who love and support us. Let's celebrate the joy and comfort that we derive from the love we share with our children, their unconditional and loyal love for us! It is amazing that no matter how stressful the day may be, the incredible difference a smile or a hug can make and change how we feel.

On behalf of the entire Cheverus Catholic Family, I wish you a warm, joy-filled Thanksgiving Holiday!

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Thomas P. Arria, Jr.".

Thomas P. Arria, Jr.  
Principal

Mark the Date . . . Annual Christmas Pageant, December 16 beginning at 6:30 p.m. in Sacred Hearts Church.