MTC Connections

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BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS

By: Emma John

Friday, October 2, was a special day at MTC! Our school community gathered for First Friday Mass, celebrated by Father Wild, pastor of St. Teresa of Avila Parish, which, together with Mother of Divine Providence Parish, supports our regional school. Mass also included the NJHS and Student Council Induction Ceremony.

Afterward, families gathered outside as Father Wild led one of our favorite traditions "The Blessing of the Animals" in celebration of the Feast of St. Francis of Assisi. Students who couldn't bring their pets participated with photos or stuffed animals, making it a celebration everyone could enjoy.

This cherished tradition brought our school community together in faith and gratitude for the joy and companionship animals bring to our lives.

SACRED HEART OF JESUS MASS

BASILICA OF ST. PETER AND PAUL -Philadelphia

On Friday, October 16, Ms. Pagan and the Lennon and Moll families represented Mother Teresa Regional Catholic School at the Cathedral Basilica of Saints Peter and Paul for a special Mass honoring the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus. They joined Archbishop Nelson J. Pérez, Bishop Keith Chylinski, and more than 1,000 Archdiocesan school students for a beautiful celebration of faith and Christ's love. We thank Ms. Pagan and our MTC families for representing our school community at this meaningful gathering of prayer and fellowship.



ACTIVITIES FAIR

By: Wyatt Snyder

This October, MTC students explored the many ways to get involved at our Activities Fair! Club posters filled the cafeteria, giving students in younger and older grades a chance to discover activities that match their interests. Some clubs, including Science Explorers and Fitness Club, meet after school, while others, such as Friendship Club and Lunch Bunch, meet during lunch or recess.

The fair encouraged students to try something new and build friendships through shared interests. Mr. Poche shared that it was a fun opportunity for older students to introduce the clubs to younger students. One third grader said it was exciting to see so many choices and imagine which clubs they might join. We look forward to seeing our students learn, connect, and have fun throughout the year!

7TH AND 8TH GRADE FIELD TRIP

By: Jolie Russell

On October 27, our 7th and 8th grade students traveled to Philadelphia for a day of history, faith, and fun. They visited the Rocky statue, the Betsy Ross House, the Liberty Bell, and the Shrine of St. John Neumann. The trip gave students an opportunity to explore the people and places that helped shape the city as Philadelphia marked 344 years since its founding.





HALLOWEEN PARADE

By: Ava Glasgow

Halloween brought plenty of smiles and school spirit to MTC! With Halloween falling on a Saturday this year, we celebrated on Friday, October 30, during our half day. Students, teachers, and our principal, Ms. Pagan, joined in the fun with costumes ranging from funny to a little spooky—all showing plenty of creativity!

Students from Pre-K 2 through eighth grade paraded around the school grounds as parents cheered them on and admired their costumes. It was a festive way to spend the morning together and kick off Halloween weekend!

8TH GRADE CONFIRMATION

By: Caterina Cottini

On Thursday, October 22, eighth-grade students at MTC received the Sacrament of Confirmation. This special milestone in their faith journey was a joyful celebration for the newly confirmed, their families, and the parish community. To prepare for the sacrament, the candidates attended a Confirmation retreat and rehearsal, deepening their understanding of their faith and the gifts of the Holy Spirit.





MTC ROCKS THE RUN- FUND RUN 2026

By: Leah Fedorchak

MTC turned up the music and school spirit on Friday, October 23, for our annual Fund Run! This year's theme, "Music Through the Decades," took students on a musical journey from the 1950s to today. Running, prizes, and plenty of cheering made for a festive day as our school community came together to support MTC's programs and activities.

A highlight of the celebration was watching our top 10 fundraising families tackle the obstacle course dressed as their favorite musical artists! With music from each decade setting the scene, their costumes brought creativity and star power to every station. Teachers joined the fun with karaoke performances, giving students another reason to cheer as familiar faces took a turn in the spotlight.

Thank you to our families, friends, volunteers, teachers, and staff for making this beloved tradition possible. Your generosity and enthusiasm helped us "Rock the Run" in true MTC style!

October Virtue of the Month
Mercy

"Actions speak louder than words. Let your words be kind and your actions show mercy."

-ST. ANTHONY OF PADUA

STUDENT SPOTLIGHT

RYAN NAPOLITAN, CLASS OF 2027

PRESIDENT OF STUDENT COUNCIL



Ryan Napolitan, Class of 2027, brings school spirit and a commitment to helping others to his role as MTC's Student Council president. He ran for office to support his classmates, serve as a role model for younger students, and grow as a leader. This year, Ryan hopes to strengthen his public-speaking skills while becoming a kinder, more empathetic friend. Collaboration is central to Ryan's approach to leadership.

"I love collaborating with the other students, and I want to hear all of their ideas," he shared. He wants classmates to feel comfortable approaching him with suggestions and looks forward to working with his fellow Student Council members to make this a meaningful year at MTC.

Upcoming Events

Donuts with Dads- 11/4
1st Grade Saints Parade- 11/6
8th Grade Rally Night- 11/7
Thanksgiving Prayer Service- 11/25