



MARYKNOLL SCHOOL

GRADE SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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Principal's Welcome Message

Aloha Maryknoll Parents
 Welcome to the 2015-16 school year. We anxiously await the first day of school and are eager to see the smiling faces of the children as they return to school. With this excitement comes the partnership with families to support the child. This partnership is an important part of educating your child.

This year we continue to establish our sense of community with our Catholic values and TRIBES agreements. It is only together as a team that we are able to accomplish our goals and teach our children the values that help them grow into responsible and successful individuals.

We welcome the following new faculty members to our team:

- Mrs. Jo Ann Agena – Grade 1
- Mr. Gordon Kor – Grade 7
- Ms. Sadie Tillotson – Grade 1

Additionally, we welcome Ms. Michelle Gabriel to the Administrative Team in her role as Vice Principal of Student Life and School Culture.

Please update your GS school calendars to include the following information.

- **Mon, Aug 24, D-day:** Opening of School Praise and Worship, MCC Gym, *School Mass Schedule*
- **Tues, Nov 24, D-day:** Thanksgiving Prayer Service, MCC Gym, *School Mass Schedule*
- **Thurs, Oct 15, C-day:** Influenza Vaccination Clinic, MCC Gym, sign up details TBA

This first newsletter is sent to you as a hard copy. Additional news blasts will be sent via e-mail. Please make sure that we have your updated e-mail on file.

If you have any questions through-out the school year, please contact your child's teacher as the first line of communication. We also have a supportive administrative team who can assist you. Please feel free to contact us. ☺

We wish you a year of growth and learning.

Sincerely, Mrs. Shana Tong, Principal

Grade School Directory

952-7102 Grade School Attendance Line Call in absences	952-7101 Grade School Fax Line
952-7111 Chris Loomis Vice Principal Academics & Faculty	952-7115 Michelle Gabriel Vice Principal Student Life & School Culture
952-7112 Shana Tong Principal	952-7116 Marianne Guevara School Nurse
952-7112 Naomi Saito Principal's Administrative Assistant & Office Manager	952-7134 Michael Moskal Counselor
952-7175 Lucille Kern School Administrative Assistant	952-7113 Anna Marks School Administrative Assistant

Parent-Teacher Nights

You are cordially invited to meet your child's teachers at the upcoming Parent-Teacher Nights. The meetings will begin at the Clarence T.C. Ching Gymnasium. Refreshments and pupus will be available at 6:30 p.m., our program starts at 7:00 p.m. **We ask that parents please come without their children.** If you are unable to find childcare, please supervise your children at the event.

Teachers will share methods and approaches used in the development of your child, schedules, class procedures and other information. **Do not miss this important event; we will anticipate your attendance.**

The Parent-Teacher Nights is not intended to be a conference period. Parent conferences are held in early November. ☺

Gr. K: Tues, Aug 11	Gr. 4: Thurs, Aug 27
Gr. 1: Thurs, Aug 13	Gr. 5: Tues, Sept 1
Gr. 2: Thurs, Aug 20	Gr. 6 Thurs, Sept 3
Gr. 3: Tues, Aug 25	Gr. 7 & 8: Tues, Sept 8

IMPORTANT INFORMATION REGARDING SCHOOL POLICIES

- **Peanut Butter and Other Edible Nuts - For Students In Grades K - 2**

The health and safety of children are of utmost importance at Maryknoll. At the grade school we have a number of children with allergies to various forms of edible nuts which could cause a child to suffer from an anaphylactic reaction and could be life threatening. In the interest of safety, we have established a school policy to ban peanut butter and other foods and snacks with nut products **in grades K - 2**. Children in these grades are too young to understand the danger of food allergies. We understand that this policy may be difficult to introduce, as some consider peanut butter sandwiches a staple. We ask that you explain to your child the reason why peanut products are banned from our grades K - 2 classes.

- **Celebrating Birthdays**

At Maryknoll School we recognize the importance of children celebrating their birthdays. One of our school goals is on healthy eating and lifestyles. We ask that class celebrations include **healthy snacks** and are requesting the same for birthday celebrations. We realize that this policy may bring disappointment to some families but relief to others. In the interest of healthier eating habits and sensitivity to parents' financial burdens we know we can count on your cooperation. Please ask your homeroom teacher for healthy snack suggestions.

- **Goodie (Treat) Bags**

We ask that you avoid sending goodie bags to school for the upcoming holiday season such as Halloween, Christmas and Easter. These goodie bags can be quite costly and for some not an option. Please see your child's teacher if you would like to contribute a special snack or a classroom book to celebrate the event.

UPDATED INFORMATION:

DROP-OFF & PICK-UP

Please allow extra time for traffic around the surrounding neighborhood.

Drop Off & Pick Up Instructions:

1. Please follow the sheriff/traffic monitor's instructions
2. Be aware of students crossing and exiting from cars
3. For pick up, please display the **student name card** on your dashboard; distributed to families by your homeroom teacher.
4. If your child is not ready at the pick up location, you may be asked to **exit and return** to campus. This allows for a smooth traffic flow.

Morning Drop Off: Location:

1. **Gr. K:** Halekula Way/Wilder Ave
2. **Gr. 1 - 8:** Halekula Way/Wilder Avenue or Alexander St/Dole St

Afternoon Pick Up: Location:

1. **Gr. K, 5, 6, 7 & 8:** Halekula Way/Wilder Ave
2. **Gr. 1, 2, 3 & 4:** Alexander St/Dole St

FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL

INSTRUCTIONS FOR

KINDERGARTEN PARENTS ONLY

- A class placement postcard has been recently mailed to your home indicating which day you start school.
- There will be special school hours for the first two days of school for the Kindergarten children only. **Start time 8:30 a.m. and dismissal time 11:00 a.m.**
- On Monday, August 17 & Tuesday, August 18 only half of each class attends school.
- On Wednesday, August 19, all Kindergarten students will attend class, regular school hours.
- If you have any questions please contact Naomi Saito, principal's administrative assistant, e-mail: naomi.saito@maryknollschool.org

Student Dress Code 2015-2016 SY

As of August 1, 2015, these guidelines below supersede prior versions.

The attire of the students and the pride that they show in their appearance contribute greatly to their attitude in class and the respect they earn. Parents and teachers shall guide students in using good judgment in following the dress code.

Kindergarten, Boys & Girls: All articles of the uniform listed below **must be purchased from Dennis Uniform Co.** except for shoes and socks, which are available locally.

- Maroon knit polo shirt with Maryknoll School insignia worn tucked in.
- Pull-on, elastic waist, khaki shorts or pants. No belt required.
- Shoes (no slippers or sandals; shoes should be conservative in style, free from intricate designs and color. Acceptable colors are: dark blue, black, brown, or white. Shoelaces should coordinate with shoe color. White or black socks must be worn (small logo on the sock is okay).
- Athletic shoes only. **No** slip-on, flat-bottomed, wheeled, lighted or noise making shoes. Socks are white or black (small logo permitted)

Grades 1 – 8, Girls: All articles of the uniform listed below **must be purchased from Dennis Uniform Co.** except for the shoes, and socks, which are available locally. Girls have a choice of the combinations listed below.

- Plain white button-front collared blouse, worn tucked in with maroon shadow plaid skort (Gr. 1-8), jumper (skirt with straps) (Gr. 1-6) or skirt (Gr. 6-8). Grade 6 girls may wear the jumper with the straps removed. Gr. 7 & 8 girls may wear the skirt (with the hipstitched pleats). NOTE: Skirt hemlines should be no shorter than two inches above the knee.
- White or maroon knit polo shirt with Maryknoll insignia, worn tucked in with khaki shorts or pants.
- Shorts and pants must be worn with blue/khaki-striped belt. Middle School students may wear the brown braided belt from Dennis Uniforms.
- Athletic shoes only. **No** slip-on, flat-bottomed, wheeled, lighted or noise making shoes. Socks are white or black (small logo permitted).

Grades 1 – 8, Boys: All articles of the uniform listed below **must be purchased from Dennis Uniform Co.** except for the shoes, and socks, which are available locally.

- White or maroon knit polo shirt with Maryknoll insignia, worn tucked in with khaki shorts or pants.
- Shorts and pants must be worn with blue/khaki-striped belt. Middle School students may wear the brown braided belt from Dennis Uniforms.
- Athletic shoes only. **No** slip-on, flat-bottomed, wheeled, lighted or noise making shoes. Socks are white or black (small logo permitted).

Jackets, Cardigans & Sweatshirts, Grades K - 8, Boys & Girls: These items **must be purchased from Dennis Uniform Co.**, there will be no exceptions. Excessively oversized and undersized garments are not allowed.

P.E. Uniforms, all students: P.E.t-shirt and shorts **must be purchased from Dennis Uniform Co.** P.E. attire to be worn only on designated P.E. letter days. Please check with your homeroom teacher.

- T-shirt with Maryknoll insignia, new dry-fit style any color acceptable
- Black or maroon gym shorts
- Athletic shoes and white or black athletic socks (small logo permitted)
- Long hair must be tied, pinned or braided during P.E. classes.

Other Items, all students: Hair must be well groomed with conservative style; no faddish or excessive styles (mohawk, faux-hawk, shaved); no tinting or bleaching.

- **Boys:** Hair length must be no longer than three inches and not touching the collar. Boys **may not** wear earrings or have other body piercings.
- **Girls:** No make-up allowed. Earrings must be smaller than one inch in diameter. Other body piercings are **not permitted**. Nail polish should be conservative.

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Non-Uniform Days: Non-uniform days will be authorized and announced by the administration on special occasions. On these days, appropriate school attire will be permitted. Students should be dressed with taste and decorum. Teachers will inform students of the theme and special restriction on dress code for the day. The administrators will have final say regarding appropriateness of individual styles of dress. Students dressed inappropriately will be directed to change to school uniforms and/or lose future free-dress privileges

Spirit Dress, designated days:

- Polo shirt or T-shirt that follows the color of the theme. **NOT ALLOWED:** tank tops.
- Pac-5 or school athletic team jackets are acceptable.
- **NOT ALLOWED:** Clothing with rips, holes or tears; see-thru or printed with offensive language, violent and negative imagery.
- Athletic shorts or board shorts that follows the color of the theme. **NOT ALLOWED:** athletic tights and leggings.
- Girl’s hemlines on dresses, shorts or skirts must extend two inches below fingertips, when arms are placed at the sides. Dresses and tops must have straps wider than one inch and follow the color of the theme.
- Any covered shoes are acceptable. **NOT ALLOWED:** wheeled, noise making or lighted shoes.
- Socks that follow the color of the theme.

Spartan Pride Dress, last Friday of each month:

- Polo shirt or T-shirt with the Maryknoll School name or mascot (Spartans or Pac-5) printed on the attire.
- **NOT ALLOWED:** tank tops.
- Pac-5 or school athletic team jackets are acceptable.
- Athletic shorts, board shorts or school uniform khaki shorts.
- Any covered shoes are acceptable. **NOT ALLOWED:** wheeled, noise making or lighted shoes.
- Socks that follow the Spartan theme, maroon and gold are acceptable.

Maryknoll School has always taken pride in the on and off-campus conduct of its students. Students, teachers, parents, staff members, and all those associated with Maryknoll School are expected to conduct themselves in a manner that is a credit to themselves as well as to their faith, family, and school. Courteous behavior and the respect for rights and property of others are expected on campus, on public transportation, and at all school functions. ☞

August 2015 – Grade School Lunch Menu				
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
17 Chili Hapa rice (white & brown mix) Toss Salad Peaches	18 Fried Chicken Hapa rice (white & brown mix) Corn Fruit Cocktail	19 Cheeseburger French fries Fresh vegetable sticks Fresh cut fruit	20 NO SCHOOL	21 NO SCHOOL Statehood Day
24 Beef Ravioli Garlic bread Mixed vegetables Pineapple	25 Chicken Nuggets Hapa rice (white & brown mix) Green beans Mandarin orange	26 Teriyaki Meatballs Hapa rice (white & brown mix) Diced carrots Mandarin orange	27 Cheese pizza Fresh vegetable sticks Fresh cut fruit Fresh backed cookie	28 Breaded fish Hapa rice (white & brown mix) Corn Fruit cocktail
31 Chicken strips French fries Fresh vegetable sticks Fresh cut fruit	Please visit Maryknoll School’s website, Grade School: Document & Forms and download all future lunch menus & price list for snack bar ala carte items.			