



Pass It On!

NEWS & EVENTS FROM THE SCHOOL OF THE MADELEINE

SUMMER 2024

School of the Madeleine Tech Lab becomes incubator for future entrepreneurs

Our Tech Lab has been transformed into a creative space to responsibly develop AI projects and future business ideas. Marvin McMillian has brought his creative training into the lab and encourages students to embrace AI in a purposeful and responsible manner. Students also use tech tools to develop future business ideas that are vision driven.

From math-solving skills to making a movie trailer,

there is something magical happening every day in the Madeleine Tech Center.

By Susie Bader & Sheila Ring

As the school has continued to update and reinvigorate everything from individual classrooms to outdoor spaces (and even its roof with soon-to-be installed solar panels) the Madeleine has remained a leader in researching and implementing cutting-edge technology in its Tech Center.

The technologies are deployed and managed by Marvin McMillian, the school's IOS Director and the Head of Digital Creativity. Mr. McMillian has transformed the Tech Center into a creative space where students can responsibly explore diverse aspects of technology. Mr. McMillian, a trained artist who has exhibited his work nationally, brings his creativity background into the Center. Students explore AI, make movies using a green screen and develop business ideas that are vision driven.

Mr. McMillian also strives to support and reinforce classroom learning in the Tech Center. From kindergarteners who create digital art that dovetails with their ELA lessons to 5th Graders who create sci-fi movies that demonstrate knowledge garnered from their science lessons, to eighth graders who use their math skills to code, the Tech Center engages all students.

The Madeleine is grateful to the MAD Annual Fund for providing the resources to continually update the Tech Center which enables it to remain a vibrant educational space. Mr. McMillian's wish list for the Tech Lab includes the most up-to-date 3D Printers, the purchasing of software programs such as Brand Crowd and Canva that allow students to create fictitious businesses, moviemaking equipment and a large Cannon printer. These tools will provide students with an opportunity to explore and understand various emerging technologies.

Mr. McMillian's primary goal for the Tech Center is that it be a place where students have the time and the space to explore their creativity and then use that creativity as a springboard for the acquisition of artistic, technological and entrepreneurial skills. He strives to instill the values of continuous learning and adaptability as this mindset will best equip students for a rapidly changing world.

(This article was in progress at the time of Susie Bader's passing. It was completed using Susie's notes and initial text by Sheila Ring).



In Memoriam Susan Ashworth Bader

With deep and loving gratitude for a cherished member of the Madeleine Family.

by Heather Skinner

How does one sit down to write a worthy In Memoriam piece about one's former Pass It On editor, who so generously contributed her journalistic expertise and keen editing skills to our alumni newsletter for so many years? Susie's advice would be simply to sit down, start writing, and let the words flow, clearly and concisely of course!

The Madeleine community knows/knew Susan Ashworth Bader as a loving and dedicated Mad mom to Jackson, Nate, and Charlotte, supportive sister to Mad Band director Jennifer Ashworth, and generous volunteer writer and editor for Pass It On. Susie was also a sought-after freelance journalist and former editor-in-chief of *TV Technology*, a broadcast industry trade publication. As the loving obituary provided by family members in *Legacy.com* cited, compassion and curiosity were the driving qualities that led her to a lifetime of reporting, writing, and editing with *TV Technology*, *Hanley Wood*, a housing publication, and *Inman News* and *American City Business Journals*. Accuracy, transparency, and accountability were her watchwords in every one of her journalistic endeavors.

The love of Susie's life, in addition to her children, was her beloved husband, Rob Bader. Rob was diagnosed with stage four cancer in 2022 and passed away in the spring of 2023, leaving a hole in their lives that could never be filled, as well as an amazing legacy of devotion to family, honoring community and the rule of law, and unfailing kindness and compassion toward all.



When friends and family and the community gathered to celebrate Rob's life at the United Methodist Church in Point Richmond, none of us dreamed that we would gather in the same place less than a year later to honor Susie's life. Yet there we were again, going between tears and uproarious laughter from one minute to the next, as we listened to the wise and wonderful words of tribute from Jackson and Nate, Jennifer, Uncle George and Grandfather George.

On the occasion of Jack's recent graduation from San Diego State University, Aunt Jennifer posted about how the family and the extended family is doing. In her words: **"Sometimes we're knocking it out of the park. Sometimes we get knocked out. Please go tell someone that you love them. You only have this moment."** No one can say it better...thank you, Jennifer!!



"I always looked forward to my time in the Tech Lab. It is a place where creativity, collaboration, and learning come together in a way that makes all of the students feel that their ideas are valued"

- Isabel Eli, School of the Madeleine,
Class of 2023

2023/24 MAD Annual Fund Report

Thank you Madeleine community!

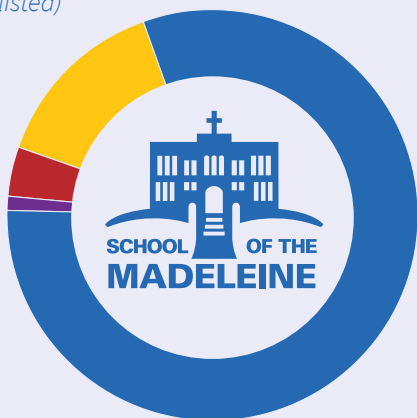
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- 14% Past Parents & Alumni
- 4% Parishioners
- 1% Grandparent



Current parents' employer matches = \$17,000 (9% of the current parents total)

At the heart of the School of the Madeleine is our mission to provide the very best education to families seeking a faith-based educational experience. The MAD Annual Fund is our vehicle to help bridge the gap of \$1500 per student (the difference between tuition and the actual cost to educate each student) and fund critical programs. Tuition is intentionally kept as affordable as possible to maintain our inclusive and diverse community.

We are grateful to our parent community for 100% participation for a 9th year! This extraordinary show of support reflects a truly caring and generous community living our school motto - Be Good To One Another and Pass It On!

The philanthropic support from our broader community of alumni families, parishioners, grandparents and friends continues to make a significant impact on the lives of our students. Every gift - no matter the size - from all our community is profoundly appreciated and makes a difference.

Thank you current parents for 9 years of 100% parent participation! Donations listed above received between June 1, 2023 and May 31, 2024.

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Passing It On...

Our family gives to the MAD Annual Fund to make a difference and contribute to the benefit of the whole School of the Madeleine community. We "Pass It On" in hope that our gift helps continue supporting the future students, teachers and staff of the Madeleine community.

— Sandra Lee

Meagan Lee, 2023 8th Grade Volleyball Coach,
Lauren Lee, Class of 2023 and Logan Lee,
Class of 2026

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We apologize for the omission of any names.

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School of the Madeleine Graduate News

Congratulations to the Eighth Grade Graduates, the Class of 2024

MAD Class of 2024 High Schools

Berkeley High School (1)	El Cerrito High School (2)
Bishop O'Dowd High School (1)	Oliver Wendell Holmes Junior High (Davis, CA) (1)
College Preparatory School (1)	Salesian College Preparatory (1)
De La Salle High School (2)	St. Mary's College High School (26)

MAD Class of 2020 Colleges

Cal Poly Humboldt	University of California Berkeley
Cal Poly Pomona	University of California Los Angeles
Cal Poly San Luis Obispo	University of California Santa Cruz
Fordham University	University of Oregon
San Diego State University	University of San Diego
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San Jose State University	University of Westminster, UK
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Embracing Personalized Learning: The Heart of The School of the Madeleine

By Michael Stokes

At The School of the Madeleine, we continually strive to provide an educational experience that is not only enriching but also deeply personalized to meet the unique needs of each student. Central to our philosophy is the belief that every child has the potential to excel when given the right environment.

One of the cornerstones of our instructional model is the Partner Teacher approach. Through this innovative method, each elementary classroom is taught by two partner teachers who work together to offer tailored instruction that meets the diverse needs of each student. This dynamic partnership enables teachers to better differentiate instruction, adapting teaching methods, pacing, and materials to suit individual learning styles and abilities in their classrooms. This provides an opportunity for every learner to grow to their fullest potential, regardless of starting point.

Furthermore, our teachers are equipped and trained with a range of accommodations and supports to help a diverse community of learners. Whether it's through assistive technology, flexible seating arrangements, extended time, visual supports, individualized learning plans, or a host of other individualized accommodations, we endeavor to create an inclusive environment where every student has a plan in place to help them learn.

In line with our commitment to personalized learning, we also employ a series of strategies known as the Response to

Intervention (RTI). RTI begins by utilizing a rigorous, effective, and standards-based curriculum that will meet the needs of most learners.

However, It also helps us to identify those students who might have a learning disability, emotional disability, or who are just a little behind and need a little extra boost. The Learning Support Coordinator will work with those students directly by providing intervention instruction that is targeted at that student's ability level in order to address their specific learning gaps. By closely monitoring students' progress throughout the year and intervening promptly when needed, we ensure that no one falls through the cracks.

We also believe that true education encompasses more than just academic instruction; it involves fostering the holistic development of each individual. Whether it be tap dancing, chess club, drama, CYO sports, band, and a range of extracurricular activities, the Madeleine continues to offer a wide range of opportunities for students to explore their interests and passions. By offering diverse avenues for personal growth and exploration, we empower our students to become confident, well-rounded individuals who are prepared to navigate the complexities of the world beyond the classroom.

Every one of our students is unique, and we celebrate each of them through the spirit of personalized learning that defines the School of the Madeleine.

IN MEMORIAM

Tribute to Ann Flemer

By Heather Skinner

Ann Fitzgerald Flemer, former Madeleine Mom and beloved friend of the community, passed away on March 1, 2024 after a long battle with cancer. She was a dedicated and generous parent with her husband Paul, an involved and faithful member of the parish, and a trusted chair of the parish Finance Council.

Ann's professional career was with the Metropolitan Transportation Commission where she served as Deputy Executive Director of Operations and Policy and was continually involved with the development of long-term transportation planning efforts for the Bay Area. Ann's particular point of pride was in her implementation of the Americans with Disabilities Act with the goal of making transit accessible to all.

Ann could do anything and she DID do everything with grace and skill and joy, from sewing the animal costumes for the Christmas Eve gospel play, to pouring the finest teas at the parish Tea events which were/are fundraisers and fun raisers!! She could also play catch with the best of them and co-raised two baseball players/coaches, guiding them judiciously to find their own unique field of dreams.

Older son Matt presently oversees the Cal Bears' pitching staff, following his own career with the Bears and later, Triple A within the Colorado Rockies organization. Ann and Paul were a powerful driving force behind the preservation of baseball as a varsity sport at UC Berkeley through their fund-raising efforts via the Cal Baseball Foundation.



Younger son Kevin is the assistant athletic director at St. Mary's College High School, varsity baseball coach, and geography teacher. Recently, at the Mothers' Day Tea given in Ann's honor, a group from the Madeleine Class of 2020 stopped by during their own four year reunion to cheer their coach and teacher on, a Panther testimonial that would have made Ann prouder than ever!!

MADBook Alumni Updates



Daniel Skinner (Class of 2006)

Madeleine alumnus, Daniel Skinner, is one of the thousands of Panthers who grew up with the Mad motto in his head and heart: Let's be good to one another...and PASS IT ON!! In later years, he always felt that there would be a particular way for him to pass it on, but wasn't sure exactly how it would take shape in his life. At the end of 2023, an opportunity to offer service in AmeriCorps presented itself and Daniel accepted, becoming a team



member of Reading Partners in the San Jose area. Reading Partners is aligned with AmeriCorps, a national service agency that activates individuals to support critical needs in communities across the United States. The mission of Reading Partners is to support K-4 students in becoming lifelong readers, empowering them to achieve and maintain grade level reading skills by the fourth grade. The AmeriCorps/Reading Partners motto is: Empower/Serve/Grow. Daniel agrees that, for the present, there is no better way for him to give back and pass it on to his students.



Leo Nakamura (Class of 2012)

Leo graduated from Cal Poly, San Luis Obispo in Materials Engineering 2020. He currently is a Process Engineer for PCC Structural in the Bay Area, specializing in vacuum investment cast components for aerospace applications.

In his spare time, he has volunteered as an assistant summer coach for Oakland

Lacrosse. Leo is cultivating his singing voice in various choirs and serves as a cantor and chorister at Saint Mary Magdalen Parish. He also enjoys disc golf, softball, rock climbing and karaoke. *Leo sings the "Exultet" to open the Easter Vigil 2024 (Photo by Cynthia Koo)*



Cesnae Crawford (Class 2020)

Cesnae Crawford Jr had great 4 years since graduating from School of the madeleine. For his senior project, Cesnae created parent workshops that focused on mental health and young athletes and successfully presented to over 100 parents. He is grateful to the MAD PA for presenting on Zoom one of his sessions! He looks forward to attending

Xavier University of Louisiana in the fall where he plans to major in psychology in the hopes of becoming a sports psychologist.

Join our team!

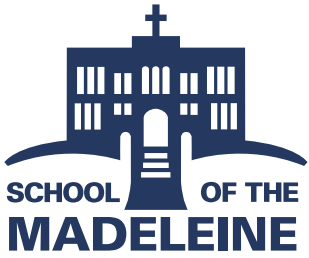
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Thank you!

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ROOTED IN THE DOMINICAN TRADITION
SINCE 1937

In Memoriam Pat Springer

by Heather Skinner

Patricia Killelea Springer was born in Albany and attended the School of the Madeleine (class of '49) and Presentation High School. After graduating from Holy Names College she received a teaching credential from San Francisco State University and began her extensive teaching career at St. Augustine's School in Oakland, then Collins Elementary school in Pinole where she taught for over 30 years.

She married George at St Mary Magdalen Church where she served as Eucharistic minister and she was the only woman among the Monday morning collection counters. She and George were active members of Hogar's Helpers raising funds for a Dominican orphanage in Mexico, and they helped the parish in so many ways including loving care of the Berryman rose garden.



Panther Gathering

MAD Class of 1970 The School of the Madeleine class of 1970 had such a great time at their 50 (plus 3) year reunion last September, that they wanted to follow up with a mini-reunion. This time several classmates met in Sonoma as guests of fellow classmate, Tom Larson and his wife Becky, at their beautiful Larson Family Vineyard. Attendees were treated to wine and barrel tastings, a tour of the winery and delicious charcuterie boards. It was a gorgeous May day, and everyone had a wonderful time reconnecting and enjoying the Larsons' hospitality. Who knows where the class of 1970 will meet up next? But it certainly will be another enjoyable gathering.