



MONTESSORI SCHOOL of ROME

Weekly Notes October 13, 2026

Office Announcements

Mark Your Calendars for These Important Dates Coming Up!

- **Lower Elementary Field Trip | Pettit Creek Farm** – Thursday, October 15th
- **Camp Out Party & Sleepover** – Friday, October 16th
- **Fall Festival** – Friday, October 23rd | 5:30-7:00pm
- **Historical Timeline** – Monday, October 26th & Tuesday, October 27th
- **Halloween Parade** – Friday, October 30th | 10:30am
- **Fall School Portraits by Classic Impressions** – Tuesday, November 3rd & Wednesday, 4th

Classroom Observations

We are excited to share that our classrooms have reached the point of normalization, and we're now ready to welcome parents in for classroom observations! This is a great opportunity to see your child in their classroom environment and get a glimpse of their learning, independence, and daily routines. If you would like to schedule an observation, please reach out to Ms. Jamie directly to schedule a date and time. As a reminder, Toddler & Primary observations will take place in our observation rooms and your child will not see you as you observe through the window. This will allow you to observe without your child noticing you, which is beneficial for our youngest students!

2025-2026 Yearbooks For Sale!

Missed out on buying a 2025-2026 yearbook? Don't worry! The Office has a few extra copies left up for grabs. The cost is \$25.00 and these available are first-come, first-served. Contact Ms. Jamie today to reserve your copy. Keep in mind - Once they're gone, they're gone!

Square1 Art Fundraiser

Dear Families,

Your child has been working hard on a special piece of artwork for you! Items featuring your child's artwork will be available for order in a custom Square 1 Art catalog coming home to you soon! **In the meantime, you can get a head start and shop for fun keepsakes and gifts featuring your child's artwork online.**

To find your child's artwork, visit <http://www.square1art.com/shop> and use the [Art Search](#) feature. Just enter your state, school name, and your child's name. Their artwork and unique code will pop up, and you'll be ready to order! You can also use [Art Upload](#) feature to add more artwork if you'd like!



The order deadline is November 6, 2026.

All proceeds from sales will directly fund our MSOR Booster Club. We appreciate your support!

If you have any questions or need help, Square 1 Art Customer Care is available online.
Thank you so much for supporting our school and helping make this fundraiser a success!

MSOR Camp Out Party & Sleepover – Friday, October 16th

We are excited to announce we will be holding a Camp Out Party & Sleepover next Friday, October 16th! 🏕️ This event is open to Third Year Primary and Elementary students only and will be held at Ms. Shemi's residence:

- **Third Year Primary and older** may join us for the Party Only from 5:30pm-9:00pm
- **Elementary and older** may join us for the sleepover to follow (pickup at 8:00am on Saturday morning)!

This Camp Out Party & Sleepover will take place at Ms. Shemi's residence, so please be sure to read the sign-up form for all of the important details. As a reminder, this is a camp out, so Elementary students spending the night will be sleeping in tents! If you have a tent we can borrow for the event, please let us know!

We are looking forward to fun evening of camping memories - including sports, a bonfire, and everyone's favorite part - s'mores!

Registration must be received no later than Wednesday, October 14th to allow us time to make arrangements for the event. Thank you for your understanding!

MSOR CAMPOUT

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 16TH, 2026

**SMORES | OUTDOORS | SPORTS |
BONFIRE & MORE!**

**3RD YEAR PRIMARY AND UP FOR THE PARTY!
ELEMENTARY ONLY FOR THE SLEEPOVER!
DINNER PROVIDED!**

**THE PARTY AND SLEEPOVER WILL BE HELD AT
MS.SHEMI'S HOUSE!
ADDRESS- 928 TURNER CHAPEL RD.**

**SLEEPOVER
\$40**



**PARTY
\$30**

[CLICK HERE TO SIGN UP!](#)

**ALL SIGN UPS MUST BE TURNED IN/SUBMITTED BY
WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 14TH.**

Fall STEM Kits for Sale – Pumpkin Catapult!

Back by popular demand, MSOR STEM Club is now taking orders for Fall STEM Kits! These kits are amazing take-home experiments suitable for grades K-6, and instructions and materials are included!

Our Fall STEM Kit project is the pumpkin catapult! 🎃

Pre-ordered Fall STEM Kits are \$10.00 each and may be picked up at our MSOR Fall Festival on Friday, October 23rd from 5:30-7:00pm. If you are unable to attend our Fall Festival, pre-ordered STEM Kits will be sent home on Monday, October 26th.

As a reminder, all proceeds from the sale of STEM kits and STEM Club enrollees go toward the Adolescent & Secondary international travel fund. Thank you for supporting our school!



pumpkin Catapult
FALL STEM KIT



Everything you need for harvest time fun!
Pre-ordered kits can be picked up
at Fall Festival!

Not able to make it? No problem! Kits can
be picked up from the office the following
Monday.



STEM KIT ORDER SHEET
PUMPKIN CATAPULTS

PARENT	STUDENT(S)	TEACHER(S)

I have included the total cost in:

☐ Check ☐ Cash



Fall Festival – Next Friday, October 23rd | 5:30-7:00pm

PLEASE JOIN US FOR OUR ANNUAL



Celebrating 46 Years of
Montessori School of Rome

FOOD! **INFLATABLES!** **GAMES!**
FRIDAY, OCTOBER 23RD | 5:30-7:00PM



Wisdom



Knowledge



Peace

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Fall School Portraits

The leaves are beginning to change and the temperatures are cooling down outside. This means it is nearly time for our Fall School Portraits! We wait until the perfect time of year to capture the beautiful colors of our campus as our photos are taken outside. These photos will be used in the yearbook, so please see below to find your child's photo date:

- **Tuesday, November 3rd**
 - Toddler & Primary
- **Wednesday, November 4th**
 - Lower Elementary, Upper Elementary, Adolescent & Secondary
- ***Rain Date – Tuesday, November 10th***

Keep an eye out for photo order forms coming home soon! This year our photographer will be Classic Impressions and all photo packages must be pre-paid. Order forms and payment must be submitted to the Office prior to your child's photo date. Please also be sure totals for cash and checks (made out to Classic Impressions) are exact as we will be unable to issue change for overpayment.

If you have more than one child at MSOR and would like sibling photos to be taken of the children together, please fill out a separate photo form with all the children's names and write "SIBLING PHOTOS" at the top of the page. Please note sibling photos will take place on the date of the younger sibling's photo.

Lost & Found

Missing something? We have a few items hoping to be reunited with their owners!

- Car Seat Cover
- Woven shawl/wrap with a patch that says "Endless Summer 09.05.26" on it
- Faded neon green beach/sun hat

If any of these items sound familiar, please visit our Lost & Found box or contact Ms. Jamie to claim!

Ms. Ginny's and Ms. Stephanie's Toddler Class

What a beautiful day we had for the Pumpkin Patch! I truly enjoyed watching the kids have fun and getting to chat with my parents!

We are busy learning about nocturnal animals and learning fun Halloween songs. We have also been busy making a few Halloween crafts!!

Our next big event will be our Fall Festival on Friday, October 23 from 5:30 - 7:00. It's really fun for the kids if you can make it! It also gives parents a chance to mingle and get to know each other better.

On October 30, we will have our Halloween Parade at 10:30 on the playground. You can send your child in their costume but send a bag labeled with extra clothing for the rest of the day. We would like to have pizza lunch with fruit that day and ask you to please send in \$5.00 for your child.

If you'd like to Venmo me it's @Mary-Alford-12. If it's easier you can just send cash in their lunchbox.

We'd love to have a volunteer to bring in a festive snack for the children! 

We will also have trick or treating in our room that day. Please send either candy or treats for the children. We have a total of 14 kids. Also send something they can use for the candy to go in!!

Ms. Ginny & Ms. Stephanie

Ms. Kelly's & Ms. Kristin's Toddler Class

A big thank you to all the parents for supporting our field trip to Rocky Hollow Pumpkin Patch. It was wonderful to see the kids have such a good time with all the activities.

This week we are welcoming two new tiny humans to our toddler family, Crosby Hambrick and Raeva Patel. We are honored they are joining us and look forward to guiding them on their journey as they grow and develop.

Thank you for the pumpkin donations. We have been scrubbing pumpkins during our water work, using them to learn colors and the names of different types of pumpkins. Next week we will cut a few open so the children can see the inside and learn the parts of the pumpkin. We will also scoop out pulp and seeds.

As a reminder for lunches please no grapes, cube cheese or cut up string cheese or hot dogs. This is a Bright from the Start requirement due to choking hazards.

If you want your child to have bug spray and/or sunscreen, please apply before school. Per school policy, we do not apply either in the classroom.

The Halloween Parade is 30 October. Please plan for your child to wear their school clothes under their costume if possible. We will exchange Halloween treats in the classroom that day. Please send your child with their Halloween bucket or a bag and a treat to share with each child. Children will not be allowed to eat anything out of their bucket/ bag in the classroom. All treats will be sent home.

Ms. Kelly & Ms. Kristin

Ms. Angie's & Ms. Kelly's Primary Class

The Pumpkin Patch field trip was so nice. The weather was perfect and it was nice to see family fun. Please label all outerwear that is sent to school. We have some things hanging out in our closet that no one wants to claim.



We do have a few reminders for the week.

****Thanks to Davis and Agastya for sharing your wonderful birthday lunches.**

**** We have Fall Festival on Friday, October 23rd, from 5:30-7:00. There will be food and fun for the whole family. Some of the clubs will have things for sale to help with their fundraising. I know that the Stem Club has a really cool stem kit for sale. You can also preorder it now. (please see the flyer listed on page 4)**

****We will have a birthday lunch for Declan on Friday, October 16th.**

****Please send in library books on Thursday.**

**** We will send home Square One Art with their folders on Friday. This is a great time to get some Christmas shopping done for the grandparents, aunties and uncles.**

Have a great week and enjoy the weather becoming cooler.

Ms. Angie and Ms. Kelly

Ms. Ortrud's & Ms. Teri's Primary Class

Thank you to all the families who joined us for our field trip to Rocky Hollow Pumpkin Patch! We had a wonderful time together.

As Halloween approaches, we would love to invite parents to join us in the classroom for a **pumpkin-carving activity**. If you would like to participate, please bring a pumpkin and arrange a time to visit our classroom before Halloween. The children will be delighted to share this fun seasonal experience with you!

A Friendly Reminder About Morning Drop-Off

Our morning drop-off time is 8:00–8:15 AM. Please make every effort to arrive on time, as punctuality plays an important role in your child's Montessori experience.

Arriving on time allows children to settle peacefully into the classroom, greet their friends, and begin their work independently. A calm, consistent morning routine helps children develop a sense of security, confidence, and readiness for learning. Late arrivals can interrupt both your child's concentration and the uninterrupted three-hour work cycle of the classroom community.

Ms. Ortrud & Ms. Teri

Ms. Maggie's Lower Elementary Class

Good afternoon,

Historical Timeline is here! Please help your child memorize their speech. Please keep in mind that speeches need to be around 2 minutes. Primary presentations begin next week. We will stand outside and greet the younger students. We will then present to both Primary classes. Students need to arrive on time and dressed in their character's costume.

Monday, October 19th: Lyra, Rajveer, Peyton, Leo, Coco

Tuesday, October 20th: Wyatt, Atsuto, Jackson, Serena, Victoria

Wednesday, October 21st: Vee R., Noah, Uriah, Juan, Clayton

If you have a preference on parent presentation evenings (October 26th/27th), please let me know by Thursday, October 15th.

Our field trip to Pettit Creek Farms is this Thursday. We will leave here at 9:30 a.m. and we plan to return by 1:00 p.m. Please bring a sack lunch and water bottle. Students need to wear their black Montessori field trip shirts. Please pay the front office if you or a sibling plan on attending. They do not accept cards at the farm. Drivers, please arrive by 9:10 a.m. If your child is riding with another parent, please leave their labeled car seat at drop-off.

Ms. Maggie

Ms. Robin's & Ms. Rana's Lower Elementary Class

Parents,

We're starting our Geography studies this week. Students are completing continent maps and research. Students reviewed and read their Historical Timeline speeches with me today. (Monday) A few students are returning home with speeches that still need to be completed. We discussed some ideas to add to speeches. Please remember that they should be written in first person and generally in chronological order.

We keep copies of the speeches at school; please also keep a copy at home so that children can practice daily. Next week, children will come to school dressed as their character to greet arriving younger friends and practice their speeches in Primary classes. Please send a change of clothes. Here's the schedule:

Monday, 10/19: Jeb, Aiden, Eva, Yuvraj, Cora

Tuesday, 10/20: Matthew, Dev, Ira June, Zazil, Constance

Wednesday, 10/21: Chandler, Quentin, Ameera, Kevin, Carter

We're scheduling the presentation line-ups for our evening program on Monday and Tuesday, 10/26th and 27th. Please let me know by Thursday if your child is unable to attend either of those dates. Once we have their availability, we will schedule our speakers.

Our field trip to Pettit Creek farms is this Thursday, 10/15. Please drop off at regular time and send students in field trip shirts with booster seats if needed. We will leave school at 9:00. Drivers, please line up along the gate at our pick-up area. We'll return to school around 1:00:-1:30.

Drivers for the field trip please arrive at 9:00 and line up along the fence by our dismissal gate. We will leave the school at 9:30.

Pettit Creek Farms does not accept any debit or credit cards. If you're bringing anyone along who has not paid, please pay Ms. Jamie tomorrow or bring cash to the farm. There is no gift shop, and no need for students to carry any cash.

Have a great week.

Ms. Robin and Ms. Rana

Upper Elementary Class

Students are making progress with Historical Timeline presentations. Book reports have already been submitted. Students are now paring them down into the 2-3 minute 1st Person narrative speeches. Editing work on speeches will replace regular language homework for this week. Students will begin memorizing sections on Tuesday. The Historical Timeline event dates are Monday and Tuesday October 26th and 27th. If you have not done so, please let Mr. Keith know if you have a preference for Monday or Tuesday in which to do your presentation. The location announcement is forthcoming.

Adolescent & Secondary Class

****** PREFACE OF TODAY'S NOTES****** - We have a lot of BIG events and deadlines occurring in the next 2 and a half weeks. I am so thankful for your anticipated collaboration, enthusiasm, understanding and patience as information begins to roll out. - Ms. Ariana

End of Quarter 1 THIS THURSDAY!- This Thursday, October 15, is the official last day of the first academic quarter of the year. We've made it 25% of the way... woohoo! As has been communicated before, after the teachers finalize grades, nothing can be changed from the beginning of the year to 10/15/26. Moving forward, we begin to not only track grade for Q2, but the overall average of Semester 1 (Q1 and Q2). Semester 1's grades determine sports eligibility, among other things. Thank you for continued parent support on homework, and for checking grades often. Never hesitate to

communicate with the teachers, and check in with your children as we all strive for continued academic excellence.

This Friday (sleepover @ Ms. Shemi's)- A separate email will be sent regarding this Friday and its logistics, once Ms. Shemi and the students are able to have a final meeting together. Thank you!

Fall Festival- THANK YOU SO MUCH Parents for 100% volunteerism commitment for the event next Friday, October 23. Once I (Ms. Ariana) have had the chance to meet with Ms. Shemi and all of the students, a separate email will also be sent. Expect a lot of communication from me in the next week and a half :)

Historical Timeline- Monday October 26 and Tuesday October 27 are Historical Timeline. As is tradition, the Adolescent and Secondaries are the hosts, emcees and introduction team for the event. They earn a high-level Quiz grade for their work on this event. Historically, all Adol/Sec students are required to be at both events. If for an extreme reason, your child can only make it to one day, I need to know by this Friday, October 16, exactly which day they will be there for. If Ms. Ariana does not hear anything by the end of the day, Friday October 16, she will assume and plan accordingly that all students will be there both days. This event requires attendance, and it is a large part of the student's history grades/senior grades. While this year's location is yet to be determined, historically we get there to set up early, and begin ushering at 5:30. The start time is usually 6 p.m.

AP Exam Test Ordering - It's that time of year... it's time to order AP Exams for May 2027! The trend of today's notes seems to remain consistent... expect a separate email from me (Ms. Ariana) regarding cost, deadlines, how to sign up, etc. The deadline to order AP Exams is November 1.

Halloween Theme- As is tradition, the Adolescent & Secondary students come to school on Halloween in a class theme. This year, they chose Monsters Inc. ! They have already decided what they want to be... be sure to ask your child what they chose to be and help them begin acquiring or making their costume :)