# Ways Mount Madonna Middle School Communicates

## Academic & Curricular Programming

Middle school teachers communicate with parents and guardians primarily through email, scheduled phone calls or during meetings. Communication is key, so we ask parents or guardians to direct questions and concerns directly to their child's teacher.

If a question or concern is not resolved, please contact the Upper School Director, Karla Bell: Karla.Bell@mountmadonnaschool.org.

## Student Services & Relationships

Mount Madonna School values positive and caring relationships that honor the uniqueness of each student. The school strives to foster a culture of mutual respect and care. Consistent and positive behavioral expectations and routines are established in the classroom environment so each student can grow academically, socially and emotionally.

Teachers collaborate with Blythe Collier, Dean of Students, to support all students to become their best learners. If you have concerns, please contact your child's teacher. If the concern requires additional support, please email Blythe.Collier@mountmadonnaschool.org.

## Guidance Council

The Guidance Council meets on a weekly basis. The Council's interest is in supporting behaviors that build trust, honesty, positive relationships, and a healthy learning community and in responding to behaviors that do not. The Council, through a discovery process, seeks to learn what is true, to understand what is the motivation for the behavior and to support change in individuals.

The Guidance Council functions in support of the guidance system. Members include:
· Angela Willetts, M.F.A., Faculty
· Blythe Collier, M.A., Dean of Students
· Karla Bell, M.Ed., Director of Upper School
· PK McDonald, B.S., Faculty, Athletic Director
· Shannon Kelly, B.A., Faculty, College Advisor

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## Technology

Mount Madonna School recognizes that technological tools are a relevant and important part of our lives today. Within the educational context of this broader community, we strive to teach social and ethical responsibility, engage technology tools in our creative and analytical enterprises, and teach skill sets that will help our students become effective world citizens.

Nicole Tervalon is the Technology Director at Mount Madonna School. Please reach out to her with questions at Nicole.Tervalon@mountmadonnaschool.org.

## Transportation and Bus Notification

Bus transportation is offered to both inland and oceanside families. To inquire about bus services, contact mmstransport@mountmadonnaschool.org.

The School sends emergency notifications regarding transportation via email, phone and text messages using Titan HST.

## Emergency Notification

In the event of a campus-wide emergency, families receive email, phone and text messages using Titan HST to communicate important information.

## Report Absences/Early Dismissal

Families are asked to communicate absences or early dismissal before 9:30 am by emailing attendance@mountmadonnaschool.org or calling (408) 847-2717, option 1.

## Class Liaisons

Each grade level has a parent liaison that helps to communicate to families within that class as well as answer questions about class and school-wide activities.

## POMMS

POMMS stands for “Parents Of Mount Madonna Students” and is the parent association designed to facilitate community, dialogue, and social events. Please use the following QR Code to join POMMS:

**POMMS Chat**
WhatsApp group