



MONDAY MESSAGES

December 18, 2023

LUNCH

[Weekly Hot Lunch Menu](#)

IMPORTANT DATES

- Tuesday, December 19 – MCS Christmas Concert – 6-7:30p at Saint Michael the Archangel Chapel – St. Michael's College
- **Thursday, December 21 – HALF DAY OF SCHOOL, 11:30a dismissal**
- **December 22-January 2 – NO SCHOOL, Christmas Break**
- Wednesday, January 3 – School Resumes
- **Monday, January 15 - HALF DAY OF SCHOOL, 11:30a dismissal, MLK DAY**
- Thursday, February 15 – Re-enrollment forms due to MCS

NO CALLBACK OR HOMEWORK CLUB THIS WEEK

Due to the Christmas concert and the abbreviated week, there will be no homework club or callback this week.

MCS CHRISTMAS CONCERT – TUESDAY, DECEMBER 19 AT 6P

Mater Christi School will host “Lessons and Carols” at St. Michael the Archangel Chapel at St. Michael's College.

“Lessons and Carols” is different from our traditional Christmas Concert, but the format has a long history in the Christian celebration of the Advent Season. The US Conference of Catholic Bishops has a selection of 9 readings that are interspersed with songs to bring us through the beautiful biblical history before and after the birth of Jesus. The songs are chosen in partnership with the readings and most, if not all, will be familiar. In a year where peace seems far away, we hope that you will spend the evening with us in reflection upon God's grace and peace that is near each one of us, especially in this blessed season of Advent. The world guides our vision elsewhere, but for this night we ask you to turn your gaze to Bethlehem. We look forward to sharing hearts and voices with you on this special evening.

We have chosen St. Michael's Chapel for the large space that it offers our growing community! There are a few things that we ask all families to take note of:

1. **Band members are asked to arrive at 5:20 to set up and tune up. ALL OTHER STUDENTS should arrive at 5:45. We will begin our program promptly at 6pm.**
2. As this is a chapel, we ask all attending to enter in a respectful and largely, quiet manner.
3. K-8 students will meet on either side of the altar and be seated with their class and teachers. This will be assigned at our rehearsal the day before.
4. There is no food or drink in the chapel, other than water bottles for the students (or those in special need).
5. Our youngest students, PreSchool and PreK will wait at the main entrance with their teachers and process in for their songs which will be immediately following our 2 band selections. After they sing, they will be directed to join their families/parents in the pews.
6. There is ample parking at St. Michael's. (Another reason to be there!). The campus is well lit and they are looking forward to hosting us.

7. Attire: Please have students dressed in holiday dress attire. I often use the phrase, "Look sharp"! No pajamas, short skirts/dresses (not more than 3" above the knee) or sweats, jeans etc. Our standard uniform is always an acceptable option. Thank you!

Finally, St. Michael's has extended this gracious offer of space to us without a fee. In return, we will have two baskets at the door for a free will offering. **Donations will be offered for students involved in Edmundite Campus Ministry programming, and checks should be written out to: Saint Michael's College, Edmundite Campus Ministry.**

We thank you in advance for your show of appreciation to St. Michael's.

MCS RE-ENROLLMENT FORMS DUE FEBRUARY, 15 2024

Hello MCS families,

It is re-enrollment time again. Please find the communication [attached to this email](#); fill out the form, email it back to Mrs. Senesac, or bring it to the front office. Thank you!

SAFETY REMINDERS

1. Please remember, NO dropping off in the middle of the road. Pull over to dedicated sidewalk drop-off zones, or park in the back parking lot. We appreciate your support in keeping all our students safe.
2. Dogs are not allowed on campus, including at the rink.

CHRISTMAS CONCERT featuring MCS parents Josh Panda and Andrew Moroz

We are happy to announce an upcoming, free Christmas Concert at Hotel Vermont - December 21 from 7-9p. Josh and Andrew (husband of MCS music teacher, Lisa Raatikainen) will be joined by several other talented musicians, and will be playing old Christmas tunes, with a jazz flavor.

Best regards,

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