



MONDAY MESSAGES

February 12, 2024

LUNCH

[Weekly Hot Lunch Menu](#)

IMPORTANT DATES

- Wednesday, February 14 – Ash Wednesday Mass at 9a in the Chapel
- Thursday, February 15 – Re-enrollment forms for 2024-2025 due to MCS
- Friday, February 16 – Morning Prayer at 7:15a in the Chapel
- Friday, February 23 – MCS Science Fair in the gym
- Friday, February 23 – 2nd trimester grades close
- **February 26 - March 5 – NO SCHOOL, WINTER BREAK**
- Friday, March 15 – 2nd trimester grades school
- **Friday, March 22 – HALF DAY, 11:30A DISMISSAL**
- **Friday, March 29 – NO SCHOOL, GOOD FRIDAY**
- **Monday, April 1 – NO SCHOOL, EASTER MONDAY**
- **Monday, April 8 – HALF DAY, 11:30A DISMISSAL, SOLAR ECLIPSE**

SCHOOL CALENDAR CHANGE – MONDAY, APRIL 8 NOW A HALF DAY

This memo is to alert everyone to a change in our school calendar.

We will be having an 11:30AM release on April 8, 2024. Upwards of 200,000 people are expected to descend upon Burlington on that day in order to view the solar eclipse. The partial eclipse starts at 2:14PM and reaches totality at 3:26PM. This is a fascinating natural event and presents a wonderful educational opportunity. We will be learning and talking about it in science classes as the day approaches. However, we are in agreement with many local schools that the event also poses very real logistical, traffic, and safety concerns, and we believe an early dismissal is the most prudent course of action.

Mr. Pendergrass ordered safety glasses for this special event months ago, and we will be distributing them to each student on April 8th. Mr. P also prepared some materials/videos/etc. for you to view as a family as you take in this unique event (see the attached doc from Mr. P). We would recommend checking it all out with the set of glasses and a [Moon Pie](#)!

Thank you for your understanding, and if you're wondering what day April 8th falls on - it's on a Moonday!

LANDS END UNIFORM SALE – FEBRUARY 8-23

Lands' End will be offering [20% off plus free shipping](#) (with no minimum purchase) from February 8-23rd. Click link for coupon code.

SEASON OF LENT

The forty day season of Lent is a time for spiritual renewal and growth. Lent encourages us to be more open to God's grace in our lives, and practice the disciplines of prayer, fasting, and almsgiving as we strive to become more like Christ in our thoughts, words, and deeds.

Lent begins on Wednesday, February 14th. Our school community will gather for an **Ash Wednesday liturgy at 9:00 am in our Chapel.** All are welcome!

Throughout the season of Lent, please join us in our almsgiving effort as we collect non-perishable food items for **Catherine's Pantry**, our on-campus food shelf. We will collect the donated food items throughout the season of Lent, and distribute them to various local food banks and charitable organizations.

We encourage all students to bring one item to donate to Catherine's Pantry before our Ash Wednesday liturgy on Wednesday morning.

Thank you for your generosity, and for caring for our economically poor and food insecure brothers and sisters by helping to feed the hungry--a critical Corporal Work of Mercy.

Please consider joining us each Friday for **Morning Prayer** at 7:15 am (we know it's early, but it's worth it!) in our Chapel throughout Lent. It's been such a blessing to have families join us each week! We will remember all of you in prayer as we gather. Please reach out to Mr. Moore if you'd like us to remember any of your intentions.

Finally, we wanted to provide you with some Lenten resources to assist you and your families throughout the journey of Lent:

<https://onlineministries.creighton.edu/CollaborativeMinistry/Lent/>

<https://books.wordonfire.org/lent-books-2024>

<https://hallow.com/lent/>

Blessings to all of you!

CHEF DAN AND MICHELLE TAKE-OUT MEAL – SIGN UP!

Chef Dan and Michelle are offering another community dinner. Sazon rubbed pork tenderloin roasted and set on a bed of creamy polenta and sautéed green beans w/ slivered almonds. Topped with a chorizo sausage, tomato, and garbanzo bean mélange. We hope you enjoy!

Please note the new Venmo only payment method. Details in the sign-up. Pick up in the middle school lobby on 2/15/24 from 2:50-3:30. Each dinner will serve 4 people.

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/70A044EA8AD2EABFB6-47591544-dinner>

VOLUNTEER WORK NEEDED IN THE LIBRARY

Ms. King is looking for a few volunteers to cover books in the library! This job can be done anytime in the library or at your home, if that works better for you! If you are able to help, please contact Ms. King at king@materchristischool.net. Thanks so much!

LAST CALL FOR SCIENCE FAIR JUDGES!

If you have a background in science or engineering and want to help our middle school students grow their critical thinking and oral presentation skills, then please consider helping to judge the Mater Christi Science Fair. Judging sessions will take place all day on February 20, 21, and 22. The posters will be on display in the MCS gym on February 23, and there will be a brief awards ceremony just after school.

THANK YOU FROM THE 8TH GRADE CLASS

The 8th Grade class would like to thank everyone who came in person or ordered to go portions of pasta for our field trip fundraising event on February 1st. Extra special thanks to Boves, Chef Dan, The Milton Hannaford, and Sysco whose donations of food and time made the event a success!

REGISTRATION FOR THE AFTERSCHOOL PROGRAM 2024-2025 IS NOW OPEN!

Registration is available for students who will be entering PS-5th grade in Fall 2024. 4th and 5th graders will remain on the waitlist until July 1, where they will then be admitted space permitting. However, you can still register your future 4th/5th grade child now to get them on our waitlist! Find the [registration form](#) here.

The [2024-2025 Change Form](#) is linked here. This form is for use if enrollment plans change for the 2024-2025 school year and you have already registered your child. This form is NOT for the current school year. Currently enrolled families for this school year should still contact Sophie O'Neil at soneil@materchristischool.net for any changes.

REGISTRATION FOR SUMMER CAMP 2024 IS NOW OPEN!

Registration is open for PS through students entering 4th grade in Fall 2024 for MCS families ONLY. We will open registration to the greater community later on. Find the [registration form](#) here.

Best regards,

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