



MONDAY MESSAGES

AUGUST 26, 2024

LUNCH

- [Weekly Hot Lunch Menu](#) (click link). The lunch menu can be found on the MCS website, updated every Friday for the following week.
- Students sign up for hot lunch in the morning with their homeroom teacher.
- Daily lunch costs \$4.50 and \$0.40 for milk or juice.
- To add funds to your student's lunch account, pay by check at the front office, or go to mymealtime.com to create an online account. If logging in for the first time, you will need to contact Kate Lafferty at klafferty@materchristischool.net for a student account number.

IMPORTANT DATES

- Monday, August 26 - School Supply Drop Off & Student/Teacher Meet & Greet, 9-11a
- **Tuesday, August 27 - FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL**
- **Monday, September 2 - NO SCHOOL, LABOR DAY**
- Tuesday, September 3 - PTO Meeting, right after drop-off in the middle school library
- Friday, September 6 - Opening Mass, 9a in the Chapel
- Friday, September 6 - Back to School Carnival, 5-7p
- Thursday, September 12 - School Pictures

SUPPLY DROP OFF & STUDENT/TEACHER MEET & GREET

Stop by school on Monday, August 26 between 9-11a to drop off school supplies and briefly visit your student's classroom. Enjoy a muffin on your way out!

REPORTING ABSENCES, LATE ARRIVALS, EARLY DISMISSALS

Please email Kendra Geeslin, Mary Beth Sartorelli and the student's homeroom teacher with all attendance matters. Alternatively, you may call the main office and leave a voicemail.

SCHOOL FORMS ARE DUE

All school forms are due by Monday, August 26, before school begins. Forms were emailed to parents and guardians via the MCS online forms portal. If you did not receive the emails, please notify Kendra Geeslin at kgeeslin@materchristischool.net.

Until all forms are received, your student will not have access to chrome books or technology at school, and a hold will be placed on the student's report card.

PICKUP/DROPOFF TRAFFIC FLOW AND PARKING

DROP-OFF:

1. Students in all grades are expected to arrive no earlier than 7:40. Students in grades 1-3 wait outside the elementary building until 7:50, and are then called by grade to their homerooms.
2. Please do not use the convent driveway (i.e. the entrance to which is at the end of Loomis Street) at all!
3. Elementary families can drop off in front of the elementary building, using the horseshoe driveway OR park in the lot behind the elementary and walk to the front entrance.
4. Intermediate and middle school families enter the main driveway and drop their children off along the sidewalk in front of the middle school building.

PICK-UP:

1. Dismissal times:
PS-3rd -- 2:50
4th-5th -- 2:55
6th-8th -- 3:00
2. Your student(s) is in the middle school building ONLY -- ENTER the ONE-WAY convent driveway at the Mansfield Ave/Loomis St. intersection. Proceed around the convent and the middle school, which will lead you to the driveway between the schools. Pick up your student(s) along the sidewalk between the schools ONLY. DO NOT pick up student(s) behind the school/convent. DO NOT park or idle behind the school/convent. If your student(s) is not ready to be picked up when you pass between the schools, please go around again (akin to the airport).
3. You have students in both buildings -- Enter our normal driveway between the buildings. Park in the lot behind the elementary. Walk to meet your elementary student outside the elementary building, and then meet your older student at the crosswalk. Walk to your car, and exit out the driveway between the buildings, as normal. DO NOT go [the wrong way] around the convent/middle school.
4. Your student(s) is in the elementary building ONLY -- Use the horseshoe driveway in front of the elementary building, as normal, and exit out the driveway as normal.

IMPORTANT SAFETY REMINDER:

1. DO NOT park on Mansfield Avenue, and DO NOT have your student(s) cross Mansfield Avenue at any point to meet you or get in your car on Mansfield Avenue. This is a MAJOR safety issue.

UNIFORMS

Students must arrive on the first day of school in uniform. Please refer to the family handbook for specific guidelines and policies. Warm weather options are allowed until October 15.

If you are in need of any particular uniform option, you may visit the MCS uniform closet, located in the elementary school, to see what may be available.

HOMEWORK CLUB/CALL-BACK

Homework club for grades 3, 4, 5 will begin on Tuesday, September 17.

Call-back for grades 6-8 will begin on Tuesday, September 3.

NEWS FROM THE LIBRARY

Ms. King is looking for volunteers for the library - mostly for covering books and putting some labels on books - especially as we get ready for this new school year! If you think you can help, even for 10 minutes, please either stop by the library or email Ms. King at king@materchristischool.net. Thanks so much!!!

FALL MAKERSPACE/ROBOTICS OPPORTUNITIES

Lego League: Mondays 3-4:15, Grades 3-6, Until Christmas Break \$250

Students in grades 3-6 are invited to use creative thinking and LEGO® technology to “explore the layers of the ocean and bring learnings and ideas to the surface” in the all new FLL Challenge, **Submerged**.

Bulldog Robotics: Tuesdays and/or Thursdays 3-4:30 and as needed, Grades 5-8, All school year \$450

Students in grades 5-8 are invited to use advanced robotics to “dive into the depths of the ocean to explore the unknown and reveal its wonders” in the all new FTC challenge, **Into the Deep**.

Minecraft: Wednesdays 3-4:15, Grades 3-7, six-week sessions throughout the school year, \$150 per six week session.

Session 1: 8/28, 9/4, 9/11, 9/18, 9/25, 10/2

Session 2: 10/9, 10/16, 10/23, 10/30 11/6, 11/20

NEWS FROM THE PTO

Hello from the PTO!

We are excited for a great year ahead! Please join us for the first PTO meeting of the year, after drop off on **Tuesday, September 3** in the library. PTO meetings are held the first Tuesday of every month!

Next up, the "Back to School Carnival!" (the first PTO fundraiser of the year) Held Friday, September 6th, 5-7pm at MCS, it's a wonderful community gathering, a great way to get involved, meet lots of families and have a ton of fun! Please see attached flyer for all the details!

We are in need volunteers and baked goods for this event. Check out all the volunteer opportunities and sign up to help here: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0945A5AE2DA5F4C70-back>

Look forward to seeing everyone soon!

MCS PTO - Terra Heilenbach, Robyn Matheson, Meghan Forsyth, Nicole Farley & Kimberly Price

FALL SPORTS UPDATE

Fall sports begin this week, on Tuesday:

Field Hockey: 3:15p

Boys Soccer: 4:15p. There will be a supervised study hall for boys soccer, from 3-4:15p.

IMPORTANT UPDATE REGARDING SCHOOL VOLUNTEERS AND CHAPERONES

There are several opportunities during the year to volunteer or chaperone field trips for your child's class. The Diocese and Mater Christi School require volunteers and chaperones to complete full background checks before the event. This includes completing a background check authorization form, fingerprinting, and taking a short online child safety

training (VIRTUS). The Diocese requires strict adherence to the policy and MCS will have to decline parents that have not completed ALL background steps BEFORE the field trip date.

If planning on being a volunteer or chaperone this school year, please contact Kate Lafferty klafferty@materchristischool.net to start the background check process (fingerprints can take up to a month). Several of the younger grades (K-3) have fall field trips, so now is a good time to start.

GRANDPARENTS DAY ON FRIDAY, OCTOBER 4

We are excited to welcome grandparents and special friends for a celebration with our school community on Friday, October 4, 2024. We count on our families to share contact information for grandparents and special friends, so that we can send invitations by mail and email. Please provide this information, even if you have shared it with us in previous years. We will only send invitations to names submitted this year. Thank you for completing this form by Friday, September 6.

Grandparents & Special Friends Day 2024 Form: <https://forms.gle/38mUUuBFfHigbEvg7>

For more information about the event, click on the google form link above.

Best regards,

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