



## MONDAY MESSAGES

SEPTEMBER 1, 2024

### LUNCH

**Monday 9/2** Labor Day - No School

**Tuesday 9/3** Chicken fingers & fries (DF)

**Wednesday 9/4** Rice & beans with pulled pork & pickled red onions. (GF, V, DF)

**Thursday 9/5** Goulash & dinner rolls (ground beef & vegetables in a tangy and sweet tomato sauce with macaroni)

**Friday 9/6** French toast sticks with breakfast sausage, hash browns & real Vermont maple syrup. (DF)

V- Vegetarian

GF- Gluten Free

DF- Dairy Free

All lunches are served with an extensive salad bar which includes: leafy green lettuce, baby carrots, cucumber, cherry tomato, red pepper, hard boiled egg, broccoli florets, ham or chicken, croutons, dried cranberries, salad dressings, yogurt, milk and fresh fruit.

1. Students sign up for hot lunch in the morning with their homeroom teacher.
2. Costs: \$4.50 for hot lunch, \$2.50 for salad bar only and \$0.40 for milk/juice (if having hot lunch, milk/juice is included in the \$4.50)
3. To add funds to your student's lunch account, pay by check at the front office, or go to [mymealtime.com](http://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](mailto:klafferty@materchristischool.net) for a student account number.

### IMPORTANT DATES

- **Monday, September 2 - NO SCHOOL, LABOR DAY**
- Tuesday, September 3 - PTO Meeting, right after drop-off in the middle school library
- Friday, September 6 - Mass of the Holy Spirit (Opening Mass), 9a in the Chapel
- Friday, September 6 - Back to School Carnival, 5-7p
- Thursday, September 12 - School Picture Day
- Thursday, September 12 - Curriculum Night, Grades 4-8, begins at 6p
- Thursday, September 19 - Curriculum Night, Grades PS-3, begins at 6p
- Friday, September 24 - Mercy Day Mass, 1:30p in the Chapel, homeroom 8TF leading
- **Friday, October 4 - Grandparent's Day, 11:30A DISMISSAL**

### 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.

[kgeeslin@materchristischool.net](mailto:kgeeslin@materchristischool.net), [msartorelli@materchristischool.net](mailto:msartorelli@materchristischool.net)

## **HOMEWORK CLUB/CALL-BACK UPDATE**

Grades 3, 4, 5 will begin homework club on Tuesday, September 17. Homework club will continue through the year on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 3-3:30p.

Grades 6, 7, 8 will begin callback on Tuesday, September 3. To start the year, any middle school student that wishes to attend, is welcome. Call-back will continue through the year on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 3-3:30p.

## **7TH GRADE MUMS FUNDRAISER**

The 7th grade class is raising money for their class trip. Help support them by ordering mums! [Order forms](#) are due Tuesday, September 3 and plants will be ready for pick-up on Thursday, September 12 on the school lawn at dismissal.

## **SCHOOL PICTURE FORMS**

School picture forms were sent home with students on Friday.

Completed picture forms, including payment, should be turned in to the homeroom teacher, no later than Wednesday, September 11. Pictures begin right at 8a on Thursday morning. Have your student at school on-time!

## **NEWS FROM THE PTO - CARNIVAL VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!**

1. 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!
2. "Back to School Carnival" (the first PTO fundraiser of the year) is on 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 the [flyer](#) for additional details.
3. We are in need of volunteers and baked goods for the carnival. Please sign up here: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0945A5AE2DA5F4C70-back>
4. A venmo QR code has been created in order to pay admission. We accept checks, cash, or venmo, but we highly encourage you to buy ahead of time to avoid the line that evening. Checks should be made out to MCS PTO. Payment can be dropped at the main office or at the admission table that evening.

Look forward to seeing everyone soon!

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

## **MCS CHOIR & BAND UPDATES**

### New Winds and Percussion Instructor

We're excited to announce that our music department has taken on a new percussion and winds instructor who will be offering private lessons in the convent during after school hours. Avery Cooper will be available to teach flute, clarinet, and saxophone lessons, as well as drums. Please contact him directly at [averycoopermusic@gmail.com](mailto:averycoopermusic@gmail.com) with questions, or to set something up.

### Band and Choir Begin This Week

Both the Fifth Grade and Middle School Bands will have their first meeting on Tuesday after the long weekend. All students currently in band, or interested in band, should plan to report to the band room on Tuesday during their study hall period. Middle schoolers should please bring their instruments and method books.

Choir will begin on Wednesday. Any 6th-8th graders wishing to sing with the choir should report to the chapel during the Wednesday study hall period.

## **MATER CHRISTI CHRISTMAS MARKET**

Calling all crafters and artisans in the MCS community! Although school has just begun, the MCS PTO would like to express our excitement about the first ever Mater Christi Christmas Market, happening on December 7th! If you or someone you know has a craft business or hobby and would like to reserve a table, please email PTO member Nicole Farley for more information at [nicolecfarley@gmail.com](mailto:nicolecfarley@gmail.com). We will have more information at our first meeting this coming Tuesday.

## **2024-2025 MCS YEARBOOKS FOR SALE**

2024-2025 year books are officially for sale! Yearbooks are currently \$44 and will only be available at this price until 9/13. Please see the [flyer](#) from Ms. King for more details.

## **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

## **FALL SPORTS UPDATE**

This is a friendly reminder that the deadline to register students for Fall sports is **Wednesday, September 4th**.

Students who are interested in playing a Fall sport here at MCS must have submitted a signed the Athletic Participation Agreement to the office or Mrs. Donlon. This form can be found in the Mater Christi handbook, in a previous email about Fall sports, and [here](#).

### **ATHLETIC PARTICIPATION AGREEMENT**

Additionally, the participation fees must also be paid (or parents must have come to an agreement with Kate Lafferty, our finance manager, for alternative arrangements if necessary) by **Wednesday, September 4th**.

The fees for Fall sports are as follows:

Field hockey - \$115 per athlete

Soccer - \$115 per athlete

Cross Country - \$85 per athlete

Checks can be made out to Mater Christi School. Please write in the memo section the name of the student and which sport(s) the student will be participating in.

Students who are missing either of these pieces on September 5th will not be allowed to participate. If you have any questions please contact Mrs. Donlon at [mdonlon@materchristischool.net](mailto:mdonlon@materchristischool.net).

Go Bulldogs!!

#### **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,

Kendra & Mary Beth

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