



MONDAY MESSAGES
SEPTEMBER 15, 2024

LUNCH

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IMPORTANT DATES

- September 16-18 - Days and Dreams Auditions
- Thursday, September 19 - Curriculum Night, Grades PS-3, begins at 5:30p
- Friday, September 20 - Friday Morning Prayer, 7:15a in the Chapel
- Friday, September 20 - FourWinds Volunteer Training
- Tuesday, September 24 - Mercy Day Mass, 1:30p in the Chapel, homeroom 8TF leading
- Thursday, October 3 - Our MCS Night, 6-7:30p, MCS gym
- Thursday, October 3 - Blessing of the Animals, 3p in the Chapel
- **Friday, October 4 - Grandparent's Day, 11:30A DISMISSAL**
- **Friday, October 11 - NO SCHOOL**
- October 14-18: Paper Pie Book Fair
- **October 17-18, NO SCHOOL, PARENT/TEACHER CONFERENCES**

CURRICULUM NIGHT AT MCS

Please join us for curriculum night at MCS! This event is held in the fall of each year as an opportunity for teachers to share important information about their classroom. Teachers prepare presentations that share academic material they will teach throughout the year, teaching philosophies, classroom management, and how you, as parents, can best support your student throughout the year. We look forward to seeing you there! This is a parent only event.

Grades PS-3 on Thursday, September 19

5:30p - program begins. Go directly to your student's homeroom. At 6:05, gather in the gym for a short presentation by Mr. Moore and Mr. Loescher

OUR MCS EVENING

All MCS parents are encouraged to join us for [Our MCS - A Look at Mater Christi School: Past, Present, and Future](#) on Thursday, October 3 from 6:00 to 7:30 pm in the MCS gym. We hope to see every Mater Christi School family represented for this important, adults-only evening.

GRANDPARENTS DAY ON FRIDAY, OCTOBER 4

This is a last call for grandparents day invitations!

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

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

PTO NEWS

Please join us in thanking teachers and staff with a Teacher appreciation breakfast Wednesday, September 25, 2024 at drop off.

In order to make this possible, we need volunteers! Please see the sign up below:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0945A5AE2DA5F4C70-51245811-teacher>

ATHLETICS UPDATE

Leading Young Athletes begins this week!

The first goal of the Leading Young Athletes program is to provide our middle school student athletes with opportunities to grow as leaders in sports by being mentors and coaches for younger athletes. The second goal is to provide more opportunities for our younger athletes, in grades 1-4, to become involved in athletics by learning new sport specific skills and playing small games.

Young athletes (1st-4th graders) will be invited to meet at 3:00 on the MCS field to participate from 3:00-4:00 on the following dates. The young athletes can choose to attend any and all of the sessions, regardless of gender. Loaner equipment is available so students will only need to bring running shoes and water bottles (although, if you already have mouth guards, shin guards, field hockey sticks please bring them for soccer and field hockey sessions but they are not required).

Tuesday, September 17 - hosted by Girls soccer players

Wednesday, September 18 - hosted by Cross country runners

Thursday, September 19 - hosted by Boys soccer players

Friday, September 20 - hosted by Field hockey players

To register young athletes - <https://forms.gle/CWVSHUYZjq7jt1X9>

To register middle school student athletes as leaders -

<https://forms.gle/2fW9zn6mbQ7x5UtN6>

Please contact Mrs. Donlon (mdonlon@materchristischool.net) with any questions.

SPIRITUAL BOOK CLUB

Dear MCS Families, Faculty, and Staff,

I am launching a spiritual book club this year, and I warmly welcome you to join me in reading a book called [Sabbath: Finding Rest, Renewal, and Delight In Our Busy Lives](#) by Wayne Muller. It's a profound book of great depth and spiritual insight, but it's also accessible, practical, and relevant for people of all faith traditions. My hope is that this book might be a blessing to you, your children, and your shared family life.

In the spirit of simplicity, I would like us to savor this book and meet once per trimester to discuss it.

The book can be purchased online. Please let me know if you're interested, or if you have any questions. I can be reached at jmoore@materchristischool.net.

Blessings,

Jason Moore

MERCY ECOSPIRITUALITY CENTER CONCERT FUNDRAISER - VERMONT FREEDOM AND UNITY CHORUS PERFORMANCE

The Mercy Ecospirituality Center is a small farm and retreat house in Benson, VT. It is a sponsored ministry of the Sisters of Mercy, and a beautiful, quiet, peaceful space for spiritual rejuvenation.

The Mercy Ecospirituality Center is hosting a fundraising concert on Sunday, September 22 at 3:00 pm at the McCarthy Recital Hall at St. Michael's College. The Vermont Freedom and Unity Chorus will perform. [View the flyer here.](#)

This fundraiser will help support the programming and mission of the Mercy Ecospirituality Center.

Please consider joining us for an afternoon of uplifting music in support of the Mercy Ecospirituality Center, and invite family and friends to come along.

Refreshments will be available for purchase, and there will be a raffle to support the Center.

Tickets are \$20 available at the door or at <https://bit.ly/MercyFundraiser>.

LIBRARY NEWS

2024-2025 MCS YEARBOOKS FOR SALE:

Please see the [flyer](#) from Ms. King for more details.

Jostens direct order link: [ORDER YOUR 2025 MATER CHRISTI YEARBOOK](#)

YEARBOOK PHOTOS NEEDED:

Ms. King is looking for "What I did this Summer" pictures for the yearbook!! If you would like to submit 1-2 photos (per child), please follow this link <https://photos.jostens.com/AE86RD> Thanks so much!!

SPONSOR A BOOK SERIES:

I am looking for families who would like to "Sponsor a Book Series". The library needs to replace some well-worn, much loved series, complete some series, and add a few new book series that are being begged for by students (in all age groups).

If your family would like to purchase and sponsor one (or more) of these series, please let me know!! Thank you so very much!

BOOK FAIR SAVE THE DATE:

Paper Pie Book Fair - October 14-18 (Be on the lookout for more info!)

VOLUNTEER WITH FOUR WINDS!

Four Winds is a nature-based program led by parent volunteers for kindergarten through fourth grade students. It is a fun way to meet other parents, learn about nature and spend time in your child's classroom. You do not need to have previous teaching experience or a science background.

Throughout the year there are four, Four Winds trainings and four classroom visits. The trainings are scheduled on Fridays in the cafeteria, after drop off and last about an hour. The classroom visits are scheduled with your teacher and last about an hour and a half with set up.

Training Dates:

Friday, September 20: Spiders

Friday, January 24: Skull Sleuthing

Friday, March 21: Calling all Owls

Friday, May 2: Buzz on Bees

Our first training is Friday, September 20, in the cafeteria after morning drop off. You do not need to attend every training to participate.

If you are interested in getting involved, please reach out to Karen Robinson (amosandkaren@comcast.net)

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. We will have more information at our first meeting this coming Tuesday.

Best regards,
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