



MONDAY MESSAGES
SEPTEMBER 29, 2024

LUNCH

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IMPORTANT DATES

- Monday, September 30 - Picture Retake Day, starting at 8a
- Tuesday, October 1 - PTO Meeting, in the library right after drop off
- 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**
- Friday, November 1 - All Saints' Day Mass - 9a in the Chapel
- **Tuesday, November 5 - NO SCHOOL, ELECTION DAY**

PICTURE RETAKE DAY - MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 30, STARTING AT 8A

Picture retake day is scheduled for Monday, September 30, starting at 8a. If your student was absent, please make sure they have their completed order form with payment ([link to online pdf order form](#)). If your student is getting retakes, you must return the entire envelope of pictures from the first round (except class photo).

Students getting retakes may follow the dress-up day guidelines found in the family handbook, which includes NO JEANS. Students may also wear their uniform.

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.

BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS SERVICE

Please join us for our beloved annual Blessing of the Animals prayer service **Thursday, October 3rd** to celebrate the Feast of St. Francis of Assisi, patron saint of ecology and animals.

All are welcome to join us in celebrating the goodness and beauty of God's creatures in our beautiful Chapel of the Sacred Heart with a brief prayer service. We invite you to come directly up the front steps of the Mount St. Mary's convent, and proceed to the Chapel where we will begin the service shortly after 3:00 pm.

MCS community members are invited to bring pet(s) or pictures of pet(s) for the prayer service, and each animal will receive an individual blessing. Please reach out to Mr. Moore at jmoore@materchristischool.net if you have any questions.

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.

- If a student's grandparents are unable to attend, a special friend or other relative is welcome. Due to space limitations, both for parking and in our gym, we request that parents do not attend this event. (Exceptions can be made, such as if a grandparent needs assistance.)
- Our celebration will begin at 9:00 in the gym, featuring a program and bingo. After this, grandparents and special guests are invited to visit their students' classrooms. Students will be dismissed at 11:30.
- Grandparents who are unable to join us for this event are welcome to send cards to the school, to be given to their grandchildren.
- Finally, we hope you will help us create a video featuring photos of grandparents and their grandchildren, to be shared following Grandparents Day. **We invite parents or grandparents to send up to 4 photos to msenesac@materchristischool.net by Friday, September 20.**

SPIRITUAL BOOK CLUB

Mr. Moore requests that MCS families (grandparents included!) and staff interested in reading and discussing Sabbath by Wayne Muller contact him at jmoore@materchristischool.net by September 27th so that he can plan accordingly for the first gathering and discussion which will take place in November.

Mr. Moore will be in touch with details very soon.

PTO NEWS

The monthly PTO Meeting will be held on Tuesday, October 1, in the middle school library right after drop off. If you would like to join virtually, click the Google Meet below.

<https://meet.google.com/hbd-ghni-qqm>

MATER CHRISTI CHRISTMAS MARKET

Calling all crafters and artisans in the MCS community! Tables are quickly filling up for our new holiday event, the Mater Christi Christmas Market on December 7th! If you or someone you know has a craft business or hobby and would like to reserve a table, please fill out the following Google Form to begin the application process. If you have any questions please email PTO member Nicole Farley for more information at nicolecfarley@gmail.com. We will be discussing the Market at our next PTO Meeting on Tuesday, October 1st.

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdPQgzlSYOoU1SOTQbLWnY7b_aJCf0-U6cfqsMmLx3nsYYQXQ/viewform?usp=sf_link

LIBRARY NEWS

2024-2025 MCS YEARBOOKS FOR SALE:

Get your 2024-2025 MCS yearbook now! \$48 using the direct link below.

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

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 email king@materchristischool.net. Thank you so very much!

BOOK FAIR SAVE THE DATE:

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

Best regards,

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