



## MONDAY MESSAGES

SEPTEMBER 8, 2024

### LUNCH

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### IMPORTANT DATES

- Thursday, September 12 - School Picture Day
- Thursday, September 12 - Curriculum Night, Grades 4-8, begins at 5:30p
- Friday, September 13 - Morning Prayer, 7:15a in the Chapel
- Thursday, September 19 - Curriculum Night, Grades PS-3, begins at 5:30p
- Tuesday, September 24 - Mercy Day Mass, 1:30p in the Chapel, homeroom 8TF leading
- **Friday, October 4 - Grandparent's Day, 11:30A DISMISSAL**
- October 14-18: Paper Pie Book Fair

### SCHOOL PICTURE FORMS

Completed picture forms, including payment, should be turned in to homeroom teachers, as soon as possible. Pictures begin right at 8a on Thursday morning. Have your student at school on-time!

School picture day is a dress-up day for students. Please refer to the [family handbook](#) for dress-up day guidelines. The MCS uniform is always a great option!

### 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 4-8 on Thursday, September 12

5:30p - program begins. Start in the library; then break out to student homerooms.

Grades PS-3 on Thursday, September 21

5:30p - program begins. Go directly to your student's homeroom.

## 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.

## DAYS AND DREAMS, FALL MUSICAL

Ladies and Gentlemen, Ms. King and I are excited to share this year's information around our annual musical revue production of Days and Dreams!

Students from grades 4-8 are eligible to participate.

Students will sign up for an audition time slot. Sign up sheets will be in the lobby on Monday!

**Auditions are Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday afternoon, September 16th, 17th and 18th.** Students may sing alone, or with one other student. They can always sing "Happy Birthday" or this year we are recommending these two alternatives:

1. Do You Want to Build a Snowman (Frozen)
2. World of Your Own, (Wonka)

The students do NOT need to sing the whole song, just a small section, like 1 minute's worth.

Students will be asked what their other after school activities are, so that we can plan rehearsals and move students to numbers that correspond with their availability. Please coach them in terms of realistic expectations!

As to the production: We will rehearse Mondays through Thursdays from 3-4:30. Your student may be there for 1 or 2 days each week.

**The show is slated for NOVEMBER 14th and 15th at 6pm.** The week of the show, EVERY STUDENT will be there EVERY DAY after school til 5pm. Yes, we have a half day on the 13th. I will update everyone on the details for that as we get closer.

**The KICK OFF MEETING will be from 3-4PM on Monday, September 23rd.** This is MANDATORY FOR ALL PERFORMERS and CREW! Students who have practices for a sport will be excused, or allowed to arrive late if I can release them early, and there are no games or meets that day.

STAGE CREW! Students who wish to help with backstage jobs, lighting, curtain, sound, props, set etc. should sign up on a separate sheet (BUT NOT AUDITION). They will attend the kick off meeting and the final week of rehearsals as that is when we have all the "gear"!

The participation fee for each performer is \$100 and for each stage crew member \$50. This fee funds costuming, music rights, equipment rental and the cast and crew official t-shirt. Payment should be made to Mary-Farley-20. or by checks delivered to the front office. For any scholarship needs, please reach out to Kate Lafferty at [klafferty@materchristischool.net](mailto:klafferty@materchristischool.net)

Parent volunteers! We are ALWAYS in need of you! Whether it's running the concession, helping shepherd a rehearsal, choreographing a number, measuring for costumes, sewing, set painting, managing ticket sales, etc... there's no shortage of things to do! Please reach out to us and we will find a slot for you!

In terms of timing (fall vs. spring), a few years ago we moved from the fall to the spring hoping and praying that we could take our masks off by the time April rolled around! It paid off! But since then, we find ourselves longing to return to the fall when we can more readily access the gym and sneak in this commitment before basketball and volleyball require that space! So, here we are and here we go!

Curtain up!

Mrs. Farley and Ms. King

## **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](mailto: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>.

## **FALL 2024 MCS CLUBS**

The [PDF link here](#) has a list of MCS Clubs starting this fall. To join, a student should show up at the first meeting at the specified location on the list.

Please contact the office with any questions.

## **LIBRARY NEWS**

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.

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](mailto:amosandkaren@comcast.net) )**

#### **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.

## **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.

## **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.

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