



## MONDAY MESSAGES

OCTOBER 27, 2024

### LUNCH

**Monday 10/28** Ravioli marinara and Breadsticks (V)

**Tuesday 10/29** Taco Tuesday with all of the sides

**Wednesday 10/30** Chicken patty sandwiches

**Thursday 10/31** Chili & corn chips with cheddar and sour cream

**Friday 11/1** Pancakes and breakfast sausage with fresh fruit and VT maple syrup

### IMPORTANT DATES

- Friday, November 1 - All Saints' Day Mass - 1:30p in the Chapel
- **Tuesday, November 5 - NO SCHOOL, ELECTION DAY**
- Monday, November 11 - Veterans' Day prayer service - 8:15a in the gym
- **Wednesday, November 13 - HALF DAY - 11:30 DISMISSAL**
- November 14-15 - Days and Dreams Performances - 6p in the gym
- Tuesday, November 26 - Grades Close, Trimester 1
- **November 27-29 - NO SCHOOL, THANKSGIVING BREAK**
- Wednesday, December 11 - Band/Choir Concert - 6p in gym
- Tuesday, December 17 - All-School Christmas Concert - 6p at St. Michael's Chapel at SMC

### HURRICANE RELIEF

We are overwhelmed by the generosity of the MCS community! Together we raised \$3,300 to help an elementary school and their families in Sarasota, FL. Their region, in particular, had been hard hit by all three of the most recent hurricanes. This gift helped to provide uniforms and school supplies to get families back on their feet! Thank you for the outpouring of mercy!

### TABLE OF REMEMBRANCE

In the Catholic tradition, November is a month to remember and pray for loved ones who have journeyed home to their eternal rest. November begins with the Solemnity of All Saints on November 1st and the Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed on November 2nd.

On the Solemnity of All Saints we are reminded of a "universal call of holiness," and are encouraged to strive towards holiness in our own unique way. On this day, we remember and pray for deceased loved ones who, while not officially canonized by the Church, are indeed saints whose witness has blessed and enriched our lives. On the Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed, we are encouraged to pray for all loved ones who have died, trusting in God's unconditional love and mercy.

We would like to extend an invitation to our community as we honor and pray for our loved ones who have journeyed home to God. A "Table of Remembrance" will be set up in the Chapel of the Sacred Heart from Friday, November 1st to Tuesday, November 26th (the day before the Thanksgiving break) and we invite students and families to bring in a framed photo or photos of deceased family members and friends for the Table of Remembrance. Please ensure the photo is labeled on the back of the frame with your family name and child's homeroom so that we can be sure to return these sacred and cherished pictures to you.

All those interested in participating in this annual tradition are welcome to bring photos to our liturgy on November 1st. We will place the photos of your loved ones on the Table of Remembrance where they will remain for our communal celebration of the Eucharist on All Saints Day, and throughout a 25 day period as we hold these beloved family members in prayer each morning.

If your family is interested in participating in this meaningful community event, your children may bring your photos to school on Friday, November 1st, or any day throughout our observance of this tradition. Homeroom teachers will ensure that your photos get to me to be placed on the "Table of Remembrance." Thank you for participating in this beloved tradition.

### **ARTIFICIAL CHRISTMAS TREE WANTED!**

Yes, it's a little early but...Mrs. Bedard is heading up the Christmas decorating for the school/convent. It takes some time and creativity to decorate our growing school! If you have a large artificial Christmas tree (8-10 feet) that you are no longer using, we would gladly accept it as a donation. We are always looking for strings of white lights, as well. Thank you!!

### **SPIRITUAL BOOK CLUB**

The first gathering to discuss the first two sections (Rest and Rhythm) of Wayne Muller's Sabbath book will take place at 7:00 pm on Thursday, November 21st in one of the reception rooms of the convent. Please R.S.V.P. to Mr. Moore.

### **MERCY COMMUNITY SERVICE**

Mercy Community Service is ready to launch! Service opportunities will be offered on various Thursdays throughout the school year. The Ronald McDonald House, Our Lady of Providence, and the Hope Lodge are our community partners for community service.

The Ronald McDonald House (<https://rmhcv.org/>) is looking for small groups of MCS volunteers (4-5 individuals) to make a meal twice a month. Interested families should contact Mr. Moore to coordinate a date, and the family will plan and shop for a meal, and provide transportation. Mr. Moore will help recruit volunteers if needed.

Our Lady of Providence (<https://ourladyofprovidence.org/>) is an assisted living facility in Winooski. Volunteers play games and converse with elders who are incredibly excited to connect with young people. Typically, we can bring up to ten volunteers to Our Lady of Providence. Interested families should contact Mr. Moore.

Finally, Hope Lodge ([www.cancer.org/support-programs-and-](http://www.cancer.org/support-programs-and-services/patient-lodging/hope-lodge.html)

[services/patient-lodging/hope-lodge.html](http://www.cancer.org/support-programs-and-services/patient-lodging/hope-lodge.html)) is always looking for volunteers to make meals for guests. If you can sponsor a meal, e.g., select a meal for 12-15 guests, purchase the ingredients, and help direct student volunteers, you're welcome to sign up using the link below, or please be in touch with Mr. Moore. This is a great way for groups of friends or teams to connect and serve together.

The sign up link is here: <https://takethemameal.com/JVXC0633>

\*All adults participating in Mercy Community Service must have completed a criminal background check and Virtus training.

Thanks, as always, for your compassion and mercy and for the example you set for our children.

## **ATHLETICS UPDATE**

**MCS Middle School Basketball** will begin November 18th. Registration has opened and the deadline to get your 5th-8th grade students registered to play is Tuesday, November 26th. For more information about the season and how to register please contact Mrs. Donlon at [mdonlon@materchristischool.net](mailto:mdonlon@materchristischool.net).

## **PTO NEWS**

Successful Trunk or Treat! Thank You!

Thanks to all who came out and participated in our 4th annual Trunk or Treat event! It was a great evening and fun was had by all. We loved all of the costumes, and trunks! We are grateful to all who provided decorated trunks, donated candy and treats. Thank You!

## **TEACHER/STAFF APPRECIATION SIGN-UPS**

This Month's Teacher and staff appreciation breakfast is coming up on Wednesday 10/30/24! Please join us in thanking our amazing teachers and staff by signing up with the link below, Thank you!

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

## **PUMPKIN CARVING CONTEST**

Please send us a photo of your carved pumpkins to [emkeane31@gmail.com](mailto:emkeane31@gmail.com) no later than 10/30. Winners will be announced on 10/31.

## **CHRISTMAS MARKET**

Date: Saturday, December 7th, 2024

Location: MCS gym, 50 Mansfield Street, Burlington VT

Time: 1 - 4 PM

Entrance Fee: non-perishable food item for Catherine's Pantry or monetary donation

## **LIBRARY NEWS**

Thank you so much to everyone who supported our recent Paper Pie Book Fair!! Our sales totaled a little over \$5000! The library will get 50% of that back in books! A HUGE thank you goes to the following parents for volunteering to set up, sell and clean up the book fair: Nicole Farley, Meghan Forsyth, Kelly McCagg, Robin Castine, Heidi Morway, Patrick Lucey, Souzanne Shahla, Annie Ode, Cristina Mink, Susan Stephens, Sybelle Sambou. The book fair would not have been possible without their incredible help!! Thanks also to all parents who made a donation to their child's teacher for classroom libraries. We appreciate all your generosity!!

## **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](#)

Best regards,

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