



## MONDAY MESSAGES

NOVEMBER 10, 2024

### LUNCH

**Monday 11/11** Bolognese with green beans and breadsticks

**Tuesday 11/12** Chicken quesadillas with salsa, sour cream, and guacamole

**Wednesday 11/13** Half Day- No Lunch

**Thursday 11/14** Fish sandwiches with pretzels (DF)

**Friday 11/15** French toast sticks with breakfast sausage, VT maple syrup, OJ & fresh strawberries. (DF)

### IMPORTANT DATES

- Monday, November 11 - Veterans' Day prayer service - 8:15a in the gym
- Tuesday, November 12 - PTO Meeting - after drop-off in the library
- **Wednesday, November 13 - HALF DAY - 11:30 DISMISSAL**
- November 14-15 - Days and Dreams musical performances - 6p in the gym
- Friday, November 15 - Morning prayer, 7:15a in the chapel
- Thursday, November 21 - Spiritual book club gathering, 7p in the convent
- Monday, November 25 - Thanksgiving Mass, 9a in the chapel
- Tuesday, November 26 - Trimester one grades close
- **November 27-29 - NO SCHOOL, THANKSGIVING BREAK**
- Monday, December 2 - Advent prayer service, week one, 9a in the chapel
- Wednesday, December 11 - Band/Choir Concert - 6p in gym
- Tuesday, December 17 - All-school Christmas concert - 6p at St. Michael's Chapel at SMC

### THANKSGIVING GIFT CARD DRIVE – PLEASE DONATE!

Joseph's House, a Catholic outreach center in Burlington that serves people from all walks of life, has called upon our community to assist them in helping at least one hundred local families in need to enjoy a nourishing meal this Thanksgiving.

Mercy Community Service is hosting our annual Thanksgiving Gift Card Drive (Hannaford's) to help ensure that local families--brothers and sisters of ours who are struggling to make ends meet as the cost of food continues to increase--can feast, celebrate, and give thanks with their loved ones on Thanksgiving Day, too.

Last year, our generous community donated 127 gifts totaling \$3,760.00 to families in need. The staff of Joseph's House were moved and impressed with our efforts and they were able to use our donations to assist families for Christmas as well.

This year, Mater Christi School families are encouraged to drop off \$25.00 Hannaford's gift cards (larger amounts are also gladly accepted) in the main office in the middle school building, and in Mr. Moore's office in the elementary building from now until Friday, November 22nd when the gift cards will be delivered to Joseph's House.

Thank you, as always, for your compassion. We are confident that our response to this drive will bless those in need and surprise the staff at Joseph's House once again! Please contact Mr. Moore if you have any questions.

## PTO NEWS

The next PTO meeting will be held Tuesday, November 12 in the library after drop-off, due to the fact that there is no school on November 5.

All are welcome in the PTO. We meet monthly and encourage questions, ideas, feedback, or concerns. You can email us at [pto@materchristischool.net](mailto:pto@materchristischool.net). We hope to see you at the next PTO meeting!

## PUMPKIN CARVING COMPETITION RESULTS!

The competition was fierce this year and it was difficult to choose just three winners. Thank you so much for your entries.

### The winners for the 2024 MCS Pumpkin Carving Competition are:

Sophie Felix 4<sup>th</sup> Grade Carved Cat

Ben Robinson 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade Trapped Skeleton

Max and William Forsyth Cats and Frankenstein



## 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

## RICE MEMORIAL HIGH SCHOOL INFORMATION & UPDATES

*Free Ticket to Rice's Stunt Nite for Middle School Students!*

Tuesday, 11/26, 4pm, Flynn Theater

Stunt Nite is one of Rice's favorite traditions. Each class puts together an act with elaborate costumes, music, & dancing - competing against the other classes for the prize. It's a lot of fun, students love it, and we'd like you to be a part of this special night.

Middle school students get a free ticket to the 4pm show, all other tickets can be purchased at 50% off. Ticket sales open this Friday at 10am, register here to get the coupon code: <https://rmhsvt.org/stunt-nite-middle-school>

### ***RMHS Shadow Days***

We've started our Shadow Days and we'd LOVE for your student to experience Rice for a day. Find all the details and register here: <https://rmhsvt.org/shadow-day>

If you have any questions, please feel free to reach out to Stacy Bessette [bessette@rmhsvt.org](mailto:bessette@rmhsvt.org)

## **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.

## **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](#)

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