



## MONDAY MESSAGES

FEBRUARY 16, 2025

### LUNCH

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### IMPORTANT DATES

- Friday, February 21 - Morning prayer, 7:15a in the chapel
- Friday, February 21 - MCS Science Fair
- Friday, February 21 - Spirit shirt day (wear with PE bottoms or regular uniform)
- **February 24 - March 4 - NO SCHOOL, WINTER BREAK**
- Wednesday, March 5 - Ash Wednesday mass, 9a in the chapel
- Thursday, March 6 - Adoration with Bishop McDermott - 9-10a
- Friday, March 7 - Trimester 2 grades close
- Thursday, March 20 - 8th Grade Pasta Fundraiser

### MCS SCIENCE FAIR

The Mater Christi Science Fair will take place on Friday Feb 21. Posters will be on display in the MCS gym all day for members of the MCS community to view. A short Awards Ceremony will take place just after dismissal (around 3:15pm) in the gym on Friday, February 21.

### GIRLS ON THE RUN

The Girls on the Run program at Mater Christi will start on Monday, March 17th, this program is open for girls 3rd-5th grade. If you would like to enroll your daughter, please register before 3/17 at [gotrvt.org](http://gotrvt.org), registration opens for all participants on 2/19.

Please, make sure you select Mater Christi School as your team when you register your daughter.

If you have any questions please contact Ana Bove at [anibarria@gmail.com](mailto:anibarria@gmail.com). Thank you!



## PTO NEWS

Teacher and staff appreciation breakfast!

Wednesday, February 19th

Please join us in thanking our amazing teachers and staff with a monthly breakfast. Please consider signing up using the link below. Thank you!

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

## ATHLETICS UPDATE

**Co-ed Middle School Volleyball season is here!**

Registration is open and the **deadline to get registered is Friday, March 7th**. Students in 5th-8th grade are eligible to play. The first practice will be Wednesday, March 5th 3:15-4:30. For more details please contact Mrs. Donlon at [mdonlon@materchristischool.net](mailto:mdonlon@materchristischool.net)

## **BULLDOG ROBOTICS COMPETES at Vermont Regional Championship**

On Saturday, Mater Christi Middle School's Bulldog Robotics Club participated in the Vermont Regional Championship at South Burlington High School. The event was part of the FIRST Tech Challenge, themed "Into the Deep," a high school-level robotics competition that challenges students to design, build, and program a robot to complete a series of tasks.

Over the past three months, Bulldog Robotics worked diligently to construct their robot, named Brinicle—after a rare cold ocean phenomenon. The robot was designed to autonomously navigate to a specific parking position, retrieve and transport samples to designated scoring regions under remote control, and, in the final 30 seconds of the game, climb onto the bottom rung of the center structure and hang.

During the competition, teams formed alliances to maximize their scores in fast-paced, two-and-a-half-minute matches. Each team played five matches with different partners, and their cumulative scores determined their overall ranking. The top-scoring teams advanced to the semi-final rounds to compete for the championship title.

Brinicle was both a striking and capable robot. While it may have been slower than some of the other competitors, it was exceptionally durable and required no repairs or reprogramming throughout the event. The team also participated in an interview with judges, presenting their engineering portfolio, which detailed the design and development of their robot.

The day began early at 7:30 AM with the judging interview, followed by field and robot inspections. Competition rounds started at 10 AM and continued throughout the day. Through every challenge, Bulldog Robotics demonstrated "gracious professionalism"—a core value of FIRST Tech Challenge that emphasizes respect, cooperation, and sportsmanship, even in the face of competition.

Congratulations to Bulldog Robotics for their hard work, dedication, and outstanding performance at the Vermont Regional Championship!

## WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER



The greatest thing that parents can do for their children is to love each other. BUT...with the pressures of everyday life... it can be easy to slip into taking each other for granted and in doing so, diminish your ability to radiate God's love in your relationship and to your children. Do you want to find an easier path?

The good news is we've got a more loving way to be with your spouse and your children. It starts with a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend and it's happening right here! Now is the time! There's no need to go away for the weekend, you can stay at home. It's just about the two of you learning to be the best, most loving and thriving couple you can be. Imagine giving that gift to each other AND to your kids!

This experience is being offered at Mater Christi Catholic School, March 21-23. Want more information? Check out [www.WWME.org](http://www.WWME.org) or call Gary & Lynn Root at (802) 456-8114. They'd be thrilled to tell you more about the Weekend.

## LIBRARY NEWS

### YEARBOOK

Time is running out!! Get your MCS 2024-2025 Yearbook now!! The current price of \$50 will only be good until 1/31. The price increases to \$54 after this until the end of February when I have to give my final count. After this, I cannot guarantee you a yearbook. Direct link to order [ORDER YOUR 2025 MATER CHRISTI YEARBOOK](#)

**8th Grade Parent Reminder:** If you are planning on purchasing a recognition ad for your graduate, the due date is February 6th. That direct link is [ORDER YOUR 2025 8TH GRADE PARENT AD](#)

Best regards,

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