



MONDAY MESSAGES

FEBRUARY 9, 2025

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IMPORTANT DATES

- Friday, February 14 - Father/Daughter Dance, 5-7p in the gym
- Saturday, February 15 - 2025-2026 enrollment forms due
- Friday, February 21 - Science Fair
- **February 24 - March 4 - NO SCHOOL, WINTER BREAK**
- Wednesday, March 5 - Ash Wednesday mass, 9a in the chapel

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 14 - VALENTINE'S DAY FESTIVE DRESS

Students are encouraged to wear a red or pink top with their regular uniform bottoms. PE bottoms should only be worn if it is a PE day for that student's class. Class parties and the middle school dance will take place in the afternoon.

SCIENCE FAIR SEEKS JUDGES!

Calling all MCS Parents with Science experience...

Have you ever wondered how you can help young people develop scientific literacy and critical thinking skills? Do you have a degree in or experience with science and/or engineering? Please consider signing up to judge projects for the Mater Christi Science Fair. Judges will get to have one on one conversations with 6th, 7th and 8th graders about their Science/Engineering projects. Judges have no effect on student grades, but they help select the highest quality project to go on to the state Science Fair at Norwich University. Judging will take place on February 18,19, and 20 during the school day. Please contact Mr. Pendergrass by email if you would like to sign up or learn more about judging.

Many Thanks - Mark Pendergrass, mpendergrass@materchristischool.net

FOR PARENTS OF 8TH GRADERS

RICE APPLICATIONS

Reminder - the early application deadline for Rice Memorial High School is February 14th. If you are considering Rice, the sooner your application is received the better for acceptance and financial aid. Following this early deadline, applications will be considered and admission will be on a rolling basis.

Applications should be completed through the Rice website admissions portal. Requests for academic transcripts and test scores can be routed to Kendra Geeslin at kgeeslin@materchristischool.

CVU HIGH SCHOOL - 8TH GRADE FAMILY NIGHT 2/13, 6:30-7:45p

To 8th Grade Parents, Caregivers, and Students of the Class of 2029

8th Grade Family Night

Champlain Valley Union High School

CVU Gym, Thursday , February 13th, 6:30-7:45 p.m.

This evening will provide you and your student an introduction to the academic and elective programs they will experience in the 9th grade. Parents, caregivers, and students will be welcomed by Interim Principal Katherine Riley, Core Director Anthony Spagnolo and the Student Council Quad-Presidents. Parents/caregivers will then join teacher panels while students will take part in group activities and presentations led by Student Council.

We are excited to welcome you all to CVU, and hope to see you all there!

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, 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. Thank you!



PTO NEWS

FATHER/DAUGHTER DANCE - FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 14

5-7p in the gym.

Suggested \$10 donation if you are able.

There will be a photo booth, DJ, etc.!

2025-2026 PTO LEADERSHIP POSITIONS

The MCS PTO is looking for volunteers for next year's PTO leadership! Being part of the PTO is a fun and enriching way to participate in the culture and community at MCS. Here are the open positions for the 2025-26 school year. All of these positions are a 2 year commitment.

Vice President(s): This role supports the PTO president(s) in executing plans for monthly PTO events. They help coordinate volunteers for activities and collaborate on planning events. On top of monthly, one-hour PTO meetings this position may attend follow up meetings with PTO leadership. This role can be shared by 2 people. The vice president(s) will become president(s) in their second year.

Secretary: This role handles all note taking at PTO meetings and handles paperwork within the PTO drive including tasks like submitting event approval forms and fine tuning SignUp genius forms.

Room Parent Coordinator: This is a recently added position that works primarily through email. The purpose of this position is to be the point person for all room parent volunteers. They work with PTO to make sure each class has a room parent and helps the room parents know the various todos throughout the school year.

NEW THIS YEAR

PTO Publicity Coordinator: This is a new role for the 2025-26 school year as we have identified a need for a point person who can keep their focus on how PTO meetings and events are promoted and advertised to the school community. Their role would include working with school administrators to keep the PTO social media and website up to date. They would also handle all communications with the larger MCS community. This role can also be primarily online if needed.

In all of these roles you will have access to the PTO drive in which there are examples of all forms and notes about all events. It is an incredible resource to new PTO leaders. These new positions will work closely with Meghan Forsyth and Nicole Farley who will move into being PTO presidents next year.

It is important to remember that all PTO positions are volunteer positions. The various roles require different levels of participation, however, the whole team works together to have success. We support each other and fill in for each other should one person need it. The roles are not rigid and we try to lean into people's strengths.

Join us at the next PTO meeting to learn more!

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 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,

Kendra & Mary Beth

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