



MONDAY MESSAGES

SEPTEMBER 12, 2025

LUNCH

Here is a [link](#) to next week's lunch menu!

Monday 9/15 Pollo al forno- chicken, peppers, onions, mushrooms, broccoli & feta baked in a creamy sauce with rigatoni - served with breadsticks & parmesan cheese.

Tuesday 9/16 Chicken Quesadillas served with salsa, sour cream, guacamole & tortilla chips.

Wednesday 9/17 Philly cheesesteaks - shaved ribeye with peppers, onions & melty cheese served on a hoagie roll.

Thursday 9/18 Baked haddock with rice pilaf & roasted garlic-lemon asparagus. (GF)

Friday 9/19 Sausage, egg, & cheese breakfast sandwiches on english muffins served with hash browns.

IMPORTANT DATES

- Thursday, September 18 - Curriculum Night - Grades PS-3, 6:00-7:00pm
- Friday, September 19 - Four Winds Training (in cafeteria after drop off)
- Friday, October 3 - Grandparents Day
- Friday, October 10 - No School for Students, Faith Formation Day

MCS GAMES - GO BULLDOGS!

- Monday, September 15 - Field Hockey Game @ Rice H.S
- Tuesday, September 16 - Girls Soccer Game @ Hinesburg M.S.
- Thursday, September 18 - Girls Soccer Game @Williston - Allenbrook School
- Thursday, September 18 - Boys Soccer Game @ Williston Central School
- Thursday, September 18 - Girls Field Hockey Game @ Williston

MATER CHRISTI VOLUNTEERS OR CHAPERONES

There are several opportunities in the year to volunteer or chaperone field trips or other events for your child's class. The Diocese and Mater Christi require volunteers and chaperones, like staff, to have background check items performed before the event. These items include filling out a form, going for a fingerprint, and taking a short child safety online training.

In this upcoming school year, the Diocese has stressed this importance and we will have to say "no" to parents that have not gone through these background hoops. If you are planning on being a volunteer or chaperone in the next school year, please contact Kate Lafferty klafferty@materchristischool.net to start the background check process (fingerprints can take up to a month).

GRANDPARENTS DAY - LAST CALL!!

We are excited to welcome grandparents and special friends for a celebration with our school community on **Friday, October 3, 2025**. 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: <https://forms.gle/PXK9TFdH26fmJkMu9> - last call!!

- If a student's grandparents are unable to attend, a special friend or other relative is welcome. Due to space limitations, both for parking and in our gym, we request that parents do not attend this event. (Exceptions can be made, such as if a grandparent needs assistance.)
- Our celebration will begin at 9:00 in the gym, featuring a program and bingo. After this, grandparents and special guests are invited to visit their students' classrooms. Students will be dismissed at 11:30.
- Grandparents who are unable to join us for this event are welcome to send cards to the school, to be given to their grandchildren.
- Finally, we hope you will help us create a video featuring photos of grandparents and their grandchildren, to be shared following Grandparents Day. **We invite parents or grandparents to send up to 4 photos to msenesac@materchristischool.net by Friday, September 19.**

Thank you for helping us with the details of our Celebration of Grandparents and Special Friends!

MCS FALL CLUBS

Fall Clubs begin this week starting with Chess Club on Monday, September 15! Please see the attached flyer for information on current MCS club offerings with the new addition of Robotics, Minecraft and Lego Club!!

Bulldog Robotics Club (grades 5-8): Click here for [Information & Signup](#)

Minecraft Club (grades 2-5) - Wednesdays 3-4:15 p.m. beginning 9/24, 6 week sessions. Cost TBD, determined by number of sign ups. See Attached MCS Clubs flyer for more details!

Lego Club (grades 2-5) - Tuesdays 3-4:15 p.m. beginning 9/23, 6 week sessions. See Attached MCS Clubs flyer for more details! Cost TBD, determined by number of sign ups. See Attached MCS Clubs flyer for more details!

Math Counts - We are hoping to get a Math Counts Club up and running and actively searching for leads. If you have anyone in mind who could lead this club, please let us know!

MCS PTO

Teacher and staff appreciation breakfast! :
Wednesday, September 24th

Please join us in thanking our amazing teachers and staff with a monthly breakfast. Please consider signing up using the link below: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0945A5AE2DA5F4C70-51245811-teacher> Thank you!

Calling all crafters and artisans in the MCS community! Tables are filling up fast for the second annual Mater Christi Christmas Market, happening on November 22nd! If you or someone you know has a business or hobby and would like to reserve a table, please sign up here: [MCS Christmas Market](#).

Last year we had an amazing variety of vendors, including jewelry, handmade artworks, pottery, honey, photography, and more! This year, the PTO is also holding a fundraising raffle at the market; if you own a business or know someone who would like to donate goods or a service to our raffle, please reach out.

DAYS AND DREAMS

Days and Dreams! A Message from Mrs. Farley and Ms. King for Grades 4-8 Families!

We are pleased to announce information about our annual school musical "Days and Dreams"! Students from grades 4 through 8 are eligible to participate either on stage or backstage.

For PERFORMERS:

Students will sign up next week for an audition time slot. Sign up sheets will be on a table in the main lobby of the building. Auditions will be held Monday and Tuesday, September 15th and 16th. Audition time slots are available between 3:15 and 4:45. At auditions your child will sing by themselves, or with 1 or 2 friends, a song of their choosing. Please advise your children to choose something from a musical, ideally NOT a pop song or current hit. Happy Birthday is always a great option! And two song recommendations are:

1. Be Our Guest from Beauty and the Beast

2. Day By Day from Godspell.

For students interested in backstage work, they will have a separate sign up sheet. No audition required.

Expectations:

The show will take place on Thursday and Friday, November 13th and 14th at 6pm. We will also have a daytime performance at 9:30am on the 13th for the school community. Students who commit to the show are committing to EVERY performance and EVERY rehearsal that week as they are all technical and dress rehearsals. If your child cannot make this commitment, please encourage them to consider the next opportunity.

Rehearsals will be on a rotating basis after school from 3:15-4:45 Mondays, Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays. Fridays will be on an exception basis as we get closer to the show. We will endeavor to accommodate team practices and games whenever possible. Students often help each other when someone has missed learning a dance step or a section of lyrics, but students who have missed too many rehearsals may be cut from a number if necessary. Each student will be in the opening and closing numbers, and typically they are in 2 others, sometimes more, depending on their rehearsal availability.

Our kick off meeting will be Tuesday, September 23rd from 3:15 to 4:15. A rehearsal schedule will be shared after that date, and updates will come out each week as changes occur.

The participation fee for performers is \$100 and for backstage crew \$50. Funding goes to the official show shirts for all cast and crew. They double as costumes! As well as other costumes, props, rented lighting and sound equipment. Payment should be made to Mary Farley via check at the front office or venmo to Mary-Farley-20.

Please note that some families may be asked to purchase tap shoes for their child. We repurpose as many as we can, but sometimes sizes are in higher demand.

Volunteers needed! We are always in need of parents to help with concessions, backstage coordination, dressing room help and supervision and rehearsal help! Please reach out [Kristen King](#) and [Mary Farley](#) to volunteer!

LIBRARY

Year books are now [on sale](#). They are \$46 until September 30, and then the prices go up!

SAVE THE DATE!!! Paper Pie Book Fair coming October 20-24. Be on the lookout for more info and volunteer opportunities!!

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 Friday and Tuesday mornings 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/clean up. Training sessions will teach you everything you need to know to teach the lesson and all materials are prepared for you.

Training Dates:

Friday, September 19: Leaf eaters

Tuesday, January 20: Staying Warm

Tuesday, March 17: White-tailed Deer

Tuesday, April 28: Forest Birds

Our first training is Friday, September 19th, in the cafeteria after morning drop off (this first one may run a bit longer). 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)

Best regards,

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