

MONDAY MESSAGES SEPTEMBER 8, 2025

LUNCH

Monday 9/8 Chicken Cordon Bleu with pearl couscous pilaf & cheesy cauliflower (ham and cheese stuffed breaded chicken) Tuesday 9/9 Tuna melts on english muffins with pretzels.

Wednesday 9/10 BBQ Pulled pork sandwiches with coleslaw

Thursday 9/11 Stir fried ginger beef, snow peas & onions with rice and pork dumplings (DF)

Friday 9/12 Pizza - Cheese or pepperoni

IMPORTANT DATES

- Wednesday, September 10 School Pictures
- Thursday, September 11 Curriculum Night Grades 4-8, 6:00-8:00pm
- Thursday, September 18 Curriculum Night Grades PS-3, 6:00-7:00pm
- Friday, October 3 Grandparents Day

GRANDPARENTS DAY

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 by **Friday, September 5**.

- 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 <u>not</u> 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!

5th-8th GRADE SPORTS REMINDER

There have been a couple of changes to the schedules for some teams. The GoogleSheets schedules have all been updated so when you open the link for your team's schedule you will see the most up to date information. Please save the link and reference it for schedule information throughout the season. Here are the links again, in case anyone misplaced them.

Girls soccer - https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1qjcym_87inl2oyLndqzIZPGDxerrF0L6aozmhHufYRU/edit?usp=sharing

Field hockey -

https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1kK0ApyFpZPwPb9jifQoebWds4qY2tDECcExmUcrNxWM/edit?usp=sharing

Cross country -

https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1hVSBFbINkV-chB-VLGsiRIsJKjJZbnXIVIm2whW9VSk/edit?usp=sharing

Here is the schedule for this coming week:

Monday -

Field hockey and girls soccer - games at Browns River Middle School

Boys soccer and XC - practice at MCS

Tuesday -

Boys soccer - games at Browns River Middle School

Field hockey - practice at MCS

Wednesday -

Boys soccer and XC - practice at MCS

Thursday -

5th and 6th grade field hockey - game at Bristol

Girls soccer - game at Milton M.S.

Friday -

Boys soccer - games at Milton M.S.

Field hockey - game at Milton H.S.

XC and Girls soccer practice

Please refer to the schedule links for more details about locations, times, and early dismissals.

GO BULLDOGS!

MCS FALL CLUBS

Please see the attached flyer for information on current MCS club offerings which will begin the week of September 15.

- MCS Drumline
- Chess Club
- Mercy Community Service
- GBCC
- Student Ambassadors
- *possibly Robotics working on getting this up and running, more information coming soon!

MCS PTO

The PTO would like to say "THANK YOU!" to the MCS community for your help in another amazing Back to School carnival. This is the largest event the PTO puts on each year and it simply wouldn't have been possible without the support of our incredibly generous community! It was evident in the bright smiles of our children - the event was a great success!

Calling all crafters and artisans in the MCS community! Tables are already filling up 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 email PTO member Nicole Farley for more information at nicolecfarley@gmail.com. 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.

Please follow our private Facebook page (Mater Christi School PTO Group) and our Instagram page (@mater_christi_school_pto) to follow along with what the PTO is up to, upcoming events, and more!

MIDDLE SCHOOL MUMS FUNDRAISER

Thank you for all who purchased mums! They will be delivered at the end of this week - details on when & where to pick them up will be communicated soon!

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 as well as Monday and Tuesday September 8th and 9th and 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 here:

- 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!

king@materchristischool.net and mfarley@materchristischool.net

LIBRARY

Ms. King is looking for volunteers to help in the library! Specifically, to help cover books. If you have a few moments to spare and would like to help out, please email Ms. King at king@materchristischool.net. Thank you!!

Year books are now on sale. They are \$46 until until September 30, and then the prices go up! Please see attached flyer for more information.

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: Leafeaters

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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