



MONDAY MESSAGES

OCTOBER 20, 2025

LUNCH

Link to this week's lunch [Menu](#)

Monday 10/20 Cheese ravioli marinara with cheesy breadsticks & garlic green beans.

Tuesday 10/21 Chicken Tikka Masala with rice & naan bread (GF without bread)

Wednesday 10/22 Cheeseburgers or Beyond burgers w/ lettuce, tomato, onions & pickles

Thursday 10/23 Roasted Pork loin with rosemary garlic fingerling potatoes & broccoli

Friday 10/24 Eggo waffles with breakfast sausage, VT maple syrup, hash browns, fresh strawberries, & orange juice.

IMPORTANT DATES

- **Monday, Oct 20** - The Paper Pie Book Fair begins today and will run through Friday. Winter uniform guidelines are officially in effect today. Students in Grades 6-8 will be dismissed at 3:00 p.m. rather than 3:05 p.m. for the remainder of the school year.
- **Wednesday, Oct 22** - Hosting Fall Open House for potential families. As always, thank you for spreading the good word about Mater Christi School!
- **Friday, Oct 24** - Morning Prayer will take place in the chapel beginning at 7:15 a.m. All are welcome. MCS PTO Sponsored Trunk of Treat from 5-6 p.m. on the field next to the elementary building.
- **Thursday, December 18th** - Please mark your December calendar for the MCS Christmas Concert on 12/18 @ 6:00pm, held at St. Michael's College

MCS SPORTS

Sports Uniform Return: Please remember to wash your MCS uniforms after the final event/game, attach the student's name, and return them to the school. They can be placed in the box in the front lobby of the middle school building labelled "Sports Uniforms"

MCS PTO

Teacher and staff appreciation breakfast!

Wednesday, October 29th

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!

MCS 5TH ANNUAL TRUNK OR TREAT!

Friday, October 24th!

We need more trunks! Please consider decorating your trunk and handing out nut free candy and/or non edible Halloween goodies.

Trunks have run out of candy in previous years, so we ask that you please plan for 300+ trick or treaters visiting your trunk. Please email the PTO if you need assistance with supplying candy, or if you would like to donate candy towards the event. We ask that you please arrive at the soccer field by 4:30pm to park and set up, and do not leave in your car until the event has finished. Trunk or treat will be from 5-6:00pm. We look forward to seeing you all at this fun school event!

Please see the link below to sign up for your trunk! Thank you!

PUMPKIN CARVING CONTEST!

The PTO is hosting a Pumpkin Carving Contest! To participate, carve a pumpkin and email a photo of your entry with your first and last name and grade to pto@materchristischool.net by Tuesday, October 28th. Winners will be selected in the following categories: Most Creative, Scariest, and Silliest. All winners will be announced on Halloween and receive a prize! Please email the PTO if you need assistance getting a pumpkin, or if you would like to donate pumpkins to a family. We look forward to seeing your festive and fun creations!

MCS CLUBS

New Offering!: Latin Club (grades 6-8) - Fridays 11:07-11:55 a.m. (during lunch/recess), beginning October 24

Ever wondered how you can "speak" a dead language? How many types of gladiators were there in the Colosseum? How is it possible to sit for so long staring at your reflection that you become a flower? Come learn all about these questions and more at Latin Club, starting this Friday (October 24) during middle school lunch and recess. We can take the club in any direction students wish. Some options include: preparing for a fun national mythology exam (the Pegasus Exam), Certamen (an ancient Roman focused "quiz bowl"), and Latin itself. The club will meet weekly on Fridays. As much as possible, we will spend the second half of our club time outside in the fresh air. There is no club fee. A sign up sheet will be posted for students on the middle school floor. The club will be capped at sixteen students.

MCS COMMUNITY SERVICE

There are many wonderful service opportunities throughout the school year in our community. Please read about them here and reach out to the front office or Jason Moore with any questions.

Donate to Catherine's Pantry

Please consider donating non-perishable food items for Catherine's Pantry, our on-campus food shelf.

We will collect the donated food items throughout the school year, and distribute them to various local food banks, charitable organizations, and families/neighbors in need of support.

Collection boxes are placed in the lobby of each building. Thank you for your generosity, and for caring for our economically poor and food insecure brothers and sisters by helping to feed the hungry--a critical Corporal Work of Mercy.

Mercy Community Service

Mercy Community Service is ready to launch! Service opportunities will be offered 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 (no more than four cooks in the kitchen at a time) to make meals for guests. 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.

- Wednesday, October 29th
- Friday, October 31st
- Wednesday, November 5, 12, 19, 26th
- Friday, November 7, 14, 21, 28th
- Wednesday, December 10, 17th
- Friday, December 5, 12, 19th

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. Family drivers/chaperones are necessary for this service experience.

Hope Lodge (<https://www.cancer.org/support-programs-and-services/patient-lodging/hope-lodge/burlington.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.

Table of Remembrance

In the Catholic tradition, November is a month to remember and pray for loved ones who have journeyed home to their eternal rest. November begins with the Solemnity of All Saints on November 1st and the Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed on November 2nd.

On the Solemnity of All Saints we are reminded of a "universal call of holiness," and are encouraged to strive towards holiness in our own unique way. On this day, we remember and pray for deceased loved ones who, while not officially canonized by the Church, are indeed saints whose witness has blessed and enriched our lives. On the Commemoration of

All the Faithful Departed, we are encouraged to pray for all loved ones who have died, trusting in God's unconditional love and mercy.

We would like to extend an invitation to our community as we honor and pray for our loved ones who have journeyed home to God. A "Table of Remembrance" will be set up in the Chapel of the Sacred Heart from Monday, November 3rd to Tuesday, November 25th (the day before the Thanksgiving break) and we invite students and families to bring in a framed photo or photos of deceased family members and friends for the Table of Remembrance. Please ensure the photo is labelled on the back of the frame with your family name and child's homeroom so that we can be sure to return these sacred and cherished pictures to you. If your family is interested in participating in this meaningful community event, your children may bring your photos to school on Monday, November 3rd, or any day throughout our observance of this tradition. Homeroom teachers will ensure that your photos get to me (Mr. Moore) to be placed on the "Table of Remembrance." Thank you for participating in this beloved tradition and please know that we will remember your beloved deceased family members and friends in morning prayer throughout the month of November.

Thank you!

DAYS AND DREAMS

Please look for emails from [Kristen King](#) for weekly play updates and rehearsal schedule!

LIBRARY NEWS

- **The Paper Pie Book Fair is HERE! October 20th-24th! Volunteers are still needed** to sell books at the fair. If you are interested and available to help, please visit the sign-up genius at this link <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0848A9AC2BA4F4C25-58612761-paper> Questions? Contact [Ms. King](#)
- **YEARBOOK SALE REMINDER: Mater Christi 2025~2026 yearbooks are on sale!!** Purchase a wonderful keepsake of our year together. **Yearbooks are \$50 and will be available at this price until 12/19! Order your copy TODAY!! After this the price goes up.** All students in grades PS-8 are included. Here is your yearbook sales link: <https://jostensyearbooks.com/?REF=A08741230>

Best regards,

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