



# MATER CHRISTI SCHOOL

## MONDAY MESSAGES

**Monday 16, 2026**

### **LUNCH Menu [link](#).**

**Monday 3/16** Penne marinara with meatballs, green beans & cheesy breadsticks

**Tuesday 3/17** St. Patrick's day Irish stout beef stew with dinner rolls. (cubed chuck roast, root vegetables & potatoes in a hearty Guinness stew) (DF)

**Wednesday 3/18** Chicken Cordon Bleu sandwiches & pasta salad. (Fried chicken breast, sliced ham, & swiss cheese)

**Thursday 3/19** Pork fried rice & dumplings (DF)

**Friday 3/20** Early Dismissal - No Lunch

### **IMPORTANT DATES:**

 **Tuesday, March 17th** : Happy St. Patrick's Day to all! In honor of this holiday, students can wear green tops with their uniform or PE bottoms. 4Winds volunteer training will be held @8:15am in the cafeteria.

**Friday, March 20th:** Morning prayer will be held in the chapel at 7:15 a.m. All are welcome to attend.

### **VT STEM Fair CONGRATS!**

On Saturday March 14, nine Mater Christi Students presented their science/engineering projects at the Vermont STEM Fair at Norwich University. Chelsea Ankar, Cavan Bisanzo, Tara Clogan, Olin Henry, Brendan Moore, Cabby Ostrander, Griffin Pendergrass, Nora Shottle, and Joseph Ulager acted as the MCS representatives at this event. Griffin, Olin, Cavan and Nora all earned silver medals, meaning that they scored in the top 30% of projects in the fair (which included about 140 projects, most of which were done by high school students). Cavan also won an award from the NH Academy of Science, and Nora also won awards from Thermo Fisher Scientific and the Society for Women Engineers. Congratulations to our entire MCS delegation!

### **MCS ANNUAL FUNDRAISER: ANCHORING HOPE**

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A special Mater Christi School family will contribute \$100 for each current MCS family that supports our annual fund with a gift of any amount. If Mater Christi School meets or surpasses 100 current family donors, this family will make an additional \$15,000 gift to our 2025-26 annual fund! We are more than halfway to our goal! See the [attached flyer](#) for details, and [click here to donate](#).

### **ATTENTION 4WINDS VOLUNTEERS**

Please join us for a 4Winds volunteer training this TUESDAY 3/17 @8:15am in the cafeteria.

### **VOLUNTEERS AND 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.

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](mailto:klafferty@materchristischool.net) to start the background check process (fingerprints can take up to 2 months for results to come in).

## **MCS SPORTS REMINDERS**

### **Spring Sports at MCS**

Here is a list of the sports opportunities that will be offered this Spring. For many of these activities, registration has not opened yet and schedules and other logistics are still being worked out. More information about each of the following sports will be emailed out within the next couple of weeks. Please watch for more information.

Girls on the Run - running group for 3rd-5th grade girls will be meeting on Mondays and Thursdays. **Registration is required.** If you are not registered please reach out to Mrs. Donlon to see if there is still space available. The first meeting will be Monday 3/16.

Baseball - for students in grades 5-8. Practices will begin 4/27. Practices will be held at Centennial Field (usually on Tuesdays except during that first week of the season) from 3:15-4:30. Most games will be on Mondays and Fridays. More information will be coming out soon.

Mini Miler Running Club - running group for boys and girls in K-4. The group will meet once a week on either Tuesdays or Fridays (still TBD) from 3:00-4:00. **Assistant coaches are needed.** The date of the first meeting will be in mid to late April but is still TBD.

Track and Field - Middle school team for 5th-8th graders. Practices will be held at the UVM track 1-2 days per week (dates for practices are TBD). Students meet in front of MCS at 3:15 and run to the track together as a warm up for the practice which will begin at the track at 3:30. Practice will end between 4:30 and 4:45 (TBD). Meets will be on Mondays (with one exception on a Wednesday).

**Assistant coaches needed.**

Boys Lacrosse - programs will be offered for 1st-6th grade boys. Practice dates, times, and locations are still TBD but will likely begin the week of April 13th. All games are on weekends.

5/6 team - **Assistant coach needed**

3/4 team - **Assistant coach needed**

1/2 learn-to-play program - will probably run one day a week with practices at MCS and no games

Girls Lacrosse? - there is a possibility of a learn-to-play program for 4th-8th graders that will run 1 day per week with no games. This depends on the number of players interested and many details for this are TBD. If you are interested please notify Mrs. Donlon asap.

## **MINI MILERS:**

RunVermont's Mini Milers @ MCS will run on **Fridays** from **April 10** through **May 22**, after school until **4:00 PM** for kindergarten through 3rd graders.

Registration details will be shared soon.

If you have questions or are interested in volunteering, please email Courtenay Baker at [cdbaker0815@gmail.com](mailto:cdbaker0815@gmail.com).

## **GOTR**

Girls on the Run starts this **Monday, March 16**, with practices on Mondays and Thursdays through **May 28**. For our first week, we will be meeting in Mr. Pendergrass's classroom before we head outside.

We are excited to get started! **Send weather appropriate running attire with layers and running shoes!**

Email Maria Arnold [mariagarnold@gmail.com](mailto:mariagarnold@gmail.com) with any questions.

## **MCS PTO**

**Teacher and staff appreciation breakfast!**

**Wednesday, March 25th**

Please join us in celebrating our amazing teachers and staff with an appreciation breakfast! Please sign up using the link below. Items can be dropped off in the teachers lounges at drop off. Thank you!

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

**School Uniform swap!**

**\*\*\*Please start bringing in your uniform donations\*\*\***

The official uniform swap will begin on **Tuesday, March 24th- Thursday, March 26th** on the stage in the gymnasium.

All are invited to come and get FREE gently used uniforms! This will take place on the elementary school gymnasium stage. Come and grab some uniforms anytime on Tuesday 3/24 through Thursday 3/26, when the school is open. To make this event a success, the PTO is kindly requesting uniform donations you may have to bring in. If you have any gently used uniforms (no stains, rips, holes, and up to date on the current MCS logo) that your child has outgrown and no longer needs, please consider bringing them in! We ask that you please drop them off clean and folded, onto the labeled tables on the gymnasium stage anytime starting this week!! Your donations will help ensure that all families have access to good quality, and affordable uniform options. If you have any questions, please email the PTO at [pto@materchristischool.net](mailto:pto@materchristischool.net)

THANK YOU and we look forward to seeing you at the uniform swap!!

The MCS PTO is looking for volunteers for next year's PTO leadership! Also, any volunteers who have new ideas for the PTO, new position ideas, community outreach volunteers, etc. We are looking for new ways to change up our mission by finding more ways to help out in our community, have parent education nights, have speakers come, etc! Please let us know your ideas and ways you can help, other than just planning parties.

Being part of the PTO is a fun and enriching way to participate in the culture and community at MCS. For the 2026-27 school year the positions we are looking to be filled is for 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 that support the teachers and students of MCS. 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. This is a two year commitment. The vice president(s) will become president(s) in their second year. This new position will assist Heidi Morway and Alessandra Calderon 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. Please email the PTO at [pto@materchristischool.net](mailto:pto@materchristischool.net) if you are interested and or have any questions. Thank You!

### **SCHOOL RE-ENROLLMENT REMINDER:**

You should have received an email titled "2026–2027 Enrollment and Tuition Agreement." Please take a few moments to complete the online re-enrollment form online as soon as possible.

Timely submission helps us plan thoughtfully for staffing, classroom placements, and the upcoming academic year. If you did not receive the email or have any questions, please contact Melissa [mshenesac@materchristischool.net](mailto:mshenesac@materchristischool.net).

### **FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE**

Financial Assistance Applications due by April 15

The window for Financial Aid applications for current families is from January to April 15. After April 15 we open the remaining funds to new families. The application is found in FACTS. The Financial Aid Committee has begun reviewing applications, and reminds you that you may estimate your 2025 income and upload your tax return at a later date. If you have any questions, please contact Kate Lafferty [klafferty@materchristischool.net](mailto:klafferty@materchristischool.net)

### **MCS SUMMER CAMP REGISTRATION**

Summer Camp - stays the same

### **YEARBOOK - FINAL DAY TO PURCHASE THE 2025-2026 YEARBOOK IS MARCH 31ST!**

Order yours here: <https://jostensyearbooks.com/?REF=A08741230>

If you need to check if you have purchased one already, please email Ms. King at [king@materchristischool.net](mailto:king@materchristischool.net).

### **LIBRARY**

Ms. King is looking for the following for the library. If you can help, please stop by the library or email her at [king@materchristischool.net](mailto:king@materchristischool.net)!

1. Covering books - always needed!!
2. Spring cleaning of the library - wiping down/dusting all bookshelves and window sills
3. Do you have any jars you are recycling? I'm looking for any size jars with lids (ouj - I have lids, pickle, spaghetti sauce, mason type, etc) for projects this summer. You can drop them off in the library. Thanks so much!!!

### **AFTERSCHOOL REGISTRATION**

Afterschool 2026-2027 Registration is now OPEN to returning MCS Families! The form is linked below, or is always accessible on our website.

[Registration Form](#)

Please email [afterschool@materchristischool.net](mailto:afterschool@materchristischool.net) with any questions.

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