



MONDAY MESSAGES

AUGUST 24, 2026

LUNCH MENU

Monday 8/31 Chicken Fingers & Fries (DF)

Tuesday 9/1 Rice & beans with pulled pork, pickled red onions, sour cream & tortilla chips. (DF, V - w/o pork)

Wednesday 9/2 Mac n' Cheese with lemon garlic broccoli (V)

Thursday 9/3 BBQ chicken sandwiches with melted cabot cheddar served with coleslaw, pickles, onions, lettuce and tomato on side.

Friday 9/4 Teriyaki beef with onions & snow peas served with rice & pork dumplings. (DF)

COMING SOON:

- Monday, Sept 7 - Labor Day- No School
- Wednesday, Sept 9 - School Pictures
- Thursday, Sept 10 - Four Winds Training
- Thursday, Sept 10- Curriculum Night for Parents of Students in Grades 4-8 @6:00 p.m.
- Friday, Sept 11 - Back to School Carnival, 5-7pm
- Monday, Sept 14 - Auditions for Fall Musical Peter Pan!
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CALL BACK

Call back for Grades 6-8 will begin on September 15th.

NEWS FROM THE PTO

Hello from the PTO!

We hope the school year is off to a great start. We look forward to meeting you all at the school carnival, September 11.

Our first meeting is Tuesday, September 1 directly after drop-off. Please note our new meeting location in the convent meeting room. Please come to the middle school building to sign in at the front office before proceeding to the convent meeting room. Mrs. Price is happy to show you where to go if you're not sure where that is!

Thank you and we hope to see you there!

FALL SPORTS WEEKLY UPDATE & SCHEDULE:

- We are off and running, thank you coaches, families and students for a great start!
- Fall sports sign-up is now closed.
- Please expect a final registration, payment and health form sign-up to be forthcoming over the next week or so.
- Please thank your coaches for all they are doing!
- If you have any questions please reach out to [Jeff Vincent](#), our Athletic Director.

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Field Hockey - off day	Field Hockey - Practice 3:15 - 4:45	Field Hockey - off day	Field Hockey - Practice 3:15 - 4:45	Field Hockey - off day
Cross Country - Practice 3:15 - 4:15	Cross Country - off day	Cross Country - Practice 3:15 - 4:15	Cross Country - off day	Cross Country - Practice 3:15 - 4:15
Boys Soccer - off day	Boys Soccer - off day	Boys Soccer - Practice 3:15 - 4:45	Boys Soccer - off day	Boys Soccer - off day
Girls Soccer - Practice 3:15 - 4:45	Girls Soccer - off day	Girls Soccer - off day	Girls Soccer - off day	Girls Soccer - Practice 3:15 - 4:45

MIDDLE SCHOOL MUMS FUNDRAISER

The Middle School is at it again fundraising for their field trips. Please consider supporting your favorite middle schooler by buying the quintessential plant of the season: Chrysanthemums also known as Mums!

Orders are due Wednesday, September 2. Thank you! Please have your student bring their order form & payment to their homeroom teacher - or you can drop it off at the front office.

MCS BAND PROGRAM

Our school band program begins this week! All fifth graders are eligible to join our Beginner Band. Middle School Band is open to any Middle School student with some prior experience on a band instrument. Please contact [Ms. Raatikainen](#) to find out more about how your student can get involved.

FALL MUSICAL ANNOUNCEMENT!!

We are pleased to announce this year's fall musical will be, ***Peter Pan***!! This fabulous adaptation will be mounted and directed in an exciting collaboration with VERY MERRY THEATRE! There will be a brief **informational meeting** about the show the week of **September 8th**.

Auditions: The week of September 14th for students in grades 5th-8th only (this is a change from previous years)

Performance Dates: November 5th and 6th

Be on the lookout for more information and specific dates and times of meetings and auditions. Questions? Email Ms. KIng at king@materchristischool.net

2026-2027 YEARBOOKS NOW ON SALE!!

Now is the time! The **Mater Christi 2026-2027 yearbooks are on sale!!** Purchase a wonderful keepsake of our year together. **Yearbooks are \$50 and will be available at this price until 10/2! Order your copy TODAY!! After this the price goes up.** All students in grades PS-8 are included, as are all the special moments we celebrate together as a community throughout the year! The yearbook is truly a great memento to look back on. The link to purchase directly from Jostens is below.

[Click to Purchase the 2027 Mater Christi Yearbook](#) Questions? Email Ms. KIng at king@materchristischool.net

Looking for Any and All First Day of School Photos!!!

Ms. King is looking for any photos you took of the first day of school (here at school) to use in the yearbook. If you don't mind sharing, please email them (without changing their size) to Ms. King - king@materchristischool.net OR Mrs. Senesac - msenesac@materchristischool.net Thank you!!!!

GRANDPARENTS DAY ON FRIDAY, OCTOBER 2

We are excited to welcome grandparents and special friends for a celebration with our school community on **Friday, October 2, 2026**. 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 the [Grandparents Day form](#) by **Friday, September 4.**

- 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, and 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 18.**

GREATER BURLINGTON CHILDREN'S CHORUS

The Greater Burlington Children's is thrilled to welcome new and experienced singers in 2nd-6th grades for a new semester of singing and musical learning! Rehearsals will take place on Mondays from 4:00-5:15 pm beginning on September 14 and ending with a concert in December. GBCC, while not a Mater Christi School sponsored chorus, is led by MCS music teacher Mrs. Safer and rehearses at MCS.

The chorus offers children an opportunity to develop their musical skills in a fun, welcoming environment as we celebrate the power of choral music to foster beauty, culture, and community. For more information and sign-ups, please visit greaterburlingtonchildrenschorus.org or email gbcchorus@gmail.com.

ART, LEGO & MAKER CLUB

Ms. Compagna is offering three clubs this Fall – Art, Lego and Maker Club! See the attached pdf for a description of these awesome afterschool clubs! And reach out to [Ms. Compagna](mailto:Ms.Compagna) if you have any questions!

GUITAR LESSONS

Tim Fitzgerald will be taking new students this fall in his guitar studio at Mater Christi School. Tim uses his deep background in popular and classical guitar (30+ years of study, Berklee College of Music, The University of Vermont), as well as his extensive experience in teaching, to develop lessons for individual student interests and needs.

There are lesson times available from 3-6 PM on Monday through Thursday.

Please reach out at TLfitzgerald83@gmail.com 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 Thursday mornings in the library, 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.

This year our theme is Earth! The following dates will be our training mornings:

Thursday, September 10th: Sunlight & Shadow

Thursday, November 12th: Rocks & Minerals

Thursday, January 14th: Blanket of Air

Thursday, March 11th: The Water Cycle

Our first training is Thursday, September 10th, in the library 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 or have any questions, please reach out to our 4Winds Coordinator, Nicole Farley (nicolecfarley@gmail.com)

IMPORTANT UPDATE REGARDING SCHOOL VOLUNTEERS AND CHAPERONES

There are several opportunities during the year to volunteer or chaperone field trips for your child's class. The Diocese and Mater Christi School require volunteers and chaperones to complete full background checks before the event. This includes completing a background check authorization form, fingerprinting, and taking a short online child safety training (VIRTUS). The Diocese requires strict adherence to the policy and MCS will have to decline parents that have not completed ALL background steps BEFORE the field trip date.

If planning on being a volunteer or chaperone this school year, please contact Kate Lafferty klafferty@materchristischool.net to start the background check process (fingerprints can take up to a month). Several of the younger grades (K-3) have fall field trips, so now is a good time to start.

REPORTING ABSENCES, LATE ARRIVALS, EARLY DISMISSALS

Please email attendance@materchristischool.net **and** the student's homeroom teacher with all attendance matters. Alternatively, you may call the main office and leave a voicemail.

Best regards,

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