



MONDAY MESSAGES

SEPTEMBER 21, 2026

LUNCH MENU

Monday 9/21 Beef goulash with dinner rolls (ground beef in a sweet and savory tomato sauce with vegetables) (DF)

Tuesday 9/22 Grilled cheese & tomato soup with goldfish (V)

Wednesday 9/23 Fried chicken sandwiches with lettuce, tomato, onion & pickles. (DF)

Thursday 9/24 Creamy chicken & rice with buttermilk biscuits (chicken, vegetables, & potatoes in a thick & creamy stew)

Friday 9/25 Pancakes, hash browns & breakfast sausage with real VT maple syrup, fresh strawberries & chocolate milk.

THIS WEEK:

September:

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COMING SOON:

September:

- 24 - Mercy Day Masses at 8:30 and 10:00 a.m.

October:

- 2- Grandparents' Day- Prayer Service @ 9 a.m.-11:30 Dismissal
- 5- Blessing of the Animals- 3:00 p.m.
- 10- Blood Drive @ MCS- 9:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m.
- 12- Indigenous Peoples' Day- No School

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**.

- 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.

MCS PTO: THANK YOU, MATER CHRISTI FAMILIES! 🎉

What an amazing **Back to School Carnival!** A HUGE thank you to everyone who joined us — and an extra special thank you to the **parents, students, teachers, and volunteers** who helped set up, work the event, and clean up. We couldn't have done it without you! ❤️

RAFFLE REMINDER

Tickets & payments are due SEPTEMBER 30!

Need more tickets? Pick them up at the **front office**.
Checks can be made payable to **Mater Christi PTO**.



SAVE THE DATES!



October 8 – Coffee & Conversation: Meet the PTO

Come grab a cup of coffee, meet members of the PTO, ask questions, share ideas, and learn more about how you can get involved!



October 13 – PTO Meeting

Join us for our October PTO meeting. Everyone is welcome!



October 13 – Parents' Night Out

Save the date and enjoy a night out!



October 16 – Harvest Fest

Join us for another fun school community event as we celebrate fall together!

Thank you for supporting our students, our school, and the Mater Christi PTO! 💙

FALL SPORTS WEEKLY UPDATE & SCHEDULE

We are halfway through the Fall season.

Once again, thank you to all of our coaches and super helpful parents to make it all work. We are BLESSED.

The amazing Fall school Play/Musical has started and some students will be doing both Fall sports and the play, which is absolutely encouraged. Coaches will be 100% flexible, please communicate with both your coaches and Mrs. Safer when there's a conflict of time on either end.

**9/21: Field Hockey - off day | Cross Country - Practice 3:15 - 4:15 | Boys Soccer - Practice 3:15 - 4:45
Girls Soccer - off day**

9/22 Field Hockey - Game at Tuttle B 4:15 / A 5:15 The games are reversed for this date only. B first followed by A. | Cross Country - Meet at Essex Middle School 4:30 start | Boys Soccer - previous B game cancelled. Now a day off for the B team. Boys Soccer - Game at ADL A only at 4:15 (AD Lawton in Essex) | Girls Soccer - previous B game cancelled now a practice instead 3:15-4:45

9/23: Field Hockey - Practice 3:15 - 4:45 | Cross Country - Practice 3:15 - 4:15 | Boys Soccer -off day | Girls Soccer - off day

9/24: Field Hockey - Game at Milton at 4:15 one team only (an A/B team) | Cross Country - off day | Boys Soccer - Practice 3:15 - 4:45 | Girls Soccer - Game at Milton A 4:15 / B 5:15

9/25: Field Hockey - off day | Cross Country - Meet at Williston | 4:30 girls race / 5:15 boys race | Boys Soccer - Game at Milton A 4:15 / B 5:15 | Girls Soccer - Practice 3:15 - 4:45

MCS FALL OPEN HOUSE

Please help us share our first Open House of the year on Wednesday, October 21 from 8:30- 11 a.m.

If you use Facebook, please share our event and invite a friend to attend

<https://www.facebook.com/share/1BjtfPRrHN/>

If you are part of Front Porch Forum, please share it in your local one. You can copy and paste the blurb below, or share your personal positive experience at MCS.

We invite you to experience what makes Mater Christi School such a special place!

Fall Open House - Wednesday, October 21. With tours at 8:30 am, 9:30 am, and 10:30 am.

During your visit, you will learn about our history, community, academics, and programs. You will meet the people who are the heart of our school: dedicated and inspiring teachers, joyful students, and supportive parents.

You will hear and see how we educate and form students by promoting academic excellence, moral responsibility, and a joyful community, preparing them to become compassionate leaders ready to serve a vulnerable world.

We are excited to welcome you and to show you how we work together to make Mater Christi School a special place for children to learn and grow.

Register to attend: <https://mcschool.org/open-house-registration/>

MERCY COMMUNITY SERVICE

There are many wonderful service opportunities throughout the school year in our community. Please read about a couple of them here and reach out to Mr. 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.

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.

Please keep an eye out for other service opportunities!

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.

RICE INVITATION TO COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIP & FINANCIAL AID WORKSHOP

It is never too early to start dreaming about the road ahead! Our friends at Rice Memorial High School have kindly invited our community to two free College Scholarship and Financial Aid Workshops presented by New England College Planning. (See attached)

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

MCS BLOOD DRIVE

🔴 **MCS Blood Drive: Blood donors needed for Saturday, Oct 10!** 🔴

We have 7 amazing blood donors registered for our school blood drive on Saturday, October 10th. Will

YOU join us? We have a drive goal of reaching 45 donors, which means we still have plenty of open appointment slots available throughout the morning and early afternoon. Every single appointment matters, and we deeply appreciate our parent community helping us fill this schedule and spread the word!

Giving blood takes under an hour, and making an appointment is kindly requested to assist the Red Cross with drive planning. Plus, all donors receive a \$15 e-gift card from the Red Cross as a thank you!

[Click Here to Reserve Your Time Slot](#)

- **Date:** Saturday, October 10 (9:00 AM – 2:00 PM)
- **Location:** Mater Christi Gymnasium

Unable to donate blood at this time? We also are looking for volunteers to provide baked goods for blood donors and check blood donors into the drive. Contact Christina Duell at cduell@materchristischool.net if you are able to help in these ways. THANK YOU!

GHOULS ON THE RUN

Ghoulsontherun.org

Click the link above for a fun, Halloween-style event developed by two of our own MCS students. It includes a zombie race, a drive-in movie, and a fund-raiser for the fantastic "Girls-on-the-Run" program.

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.

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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