



MONDAY MESSAGES

SEPTEMBER 7, 2026

LUNCH MENU

Monday 9/7 Labor Day - No School

Tuesday 9/8 Beef Chili with shredded cheddar, sour cream, tortilla chips & corn bread (GF- no corn bread, DF- no cheese)

Wednesday 9/9 Beer battered fried fish sandwiches with tartar sauce, lettuce, onion & tomato. (DF)

Thursday 9/10 Roasted pork loin with garlic & scallion smashed potatoes & roasted balsamic brussel sprouts. (GF)

Friday 9/11 Pizza - Cheese or pepperoni (V)

WEEK AHEAD:

- Monday, Sept 7 - Labor Day- No School
- Wednesday, Sept 9 - School Pictures
- Wednesday, Sept 9th - Fall Musical Informational Meeting 3:00-3:15pm in the library. Grades 5-8.
- Wednesday, Sept 9 - Mums orders can be picked up after school on the front lawn.
- 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 5-7p.m.

COMING SOON:

September:

- 14 - Auditions for Fall Musical Peter Pan!
- 17 - Back To School Night- PS-Grade 3 @ 6 p.m.
- 15 - Call back for Grades 6-8 begins
- 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

FALL SPORTS WEEKLY UPDATE & SCHEDULE:

Please remember to thank your coaches.

And I want to thank all of the parents for all of their support of their children and successful athletics at MCS. We are off to a great start.

Any questions please do not hesitate to contact me, jvincent@materchristischool.net

7	8	9	10	11 -
Field Hockey - off day	Field Hockey - Practice 3:15 - 4:45	Field Hockey - off day	Field Hockey - Game at Hinesburg at 4:15 one team only (B)	Back to school picnic - No Practices
Boys Soccer - off day	Cross Country - off day	Cross Country - Practice 3:15 - 4:15	Hinesburg Community School	
Girls Soccer - Practice 3:15 - 4:45	Boys Soccer - off day	Boys Soccer - Practice 3:15 - 4:45	10888 Route 116	
	Girls Soccer - Practice off day	A team will scrimmage itself at MCS 5:30 B team scrimmage at Williston (Village) Community Park behind Williston Central School	Hinesburg, VT 05403	
		Girls Soccer - off day	Cross Country - off day	
			Boys Soccer - Practice 3:15 - 4:45	
			Girls Soccer - Game at Hinesburg A 4:15 / B 5:15	
			Lyman Meadow Park	
			(Behind Lantman's)	
			10681 Route 116	
			Hinesburg, VT 05403	

MIDDLE SCHOOL MUMS FUNDRAISER

Pick-up for Mums will be Wednesday, September 9 on the middle school lawn right after school.

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!

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!

Informational Meeting: Wednesday, September 9th, 3:00-3:15 in the library.

Auditions: Wednesday, September 16th, 3:00-4:15 for students in grades 5th-8th. Sign-Up sheet will be located on the wall across from the Mac Lab. You must attend the entire audition time. Place TBD.

Performance Dates: November 5th and 6th

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

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](#) immediately. The deadline has been extended to **Tuesday, September 8.**

- 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 gbccchorus@gmail.com.

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)

GIVE THE GIFT OF LIFE: Sign Up for the MCS Blood Drive!

Mater Christi School is hosting a community blood drive in partnership with the American Red Cross, and we need your help!

- **Date:** Saturday, October 10th, 2026
- **Time:** 9:00 AM – 2:00 PM
- **Location:** Mater Christi School Gym

We invite all parents, guardians, and community members to join us. Our goal is to fill **45 appointment slots** to help replenish our local hospital blood supply. With almost all of our time slots currently open, every single sign-up makes a huge difference in helping us hit our target.

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

Thank you for supporting the American Red Cross Blood Program and showing our students the power of community action.

How else can you help?

If you have questions, would like to volunteer at the drive, or are able to bake snacks for our donors, please contact Christina Duell at cduell@materchristischool.net

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,

Kimberly Price & Mary Beth Sartorelli

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or for student attendance matters: attendance@materchristischool.net