



MONDAY MESSAGES

OCTOBER 12, 2026

LUNCH MENU

Monday 10/12 Indigenous People's Day - No School

Tuesday 10/13 Chicken Tikka Masala with rice & naan bread (GF w/p naan)

Wednesday 10/14 Penne Romagna Bolognese with green beans and breadsticks (beef & pork meat sauce)

Thursday 10/15 Cheeseburgers or beyond burgers with toppings on side (V- beyond burger)

Friday 10/16 Chicken Noodle soup with dinner roll (DF)

COMING SOON

October:

- 13 - PTO Meeting & Parents Night Out
- 16 - HARVEST Festival 4-6pm
- 19 - Winter Uniform Guidelines Go into Effect
- 21- Fall MCS Open House
- 22-23 - Parent Teacher Conferences - no school for students

CHRISTMAS CONCERT DATES

The dates for our Christmas concerts have been finalized and are as follows:

- Band/Chorus- December 10th@6:30 p.m.
- EEC/K- December 15th@2:30 p.m.
- Grades 1-8- December 17th@6:00 p.m.

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.

RICE OPEN HOUSE

You're invited to Rice's Fall Open House, Saturday 10/17 from 10am-12pm. Tour the school and check out the new turf field, gym, grandstands, and library. Visit tables to learn about academic, music, art, and sports programs. Meet our teachers, school leadership team, and chat with current parents and students. To register and find more details visit: <https://rmhsvt.org/fall-open-house>

MCS SPORTS

Basketball open gym for grade 5-8 boys and girls every Wednesday 7:00 am - 7:40 am.

Planning ahead - October 26th and 27th we will have some end of season celebrations after school. A little food, Parents and Staff versus Kiddos games/meets, and some excellent community camaraderie. Details forthcoming.

October 12: Field Hockey - off day | **Boys Soccer** - off day | **Girls Soccer** - Practice 4-5:30pm (see your coach for any day off updates) | **Cross Country** - off day

October 13: Field Hockey - off day | **Cross Country** - 4:15 start for boys and girls SFX CC Meet AT Essex ([Directions linked here](#)) | **Boys Soccer** - Practice 3:15 - 4:45 | **Girls Soccer** - Game versus Edmunds AT CALLAHAN PARK A 4:00 / B 5:00

October 14: Field Hockey - Game at Brown's River A 4:00 / B 5:00 | **Cross Country** - Practice 3:15 - 4:15 | **Boys Soccer** - Game at Camels Hump MS A game only 4:15
| **Girls Soccer** - Game at Camels Hump MS A game only 5:15

October 15: Field Hockey - Practice 3:15 - 4:45 | **Cross Country** - off day | **Boys Soccer** - Game at Hinesburg A 4:15 / B 5:15 | **Girls Soccer** - off day

October 16: Field Hockey - off day | **Cross Country** - Practice 3:15 - 4:15 | **Boys Soccer** - off day | **Girls Soccer** - Practice 3:15 - 4:45 (Practice in front of the middle school)
Harvest Fest on the field

October 17: Field Hockey Tourney at South Burlington
Games at 11:00, 12:00 and 1:00

PETER PAN REHEARSAL SCHEDULE

Tuesday 10/13

3:00-4:00 music rm w/ Don/Emma: (scene 6) All cast

4:00-4:15 music rm w/ Don: (Final Battle) Hook, Peter

4:00-4:30 library w/ Emma: (Best Friend, Uncertain) Darlings

Thursday 10/15

3:00-3:45 music rm w/ Emma: (scene 5) shadows, Lost Children, Pirates, Peter, Wendy, John, Michael, Tinker

3:45-4:30 music rm w/ Emma: (scene 7, ordinary boy) Shadows, Lost Children, Peter, Wendy, John, Michael, Tinker

Friday 10/16

3:00-4:00 music rm w/ Kara/Don: (Flew Away, Flying, etc) All Cast

4:00-4:30 music rm with Kara: (Ordinary Boy) Shadows

4:00-4:30 library w/ Don: (sc 1,2) Darlings, Peter, Tinker, Fairies

PETER PAN PERFORMANCE SCHEDULE

School Performance - Thursday, November 5 at 9:30 am

Evening Performances - Thursday, November 5 at 6:00 pm and Friday, November 6 at 6:00 pm.

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!

Ronald McDonald House

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 Lisa Naigle at Lisa@ronaldmcdonaldhousevt.org to coordinate a date (see the options below), and your family will plan and shop for a meal, and cook the meal on site. Mr. Moore will help recruit volunteers if needed.

October: Fridays 2, 9, 16, 23, 30

Mondays 5, 12, 19, 26

November: Fridays 13, 20

Mondays 9, 23, 30

December: Fridays 4, 11, 18

Mondays 7, 14, 21



A HUGE **thank you to everyone who sold raffle tickets!** 📌 We truly appreciate all of our families who participated and helped make this fundraiser a success. Your support allows the PTO to continue providing fun events and activities for our students and school community! If you still have tickets you can turn them in until October 15th.

🍁 **UPCOMING EVENTS — MARK YOUR CALENDARS!**

PTO Meeting- October 13th after drop off or join via google meets

<https://meet.google.com/ggp-rwbq-ytc>

Parents Night Out- October 13th - Citizens Cider from 6 to 9

 **Harvest Fest — October 16th - 4 to 6 pm at MCS**

Join us for some fall fun with our school community! Petting Zoo, Pony Rides, Crazy Cotton Candy Lady, Citizens Cider, games and a Chili food truck! We are looking for volunteers to help us with this event. To sign up click [here](#)

 **Build the Rink Party — October 24th from 9-5**

Come help us get the rink ready for another great season! Many hands make light work, and we'd love your help!

 **Trunk or Treat — October 30th**

Get those costumes ready! Join us for a fun night of trick-or-treating with our school community.

 **Sign up here:** <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0945A5AE2DA5F4C70-65449741-trunk>

 **Family Photo Promotion!**

It's the perfect time to update those family photos—and get a head start on holiday cards! We're excited to offer a special family photo opportunity for our Mater Christi families.

 **More information/sign-up:**

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/70A0B4CAFAA2BAB9-66403447-mater>

Thank you for continuing to support the PTO and all the fun we have planned for our students and families! 

MS. LAVALLEE'S RELIGION CLASS

Donate from your recycling! Miss Lavallee would gratefully take some things in your recycling bin for use in the Atrium (Early Ed/Elementary Religion classroom):

- Glass jars or bottles of any size
- Empty (clean) nail polish bottles
- Tissue paper of any color
- PS-3rd grade parents may also want to **donate flowers**. Students in all grades love to arrange flowers in the Atrium. We mainly use faux flowers, and use real flowers for special occasions. If you'd like to donate real flowers at any point in the year, students would love to use them. **Please let Miss Lavallee know ahead of time** if you do this, so she can plan ahead (rlavallee@materchristischool.net) **No sunflowers, please!** There is an allergy.

NOTES FROM THE LIBRARY

Hello MCS Community! Your volunteer librarians are working hard to organize and stock our wonderful school library, but we need your help! If you would consider purchasing a book from our Wish List to add to the collection, we would be immensely grateful. Thank you to those who have already purchased some of the amazing books on our list!!

[MCS Library Wish List!](#)

We are also looking for volunteers to come cover our hardcover books so we can get them out on the shelves! Please contact Nicole Farley at library@materchristischool.net if interested.

MCS COMMUNITY HOLIDAY MARKET

The market will be on Saturday, November 21st from 10:00 -1:00. Currently we are looking for vendors. If you, your family, or friends make crafts, special treats, jewelry, or any handmade items that you would be interested in selling, please contact either Mrs. Donlon at mdonlon@materchristischool.com or Nicole Farley at nicolecfarley@gmail.com. This is simply a fun, community event so there is no vendor fee this year. We just want to ensure we have enough tables.

2026-2027 YEARBOOKS NOW ON SALE!!

The **Mater Christi 2026-2027 yearbooks are on sale!!** Purchase a wonderful keepsake of our year together. 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](#)

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/>

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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