



MONDAY MESSAGES

OCTOBER 26, 2026

LUNCH MENU

Monday 10/26 Mac n' Cheese with lemon-garlic broccoli (V)

Tuesday 10/27 Korean Hot Pot with rice & pork dumplings (vegetables & tofu simmered in a sweet and sour gochujang broth) (V w/o dumplings)

Wednesday 10/28 Chicken Patty Sandwiches with toppings on side & pretzels. (DF)

Thursday 10/29 Beef Stroganoff with egg noodles & dinner rolls.

Friday 10/30 French Toast sticks, hash browns, breakfast sausage, VT maple syrup, fresh strawberries & chocolate milk. (V w/o sausage)

COMING SOON

October:

- 30- DRESS DOWN DAY (please refer to the family handbook for guidelines)
 - o Halloween Parade (Gr PS-5) @ 1:45pm
 - o Grades 6-8 will attend a dance in the gym from 12:40-dismissal

November:

3- Election Day- No School for All

4- Peter Pan Dress Rehearsal for All Cast Members- 9:30-11:30 a.m.

5 - Peter Pan Performance for All Students-9:30-11, Evening Performance -6 p.m.

6- Peter Pan Performance- 6 p.m.

11- Veterans' Day Prayer Service@ 8:15 a.m.

23- Mass of Thanksgiving- 8:30 and 10:00 a.m.

25-27- Thanksgiving Break

30- Advent Service- 8:30 a.m.

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.

MCS SPORTS: MESSAGE FROM JEFF VINCENT

As we wind down the season I wanted to let you know about a new-ish tradition we are trying out. An All Fall Team End of Season Celebration!

Adding on to traditions from the past, let's get together!

When: Tuesday October 27th / 3:00 - 5:15

Where: Mater Christi Fields

What: An End of Fall Season Celebration and mini games/meet

Why: To Celebrate all athletes, To honor the 8th graders, To have FUN, and To enjoy each other's company.

I am asking for some help with snacks and drinks. See below if you are able to help.

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20F0D44ACAD2FA1FBC52-66603218-endoffall>



Here is the outline/plan:

- have a mini game for each sport that would be **8th graders versus staff and parents**. It can be reduced down in numbers if there are a lower number of 8th graders. We will work it out. *** 8th grade girls that doubled at Rice soccer very welcome and encouraged***
- have snacks, cider and hot chocolate for all
- have some music playing
- include all members of the teams to cheer on the 8th graders and parents/staff, and come together as a community, have FUN!

Schedule:

- 3:10 - Opening Prayer / remarks
- 3:15 - 3:45 - Mini Cross Country meet
- 3:45 - 4:15 - Girls Field Hockey
- 4:15 - 4:45 - Girls Soccer
- 4:45 - 5:15 - Boys Soccer

Uniforms - I am going to try to help with collection at the End of Season Celebration. I will have a bin for each sport and you can help by bringing in your WASHED uniform. I will then have those same bins outside my office for a while as a secondary manner to collect as well. I know there is a box in the front hallway but I would like to try this method as well.

I do want to emphasize that this entire event is supposed to be fun, light, joy-filled, Mercy infused and celebratory. This might go without saying, but the mini games should not be competitive but rather fun. It's a new endeavor (kind of) so please let's all be flexible.
I hope it sounds like fun to you, and let's give it a go.
If you have any questions just let me know.

Some FAQ's:

Is the whole team supposed to be there?

Yes, if you can make it that would be fabulous. It is a celebration for all.

Can we put together a gift of some sort for our coaches?

Yes of course and how kind.

Do the 8th graders need to turn in their uniforms that day?

No, they can bring them to me later in the week.

Are any of the other grades on the team going to have a Staff/Parent versus Kid game?

Well, we want to acknowledge the 8th graders in a special way, so not at this event.

My coaches are doing an end of year thing the week before are there two events?

There might be. Some coaches are choosing to do one team celebration and this event as well.

I cannot make it until later, can my kids still go?

Yes and they will need to be with another parent or their coach - re: just like a practice.

Do we need to stay for the whole event?

No, but how lovely to support all of our 8th grade athletes if you can. It is certainly not required. I for one am looking forward to the *potential* Loeschner / Loeshner match up at 4:45 😊 !

Loving and Merciful God,

Thank You for the gifts of this season—for our teammates, coaches, families, and the friendships we have built. Thank You for the joys, challenges, and lessons that helped us grow together.

May we carry the Mercy values of compassion, kindness, respect, and service beyond the field. Help us remember that our greatest victory is how we treat others and the love we share.

May we continue to lead with gratitude, serve with compassion, and compete with Mercy.

Amen.

PETER PAN REHEARSAL SCHEDULE & MESSAGES

***Calling All Musicians! We would love to have some parents play with our pit band for our Peter Pan production next week! If you're interested, please let Kara Safer know at ksafer@materchristischool.net.

***Dresser needed: The one thing we don't have is a dresser for the nursery. It doesn't need to be elaborate and if it's a cast off that we can modify a bit, even better.

Wednesday 10/28

3:00-4:30 pm All Cast and Crew in Gym

Thursday 10/29

Darlings, Hook and Crocodiles, Wendy, Peter in Gym

3:00-3:30 pm Best Friend review (all Darlings)

3:30-4:00 pm Best Friend reprise (Hook and Croc)

4:00-4:30 pm Never Grow Old (Peter and Wendy)

Friday 10/30

3:00-4:30 pm All Cast and Crew in Gym

Looking ahead...

Monday 11/2 - First Dress Rehearsal

3:00-6:00 pm All Cast and Crew in Gym

Wednesday 11/4 - Second Dress Rehearsal

9:30-11:30 am All Cast and Crew in Gym

MERCY COMMUNITY SERVICE OPPORTUNITY

Hope Lodge is hosting a trick-or-treat from room to room on Monday, October 26th starting at 5:00 pm. The Anker family, who are regular volunteers at the Hope Lodge, has invited members of the MCS

community to join them in dressing up, trick-or-treating, and bringing some Halloween fun and joy to guests/patients and their caregivers who are staying at the Hope Lodge while receiving treatment locally. This is a wonderful service opportunity particularly for some of our younger students and their families. Parking is limited. Please email me at jmoore@materchristischool.net if your family is interested in this service opportunity, and I'll provide RSVPs to Hope Lodge. Thank you for your generosity!

TABLE OF REMEMBRANCE

In the Catholic tradition, November is a month to remember and pray for loved ones who have journeyed home to their eternal rest. November begins with the Solemnity of All Saints on November 1st and the Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed on November 2nd.

On the Solemnity of All Saints we are reminded of a "universal call of holiness," and are encouraged to strive towards holiness in our own unique way. On this day, we remember and pray for deceased loved ones who, while not officially canonized by the Church, are indeed saints whose witness has blessed and enriched our lives. On the Commemoration of

All the Faithful Departed, we are encouraged to pray for all loved ones who have died, trusting in God's unconditional love and mercy.

We would like to extend an invitation to our community as we honor and pray for our loved ones who have journeyed home to God. A "Table of Remembrance" will be set up in the Chapel of the Sacred Heart from Monday, November 2nd to Tuesday, November 24th (the day before the Thanksgiving break) and we invite students and families to bring in a framed photo or photos of deceased family members and friends for the Table of Remembrance. Please ensure the photo is labelled on the back of the frame with your family name and child's homeroom so that we can be sure to return these sacred and cherished pictures to you.

If your family is interested in participating in this meaningful community event, your children may bring your photos to school on Monday, November 2nd, or any day throughout our observance of this tradition. Homeroom teachers will ensure that your photos get to me (Mr. Moore) to be placed on the "Table of Remembrance." Thank you for participating in this beloved tradition and please know that we will remember your beloved deceased family members and friends in morning prayer throughout the month of November.

AFTERSCHOOL CLUBS

Check out the attached flier for information about upcoming clubs: Lego, Art, Lego AI and Maker Play!

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](#)

Best regards,

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