MATER CHRISTI SCHOOL

MONDAY MESSAGES

NOVEMBER 9, 2026

LUNCH MENU
Monday 11/9 Penne Puttanesca with green beans & bread sticks. (olives & capers in marinara sauce)
Tuesday 11/10 Chicken Quesadillas with salsa, sour cream & guacamole
Wednesday 11/11 Hearty Italian sausage, vegetable & tortellini soup with dinner rolls. (minestrone with italian sausage and cheese tortellini)
Thursday 11/12 Chicken Cordon Bleu with pearl couscous pilaf & cheesy roasted cauliflower
Friday 11/13 Tuna Melts with potato chips

COMING SOON
November:
10- PTO Meeting right after drop off
11- Veterans' Day Prayer Service@ 8:15 a.m.
12 - Four Winds Training
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.

THANKSGIVING GIFT CARD DRIVE – PLEASE DONATE!
Joseph's House, a Catholic outreach center in Burlington that serves people from all walks of life, has called upon our community to assist them in helping up to 300 hundred local families in need to enjoy a nourishing meal this Thanksgiving.

Mercy Community Service is hosting our annual Hannaford's Gift Card Drive for Thanksgiving to help ensure that local families who are struggling to make ends meet as the cost of food (and seemingly everything else) continues to increase--can feast, celebrate, and give thanks with their loved ones on Thanksgiving Day, too.

Last year, our generous community donated gifts totaling $4,565 to families in need. We were humbled and moved by the generosity of our school community, and so were the staff of Joseph's House. They were able to use our donations to assist families for Christmas, and if we surpass our goal this year, Joseph's House will be able to assist local families at Christmas again.

This year, Mater Christi School families are encouraged to donate Hannaford's gift cards in the 30 −50 range to the main office in the middle school building, and in Mr. Moore's office in the elementary building from now until Wednesday, November 17th when the gift cards will be delivered to Joseph's House. I apologize for the late notice on this important outreach opportunity. Joseph's House has a new director, and she didn't know about this partnership until I contacted her, but she's very grateful for our support. They rely on us!
Thank you, as always, for your compassion. We are confident that our response to this drive will bless those in need and surprise the staff at Joseph's House once again! Please contact Mr. Moore if you have any questions.

ART/LEGO/MAKER CLUBS

Attention Parents:

There are a few spots left in our November & December Session 2 clubs:

- Mondays, 3–4:15 p.m., *Art Club with Connor Torpey* Register Here!
- Mondays, 3–4:15 p.m., *LEGO Free Build with Ms. C* Register Here!
- Tuesdays, 3–4:15 .m. LEGO AI Club w*ith Ms. C* Register Here!
- Wednesdays, 3-4:15 p.m. Maker Club with Ms. C Register Here!

Check out the attached handout for further information. Hope to see you soon!

MCS SPORTS
Uniforms Return
If you have not returned your uniform there are bins clearly marked in the hallway next to the Student Care Center (Mr. Vincent's office) Please return the washed uniforms ASAP Thank you!!!

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 November 1st 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.

VOLUNTEER WITH FOUR WINDS

Four Winds is a nature-based program led by parent volunteers for kindergarten through fourth-grade students. It's 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.

Our next training is Thursday, November 12th! We will be learning about our next unit; Rocks & Minerals!

If you are interested in getting involved or have any questions, please reach out to our 4Winds Coordinator, Nicole Farley (nicolecfarley@gmail.com)

NOTES FROM THE LIBRARY

Thank you to those who have already purchased some of the amazing books on our list!! If you have purchased a book or two, please let us know so we can properly thank you (library@materchristischool.net)!

Here is the list again if you would like to support the library:

MCS Library Wish List!

RICE INFORMATION SESSION
Explore All That Rice Memorial High School Has to Offer!
Information Session | December 9 at 5:30 PM
Location: MCS, New Building- Music Center

Join us for an opportunity to learn more about Rice Memorial High School and what makes it a special place for students to learn, grow, and thrive. Hear directly from the Rice Leadership Team, ask questions, and explore the opportunities available to your student as you consider whether Rice is the right fit for your family. We look forward to seeing you there!

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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