

SABER NEWS & NOTES

Friday, January 14, 2021

Dear MCC Students, Parents and Staff,

Due to COVID related illness, the middle and high school will be learning remote for 2 weeks starting Monday, January 17. Middle school and high school students will return to school Monday, January 31. Elementary school students will continue to learn in the building at this time.

Currently we have 1/3 of our students out with illness with a very high percent of COVID illness being reported daily. The largest percent of students absent are in the middle and high school. In order to help stop the spread of COVID in our school, all middle school and high school students (6-12 grade) will begin remote learning, all 6-12 grade sports games and practices will be postponed/cancelled as well as all clubs and group activities involving 6-12 grade students starting Monday, January 17.

All students were informed today of remote learning beginning on Monday and instructed to take home all books and materials they will need to continue their assignments at home. Students will be contacted by their teachers with remote learning instructions and assignments and were talked to today in class. The school will be open next week for anyone needing any additional materials – please call the school office if anything is needed.

Students have also been informed the semester will end on January 21, 2022 as planned. Students must be mindful and accountable of their classwork and all assignments due over the next week, as well as any past due assignments that need to be turned in. Assignments can be dropped off at the office next week if needed.

This decision to move to remote learning for 6-12 grade was made with much thought and consideration for our students and families as well as our faculty and staff. Your understanding and support of this decision is appreciated as we continue to work together to keep our students and staff healthy and maintain a healthy and safe school environment.

**Blessings,
Mrs. Catherine Grinn, Principal**

January 10-14, Virtue of the Week was CIRCUMSPECTION

Matthew 18: 1-7 "At that time the disciples came to Jesus and asked, "Who is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven?" He called a child, whom he put among them, and said, "Truly I tell you, unless you change and become like children, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven. Whoever becomes humble like this child is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven. Whoever welcomes one such child in my name welcomes me. "If any of you put a stumbling block before one of these little ones who believe in me, it would be better for you if a great millstone were fastened around your neck and you were drowned in the depth of the sea. Woe to the world because of stumbling blocks! Occasions for stumbling are bound to come, but woe to the one by whom the stumbling block comes!"

VIRTUE=STRENGTH.

DEFINITION

This week our strength building on the virtue of PRUDENCE is CIRCUMSPECTION

The strength to carefully consider all circumstances and possible consequences.

If you are circumspect, you think carefully before doing or saying anything.

It implies a desire to avoid mistakes and bad consequences.

It enables one to look around and see how our action may impact others.



Catechism Bee

All MCC students in grades 2nd-6th will participate in the Diocesan-wide Catechism Bee held during Catholic Schools Week, January 31-February 4. Please follow the link to access your grade appropriate study guide.

<https://dioceseofgaylord.org/schools/school-catechism-bee>

2nd grade and 3rd grade: Use (print out) pages 1-13 for the study guide.

4th grade and 5th grade: Use (print out) pages 1-26 for the study guide.

6th grade: Use (print out) pages 1-34 for the study guide.

The 6th grade in 1st place will advance to the event held in Gaylord this Spring, with a chance to win up to a \$1,000.00 tuition credit.

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Blood Drive - January 31

The next blood drive is Monday January 31, 2022. If we fill our schedule early enough, they will send more workers to get even more appointment slots. Please consider signing up ASAP: contact Mrs. Henderson or click

https://donate.michigan.versiti.org/donor/schedules/drive_schedule/138187

Hall of Fame Dinner - 2022

This year's Hall of Fame Dinner will be held Saturday, March 12, 2022 - please mark your calendars for this exciting annual tradition! More details to come soon.

Prayer

Grant me, O Lord my God, a mind to know you, a heart to seek you, wisdom to find you, conduct pleasing to you, faithful perseverance in waiting for you, and a hope of finally embracing you. Amen. - *St. Thomas Aquinas*

Divine Mercy Parish Calendar

Please check the Divine Mercy Parish Calendar often to see important scheduled events.

<http://www.calendarwiz.com/calendars/calendar.php?crd=catholiccommunityofmanistee>

Important Upcoming Events and Reminders

1/14 Food Pantry 8:00am - 10:45am (Sophomore Class)

1/14 No PM MAPS Yellow Bus

1/17 No AM or PM MAPS Yellow B

1/18 & 1/20 TUTORING CANCELED DUE TO 6-12 REMOTE LEARNING

1/21 Last day of the 2nd Quarter and Semester 1