

SABER NEWS & NOTES

Friday, January 7, 2021

Dear MCC Families,

Happy New Year! As we return to school after the holidays, we wanted to provide some clarification about our COVID-19 protocols. As you may be aware, the CDC has updated quarantine guidelines. We have consulted with our local District #10 Health Department and have received guidance that schools are to continue to follow their current quarantine guidelines while the CDC and MDHHS work to determine the best approach to quarantine and isolation.

As always, our first consideration is the health and safety of our students and staff. Our COVID guidelines were shared with all students and families previously – we will continue these precautions in interest of maintaining the face-to-face instruction we know our students need. Our current protocols are outlined below:

COVID-19 Prevention Protocols

- All previously stated COVID policies and procedures listed in the COVID strategies/policy handout for 2021-2022 will continue to be followed
- Established preventative cleaning protocols will continue
- Encouragement of healthy hygiene practices
- Staying home if experiencing any symptoms of illness (staff and students); return to school when fever and symptom free
- Proper mask wearing will continue to be required in the following areas:
- All district and/or Diocese bus and car transportation for school, activities, and events
- At Athletic practices, contests, performances, and activities on properties that require masking for participants and spectators
- For individuals participating in any activities, contests, or performances at off campus locations that require masking for participants and spectators
- MCC students enrolled in college classes that require masking
- Some events may need to be modified, rescheduled, and/or cancelled, particularly those events that welcome the community into our school buildings. Decisions will be made and communicated on a weekly basis based upon current circumstances and best safety practices.
- Eligible staff and students are encouraged to be vaccinated. Appointments can be scheduled with DHD #10: <https://www.dhd10.org/covid-19-vaccine/>

Current Quarantine Protocol

- When an individual is tested positive for COVID-19 Quarantine for 10 days from date of test
- Return to school after day 10 and symptom free
- COVID-19 exposed individuals stay at home for 7 days, COVID test on days 6 & 7
- Negative COVID test: Return to school after day 7 and symptom free
- Positive COVID test: Refer for follow up confirmatory test with medical professional and quarantine for 10 days from date of positive test – return after day 10 and symptom free
- No Test: Return to school after day 10 and symptom free

As we continue to work together to help stop the spread of this virus, our priority will continue to be the safety and health of our staff and students. If our procedures or policies change due to developments pertaining to COVID-19 within our community you will be contacted via email or through our school newsletter. Thank you for partnering with us on school safety and health as we continue to maintain a safe and healthy school in the coming year.

**Blessings to you and your families in 2022,
Mrs. Catherine Grinn, Principal**

January 3-7, Virtue of the Week was PRUDENCE

Luke 14: 28-33 “For which of you, intending to build a tower, does not first sit down and estimate the cost, to see whether he has enough to complete it? Otherwise, when he has laid a foundation and is not able to finish, all who see it will begin to ridicule him, saying, ‘This fellow began to build and was not able to finish.’ Or what king, going out to wage war against another king, will not sit down first and consider whether he is able with ten thousand to oppose the one who comes against him with twenty thousand? If he cannot, then, while the other is still far away, he sends a delegation and asks for the terms of peace. So therefore, none of you can become my disciple if you do not give up all your possessions.”

Monthly Novena

Each month we pray a novena, which is nine consecutive days of prayer. The Church dedicates the month of January to The Most Holy Name of Jesus. There is no name more powerful than the name of Jesus. The Catechism sums up the power of this name beautifully: “The name ‘Jesus’ contains all: God and man and the whole economy of creation and salvation. To pray ‘Jesus’ is to invoke him and to call him within us. His name is the only one that contains the presence it signifies. Jesus is the Risen One, and whoever invokes the name of Jesus is welcoming the Son of God who loved him and who gave himself up for him” (CCC #2666). We encourage you to share this novena with all of your families and friends. When we hear or see God blasphemed, we can say some of the Divine Praises: “Blessed be God, Blessed be his Holy Name.”

Monthly Intention: Let us pray that we may grow in the virtue of prudence, which is the strength that disposes practical reason to discern our true good in every circumstance and to choose the right means of achieving it.

THE DIVINE PRAISES

Blessed be God.

Blessed be His Holy Name.

Blessed be Jesus Christ, true God and true Man.

Blessed be the Name of Jesus.

Blessed be His Most Sacred Heart.

Blessed be His Most Precious Blood.

Blessed be Jesus in the Most Holy Sacrament of the Altar.

Blessed be the Holy Spirit, the Paraclete.

Blessed be the great Mother of God, Mary most Holy.

Blessed be her Holy and Immaculate Conception.

Blessed be her Glorious Assumption.

Blessed be the name of Mary, Virgin and Mother.

Blessed be Saint Joseph, her most chaste spouse.

Blessed be God in His Angels and in His Saints.

Amen.

Say one Hail Mary.

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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Prayer

Lord, You are the source of all light, wisdom and PRUDENCE. Help us to know right from wrong. Help us to judge correctly in the different situations of our lives; when to do something, when not to, when to say something, when to stay quiet, when to stand firm, and when to let go. Amen.

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

1/7 JV/V Girls Basketball Away vs. Pentwater 6:00pm - 9:00pm

1/11 Tutoring 3:00pm - 4:00pm

1/11 JV/V Boys Basketball Away vs. Marion 6:00pm - 9:00pm

1/12 JV/V Girls Basketball Away vs. Walkerville 6:00pm - 9:00pm

1/12 MS Girls Basketball Away vs. Crossroads 6:00pm - 8:00pm

1/13 Tutoring 3:00pm - 4:00pm

1/13 JV/V Boys Basketball Home vs. Bear Lake 6:00pm - 9:00pm

1/14 Food Pantry 8:30am - 10:00 am (Sophomore Class)

1/14 No PM MAPS Yellow Bus

1/14 JV/V Girls Basketball Home vs. MCE 6:00pm - 9:00pm

1/15 Food Pantry 8:00am - 10:45am (Sophomore Class)

1/15 MS Girls Basketball Scrimmage TBD 10:00am - 12:00pm