

SABER NEWS & NOTES

Friday, October 15, 2021

Dear MCC Families,

In **I Corinthians 12**, the Bible tells us about the gifts of the Holy Spirit. One gift we may take for granted is the gift of choice. When God created Adam and Eve, He gave them the gift of choice. They had the power to choose to eat of the forbidden fruit or to obey God and not eat.

As part of our Catholic Identity at MCC we learn morals, talk about best choices, learn to understand accountability and engage in teaching moments. When situations happen, it's not always about what the other person has done (people will always do something), it's about how we react and choose to respond that makes a difference. As Christians we learn self-control and patience, not easy virtues to master, but virtues that will continue to change our lives as we grow in our ability to use them.

The spiritual mission of Jesus Christ is the reason Catholic Schools exist. Both spiritual and academic experiences in Catholic Schools enable students to deepen their relationship with Jesus, broaden their knowledge of their faith, and connect their faith to daily life. The foundation of faith around which academic programs exist permeate every aspect of the school day and continue beyond it. This faith-filled environment instills self-confidence, self-respect, and self-discipline among students.

Ultimately a Catholic education should prepare students to be good stewards of God's gifts and active people of faith who serve others, participate in their faith and civic communities and make a difference. As we continue to work with our students on self-control, behavior and sometimes attitudes, we encourage you to pray with our students and share discussions regarding the importance of these virtues. As we continue to partner in your child's education, a strong support system will stay in place for your child. The following is a prayer to share with your child(ren) and your families:

Today I am reminded that I really cannot control anybody else, but I can always control myself by God's grace.

I can't control other people's actions, but I can control my actions and my reactions.

I can't control other people's words, but I can control my words.

I can't control other people's thoughts, attitudes and behavior towards me and toward others, but I can control my thoughts, my attitude and my behavior to everyone I come in contact with.

***I can't control other people's choices, but I can control my own choices, by God's grace.
Amen***

Blessings,

Mrs. Grinn, Principal

October 11-15, Virtue of the Week was TRUST

Mark 10: 23-27

“And Jesus looking round about, saith to his disciples: How hardly shall they that have riches, enter into the kingdom of God! And the disciples were astonished at his words. But Jesus again answering, saith to them: Children, how hard is it for them that trust in riches, to enter into the kingdom of God? It is easier for a camel to pass through the eye of a needle, than for a rich man to enter into the kingdom of God. Who wondered the more, saying among themselves: Who then can be saved? And Jesus looking on them, saith: With men it is impossible; but not with God: for all things are possible with God.”

VIRTUE=STRENGTH.



TRUST

INTRODUCTION

This week our strength building on the virtue of Hope is TRUST.

The strength to confidently believe in someone regardless of the situation.

It is truly a blessing to find a person who is genuinely TRUSTWORTHY.

TRUST is one of the building blocks every good family and community is built on.

COVID Testing

Our school opened this year with the intent to make this school year as normal as possible. Policies were put in place including parent choice masking and a stricter illness policy. These policy's address a parents right to their children's health decisions, and keeping the entire student body and staff free from contagious illness. These include following MDHHS guidelines along with the Diocese of Gaylord recommendations for schools choosing to open.

This year, there will be no COVID testing at the school. As a gentle reminder, families must keep students home that exhibit COVID symptoms or any illness. If a child(ren) is sent to school with symptoms of an illness, your child will be sent home. If your child(ren) exhibit's COVID symptoms, a COVID test must be completed outside of school. School personnel will no longer be testing any students. Prior to returning to school, all student(s) exhibiting COVID symptoms must present confirmation of a negative COVID test to the office and be symptom free.

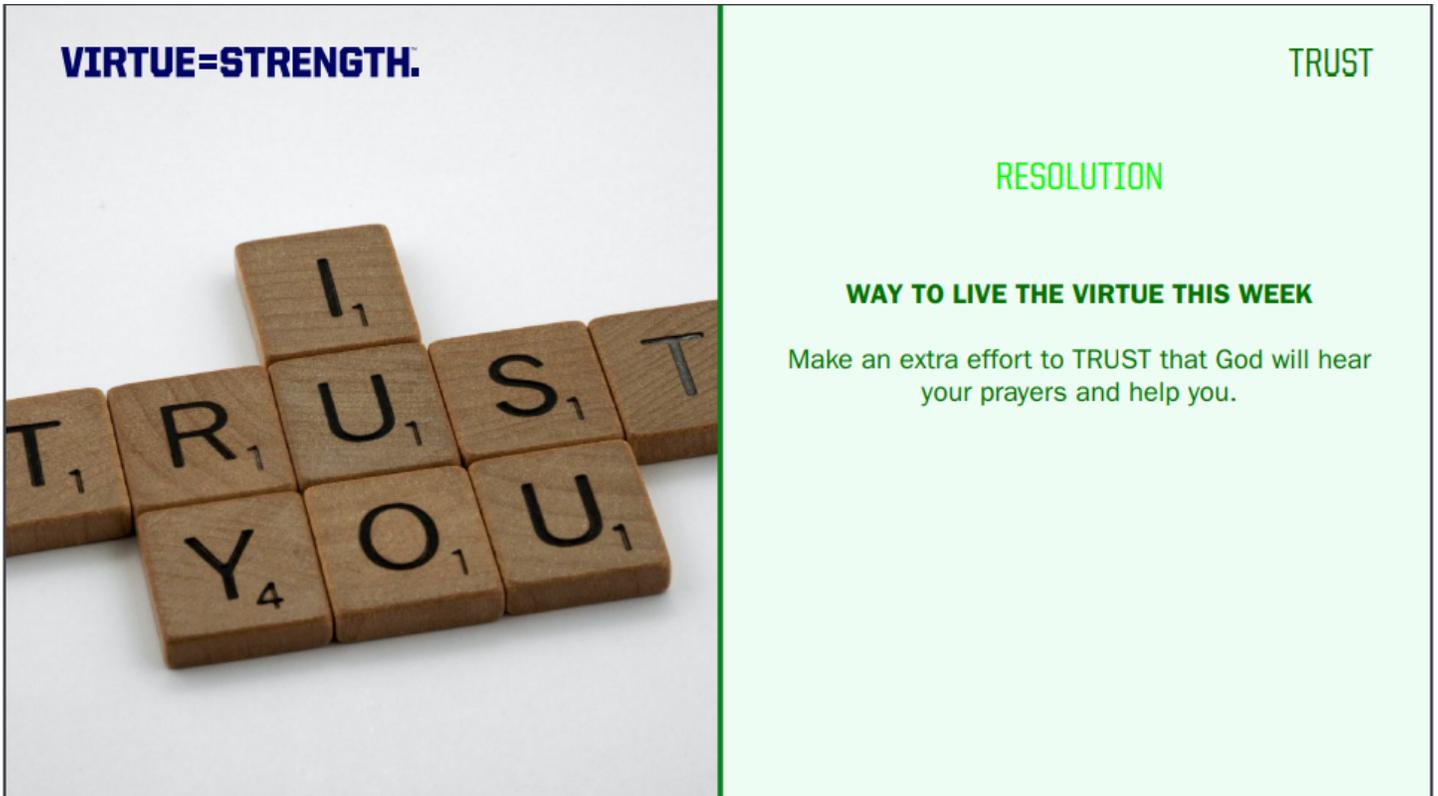
Thank you for your continued support of our school and the school policies that contribute to the safe and healthy environment at our school.

School Office Closed

The school office will be closed on Thursdays 9:00-10:00am weekly for Mass. Thank you for understanding.

Infant & Toddler Daycare Program Update

The infant and toddler daycare program will remain closed until Monday, October 25 for personnel training. 3 and 4 year old preschool will remain open during this time with no after school daycare. We look forward to seeing our students and families on October 25 and thank you for your patience and understanding.



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TRUST

RESOLUTION

WAY TO LIVE THE VIRTUE THIS WEEK

Make an extra effort to TRUST that God will hear your prayers and help you.

Classroom Stools

Low metal or wooden stools are needed for students to sit on for their elementary specials: Art and Music. Stools need to be strong and sturdy with smooth surfaces. Thank you!

High School Awareness Program Planned

On October 25th, Manistee Catholic Central will be hosting a guest speaker from the City of Hart Police Department. Kevin Skipski, who is a Detective Sergeant with the Hart Police Department, will be speaking with junior and senior high school students on drug recognition, drug awareness, harmful effect of drugs and the use of vaping equipment. The class will cover the legalities and penalties of being charged with drug paraphernalia and harmful effects on the body. The class is designed to prepare students for college and university settings by allowing them to visually see different type of paraphernalia being used in our society. The goal of the class is to give them a better awareness of these devices and make positive decisions when faced with such challenges. D/Sgt. Skipski is an alumni of Manistee Catholic Central. We welcome his expertise in these areas as we continue to share important information with our students on important Teen topics.

Spaghetti Dinner

Washington Group Spaghetti Dinner will be Wednesday, October 20th from 4:00-7:00 at the Saber Cafe. Dine in or takeout. Tickets can be purchased from any Washington Group Member, (8th-10th graders), from the MCC office, or purchased at the door. Cost is \$8.00 per ticket. Children five and under eat free.

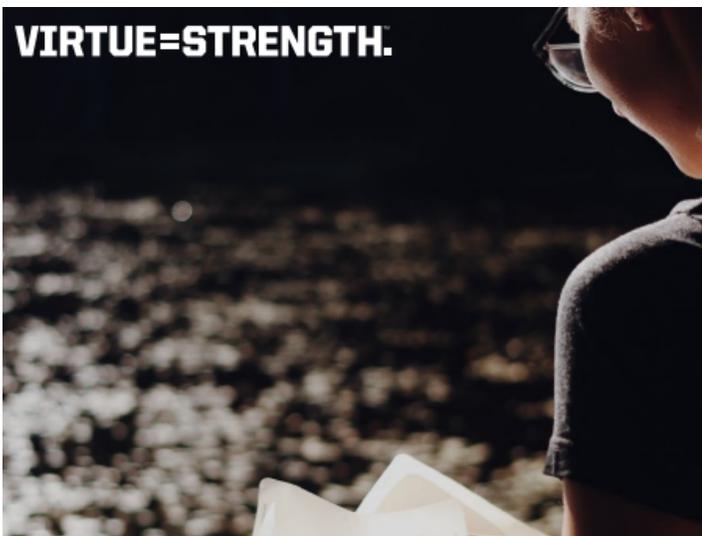


Fall Band Concert

The MCC Saber Bands will present their Fall Concert on Wednesday, October 27th at 7:00pm in the MCC gymnasium. Featured will be the 5th grade band (making their world premiere), the 6th/7th/8th grade band, and the HS band.

Flashing Saber Virtual 5k

Get moving and support the MCC Alumni Association Scholarship Fund for the 4th Annual Homecoming Flashing Saber Virtual 5k. This year, a group will be running/walking together on Monday, Oct. 18th at 5:30pm. We will start and finish the 3.1 miles at Saber Stadium. Entry forms are available in the school office or on the school website at sabers.org/alumni. The cost is \$25 (\$10 for students) and each participant will receive a custom medal with a line from the school song Flashing Sabers. Medals will be ordered after registration is submitted. Thank you for supporting MCC!



TRUST

"Trust in the LORD with all your heart, on your own intelligence do not rely; In all your ways be mindful of him, and he will make straight your paths."

- Proverbs 3: 5-6

Prayer

Lord Jesus, I TRUST in You. You are worthy of my TRUST because You gave Your life for me when You did not have to. Thank You for Your love and Your sacrifice. Give us the strength to TRUST one another so we can do great things together and bring others closer to You in the process. Thank you, Lord, for this day, this week, this opportunity, this time together. Strengthen our wills and forge our resolve to be TRUSTWORTHY as we seek to grow in virtue.

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

- 10/16 WMD V Volleyball League Tourn. Away vs. Mesick 9:00am - 3:00pm
- 10/16 MCC Pop Warner Football at MHS 1:30pm - 3:30pm
- 10/16 V Football Home vs. Brethren 7:00pm - 9:00pm
- 10/18 Dress Day: Dynamic Duo
- 10/18 Michigan Technological University Visit - Virtual 10:45am - 11:25am
- 10/18 4th Annual Homecoming Flashing Saber Virtual 5k Group Run/Walk 5:30pm
- 10/19 Dress Day: Careers
- 10/19 Ice Cream Social during lunch
- 10/19 NU - Things to Consider Re: College - 12th grade 8:00am - 8:55am
- 10/19 NU - Effective Communication - 9th Grade 9:00am - 9:50am
- 10/19 NU - Finance - 10th and 11th grade 9:55am - 10:45am
- 10/19 NU (Northwood University) Visit 10:45am - 11:25am
- 10/20 Dress Day: Pajama or Sweats
- 10/20 Weir Field Trip (7th & 8th grade) 8:15am - 11:15am
- 10/20 Alma College Visit - Virtual 10:45am - 11:25am
- 10/20 Washington Group Spaghetti Dinner (MCC Cafeteria) 4:00pm - 7:00pm
- 10/20 MS Football vs. Onekama Home 6:00pm - 8:00pm
- 10/21 Dress Day: Crazy Hat and/or Crazy Socks
- 10/21 All School Mass (MCC Gym) 9:00am
- 10/21 Homecoming Court Speeches and Voting following Mass
- 10/21 Movies and popcorn in classrooms (class advisors) 1:30pm-3:00pm
- 10/21 JV/V Volleyball Away at Buckley 5:00pm - 8:00pm
- 10/22 Dress Day: Saber Pride & Jeans
- 10/22 Pep Assembly and Activities 9:30am
- 10/22 Bubble Soccer 1:00 pm
- 10/22 Pep Rally (MCC Gym) 6:30pm
- 10/22 Bonfire ~8:00pm
- 10/23 Parade 11:30am
- 10/23 V Football Home vs. Mio 2:00pm - 4:30pm
- 10/23 Homecoming Queen & King Crowning during Halftime ~2:45pm
- 10/23 Homecoming Dance for High School Students 7:00pm - 11:00pm

Baked potato bar broccoli muffin 18	Chicken and noodles roll acorn squash 19	Bbq chicken baked beans pretzel 20	Cheese burger on a bun coleslaw oven fries 21	Meat lovers pizza ranch dip 22
Bacon egg and cheese biscuit sweet potato fries 25	Mini Mexican Pizza salsa 26	Chicken Pot Pie cauliflower 27	Turkey or salami sub chips potato salad 28	½ day no lunch 29

Alternates: #1 PB&J #2 Chicken caesar salad daily fresh fruit and veggie bar Milk from Cream Cup Dairy skim daily and Chocolate on Tuesday and Friday
Prices K-5 \$3.00, 6-12 #3.25 ala cart soup \$1.00 (included with high school only) extra \$2.50 Milk \$.50 Fruit \$.50 Staff and guest \$4.25





Homecoming Week October 17-23, 2021

THEME: RETRO VIDEO GAMES

Monday, October 18

Dress Day: Dynamic Duo

Tuesday, October 19

Dress Day: Career Day

Ice Cream Social (served during lunch)

Wednesday, October 20

Dress Day: Pajama or Sweats Day

Middle School Football Game (Home)

Washington Group Spaghetti Dinner 4:00 – 7:00 PM

Thursday, October 21

Dress Day: Crazy Theme Hat and/or Crazy Sock Day

All School Mass 9:00 AM (No hats worn at Mass)

Homecoming Court speeches/voting following Mass

****Families are welcome to attend Mass and Homecoming Court speeches****

Movie/Popcorn (in the classroom) 1:30 PM

Volleyball Game (Away)

Friday, October 22

Dress Day: Saber Pride Day/Jeans and MCC Shirt (no holes, rips or jeggings)

Pep Assembly and Activities 9:30 AM

Bubble Soccer 1:00 PM

Pep Rally 6:30 PM in Gym

Bonfire @ Dark 8:00 PM

Saturday, October 23

Parade 11:30 AM

Homecoming Game 2:00PM

Halftime ceremony – King and Queen crowned

Homecoming Dance 7:00 – 11:00 PM

Homecoming Decorating Hallway Guidelines

Student will be given the opportunity to decorate the hallways during school

ONLY when following these guidelines:

- Thursday, October 14 1:30 – 3:00 PM and afterschool hours if chaperoned by an adult
- Friday, October 15 1:30 – 3:00 PM and afterschool hours if chaperoned by an adult
- All decorating must follow the **Homecoming theme Retro Video Games**
- Any weekend work **MUST** be approved by Mrs. Grinn **PRIOR** to coming into school
- Tests cannot be missed – all classwork must be completed prior to decorating
- Quiet in the hallways
- **NO** yelling, running, horseplay, or other inappropriate actions or words
- Work in the hallway only if an adult is present and chaperoning students
- No music during school hours
- Show respect at all times toward your peers, adults and school property

Have fun!

Show your school spirit appropriately!

Enjoy your Homecoming Week!

**If any student does not follow these guidelines
that class hallway will be disqualified and not completed.**



JACK-O-LANTERN LINE UP

MANISTEE CATHOLIC CENTRAL

carve your pumpkin

with a RELIGIOUS SYMBOL

and line it up on walk way into school

- **CARVE AT HOME WITH YOUR FAMILY**
- **CHALLENGE MOM AND DAD**
- **EVERYONE'S PUMPKIN IS WELCOMED**
- **BE CREATIVE**
- **HAVE FUN**



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****PUMPKINS AFTER NOV.1 WILL BE USED TO FEED THE DEER***