

SABER NEWS & NOTES

Friday, October 29, 2021

Dear MCC Families,

As we wrap up October and look forward to November, it is a great time to reflect and to practice gratitude. There are so many things in our school community that we are blessed with, and each individual should look at what that “thing” is for them and share their gratitude throughout this next month. But before we dive into a month of gratitude, honoring our Saints and remembering our loved ones, Halloween approaches. Why do we celebrate this pagan holiday full of goblins, gremlins and ghosts? What is the meaning and how does it fit into our Catholic values?

Theories of its origins range far and wide. Some say it began with the Christian observance of All Souls and All Saints Day, a time of year dedicated to honoring the dead. Others say it comes from the ancient pagan Celtic festival of Samhain, which is celebrated on October 31 and marks the end of the year’s so-called “bright half” and the beginning of the colder “dark months” of winter. Celtic legends hold that tombs would magically open during the festival and from them would emerge spirits.

Halloween has evolved into an event that is in a category by itself. As Catholics what should we think? Growing up, my Grandma always maintained a sense of wariness towards Halloween, cautiously allowing her Catholic raised Grandchildren the fun of participating, while she shared in our fun also. We carved pumpkins, candied apples, made caramel corn and decorated with silly items as we got ready to fill our pillow cases with candy – but the difference was simple – she never lost sight of her Catholic values and always made sure we lived those values daily. She made Halloween a family tradition of togetherness, snacks, and fun that continues in our homes today. As your family celebrates traditions or creates new traditions this year, may God bless you.

As we move into November on Monday, our students and staff will share a very special mass on All Saints Day and a remembrance rosary on All Souls Day in memory of our loved ones we have lost. As we continue to pray for our school community, we ask that you join us in prayer and in thanksgiving for all that we have been blessed with at MCC.

Blessings,

Mrs. Grinn, Principal

October 25-29, Virtue of the Week was PATIENCE

Luke 21: 17-19 “And you shall be hated by all men for my name's sake. But a hair of your head shall not perish. In your patience you shall possess your souls.”



PATIENCE

INTRODUCTION

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

The strength to endure delay, pain, discomfort and disappointment.

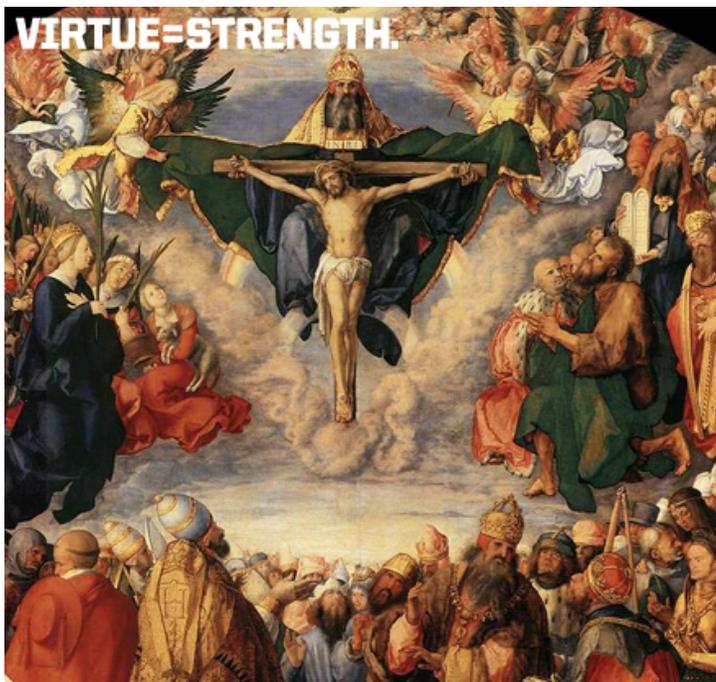
Why do you think it is so difficult to be patient?

HARVEST HELP NEEDED

Parents: Set up for our annual Harvest fundraiser starts Friday, Oct. 29th. All parents of students in grades K-12 are expected and required to contribute at least 6 hours to this event. To sign up to help with this major event please visit the link or call Ellen Kosmowski at 231-884-1249.

All Juniors and Seniors are also expected to serve at Harvest Fling as well. Students received an email earlier this week with instructions on how to sign up and spots that are still available. Students who do not sign up by Monday, November 1 will have jobs assigned to them. They may also sign up at the Sign Up Genius link:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0F48A8AA22A1FDC61-haverst>



PATIENCE

“The saints were saints because they were cheerful when it was difficult to be cheerful, patient when it was difficult to be patient, silent when they wanted to speak and agreeable when they felt an urge to scream.

They pushed forward when they wanted to stand still.”

- Father Lawrence Lovasik

Invitation to Join the Robotics Team

Are you in 3rd, 4th, 5th, or 6th, 7th, 8th grade, and interested in joining the Robotics Team?

Here is what you need to do:

*Find another teammate, one that will work hard with you (doesn't need to be your best friend, find someone that has the drive to be successful and determined to try again)

**3rd, 4th, 5th Elementary team (students may move up to MS)

**6th, 7th, 8th Middle School team (students may NOT move down to Elementary)

*Ask an adult to be your team-leader/support (I will be there to help guide you every step)

*Once you have 2 students and 1 adult committed to a team, see Mrs. Cameron and get the official form to register or print the one included in this week's Saber News and Notes.

Practices are scheduled for Tuesdays and Thursdays. Times to be announced (will depend on the lead adult's availability). In-Person Competitions are USUALLY held on Saturdays and are an all-day event. There may be opportunities for online competitions.

Here's a peek at this year's game: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=je_LJcpxtik

Build Instructions provided by VEX IQ to make FLING (this year's Hero Bot):

<https://www.vexrobotics.com/iq/downloads/build-instructions>

For more information, feel free to ask any student member or Mrs. Cameron. **Deadline to sign up is November 3!**



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RESOLUTION

WAY TO LIVE THE VIRTUE THIS WEEK

Remind ourselves to talk a deep breath and count to 10 when we get impatient and frustrated with something or someone.

And pray a decade of the rosary to ask our Blessed Mother for her help.

Parent-Teacher Conferences

Parent-Teacher Conferences will be held on Thursday, November 11 3:00-6:00pm and Friday, November 12 12:00-3:00pm. Parents of students in grades K-5 should look for communication directly from their student's teacher to set up appointment times. Parents of students in grades 6-12 are welcome to come to the school in an open-house style during either conference sessions. 6-12 teachers will be in their classrooms and available to meet with you. If you are unable to come in during these two sessions and would like a conference with your student's teacher(s), please contact them directly to set up an in-person or over the phone conference that works for you and the teacher. Mrs. Henderson will also be available to talk with any parents (Room 117). We look forward to meeting with you!

Quarter 1 Ends on Friday, November 5

This week, most students in grades 9-12 met with Academic Counselor, Mrs. Henderson to meet one-on-one about their current grades, SMART goals for the year, future plans (including dual enrollment and college applications), and a general check-in to see how things are going. RenWeb / FACTS progress reports were reviewed and students were given encouragement and strategies about what they can do to improve their grades before the quarter ends on Friday, November 5. It is important that students remember quarter 1 grades are calculated with quarter 2, and possibly semester exam grades, to create a semester 1 grade. These semester grades are then posted to their high school transcript which will later be requested by any colleges or universities they may apply to. Parents and students are encouraged to check RenWeb / FACTS often and to have conversations about their learning, future plans, and goals. If you need help logging into RenWeb / FACTS please do not hesitate to reach out - Mrs. Henderson, rhenderson@sabers.org Report cards for quarter 2 will be emailed home the following week.



PATIENCE

*"Be patient with everyone but above all with
thyself.*

*Do not be disheartened by your imperfections but
always rise up with fresh courage."*

- St. Francis de Sales

Prayer

Lord, the virtue of PATIENCE is very important for every aspect of our life. It is very difficult to be PATIENT, Lord, and we need Your help in order to live it. You were PATIENT with the soldiers who whipped You, spit on You, nailed You to the Cross. You endured all that pain for the love of us. May we imitate Your example by enduring the pains, delays, discomforts and disappointments in life for the love of You.

Thank you, Lord, for this day, this week, this opportunity, this time together. Strengthen our wills and forge our resolve to be PATIENT as we seek to grow in virtue. 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

- 10/30 Elem Girls Basketball at Brethren 9:00am - 2:00pm
- 10/30 Trunk or Treat 5:30pm - 7:30pm
- 11/1 All Saints Day Mass 9:00am at St. Joseph's Church
- 11/1 Western Michigan University Visit - Virtual 10:45am - 11:25am
- 11/2 Jostens - Orders Due - 10th-12th grades 8:30am - 9:00am
- 11/2 D/Sgt. Skipski Presentation 10th-12th grades 9:00am
- 11/2 University of Detroit Mercy Visit - Virtual 10:45am - 11:25am
- 11/2 Tutoring 3:00-4:00pm
- 11/3 Baker College Visit - Virtual 10:45am - 11:25am
- 11/4 University of Detroit Mercy Visit - Virtual 10:45am - 11:25am
- 11/4 Tutoring 3:00-4:00pm
- 11/5 Half Day 11:00 am dismissal
- 11/5 End of Quarter 1
- 11/6 Elem Girls Basketball away at Pentwater 9:00am - 1:00pm
- 11/6 HARVEST Fling
- 11/7 "Fall Back!" Daylight Savings Time - set your clocks back 1 hour

LUNCH

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MCC Saber Cafe

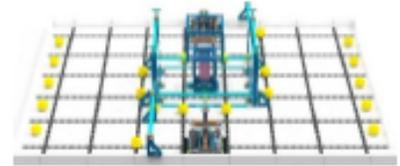
Menu may change without notice
 contact Ann Lind with questions
 723.2529ext127
 ann@manisteekitchen.org

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Breakfast Tacos 1 Kelly's black bean salad	Chicken Parm sandwich 2 kale chips Italian roast3ed potato	Chili 3 corn muffin side salad	Pulled pork on a bun 4 mac and cheese carrots and parsnips	½ day no lunch 5
Cheese quesadilla 8 pinto beans salsa	Chicken sandwich 9 BBQ, caesar, ranch sweet potato fries beets	Sausage and egg english 10 muffin hash browns Parmesan tomato slices	Baked potato bar 11 broccoli	½ day no lunch 12
Bacon egg and cheese 15 biscuit acorn squash	Thanksgiving Feast 16	Build your own sub 17 chips potato salad	Nacho 18 refried beans topping bar	Pepperoni pizza 19 ranch dip
Italian Pasta bake 22 garlic toast brussel sprouts	Breaded chicken drumstick 23 baked beans roll pickled beets	½ day no lunch 24	Happy 25	Thanksgiving 26
Roasted chicken 29 green beans rice pilaf	Fish sandwich 30 coleslaw oven fries			

Alternates: #1 PBJ, #2 chicken caesar salad daily fresh fruit and veggie bar cream cup dairy skim milk chocolate Tuesdays and Fridays
 Prices: K-5 \$3.00 6-12 \$3.25 cup of soup \$1.00 ala cart, included with High School meal
 extra ala cart (6-12) \$2.50 Milk \$5.00 fruit \$.50 staff/quest \$5.00 (tax included)



Welcome to 21-22 MCC Robotics Team



due November 3, 2021

<https://www.vexrobotics.com/iq/competition>

- **Elementary teams** 3rd, 4th, 5th grades consist of 3rd, 4th, 5th grade student born after May 1, 2008
- Do not have to be on a team with the same grade level
- 3rd, 4th, 5th students may move up to Middle School
- **Middle School teams** 3rd, 4th, 5th, 6th, 7th, 8th grades consist of any student born after May 1, 2005 (will be 14 or younger at Worlds).
- Do not have to be on a team with the same grade level
- 6th, 7th, 8th students may NOT move down to Elementary

Registration Fee: \$50.00, checks payable to MCC (please note "Robotics" in memo section).
\$25.00 for second/third siblings in same family.

_____ Yes I have included the \$50.00 registration fee

_____ (\$25.00 each additional child in family).

_____ I would like to volunteer my time: (specify: to help during meetings or competitions)

_____ I would like to contribute \$ _____

Your Name: _____

Mom's email: _____

Dad's email: _____

Your grade: 3rd 4th 5th 6th 7th 8th

Your birthdate: ____/____/20__

Teammate's name: _____

Teammate's grade: 3rd 4th 5th 6th 7th 8th Teammate's birthdate: ____/____/20__

Your adult leader: _____

Adult's email: _____

Adult's phone: _____

Adult's text/cell: if different _____

Practice time-frame: Tuesdays & Thursdays between 1.5 hours or 2 hours

(write a time between 3:00 & 7:00 that works for your team) _____

Contact: Laura Cameron at lcameron@sabers.org

NOVEMBER 2021

MANISTEE GREAT START FAMILIES

GREAT START COLLABORATIVE NEWSLETTER



Talk, Read & Sing everyday!

TOYS FOR TOTS



**Starting Nov 1st
Manistee's Toys for
Tots will start taking
applications by
phone
(231) 723-8327.**

Networking Night

We have teamed up with Great Start to Quality Northwest Resource Center to sponsor a networking night for families and providers in Manistee County. For November we will have a guest speaking sharing distracted caregivers to us. Dinner and childcare will be provided, please sign up.

November 9, 2021

6:00 pm - 8:30 pm

*Heritage Baptist Church, 655 E Parkdale Ave,
Manistee*

Parents signup at -

lcrummey.wmmgsc@gmail.com & Providers
tabauman@unitedwaynwmi.org





Sponsoring a networking night for Families and Providers:

Distracted Caregiving

Join us for an evening of networking and training for families and providers. A meal will be provided at 6:00 pm by the Great Start Collaborative with training to follow. Childcare will also be provided.



Date: **November 9, 2021**

Time: **6:00 pm - 8:30 pm**

Location: **Heritage Baptist Church**

655 E. Parkdale Ave. Manistee

Presenter: **Karen Staub**

- Distracted Caregiving is used to describe the increased use of electronic mobile devices of all kinds, which then leads to less attention given to children.
- Some of the research results include: that there is an increase in preventable accidents at home and on the road, less verbal communication with children of all ages, lower language skills and a lack of social and emotional health.
- Explore the risks to a child's social development and the benefits to children's mental health by changing how we use technology while around children.



MiRegistry is a statewide data system for professionals, trainers, and organization to verify and track employment, training, and educational accomplishments.

To register for this event :

Providers please contact tbauman@unitedwaynwmi.org

Families please contact Lcummey.wmmgsc@gmail.com

Participants will receive 2 hours of approved training for Michigan Standards Area:
Supporting children's social and emotional development

Funding from the Office of Great Start within the Michigan Department of Education supports the implementation of Great Start.