

# SABER NEWS & NOTES

May 6, 2022

Dear MCC Families,

There is nothing in the world quite like a mother's love. With Mother's Day coming up on Sunday, May 8, you may be in the mood for some heartwarming stories about motherhood. Reader's Digest has published some "Mom" short stories—about lessons learned, nostalgic remembrances, the mother-child bond, and inspiring examples of great compassion and love. Share these stories with mom, your kids, or anyone who could use a laugh, a cry, or some mothering. As Mom's we wear many hats, we have many personalities, we love with all our heart and we protect our children like a Momma Bear would. God blessed us with fortitude, kindness and a love that is hard to understand until you hold your new child in your arms. This weekend I wish you happiness and love to fill your heart and an awareness of the appreciation many hold in their hearts for you. Enjoy the following stories and have a very blessed Mother's Day weekend!

## Two simple words

On the first day of first grade, I stood by the front door with butterflies in my stomach. I voiced my biggest concern to my mother: "How will I make friends?" Crouching in front of me, she handed me advice I carry with me to this day: "Be Switzerland." Be friends with everyone. Treat everyone equally and fairly. For all of my 20 years, I have lived by these words. Soon I will graduate and become a part of the real world. And on that first day, nervously facing new responsibilities, I know I will whisper two words to myself: "Be Switzerland." —Submitted by Abigail Wortman, West Long Branch, New Jersey.



## A new chapter

"Goodbye," she sang cheerily, skipping off to her new dorm after giving me a light peck on the cheek as though we were no more than acquaintances. A young woman. A college freshman. No longer my baby. Her casual parting stung me. Had she outgrown me? As I walked away I was arrested by a child's voice shouting "Mommy!" (A word I hadn't heard in years.) Before I could turn around she was in my arms, her face buried in my neck. She didn't need to say anything. I knew then that she'd always be my little girl. —Jamie Larson, Atlanta, Georgia

Blessings,  
Mrs. Grinn, Principal

## May 2-6 Virtue of the Week: Temperance

**Matthew 4: 1-11** THEN Jesus was led by the spirit into the desert, to be tempted by the devil. And when He had fasted forty days and forty nights, afterwards He was hungry. And the tempter coming said to Him: If thou be the Son of God, command that these stones be made bread. Who answered and said: It is written, Not in bread alone doth man live, but in every word that proceedeth from the mouth of God. Then the devil took Him up into the holy city, and set Him upon the pinnacle of the temple, and said to Him: If thou be the Son of God, cast thyself down, for it is written: That he hath given his angels charge over thee, and in their hands shall they bear thee up, lest perhaps thou dash thy foot against a stone. Jesus said to him: It is written again: Thou shalt not tempt the Lord thy God. Again the devil took Him up into a very high mountain, and showed Him all the kingdoms of the world, and the glory of them, And said to Him: All these will I give thee, if falling down thou wilt adore me. Then Jesus saith to him: Begone, satan: for it is written, The Lord thy God shalt thou adore, and Him only shalt thou serve. Then the devil left Him; and behold angels came and ministered to Him.

## Prayer

Lord God, TEMPERANCE is a tough virtue to practice. It is just so easy to eat too much, snack too much, seek pleasure too much, etc. Give us the wisdom and strength to conquer these temptations so we can be in control of ourselves instead of being controlled by food, drink or other things. Help us to practice TEMPERANCE by avoiding any situations where we know we will be tempted. In Your Name we pray. Amen.

*“Temperance is simply a disposition of the mind which binds the passions.”*

- St. Thomas Aquinas Doctor of the Church

## Special Notes

**Volunteers Needed!** Volunteers are needed to assist with the planning of the end of the year events (5th and 8th grade graduation and field day). If you are interested, please contact *Mrs. Grinn* to discuss planning and budgets. All event planning includes collaboration with the school administration. **Help us plan these fun events to celebrate our students!**

**EARLY BIRD TUITION DRAWING!** Once again, an anonymous donor has been gracious enough to pay for one lucky student's 2022/23 tuition! To enter the drawing, you must have your student's online enrollment packet submitted by June 9<sup>th</sup> 2022. The drawing will take place after the 5<sup>th</sup> grade graduation ceremony on Friday, June 10<sup>th</sup> in the school chapel.

A few **important** notes about the drawing:

- This is for all students going into kindergarten - 12th grade for the 22/23 school year.
- The amount that will be paid is the Catholic parishioner rate (\$4,357) If you are not a Catholic parishioner, you will be responsible for the remaining balance.

The donor has requested the family who wins the tuition raffle write a letter explaining why you choose to send your child(ren) to MCC. If you win, please submit the letter to the school office before the end of June.

## MCC Chaperones Expectations

Since field trip “season” is upon us, below is a brief reminder of some of our school policies and procedures regarding field trips.

- Chaperones must complete a *Chaperone Expectation Agreement* indicating that they are aware of their duties and responsibilities.
- All chaperones must have a (1) valid iChat criminal check and (2) completed Virtus training certificate on file with the school prior to attending any field trips.
- Students may only attend field trips if they have submitted a written permission form and updated health record.
- All parents who attend a field trip are a chaperone, and must follow all of the field trip rules and regulations, as well as participate in chaperone duties as directed by the teacher or administration in charge.
- Parents who attend a field trip and would like to leave directly from the field trip site with their child must request and complete the “Permission to Release from Field Trip” form. This must be done prior to the actual trip. (At the time that the child is released to the parent’s custody, the parent will initialize the completed form to document actual transfer of responsibility.)
- Field trips are considered extensions of the school environment, thus all rules and regulations stated in the Student Handbook apply to field trip sites.

We realize that sometimes there seems to be numerous rules and regulations to follow. However, your child’s safety and well being are most important to us. Thus, we are willing to take whatever measures necessary to ensure that all students and field trip participants are safe during field trip events.

We truly appreciate your participation in our field trips. Thank you for your cooperation in making these events successful learning experiences for our children.

**Sixty years ago** ground was broken to create a school in Manistee county where students could learn about and practice their faith. God bless everyone who has supported Manistee Catholic Central over the past 6 decades. Without your selfless generosity, we wouldn't be able to provide students in our community a school in which they can learn to become stewards of Christ from Preschool all the way to 12th grade. May God bless Manistee Catholic Central with 60+ more years of prosperity! Go Sabers! A special Mass of Thanksgiving was held on Thursday, May 5th in the school gym with a reception following in the cafeteria. **Thank you to everyone who joined us for this special event!**

## Reminders/Flyers

**Calling all students 6th through 12th grade!** Join Tyler for Auto Maintenance classes on Tuesdays May 10th & 17th from 3:30pm - 5:00pm at the [Armory Youth Project](#). Students will learn the importance of vehicle maintenance and basic auto service skills. They will then be putting those skills on display at the Parkdale Autorama safety check on Saturday May 21st. The community will be able to come to Parkdale Auto for a FREE basic safety inspection done by the students under the supervision of Team Parkdale staff! Click [here](#) to view the flyer for this event.

**Attention Middle and High School Students:**

It's that time of the year - **the last chance to buy your 2021-2022 yearbook is now.**

The 2022 Yearbook is full of your favorite memories - fun at **Homecoming, concerts, Catholic Schools Week, Middle School, Junior Varsity, and Varsity sports,** and **everyday life here at Manistee Catholic Central.** Preserve your memories by ordering a yearbook TODAY.

Click [here](#) to order today!! PLEASE NOTE: The yearbook is ONLY for Middle and High school students.

Click [here](#) to view the flyer for **Kids Safety Day & Cookout.**

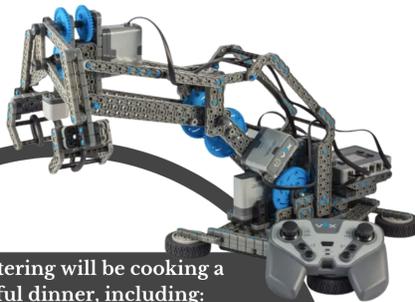
Click [here](#) to view the **May Lunch Menu!**

Click [here](#) to view the flyer for **Manistee County Family Event for May.**

Click [here](#) to view the flyer for **Manistee Great Start May Newsletter.**

Click [here](#) to view the flyer for the Jr. Golf Program through MGCC.

**MANISTEE  
CATHOLIC  
CENTRAL**



Zupin Catering will be cooking a wonderful dinner, including:

<b>SWISS STEAK</b>	<b>MAY 24, 2022</b>
<b>POLISH SAUSAGE</b>	<b>4:30-6:30 P.M.</b>
<b>MASHED POTATOES AND GRAVY</b>	
<b>GREEN BEAN CASSEROLE</b>	<b>\$15/TICKET</b>
<b>ROLL</b>	<b>TAKE-OUT ONLY,</b>
<b>DESSERT</b>	<b>BROUGHT TO YOUR CAR</b>
	<b>WITH A SMILE!</b>



MIDDLE/ELEMENTARY SCHOOL  
**ROBOTICS  
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**Lost & Found**

Please claim items from the office.

**Divine Mercy Parish Calendar**

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

Click [here](#).

**Advising Corner**

Please click [here](#) to see the upcoming scholarship application deadlines for 2022 graduating Seniors.

## Important Upcoming Events and Reminders

Monday 9	Tuesday 10	Wednesday 11	Thursday 12	Friday 13	Saturday 14
Teriyaki beef, Broccoli, Rice	Breakfast Taco, Black bean salad	Chicken and noodle, Mixed veg	Senior's Choice Chicken Parm, Kale chips, Sweet potato fries	Pepperoni pizza, Spinach dip	
NWEA MS/HS Testing	NWEA MS/HS Testing	NWEA MS/HS Testing	NWEA MS/HS Testing	NWEA MS/HS Testing	<b>Girls Softball Tournament</b> away at MCE 9am
<b>Baseball</b> AWAY vs. Walkerville 4pm	2022 VEX Robotics World Championship VEX-IQ Challenge Team Phin	2022 VEX Robotics World Championship VEX-IQ Challenge Team Phin	2022 VEX Robotics World Championship VEX-IQ Challenge Team Phin	<b>Golf at Muskegon Oakridge 1pm</b>	Celebration of Confirmation & First Eucharist (St. Joseph) 11am
<b>Softball</b> HOME vs. Ludington 4pm	Kieszkowski & Brennan Sturgeon (5th grade)	Kieszkowski & Brennan Sturgeon (5th grade)	Kieszkowski & Brennan Sturgeon (5th grade)	<b>Manton Ranger Track Invite</b> 4pm	Vigil Mass (St. Joseph) 4:00pm
Middle School <b>Track</b> meet at BRCA 4:15pm	<b>Golf at Manistee National 9 hole scramble</b> 4:00pm - 7:00pm		MI Career Quest NW (9th grade, click <a href="#">here</a> for permission form) 7:45am - 12:45pm	Confirmation & First Eucharist Retreat and Rehearsal (SJPC) 5:30pm	Prom <b>10th-12th</b> 7pm - 11pm
	<b>Baseball</b> AWAY at Glen Lake 4:15pm		All School Mass (Gym) 9am		
			<b>Softball HOME vs. Onkama</b> 4:15pm		
			Men's Club Dinner (SJPC) Click <a href="#">here</a> for Dinner Information 4:30pm - 6:30pm		

Washington Group Members will help with this dinner ^