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Principal

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## From the Principal's Pen

Dear MCC Families & Friends,

Someone said *that we don't have souls—we are souls.*

St. John Henry Newman wrote, “**The soul of education is the education of the soul.**”

But what does that mean?

I think Christ's words from Matthew 22 shows us the purpose of being a soul: (1) and above all else: “You shall love the Lord, your God, with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind.” (And it seems easy to forget—somehow—that love is a delight and a joy.)

(2) And “the second is like it: You shall love your neighbor as yourself. The whole law and the prophets depend on these two commandments.”

The law—God's Word, Sacred Scripture—is to teach souls how to live.

But this is often very-very impossibly hard. So Jesus-the-Lord tells us this in Matthew 7: “Ask and it will be given to you; seek and you will find; knock and the door will be opened to you. For everyone who asks, receives; and the one who seeks, finds; and to the one who knocks, the door will be opened.”

In the Cordiality of Christ,

Mr. Solak

P.S. Try something new—Richard Louv's book, *Last Child in The Woods: Saving Our Children from Nature-Deficit Disorder*.

*... studies suggest that thoughtful exposure of youngsters to nature can even be a powerful form of therapy for attention-deficit disorders and other maladies. As one scientist puts it, we can now assume that just as children need good nutrition and adequate sleep, they may very well need contact with nature.*

Blessings of out-of-doors adventures in His Creation to you and yours!

## Dates to Remember

### Divine Mercy Parish Calendar

Please check the Divine Mercy Parish Calendar often

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

### Sports

12/2 MS Boys BB (H) vs. Brethren 5:30pm  
12/3 JV/V Girls Basketball @ Shelby 6:00pm  
12/4 MS Boys BB play in game @ Brethren 5:30pm  
12/6 JV/V Girls BB (H) vs. Brethren 6:00pm  
12/7 WMD Championship MS Boys BB @ Mesick 9:00am

### Robotics

12/3 & 12/5 Team Robotics (MCC Library/Media Center) 5:30pm - 7:00pm

### MCC Events

12/4 Student Penance Service 8:30am - 10:45am  
12/7 Victorian Sleigh Bell Parade 5:30pm

### Postsecondary Education Planning

12/4 10th Grade CTE Preview presentation (Reach Higher Room 101) 2:10pm - 3:00pm

### Holiday Dates

11/28 Thanksgiving – no school, school and parish offices closed  
11/29 – no school, school and parish offices closed

## Prayer Intentions

### Daily Morning Prayer

A reminder to all that we meet daily for morning prayer at 7:55.

On Thursday's after morning prayer, parents are welcome to stay to talk about issues of faith and parenting before the first Mass at 9:00. **Please pray for our priests: Fr. Pablo and Fr. Zejlko.**

## **Virtues of the Month**

The Virtue of the Month is courtesy. Courtesy means treating other people with respect, recognizing that all are made in God's image and likeness. December's Virtue of the Month is good judgement. Having good judgement means thinking rightly about a decision, NOT acting without thinking. Carefully consider all the circumstances and ask yourself, "What am I to do now?" Please talk to your student(s) about courtesy and good judgement and do your best to model and practice it at home.

## **Sleighbell Parade**

On Saturday December 7th Manistee Catholic Central will be participating in the Sleighbell Parade. We would love for your student (and you!) to join us in representing our school. We are asking that all elementary and middle school students walking in the parade dress as either shepherds or angels (costumes can be used again at Las Posadas) and meet at Manistee Tire no later than 5pm. The parade starts at 5:30pm. If high school students who are not in the marching band would like to participate, we have costumes at the school of Mary and Joseph as well as shepherds, angels, and wise men. Please talk to Mrs. Howes if you are interested. A form will also be sent out to all elementary students to RSVP for this event. Out of 38 entries in the parade, MCC is entry number 22. The parade route will end at the fountain near the city marina which is where you can pick up your student if you are not walking with them in the parade. At this time you are welcome to stay and watch the rest of the parade and tree lighting with your student. Thank you for representing MCC!

## **Parent-Community Involvement (PCI)**

A reminder to all that 15 hours of volunteering must be earned each semester to satisfy the PCI requirement. PCI Parent Service Record Sheets are available in the office and on the school website at <https://www.sabers.org/parents>. They are due Friday, January 17, 2019 before the end of semester 1. Thank you for your continued support.

## **MCCAA Christmas Polish Sausage Sale**

Place your orders now for the Athletic Association's annual Christmas Polish Sausage Sale. This delicious Polish sausage can be purchased for \$4.50 a pound. Please place your orders no later than December 13th. Sausage will be available for pick up on Saturday Dec. 21st from 3pm - 6pm and on Sunday Dec. 22nd from 1pm - 3pm. Orders can be placed by calling the school office at 723-2529. Also, we are in need of volunteers to help make, package, and distribute the Polish sausage. This is the largest fundraiser for the MCCAA so if your child plays sports at MCC they directly benefit from this sale. Volunteers are needed at the following dates/times: Thursday December 19th (9am-6pm) Friday December 20th (9am-6pm) Saturday December 21st (9am-6pm) Sunday December 22nd (1pm-3pm). We appreciate any time you are able to give! Please sign up on the volunteer sign up board in the school. Thank you!

## **Counselor Updates**

### **ASVAB Testing Opportunity**

The Armed Services Vocational Aptitude Battery (ASVAB) will be offered to students in grades 10-12 who are interested soon. The test takes about 90 minutes and is on the computer. After taking the test a workshop will be given where students can access and understand their personalized results with the help of an expert. Scheduling of this test is still being finalized, but if you are interested in taking the test, please let Mrs. Henderson know so she can plan accordingly.

### **College Cash!**

Seniors, please complete the FAFSA and scholarship applications! Please check <https://www.sabers.org/college-career> often for helpful resources and updates!

### **Dual Enrollment**

Students in grades 10-12 who have passed the Accuplacer test(s) may be eligible to dual enroll at WSCC this coming semester. Registration has already begun. If you haven't completed your forms, please do so ASAP.

