



Mount Carmel School

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Dear MCS Families,

As we enter our second month of school, here are some updates for the month of October. Also included are some reminders on SAFETY.

SAFETY FIRST: After School Pick-up Procedure

- As always, we ask for your patience, support, and understanding in keeping our children safe. Your child's safety is our number one priority.
- Please continue to follow our COVID-19 Pick-up Procedures. This is our second year of this pick-up procedure.
 1. Continue to stay in your vehicle when picking up your child/children after school.
 2. Submit your child's name to the school submitters.
 3. Do not get out of your vehicle and wait at the gate.

I know it's an inconvenience to wait in the car, but please understand that this is a COVID-19 safety procedure we are following. We will not jeopardize the safety of our students and staff for anyone's convenience. We are doing our best to do our jobs and keep you and your child safe. Remember, we are still in a pandemic. Thank you for your patience and understanding.

Basic tips to keep everyone safe and healthy:

- **Stay home if sick:** Monitor your health and stay home if you are sick. Call the school to let us know your child is sick.
- **Physical distancing:** Stay at least 6 feet away from people who are not members of your household.
- **Wear a face covering (mask):** Protect those around you. Wearing a mask or face covering helps reduce the spread of COVID-19.
- **Practice healthy hand hygiene:** Wash your hands often with soap and water or use an alcohol-based hand sanitizer if soap and water are not available.

2021-2022 Parent Council Officers: CONGRATULATIONS!

- MCS is proud to announce this year's Parent Council Officers.

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| President: | Sharina Clark |
| Vice-President: | Krizia Mendoza |
| Secretary: | Richelle Borja |
| Treasurer: | Jocelyn Toskas |



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New faces on campus:

- As you may have noticed, we have four new faces on campus. These individuals with red shirts are morning and after-school monitors. They assist with temperatures in the morning and assist the teachers with the students for after-school pick up in the afternoon.

October 4-7: First Quarter Exams

- Please refer to the schedule for the first quarter exams on our daily Knights Herald.

October 5: ACHIEVE 3000

- On Oct. 05, the ACHIEVE 3000 team will be visiting our school and entering classrooms to demonstrate and assist teachers. Please welcome them to your classroom.

October 8: MCS Cultural Day (half-day)

- We invite parents to join us to celebrate Cultural Day at school. The day will begin with a Parade of Cultures and performances beginning at 8:30 AM. If you are joining us on this day, we ask that you sit at the designated area under the tents reserved for parents. Please do not wait in your child's classroom.
- Dismissal on this day is from 11:30 AM-12:00 noon.

October 11: No School

- In observance of Commonwealth Cultural Day, we will not have classes on Monday, October 11.

October 13: PSAT/NMSQT

- The Preliminary SAT/National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test is a standardized test administered by the College Board and co-sponsored by the National Merit Scholarship Corporation in the United States (collegeboard.org).
- This test is designed to help students practice for the SAT. It is also used to determine eligibility for scholarships awarded by the National Merit Scholarship Corporation.
- 10th-11th grade students will be taking this test.



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October 15: Parent Survey

- A survey will be sent out to all parents/guardians through email via RenWeb to evaluate the school's performance during this 1st quarter. This survey will help us address issues or concerns coming from parents. We would also like to request that parents give solutions, suggestions, or ideas to help us address and solve those issues and concerns. We are a team and we need to work together to make our school safe and a better place for our students to learn.

October 15: Student Survey

- Students in grades 3rd-12th will be taking a survey on how they are learning at school. This survey will address learning and safety at school.

October 18: 2nd Quarter begins

- 2nd quarter is from October 18 to January 10, 2022.

October 28: 1st Quarter Report Card (pg. 32)

- As stated in the handbook, "Report cards are issued quarterly as scheduled in the school calendar. Generally, parents/guardians pick up the report cards at the scheduled times, but because of the COVID-19 pandemic, 1st quarter report card will be issued through email via RenWeb. **However, report cards will not be issued if there is an outstanding financial obligation that needs to be cleared with the Business Office.** Upon clearance of any financial obligation, the report card will then be issued to the parent." Please update your contact information.
- If you need to meet with your child's teacher(s), please call the office to schedule an appointment or message the teachers directly.
- Please call the main office if you did not receive your child's report card online.

October 29: STUDENTS MAY WEAR COSTUMES ON FRIDAY

- To help students get into the spirit of Halloween, students may wear costumes on Friday, October 29. To reinforce the Catholic identity of our school, in celebration of All Saints Day, students who dress as saints will be granted a Dress Down Pass that can be redeemed on Tuesday, November 2. On top of this, the homeroom that has the most dressed-up as Saints will be given a treat from the Faith Learning Community.
- Also note that, as stated in the 2021-2022 MCS Handbook when dressing in costume, students must follow these requirements:
 1. Attire must maintain modesty in length and fit. Tank tops, halter-tops, short shorts, short skirts, and other similar inappropriate clothing are not permitted.
 2. Footwear must be safe. Zories, slippers, high-heeled shoes, sandals, or other unsafe footwear may not be worn.



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3. Nose rings, tongue rings, and similar types of inappropriate piercing are strictly prohibited. For girls, earrings cannot be larger than a quarter and cannot dangle longer than the length of a standard-size paperclip. Large, bulky pendants are not acceptable. Boys are prohibited from wearing earrings.
4. Clothes or accessories which endorse alcoholic beverages, illicit drugs, or concepts contrary to the Christian character of the school are prohibited.
5. No aspect of a student's clothing may call undue attention or contradict the mission and philosophical values of the school.
6. Students who abuse the privilege of casual dress days will have the privilege revoked. The final interpretation of these guidelines is the sole discretion of the school administration.

Thank you for your continued support, patience, and understanding. Should you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact the office at 234-6184.

Sincerely in Christ,

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