



Mr. Jeremie Solak,
Principal

May 14, 2021

From the Principal's Pen

Dear Families,

I was talking with a friend in a different state. Last year his school community hosted a series of speakers discussing one idea: **parents as the first, primary educators of their children.**

Here is an excerpt on the subject from *Aleteia's*—["What does it mean for parents to be the primary educators of their children?"](#):

The Church teaches that family is much more than just a unit in the culture or the economy; it is "a community of love and solidarity, which is uniquely suited to teach and transmit cultural, ethical, social, spiritual and religious values" ([Charter of the Rights of Family](#)). Recognizing that each person is a gift from God, parents should love and respect their children and teach their children to love in return.

As primary educators, parents are also children's first instructors in the faith. By word, example and common prayer, parents can show children the love of Christ and teach them about the deposit of faith. The Charter of the Rights of Family also points out that parents have the responsibility to ensure that their children are not taught subjects in school that are contrary to Catholic teaching. This is particularly applicable in the area of sex education.

Not only in the faith, but also in the areas of learning social virtue, freedom and responsibility, parents are to be models and educators. Catholic social teaching says that the role of parental love is to "[place] itself at the service of children to draw forth from them (*e-ducere*) the best that is in them" (Compendium, 239). Parents should be concerned with supporting their children in many different areas – academic, social, catechetical, personal – always orienting them towards seeking truth.

In the Cordiality of Christ,

Jeremie Solak

Dates to Remember

Divine Mercy Parish Calendar

Please check the Divine Mercy Parish Calendar often

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

School

5/14 Seniors' Last Day of School

5/14 P-ACT 10th Grade 8:00am - 11:00am

5/14 Band Concert 7:00pm

5/17-21 NWEA Makeup and Retesting

5/18 YAC - Virtual 8:30am - 10:00am

5/18 Tutoring featuring Mrs. Kaltunas (Math all levels, 3:00-3:30) and Mr. Fedder (K-5 students, 3:00-4:00)

5/18 Virtual Band Concert 6:00pm

5/19 Baccalaureate and Awards 5:30 - 7:30pm

5/20 Tutoring 3:00-4:00 featuring Mrs. Henderson (K-12 general homework help, advisement and 6-12 English and History) please see calendar

5/21 Graduation 7:00pm

5/22 Princess and Her Prince Dance 6:00 - 8:00pm

Sports

5/15 Boys Girls Track at Manton 10:00am - 2:00pm

5/17 Golf Conference Meet 18 Holes at Pentwater 1:00pm - 5:00pm

5/17 Boys BB/Girls SB vs MCE 4:30pm - 7:00pm

5/18 Baseball/softball Bear Lake Away DH 4:30pm - 8:30pm

5/22 Track Regionals MHSAA at Brethren 8:00am - 2:00pm

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 on faith, and parenting before the first mass at 9:00. **Please pray for our priests, Fr. Zejiko and Fr. Basil.**



Disciple In Christ

Congratulations to Logan Harvey (4th) for winning our Disciple In Christ drawing for the week. Students who are caught living out the virtues are given a Saber Rock and announced after the daily Angelus prayer. At the end of the week, all names are put into a drawing and the winner chooses a special prize.

Upcoming Senior Events

Baccalaureate Mass will be held Wednesday, May 19 at 5:30 PM at St. Joseph's church, capacity is limited to 150 – so please reserve a seat with a senior first. The senior awards ceremony will immediately follow. Graduation will be held Friday, May 21 at 7:00 PM in the MCC gym. Attendance is limited, so please reserve a seat with a senior before planning on attending – we are limited to 300 people in the gym for any event. At both events, masks must be worn and social distancing practiced. Families/households may sit together, but should space apart from one another. Graduation attendees will have to sign in with first and last name and phone number for any possible contact tracing. Thanks!

Band Concert

The Saber Bands will be putting on a concert on Friday, May 14th in the gym at 7:00 PM. Please plan on attending!

Virtual Band Concert

The high school band is participating in a program the Ludington Center For The Arts put together. They video recorded all the high school bands in Manistee County and will be streaming it as a virtual concert on May 18 at 6 p.m. It will be streamed online at www.ludingtonartscenter.org

Princess and Her Prince Dance

Please see the attached flyer for more details!

2021-2022 Enrollment

Enroll for the 2021/22 school year! Enrollment emails have been sent to the parent marked as "enrollment responsible" so please check your inbox! Early Bird Tuition Drawing - A gracious benefactor has once again donated a year's tuition (\$4110) for one lucky K-12 student to win. To be eligible for the early bird drawing, submit your completed online enrollment packet by Thursday, June 3rd. The early bird drawing will take place on the last day of school, Friday, June 4th.

Yearbooks

Attention Grades 6-12 - Order your yearbook today! www.jostens.com
Contact Mrs. McComb, mmccomb@sabers.org

Virtue of the Week

Our virtue this week is CONFIDENCE - The strength to believe in yourself, your team and the hard work you have put in to achieve your goals. You carry yourself differently when you are CONFIDENT and that makes a big difference.

PRAYER:

Lord, we should have every CONFIDENCE in You and Your love for us. There is nothing more You could have done to prove that You love us. You suffered and died so that I could be with You in Heaven for all eternity. Give me the strength to always CONFIDE in You. Amen.

Saber Chef Dinners

Order your Saber Chef Meal today!

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSe6SEQR YxD3QQ1zXfHHovfk33TBTW W5aTb1CRr0SBXYgTqaXw/vi ewform?vc=0&c=0&w=1&fl r=0>

Please remember that pick up for meals is from 2:30-3:30 on Thursday afternoon or from 7:30- 9:00 am Friday morning at the kitchen door behind the school (door #12) with the doorbell. Please do not come into the school to pick up your meal. There is no change, so please pay with exact cash or write a check to MCC. If you have questions please call or text 231-887-0002. Please order by Friday of the previous week.

