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Principal

November 06, 2020

## From the Principal's Pen

Dear Families and Friends,

Some consider *It's a Wonderful Life* the greatest film of all time. That is because it's about hard times—which are common times—and about being rich when you are poor, finding happiness in goodness. Also, it is a playful, romantic movie that is messy but fun. What do you think Mary (Donna Reed) wished for as her wished-for man, George (James Stewart), is talking about traveling the world? Here is the scene: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=uAERYfeiYBc>

Also, here are three lines from the movie that point to the path of life:

- “You see, George, you’ve really had a wonderful life. Don’t you see what a mistake it would be to throw it all away?”
- “Remember, George: no man is a failure who has friends.”
- “All you can take with you is that which you’ve given away.”

Grow for life,

JS

**P.S. Rome Pilgrimage deadline extended to November 15:** We will be accepting applications for students, staff, and chaperones until November 15. If you haven't turned in your application to the office yet, please do so straight away (no deposit necessary to apply). If you wait, then you might be late, and if you're late, then you might miss out.

### P.P.S. Try something new—Building Better Families:

- *In Building Better Families, Kelly explores important issues by raising evocative questions: What makes a successful parent? Do you realize that your children are in the middle of a cultural war? What are the five things children really need? Are you asking your children the right questions? What are you teaching your children about work, money, food, exercise, body image, and sex? What are the priorities of your family culture?* Link to an audio edition: <https://www.dynamiccatholic.com/building-better-families/BBFY-32-AU-ENG.html>
- Kelly suggests a one-question test for all parental decisions: **Will this help my child to become a better version of himself or herself?** . . . about colleges, cell-phone and media rules at home, which school to attend, and whether or not to go on the Rome Pilgrimage.

**P.P.P.S. Updates—Operationalizing the Discipline Policy, Adding Merits, and Integrating Virtue:** As we strive to grow the school in order and discipline, we have integrated the code of conduct for behavior, attendance, and dress-code. It is our belief that school order is maintained through internal self-direction (conscience) and external accountability (correction). We are now recording all corrections through the demerit system in (Renweb/FACTS)—a tardy, disrespect of a student or adult, or dress-code violation equals one (1) demerit. An additional, expanded email will go home next week and will be added to our MCC Handbook. As Michael Jordan said, *We have to expect things from ourselves before we can achieve them.* We want to grow our community by growing in respect, punctuality, and self-care to better fulfill our mission of Christ-centered excellence in education—to grow for life, to be life-long disciples of Christ, and to transform this world according to His vision.

Once the accountability piece is completed, we will be developing our merit system—where students earn merits for virtue, making amends, and excellence.

At the same time we will be developing our restorative-discipline process that seeks to develop good habits (virtues, good strength) to replace bad habits. *When our habits change, our life changes. New habits bring new life* (Matthew Kelly).

## 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

11/6 End of 1st Marking Period

11/7 Harvest Event

11/9 Retake Picture Day 10 a.m. - 3 p.m.

11/9 Begin 2nd Marking Period

11/9 Marines Recruiter Visit 9:05 a.m. – 9:45 a.m.

11/10 Western Michigan University Rep Virtual Vist 8:15 a.m. - 8:55 a.m.

11/10 Air Force Recruiter visit 9-9:40 a.m.

11/10 Navy Recruiter Visit 10-10:50 a.m.

11/10 Manistee Commitment Scholar Program Family Night Virtual 6:00 - 7:00 p.m.

11/11 MCC Advisory Council (MCC Library) 5:30 p.m.

11/13 Coast Guard Recruiter 10:10-10:50

### Sports

11/9 M.S Boys Basketball (H) vs BRCCA at 5:00 p.m.

11/11 M.S Boys Basketball @ Baldwin at 5 p.m.

11/16 M.S Boys Basketball (H) vs Mesick 5 p.m.

11/18 M.S Boys Basketball @ Marion at 5 p.m.

## Prayer Intentions

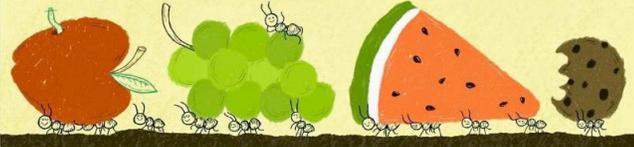
### Daily Morning Prayer

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. Pablo and Fr. Zejiko.**

## Saber Chef Dinners

November 12th Meal - Tater Tot Casserole ground beef mixed veggies topped with tots. Deadline to put in order is November 6th. Follow MCC Saber Café on Facebook. Please click on the picture form to order your Saber Chef Dinner!



Saber Chef Order form October 2020

Please order by Friday of previous week .

\* Required

Email address \*

Your email

## Reminder for Parents

- K-12 families: A minimum of 15 service/volunteer hours per semester per family. Not required for preschool-only families.
- 6 hours of HARVEST volunteer hours (in addition to the required 15 hours per semester)
- Hours must be submitted via FACTS (Previously Renweb) no later than January 31st and June 1st for each semester:  
<https://factsmgmt.com/>
- The Diocese of Gaylord requires all volunteers to have a background check (iChat) and complete VIRTUS training. Link to volunteer training:  
<https://www.sabers.org/volunteer>

## Volunteer opportunities can be found on the school website:

<https://www.sabers.org/parents>

- Weekly Saber News & Notes email and print copy
  - Saber Nation Facebook Group
    - Advisory Council Student Life and Home & School Committees
- <https://www.sabers.org/advisoryboard>

Quick Note: Families unable to meet the required number of service hours will pay an additional fee of \$150 (per semester). Unmet obligations will be added to the family's bill following the semester.

## VIRTUE for Next Week

The virtue for the upcoming week is RELIABILITY - The strength to be trustworthy of a responsibility.

\*Share a personal story of one of your most RELIABLE friends.



*It's A Wonderful Life!*

**HARVEST 2020 Online Auction**  
Thursday, Nov. 5th at 7:00pm - Saturday, Nov. 7th at 9:00pm  
Open to Public - No Ticket Purchase Required  
Item Pickup: Sunday, Nov. 8th 12:00pm - 5:00pm  
(Location: Manistee Catholic Central)  
Each winner is responsible for making arrangements to pick up auction items.

**How to Participate:**

1. Visit [www.sabers.org](http://www.sabers.org)
2. Click "HARVEST 2020 Online Auction"
3. Create an Account
4. Bid!

Click on the picture above for the Auction!

## Flu Shots

Flu clinics are on Fridays at the Armory in Manistee 9:00am-12:00pm

Dates available:

November 6  
November 13  
November 20

Flu shots are usually covered by insurance. DHD#10 can bill the following: Medicare\*, Medicare Health Plans\*, Medicaid, Medicaid Health Plans, Blue Cross Blue Shield, Cigna, Blue Care Network\*\*, Priority Health, McLaren Commercial, ASR, United Health Care, and TRICARE  
Flu Shot Cost: You may qualify for a FREE flu shot.

Ask us at your appointment.

\$37 without insurance

\$46 for high dose and preservative-free

