Thank you for these 5 amazing years, MCS!

Good afternoon MCS community,

I can't believe we just flipped the calendars to June on Tuesday. As most of you have heard, I will not be returning to MCS next year. The 5 years I had at MCS, I will always remember. Some of the great memories that stand out were: Team Martin vs. Team Miedema hockey game, Bowmanville volleyball tournament, Camp

Mini-Yo-We, Ottawa, recess soccer games, and volunteering at a thrift store with my class. I will never forget running up and down the stairs at the University of Ottawa to find a TV so that the class and I could watch the Raptors in the NBA Finals!

Psalm 139:14 says, "I praise you because I am fearfully and wonderfully made." In my time at MCS, I taught one class for 3 years, multiple younger PE classes, and taught Grade 8 the last 3 years. Each child in every class at MCS is uniquely and wonderfully made. They all brought different skills, interests, and personalities to the classroom, which I love. I loved getting to know every student. I hope these students learned as much from me as I did from them. To see the joy on students' faces when they solve a math problem, or score a goal during a recess soccer team or to get me out in a dodgeball game or seeing a younger child jump rope successfully, brightened up my day. I saw so much of this in the past 5 years. Thank you students for giving me 5 amazing years of hard work and laughter!

I want to thank MCS parents, fellow teachers, Mr. Martin and all other staff members at the school for making this such a great experience. Parents, thank you for being so encouraging and thankful. Your emails with kind words or thankfulness were

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always encouraging. Teachers, I felt welcomed and loved. It was fun pulling pranks, especially on certain teachers. I will miss our delicious potlucks! Mr. Martin, although you are a Penguins fan, it was a pleasure working with you and for you. You were always so encouraging and understanding. I still can't believe Team Martin beat Team Miedema, but at least I always beat you in golf. Mrs. O, I will miss the cheerful 'good morning' you greeted me with every day. And thank you for my daily mint! So much happened in my life during my time at MCS, I got married and the Lord blessed us with our first child, Ethan. I am so happy I got to share these joyous moments with you all.

One of my favourite Bible verses I'd like to end with is: "For I know the plans I have for you, declares the Lord, plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future" (Jeremiah 29:11).

Thank you for these 5 amazing years, MCS!

Eric Miedema, OCT **Grade 8 Teacher and Vice Principal**Milton Christian School

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Class of 2021 We will miss you at MCS!

I joined MCS in Grade 5. My fondest memory at MCS was one of many soccer games with my eighth grade class. We played on the field in the mud and everyone was sliding around. It was hilarious! I will always remember painting the shed in sixth grade and going on a field trip to the planetarium in fifth grade. I will also remember my sixth grade science fair project that I got a 96% on, my seventh grade Bible project on the *Feast of Tabernacles* and lastly, the volleyball tournament where my

team made it to the semi finals! I was also involved in our volleyball and soccer teams. Grade 8 was a blast even though we did it through a pandemic. I thoroughly enjoyed the experiments and projects we did such as testing the buoyancy of boats, looking through microscopes and presenting one of the human body systems. I learned the basics of playing guitar, more about the human body systems and more about how Canada became a country through the conferences preceding Confederation. My favourite subject was P.E. class because we played competitive games like dodgeball and basketball. I loved the 2 weeks we got off for March break as well. I also enjoyed playing One Bounce and Gaga ball with my class. I will definitely miss my eighth grade teacher and his humour. I will also miss my friends, my Bible teacher and his life stories that he would share. After elementary school, I am going to Bishop Reding in September. When I grow up I want to be a nurse because I am fascinated by the human body and I like helping people. A Bible verse that I live by is Psalm 139:14 which says "I praise you for I am fearfully and wonderfully made. Wonderful are your works; my soul knows it very well." Olivia

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I joined MCS two weeks into Grade eight. Though I have not spent as much time as others in this school, I won't be forgetting it and the people any time soon. I will always remember having to go outside in the cold three times a day, having to wear our masks indoors at all times, and the greatness of Pita Day and Pizza Day. I learned a lot more than I thought I would, like how I don't actually hate math. It has actually become my favorite subject this year. I was also lucky enough to meet my favorite



teacher ever before he left to teach some other lucky students. I'll miss how funny my classmates were and all the inside jokes our class shared. I'd wished we weren't all stuck behind computer screens because I was afraid that would be all I remembered this school year being: a sad and boring series of classes people were sleeping through anyways. But because of the effort the teachers and administrators made, I would say our online classes are almost as good as the real thing! A while ago I had to decide if I wanted to go here or to a school closer to my house. Choosing MCS was something I wasn't happy to do at the time, but I'm glad I made that decision. Joshua 1:9 says, "Be strong and courageous; do not be frightened or dismayed, for the Lord your God is with you wherever you go." And that is something all of us have definitely had to be aware of this year. I can't say I have many plans for the future but I can say thanks to MCS I've never been more ready for high school than I am now. **Susaw**

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I joined MCS in 2019, at the beginning of grade 7. Throughout my time at MCS, I always loved art. Although, I did end up growing a love for geography. There are some things that I will always remember, though I think one of my favorite memories was when I played with the grade 8 band when I was in 7th grade. We all got our new instruments and it was my first time playing the clarinet, my given instrument. My musical talent was recognized and I was invited to perform a song with the

grade 8's. It was pretty fun spending time with a higher grade. I remember performing the song together, and the student behind me was having problems with his saxophone, and it squeaked throughout the whole song which we both found funny. I found that grade 8 at MCS was able to make me lose my fear and hatred for gym class. The small class and atmosphere made me feel more comfortable. MCS has carved out a great path for me, and hopefully the work will pay off when I go to high school at Iroquois Ridge next year. In the future, I wish to be a psychiatrist. Maybe even dive into anatomy and physiology, or even take a look at airline management. I also plan to start selling art and products like key chains, stickers, and stamps designed by me on a website or social media platform. It wouldn't be a full time job, but could allow me to earn some money in the early years. Overall, MCS has given me a great experience and level of education. I will forever be grateful and proud that I was able to graduate from this school.

Jennifer

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I started attending MCS in Grade 4. I remember the first day at MCS. The highlight of the day was chapel. In my other school, we never had the opportunity to pray, worship, and listen to preaching. Something that stands out to me was prayer requests. I always felt comforted when my friends and I prayed for something I needed or what they needed. I will never forget when I was in grade 7, and I entered the volleyball tournament. When the team was done practicing, the teachers had to pick a certain number of



done practicing, the teachers had to pick a certain number of students, not me. On that same day, I was heartbroken, but I didn't want to admit it. When I came to school the next day, my friends surprised me and said, "We will tell the teachers that you should join the team and that we are not going without you." When I heard this, I was healed from my heartache and agreed to join them. My friends and I fought for my place, then a miracle happened! I joined the team, and I had joy in my heart. This memory I will never forget. MCS is like a second home where I always felt comfortable, supported by all my teachers, and I love that my brother could take this journey along with me. This September, I will be going to Hamilton Christian District High School. And when I grow up, I have faith that I will become a *Biologist*. Through the years I have been at MCS, this bible verse was in my heart from 1 Peter 2:9, "But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people for his own possession, that you may proclaim the excellencies of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light." Sofia

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Virtual Chapel

This Week–Mr. François Broudeau (Illusionist)



Next Week - Pastor Max Oates

Upcoming Events

June 4 PA Day- No School
June 14-17 Graduation Week
June 18 End of the school year
(More info to come on drop-off and pick-up of items)

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Happy Birthday!!!!

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