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Coach's Corner

Celebrate the start of a normal school year!

Good afternoon friends and families of MCS,

I know we say it each year, but that summer went by fast! My family had an amazing time in July camping at Arrowhead, Samuel de Champlain, and Bon Echo provincial parks. Fishing, tubing, time with cousins and canoeing down the Mattawa River were some of the highlights. My wife and I will cherish these moments with our boys for years to come. What memories did you make this summer?

August was much busier around MCS as our staff and teachers finalize plans for this year. One of the final pieces was selecting our Bible theme verse for the year, we came to Philippians 2:4-5

Don't look out only for your own interests, but take an interest in others, too. You must have the same attitude that Christ Jesus had.

We have all been through a lot the past 2+ years. Let's all celebrate the start of a normal school year!

Blessings,

Mr. Martin

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A note about our staff:

We are happy to let you know that **Ms. Bethany DeGier** will be joining our teaching staff this September. Ms. DeGier has been teaching at Cambridge Christian School for the past 8 years. She will be leading our Grade 6 class this year and is excited to get started.

Mrs. Justine Ohh (previous Grade 6 teacher) informed the school in the Spring that she would be stepping away to pursue her master's degree full time. We wish her the best.

During the month of August, Mrs. Anita Petrucci informed the school that she would be resigning from her position. We wish Mrs. Petrucci the best in her future endeavors.

Homeroom teachers 2022-2023

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Kindergarten - Ms. Killam and Mrs. Rabe

Grade 1 - Mrs. Coke

Grade 2 - Mrs. Alava

Grade 3 - Ms. Dors

Grade 4 - Mrs. KG

Grade 5 - Mrs. Gillham

Grade 6 - Ms. DeGier

Grade 7 - Ms. Magat

Grade 8 - Mr. Bierling

New Staff Bio



My name is Ms. Bethany DeGier. I was born and raised in Cambridge, Ontario where I enjoy walking downtown and seeing the old buildings in town. I like to play the piano and read books, particularly historical fiction. I love spending time with my siblings, in-laws, nieces, and nephews. I am excited to join the community of Milton Christian School and to get to know the students, families, and staff here. Thank you for welcoming me here at MCS.

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Mrs. Jennie Gortson - New after-school care provider



I am a married mother of six children ranging from primary school-age to young adult. My husband and I have been married just over 25 years and we love spending time with family in the Niagara region where we grew up. As a family we enjoy camping, board games, and movies. Time in nature and near water are some of my favourite things. My church family is very precious to me, and I am involved in children's ministry there as well as ladies Bible study. I am a home-educator with more than 15 years' experience. I teach in my local homeschool community, plan field trips, and learning experiences for my children and others. Being creative and engaging with students so that learning can be enjoyable and interactive is important to me. Until 6 years ago, I also worked as an ultrasound technologist in the local hospitals. I was employed in this rewarding field for about 18 years. I am excited to spend time with MCS students after school. I would like to create a space that is safe and friendly with options to get creative and have fun together.

Lunch Programs

Friday- Ginos' Pizza (Cheese & pepperoni) ---Starting in September. A pizza **order form** will be available shortly. Money is paid via etransfer to the school.

Our price has increased slightly due to changes by our vendor (**\$2.50** per slice).

Note: If Friday is a PD/PA Day, we have Pizza Thursday instead.

etransfer details - payments@miltonchristianschool.com password **pizzaday**.

Lunchbox (Tasty Tuesday) - Vendors -Subway, Bombay Grill, Harvey's. Click on the link to register. <https://lunchboxorders.wpengine.com/>

Deliveries start in September. (More details will follow to confirm start date.

Orders must be done by 12noon on Sunday for Lunch on Tuesday.

Pita Wednesday- Pita Pit will send order forms in September. It runs in three or four sessions during the school year. All cheques are made to the Pita Chick Inc **not** MCS. More information will follow.

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PICK-UP AND DROP-OFF

Morning drop-off is from 8:05am-8:20am

- If you need before care, it is \$10 /day and runs from 7:30-8:05am
Note: Parents get a door code to access the building only if they are regular for before care.

Drop off & Pick-up - JK – Grade 4 (Main Parking Lot)

Grade 6-8 (including siblings) - Pine Street - (After 8:20am, use main parking lot when the gate is locked)

Parents are not allowed in the building at drop off. Teachers on duty will welcome children in the parking lot.

School dismissal - 3:30pm

- JK and SK are dismissed a little earlier starting at 3:15.

Please keep traffic flowing in the main parking lot by parking in a spot and not leaving your car. Thank you.

NOTE: Read attached PARENT HANDBOOK for MCS policies and procedures.

Meet your teacher night

For the safety of all, we will stagger times for you to meet your teacher. Please arrive and leave during your designated time. Arrival time is based on last name. Times are below.

A-I - 6:30-7:00pm

J-R - 7:00-7:30pm

S-Z - 7:30-8:00pm

New family information night: New families, join us at 6pm for our annual information night on September 1st before you meet your teacher. You will hear from experienced MCS parents on what you can expect throughout the school year. You will also have a chance to ask questions. **(Light refreshments will be provided).**

Thank you for reading the Summer Connector!

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