

# MCS *Community* CONNECTOR

## *Coach's Corner – Summer Hope!*



Good afternoon friends and families of MCS,

I hope you've enjoyed the summer so far! For me, July provided time to connect with family and enjoy the outdoors. We enjoyed camping at Restoule and Halfway Lake provincial parks with lots of fishing, swimming and beach time. Our boys' favourite part was being able to reunite with their cousins for the first time in a year and a half. Seeing them pick up right where they left off gave me hope for the coming year as we aim for a more normal school year.

This led me to setting our theme verse for the school year.

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*When you hope, be joyful. When you suffer, be patient. When you pray, be faithful.  
(Romans 12:12)*

As we approach this new school year, I encourage us all to continue to lean on God and each other. We are all in this together!

I hope to see you tonight at our re-opening town hall at 7:30pm. To join the town hall meeting, please [click here](#).

Blessings,

*Mr. Martin*

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## A note about our staff:

Over the month of August, **Ms. Curtiss Straatsma** informed the school that she received a job offer from the athletic department at Redeemer University. We wish her all the best as she pursues this new endeavor.

I am happy to let you know that **Ms. Catherine Magat** will be our new **Grade 7** teacher. Ms. Magat's teaching credentials are in the Junior/Intermediate age group. She is very excited for the opportunity to teach our Grade 7 students!

Kindergarten - Ms. Killam and Mrs. Barlow

Grade 1- Mrs. Coke

Grade 2 - Mrs. Alava

Grade 3 - Ms. Dors

Grade 4 - Mrs. KG

Grade 5 - Mrs. Gillham

Grade 6 - Mrs. Ohh

Grade 7 - Ms. Magat

Grade 8 - Mrs. Tompson

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*My name is **Meaghan Barlow** and I am very excited to rejoin the MCS teaching team! I previously taught grade 5/6 and JK from 2009-2015 at MCS. I have stayed home with my three young children for the last few years, but with my youngest starting JK, I'm eager to begin teaching again! We currently live in Alliston, Ontario, near CFB Borden, where my husband is posted. I love being surrounded by God's creation, whether it be through traveling, hiking, camping, or a quiet walk. I also enjoy reading, playing guitar, and singing - especially with my kids!*

*I have always found MCS to be a loving, supportive community for both families and staff. I believe this genuine love and care is what makes MCS so unique. I am looking forward to meeting the MCS family soon! **Mrs. Barlow***

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I am so grateful to join Milton Christian School this year! I have recently completed my degree at Redeemer University and felt called and led to teach in a local Christian school. I have a deep passion for the Word of God & the Gospel to be brought forth in the classroom and beyond. I have a heart that longs for students to deeply know and experience the love of God each day in the classroom in their interactions and their learning. It is my prayer that each student would be disciplined and mentored as they learn about God and His faithfulness through the different facets of education. When I am away from the classroom I love spending time out in nature, studying the Word, cooking, baking, enjoying a coffee, seeing sunrises & sunsets on the lake, and spending time with others! **Ms. Erika Dors- Grade 3 Teacher**

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Hello! My name is Justine Ohh and I am absolutely delighted to shepherd our grade 6 class this year! My educational background includes a Bachelor of Arts and a Bachelor of Education (Primary/Junior), both from the University of Toronto. I am also thrilled to be pursuing a Master of Education in Educational Leadership and Policy beginning this fall. During the past 6 years, the Lord has led me to a number of public and private Christian schools teaching a wide range of primary/junior grades. Outside of school, I've had experience leading the Children's Ministry at my church, as well as teaching English in Haiti, where my parents are missionaries. My husband and I recently moved from Toronto to Campbellville and we look forward to exploring the new people and places in the area. Nothing excites me more than the opportunity to work alongside passionate co-workers who strive to see the Lord's hand at work in educating the next generation! I look forward to meeting the MCS community very soon! In Him, **Mrs. Ohh**

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**New Bookkeeper:** Mrs. Ruth Mariyathas **Contact:** [bookkeeper@miltonchristianschool.com](mailto:bookkeeper@miltonchristianschool.com)



*I live in Milton with my husband, Donald, and 2 sons. We love spending time with our extended family, enjoying food, music, and just connecting with one another. We enjoy every occasion that allows us to spend time with our family and friends.*

*My kids attended MCS for the first 4 and 3 years of their school career JK to Grade 2 and 1, therefore I have firsthand experience in the quality of education and the standards MCS adheres to. Previously being the before and aftercare coordinator, working at MCS has been wonderful and having the opportunity to continue to work with such amazing team in a different capacity is a blessing.*

*I have my Advanced Diploma in Accounting from Sheridan College and am currently working towards obtaining my CPA. I have completed my Payroll Compliance Practitioner program through the Canadian Payroll Association as well. I've been running my own bookkeeping service since 2016. I have worked for non-for-profits, and for profits organization and look forward to my tenure at MCS as the Bookkeeper.*

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## **LUNCH PROGRAM**

**Friday Pizza, Tasty Tuesdays (Lunchbox), Wednesday Pita, and Lunch Lady** will continue this school year.

Pizza Fridays (Ginos). Money is paid via etransfer to the school as we run it in house. More info to follow.

Lunchbox (Subway, Kelsey's, Harveys)- <https://lunchboxorders.wpengine.com/>

Lunch lady <https://thelunchlady.ca/>

Pita – Order forms will be available in September (Cheques are paid to the company not MCS). More info to follow.

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**Dropping off items for students** ...Yes, students often forget stuff; from lunch to gym clothes to water bottles, you name it! Due to covid, you will:

**Drop all LABELED items (NAME & GRADE) on the table between the two front doors.**

- For all doctor's appointment and early pick-ups, in addition to informing the teacher **you should email admin and call ahead**. You will sign out the student on the table between the doors and the student will be handed over to you.
- **Late morning drop off is strongly discouraged**. Students will still get a late slip, but parents need to accompany them to the door to ensure they are allowed into the building, have been tested and have reported daily SMS screening for Covid. **Parents must call or email administration** if a student will be late.

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**PLEASE RESPOND TO THE DAILY COVID SCREENING SMS TEXT BEFORE SENDING YOUR CHILD (REN) TO SCHOOL**

**MCS Non- Uniform dress code** In line with our recent announcement of the **temporary** Optional uniforms for the upcoming school year, we would like to provide some guidelines for students as we continue to model an excellent academic environment, with godly instruction. We would like our students to dress appropriately and encourage parents to partner with the school and note the following:

- No negative or inappropriate or suggestive slogans / advertising on clothing is allowed.
- Low cut dresses or tops or bare midriff style tops
- oversized shorts/pants worn low on hips
- excessive and/or large jewelry/make-up
- No clothing with rips, tears or deliberate markings is allowed.
- No halter tops, tank tops, or muscle shirts for students in grades 4-8. No beach or gym wear.
- Shirts / blouses must have sleeves that cover the shoulder and comes down the arm and covers the armpit.
- No exposure of the midriff or underclothing is allowed.
- Skirts must come down at least to 2 inches above the top of the kneecap. (Suggestion: if wearing short skirts, girls should tights/leggings underneath).

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- Shorts and skirts are to be half the length to the knees when standing up.
- All clothing needs to be hemmed.
- Hats or caps may not be worn in the school building at any time.
- No leggings, Sweats, spandex or yoga pants.
  - Pants / bottoms should be preferably slightly **loose fitting**. Not too tight so students are comfortable.

If you choose to buy uniforms, please go to <https://inschoolwear.com/>

**Note: Drop off & Pick-up - JK – Grade 4 (Main Parking Lot)  
Grade 5-8 (Pine Street) (After 8:20, use main parking lot)**

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Happy Birthday!!!

**Meet-your- teacher night: September 2nd for 6:30-8:00pm** - Arrival time is based on last

name: A-I - 6:30-7:00pm    J-R - 7:00-7:30pm    S-Z - 7:30-8:00pm



**Thank you for reading the Summer Connector!**

See you in September

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