



Muskegon Catholic Central

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Crusader Faith.Moving.Forward.

Dear Parents,

With the start of the new school year right around the corner, I would like to welcome all of the new families to Muskegon Catholic Central, along with welcoming back our returning families. I hope you have enjoyed your summer and are ready for your child to embark on a new school year.

Although we know that Muskegon Catholic Central has a strong tradition of academic excellence, we also know it is rooted in something much deeper than academic excellence, we were able to explore this last year as we focused on *Being Servants of Christ*. We know that Christ is the reason for Muskegon Catholic Central and that He is the model for our faculty and the inspiration of our students. This year we are taking it another step further, by deeming a saint as a patron or patroness of Muskegon Catholic Central.

A tremendous amount of energy goes into this beginning, on behalf of all of us – parents, students, teachers, and administrators. We all want to start it right, to give students the best possible beginning to help them make it a successful, productive, and enjoyable year.

The **mandatory** Faith.Moving Forward. student orientation is scheduled for **Wednesday, August 15, 2018** in the Cioe gym. The orientation time schedule is:

8:00-8:45 am	Grades 7-8
8:45-9:30 am	Grades 9-10
9:30-10:15 am	Grades 11-12

This is **mandatory** for all students to attend and parents are welcome to attend as well, if desired, but it is not required.

Required to be turned in on student orientation day at the applicable orientation stations:

- ALL school forms that require parent and/or student signatures are to be turned in at the applicable orientation stations, including those that require a fee to be paid.
PLEASE NOTE: Due to different departments receiving payments, please separate your forms of payment (cash, personal checks, or money orders) and make EACH fee payable to the specific department.
- If participating in athletics, the MHSAA physical card is to be completed in its entirety by the parent, student, and physician. Please be sure that ALL sections are completed.
- If applicable, Free & Reduced lunch applications are due, and food service deposits will be accepted.
- Turn in your student's medication and/or asthma forms along with the applicable medication and/or inhaler. Separate forms must be completed for each medication.
Per the State of Michigan Regulations: School personnel are NOT allowed to dispense over the counter medications (eg. Motrin, Advil, Tylenol, Cold/Sinus/Allergy/Flu, Cough Drops, etc.) to your student at any time, without a form completed by the parent. If your child may occasionally need to take an over the counter medication during the school year, we encourage you to complete a form for each medication and turn both the form and the medication in on orientation day.
- Obtain chrome book, turn in the required AUP form along with fee

- School pictures taken - remember to bring the picture packet with full payment or the NO package slip.
Please make sure your child is dressed appropriately and modestly for their school picture. Please no facial hair, as it is against school policy.

The student orientation process will alleviate much stress of having to submit the many required items on the first day of school, and it makes a smooth transition for the start of the school year for all. Please refer to the attached Orientation Checklist which will assist you in making sure all forms and payments are turned in on this day.

Please be sure to read the enclosed Parent/Student Handbook and the Service Hour Handbook. Both contain many vital pieces of information. Pay close attention to our attendance/tardy policy as the number of days absent and tardies accumulated can impact student's ability to earn high-school credit and participation in extra-curricular activities. Review carefully the Appearance and Dress Code Requirement section as well.

Note the following 2018-2019 Amendments made to the Student and Parent Handbook:

1. Final Exams: Page 11

A parent of a student unable to be present for an exam must contact the Principal and the individual teacher prior to the exam to arrange the time and date of the make-up exam.

2. Crusader Academic Performance Score (CAP): Page 18

Dual Enrollment Courses = 3 points per course completed

3. Senior Awards: Page 19

Academic cords are presented to students with the following CAP scores:

Gold Cord – Top 10% of students

Green Cord – Top 30% of students

White Cord – Top 50% of students

4. Student Dress and Appearance: Pages 25, 26, 27 & 29

Students are allowed to wear the grey MCC approved sweatshirt with MCC logo on uniform dress days.

A student, who intentionally violates the dress code, will receive a 60 minute after school detention for defiance.

The Disciplinary Process will begin on the first day of each nine-week marking period.

NOTE: This does NOT include dress code violations, in which the disciplinary process will begin on the first day of the new semester.

5. School Policy on Student Dignity: Page 33

“Love one another; contribute to the need of others, live peaceably with all”

(Romans 12: 9-18)

The Catholic Church proclaims that human life is sacred and that the dignity of the human person is the foundation of a moral vision for society. This belief is the foundation of all the principles of our social teaching.

Each member of our school is entitled to being treated with dignity. Muskegon Catholic Central expects all students to conduct themselves with dignity and with respect for fellow students, faculty, staff and others.

Harassment of any nature includes any conduct that may reasonably be offensive to others in an educational organization harassing anyone, including sexual or racial harassment, will not be tolerated. Sexual harassment is a violation of the Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, Title IX of the Education Amendments Act of 1972, and the Michigan Elliott-Larsen Civil Rights Act.

**** Continue to read on page 33 for more information**



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It is important that you, as parents know how your child is doing in their classes. An easy way to do this is to view your student's academic progress and attendance via Parent Portal. If you do not know how to access this, please inquire at the counseling table during orientation or email Kelly Morell, Counseling Office Administrative Assistant at kmorell@muskegoncatholic.org.

Continue to visit our school webpage to view the many calendar of events which will keep you abreast of what is going on day-to-day at Muskegon Catholic Central.

Please read through carefully all of the enclosed orientation information. If you have any questions, please contact me at 231-755-2201 ext. 3200 aaldrich@MuskegonCatholic.org. or Executive Assistant Barb Antekeier at 231.755.2201 ext. 3350 or bantekeier@muskegoncatholic.org.

Thank you for your continuous support to Muskegon Catholic Central.

God Bless,

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