



Muskegon Catholic Central

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President's Remarks

Excitement is increasing in all parts of the building. The highly anticipated and much needed Spring Break is finally upon us. My prayer is that the week provides all Crusaders wonderful rest, important relaxation and significant family adventure – whether or not your week involves travel. May God shower upon you His grace and peace! May your week away from school be safe and enjoyable!

Scholarship Letters for 2017-18

One of the goals set as we approached the registration process for 2017-18 was a more timely response to those who completed the Smart Aid process for tuition assistance. I am pleased to announce that scholarship award letters were mailed last week to families who had completed the Smart Aid process. Please direct any/all questions about the award letter to Laurie Parmelee, Business Manager, at lparmelee@muskegoncatholic.org or 231.755.2201, ext. 3310.

Value of Volunteers

In my short time here, I have absolutely experienced the warmth and generosity of the amazing Crusader family. The statement about it taking a village must have been coined here at Muskegon Catholic Central. Parents, grandparents, aunts, uncles and Crusaders from years past are always in the background serving as volunteers. It is truly amazing and allows the many student activities, sporting events, and fundraisers to occur efficiently, effectively, and effortlessly. Thank you to all who are continually willing to step forward with a hearty YES. We could not do it without you.

As we approach Spring Break, I have been asked to remind you of the need for volunteers for both the Lenten Fish Dinner and Rainbow Auction. Both of these fundraisers provide essential resources to maintain and sustain an affordable and quality educational process at MCC.

- At each of the past four Lenten fish dinners, we have served over six-hundred meals. The vast majority of those who “work” the dinners are hard-working volunteers and staff. Each week, I have witnessed the dedication of all involved to providing a wonderful and affordable meal to those in attendance. We are in need of volunteers for both Friday, March 31 and Friday, April 7, to replace those who will be spending their spring break away from Muskegon. Please contact Greg Wehler at gwehler@muskegoncatholic.org or 231.215.6119 if you can help. You can also sign-up at www.muskegoncatholic.org/volunteer.
- The 34th annual Rainbow Auction will occur on Saturday, April 29. Invitations are being sent home with your elementary student today in the end of week folder, unless your child is the youngest and only child in the 7-12 building; in that case your invitation was mailed to your home mailing address today. As the largest fundraiser held by Muskegon Catholic Central, we are looking to break the following records: number of attendees, dollar amount raised, and number of volunteers. Yes, we need lots of volunteers both prior to, on the night of, and the day after the auction. Please contact Melanie Lonnais at mlyonnais@muskegoncatholic.org or 231.291.0348. You can also sign-up at www.muskegoncatholic.org/volunteer – opportunities will be posted soon. Though this will be my first Rainbow Auction, I have been assured of the importance of finding a village of volunteers to help host and tear down this important event.

If you are a Crusader Cash family, please remember to submit your volunteer hours via the Crusader Cash Volunteer Time Sheet (<http://muskegoncatholiccentral.publishpath.com/crusader-cash>).

Thank you! Thank you! Thank you to all volunteers! We appreciate and value your time and effort provided to help Muskegon Catholic Central. As a faith community and Crusader family, we will offer prayers of thanksgiving and gratitude for you.

I appreciate all you do to help us fulfill our mission of excellence in Catholic faith formation and academics. Your comments and insights are important to me. I can be reached via phone at 231.291.0324 or via email at krasp@muskegoncatholic.org.

May God's peace be yours!

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Ken R. Rasp". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial 'K' and a long, sweeping underline.

Ken R. Rasp, President
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