

Mansfield Christian School

Important Events:

- Saturday, October 8—
50th Anniversary
Banquet
- Monday, October 10—
4:00-7:00 p.m. Parent
teacher conferences
- Wednesday, Oct. 12—
PSAT for 10th and
11th grades.
- Monday, October 17—
4:00-7:00 p.m. Parent
teacher conferences
- Wednesday Oct. 19—
PLAN for 9th grade.
- Friday, October 21—
No School—teacher in
-service
- Monday-Wednesday
Oct. 24-26— OGT
makeup.
- Friday, October 28—
end of 1st 9 weeks
- Every Tuesday from
7:30am -8:00 am —
prayer in the high
school library
- Every Thursday from
8:00am-9:00am —
Moms in Touch in the
high school library

*Train up a child in the way he
should go [and in keeping with
his individual gift or bent], and
when he is old he will not
depart from it.*

Proverbs 22:6



Secondary Source

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Notes from Dr. Smith

Thank you for taking the time to read our new electronic newsletters. They will contain important information for families of students in grades 7-12. In order to save on printing and mailing costs, we will be distributing this information electronically a few times each quarter, so it is essential that we have your **accurate email address**. This newsletter will also be posted on the MCS website (www.mcsflames.org) where you will find additional information regarding upcoming events and announcements. Emails come from "Alertnow message from Mansfield Christian School", please be sure you add this to your contacts so these messages do not go to you spam or junk email since they are coming from a mass email system.

As each of us adjusts to the changing roles and increased responsibilities this year, we want to **thank you** for your prayers and words of encouragement! It has been such a blessing to learn of the family and school groups that are consistently meeting for prayer on behalf of all of us working at MCS. We are dedicated to MCS and desire that it be the absolute best school choice in our area. We know that this will only happen with an equal dedication of our families. Many of you are aware that we have recently received and accepted an offer for the **Ranchwood property**. *This is nothing short of divine intervention - the direct result of the fervent prayers for our financial picture as we approach our balloon payment in November.*

What a tremendous blessing and we are so thankful!
Please pray that the closing details are resolved smoothly and quickly. We will need help in moving furniture and supplies back to the main campus this month (October 10 - evening). The **used clothing room** at Ranchwood will also be moved and we will update you on the location as it is determined.

All changes considered, the school year is off to a good start and we are pleased with our students' attention, cooperation, and readiness to learn. Should you have any concerns, please feel free to contact our teachers and administrators by phone or email.

*"The heavens declare the glory of God; the skies proclaim the work of His hands."
Psalm 19:1*

Secondary Events

Retakes for School pictures: Lifetouch will be here Tuesday, November 8th, 2011 in the morning. If you did not have your picture taken in Sept. please be sure to have it taken at this time. Students will not be issued a school photo ID without having their photograph taken. This includes all seniors.

Communication-Please check the web site often for new and current events. We also ask that you check your email often or at least weekly for updates and information from the secondary office.



“My God shall supply all your needs according to His riches in glory by Christ Jesus.” Phil. 4:19

“I thank God in every remembrance of you.” Phil. 1:3

INFOhio—Electronic Resources

Anytime, anywhere access to teaching & learning tools at www.infohio.org.

Username: learn
Password: infohio

All public and nonpublic K-12 schools, students, their parents and educators across Ohio have unlimited use of these resources free of charge.

Included: Art collections, biographies, educational films, 6000 magazines and newspapers, test-taking resources to practice for achievement exams, news and information resources, dictionaries, genealogical resources back to the 14th century, research paper calculator, science experiments and animations, three complete online encyclopedias, and so much more. . .



Legislation—Pray!

During the past few months, legislators have submitted proposals to expand opportunities available to families to help with tuition to private schools. Already this year, Ohio created a new scholarship for any student with special needs or learning disabilities. The current legislation being considered would help families who can't afford to move to the district of their choice or pay private school tuition. House Bill 136: Parental Choice & Taxpayer Savings Scholarship would create an income-based voucher for you to use to help pay for tuition here at MCS. The voucher amount would be \$2300—\$4600 based on family income. One proposal is for a family of 4 earning \$61,189 or

less, could receive a \$4,626 voucher. The timeline is currently unknown, but the bill has passed the House Education committee. The next step is approval by the full Ohio House of Representatives. As you can imagine, there is much being heard against this bill from public school unions. Our legislators need to hear from you.

Supporters who would like to help advocate for the passage of these proposals can contact School Choice of Ohio at 614-223-1555 or info@schio.org.

This is our chance to speak out on an issue that would help families receive a Christian education.

In a day when there are more educational options

than ever before, parents of children enrolled in Mansfield Christian School are to be commended for the sacrifices you make to put your children in one of the finest Christian educational establishments in this area - 50 years of educational and spiritual excellence, which I am thankful to be a part of.

Proverbs 3 says: “My son, do not forget my teaching, but keep my commands in your heart, for they will prolong your life many years and bring you peace and prosperity. Let love and faithfulness never leave you; bind them around your neck, write them on the tablet of your heart. Then you will win favor and a good name in the sight of God and man.”

Notes from the Guidance Office/Assistant Principal

Parent Teacher Conferences

Parent teacher conferences can be scheduled with your child's teachers for Monday October 10th and 17th from 4pm-7pm by calling Mrs. Judy Trueblood at ext 209.

Testing

During the upcoming weeks each 8th-11th grader will be taking one of four standardized tests. 8th graders will take the EXPLORE test, 9th graders will take the PLAN test, and 10th & 11th graders will take the PSAT exam. Emails and or phone messages have been sent to 9th-11th grade parents. 8th grade parents will receive information about the Explore Test in the next few weeks. Information about each test can be found on the MCS web site by clicking on Academics, Secondary Grades, Guidance Office, and Testing. The next test date for the ACT is Oct. 22, 2011; the registration date has now passed. The following test date is Dec. 10, 2011 with a registration deadline of Nov. 4, 2011.

Interim reports

These were sent home by mail on Sept. 28, 2011. If your student received an interim report it is recommended that you schedule a parent teacher conference with those respective teachers.

STI

Did you know that you can check your child's grades and assignments daily on STI? Parent logins were mailed home on yellow paper and each student was given their login at school. Parents, you should be able to see all of your children with your log in. If you have any questions about how to do this please call Mrs. Judy Trueblood at ext. 209.

Transcripts

If your child needs a transcript sent to a college we are requesting that you now do this electronically. Please go to www.parchment.com and create an account. This is a secure electronic delivery system for transcripts and student records. You will find that most colleges and universities use electronic transmission of student records. Using this system will speed up the process of sending transcripts, save time and money, and is a more secure way of sending student information. If you have any questions about this or would like more information please call Mrs. Lynda Pounds at ext. 211 or email her at pounds.lynda@mcsflames.org. A link to this site is available on the MCS web site in the Guidance section under College Information.

Grade Cards

The 1st quarter ends October 28th. Grade cards will not be mailed home at the end of the grading period. You will be able to access your child's grade card through STI. We will send an email or phone message to let you know when this is available and how to access this. This is in an effort to reduce printing and mailing costs.

"I am much afraid that schools will prove to be the very gates of hell unless they diligently labor in explaining the Holy Scriptures, engraving them in the hearts of you. . ." Martin Luther

Walk-a-Thon—

After 3 postponements the Walk-a-Thon took place on a beautiful afternoon on Tuesday, Oct. 4th. More information and the total amount raised will be on the web site shortly.

"You cannot help men permanently by doing for them what they could and should be doing for themselves."

Abraham Lincoln



Athletic News

ABANDON Concert-Nov. 4, 2011 Purchase your tickets in the Central Office or online at [Ticket Leap](#) You can get to the Ticket Leap site from the November events page of the MCS web site.

Weekend of Champions-Nov. 4-5, 2011 Application for Weekend of Champions must be returned to MCS by Oct. 29, 2011. You can download this form from the November events page of the MCS web site. Applications must be submitted by a youth pastor or teacher.

STREP THROAT *“Praise the Lord , O my soul, & forget not all His benefits—who forgives all your sins & heals all your diseases.” Ps. 103:2-3*



Strep throat is quickly passing through both the elementary & high school ends of the building. We are encouraging students to wash their hands often, especially before eating. Teachers are cleaning door handles and other surfaces with a disinfectant. As you may know, strep throat is very contagious so we want to do everything possible to stop the spread at MCS. Please help us by following the guidelines below in keeping your child home when symptoms arise.

Any ill child must be fever free for at least 24 hours and have been on an antibiotic for at least 24 hours before returning to school. If your child comes back too soon and still has a fever, you will be notified to come pick them up. We appreciate your cooperation in this matter. Please pray for all of the students and staff this year that we would remain healthy.

Symptoms of strep throat, which is very common among kids and teens, include fever, stomach pain, and red, swollen tonsils.

Strep throat usually requires treatment with antibiotics. With

the proper medical care along with plenty of rest and fluids — a child should be back to school and play within a few days.

Normal activities like sneezing, coughing, or shaking hands can easily spread infection from one person to another.

That's why it's so important to teach kids the importance of hand washing.

Strep Throat vs. Sore Throat

Not all sore throats are strep throats. Most episodes of sore throat — which can be accompanied by a runny nose, cough, hoarseness, and red eyes — are caused by viruses and usually clear up on their own without medical treatment.

A child with strep throat will start to develop other symptoms within about 3 days, such as:

- red and white patches in the throat
- difficulty swallowing
- tender or swollen glands (lymph nodes) in the neck
- red and enlarged tonsils
- headache

- lower stomach pain
- fever
- general discomfort, uneasiness, or ill feeling
- loss of appetite and nausea
- rash

If your child has a sore throat and other strep throat symptoms, call your doctor. The doctor will likely do a rapid strep test in the office, using a cotton swab to take a sample of the fluids at the back of the throat. The test only takes about 5 minutes.

Lack of treatment — or not finishing the prescribed course of antibiotics — also can put someone at risk for other health problems, such as rheumatic fever (which can cause permanent damage to the heart), scarlet fever, blood infections, or kidney disease.

You can help your child feel better while battling strep throat. Provide plenty of liquids to prevent dehydration, such as water or ginger ale, especially if he or she has had a fever. Avoid orange juice, grapefruit juice, lemonade, or other acidic beverages that can irritate a sore throat. Warm liquids like soups, sweetened tea, or hot chocolate can be soothing.

“Whatever you do in word or deed, do all for the glory of God.”



50th Anniversary Banquet

“All who fear God & trust in Him are blessed beyond expression. Yes, happy is the man who delights in doing His commands.” Psalm 112:1

You are invited to attend the banquet at Mansfield Christian Saturday, October 8 at 6:00 p.m. in the high school gym. There is no cost to come, but remember this is a fundraising event.

The program for the evening will be a celebration of God's faithfulness over the

past 50 years. It is our prayer that all who come will be blessed to hear of God's intervention & His favor on MCS time and time again. Many will be recognized that have served faithfully over the years. It's not too late to make your reservation, but those

reservations need to be in by Friday, October 7th at 9am.

Please be in prayer for this event that the Lord would bless us financially that evening.

You are all such an important part of the family at MCS.