



Muskegon Catholic Central

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President's Remarks

The 2016-17 Academic Year Begins

Dear MCC Family,

As I sat down to write my first message to all in the Muskegon Catholic Central family as president, I took a few minutes to review the message I wrote back in April after accepting the position. In that message, I shared my commitment and eagerness to partner with all in the MCC family to ensure that the long tradition of providing excellence in Catholic faith formation and academics at Muskegon Catholic Central would continue for years to come. I encouraged and invited each of you to help me to become a Crusader by reaching out to share your MCC story with me. After a little more than a month on the job, I want to thank all who have stepped forward to help me better understand this new and wonderful adventure God has provided to me. I am reminded with every new conversation that each story is unique and filled with insight and inspiration. I am eager for the school year to start so that there are even more opportunities to meet and share stories with many more members of the MCC family. I have thoroughly enjoyed my conversations to date, and I look forward to my conversation with each of you in the coming days and weeks.

I realize and understand that a major part of my role as president is to ensure that all in the MCC family are informed and in-the-know. I take this role and responsibility seriously. My intention is to use ***President's Remarks*** as a medium to provide important information and updates to you throughout the year.

New Faces at Muskegon Catholic Central

I am not the only new face you will see as we start the fall semester. Please join me in giving a warm Crusader welcome to the following faculty members:

- Jeremy Holmes (MCC class of 2004), K-6 Computer and PE Teacher
- Elizabeth Stalzer, 7-12 Spanish, International Business, and SAT Prep
- Jerry Mabrito, 7-12 Computer Science
- Amy Meissner, 7-8 Social Studies, Language Arts and Religion
- Jake Lubbers, 5-12 Band
- Jacqui Bernhardt, Spring Musical Director

Also a search has commenced to fill the position of Director of Enrollment Management and Marketing.

Weekly Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

The Lord is so generous with the blessings He wants to bestow upon us as a faith community. Yet, do we ask? Do we seek? Do we knock? It is on our hearts here at Muskegon Catholic Central to seek the Lord's generosity for our school, for our enrollment, for our faith in Him. One way we can seek this generosity is through fervent prayer. Starting this September, I would like for us to host Eucharistic Adoration every Friday from 8:30 AM to 3:00 PM in the Mullally Memorial Founders Chapel. I invite the entire MCC faith community to join us in prayer for our school. Taking time out of our day to come before Christ in the Most Blessed Sacrament is one of the most beautiful gifts we have. We are confident that through our continued prayers God will bless MCC abundantly. I have asked Matt Koczur, MCC Campus Minister, to coordinate our effort to ensure that we have prayer partners in the Chapel during every minute of the Adoration time period. If you would like to join us and can sign-up for a time slot every Friday or even one Friday a month, please contact Mr. Koczur by calling 231.755.2201 ext. 368 or via email at mkoczur@muskegoncatholic.org with times you are available. I thank

you in advance for your interest and participation in this most important opportunity to raise our school in prayer to our Father God while in Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament. We need your assistance to make this happen. "Ask, and it will be given to you; seek, and you will find; knock, and it will be opened to you."

Matthew 7:7

Bishop Walkowiak

On June 18th, Andy Riegler, President of the MCC Board of Trustees, and I had an excellent and insightful meeting with Bishop David Walkowiak. He is very much a Catholic school advocate and has obviously enjoyed his many visits to Muskegon Catholic Central. I am pleased to inform you that during our meeting, Bishop Walkowiak provided to us a letter in which he stated that Muskegon Catholic Central had met the requirements for the renewal of its recognition as a private Catholic school within the Diocese of Grand Rapids through July of 2021. His decision turned a wonderful meeting into an exceptional one. Excellent news for sure!

Laketon Ave Construction

For several months now, the work at replacing Laketon Ave. has been progressing. A few weeks ago, the work on the lane heading toward Lake Michigan was completed and opened. The next day, the destruction of the opposite lane began, and the driveway entrance/exit giving access to Laketon Ave near Every Woman's Place was closed. We have spoken with the City Engineer and the Construction Site Superintendent about our traffic patterns for drop-off at the beginning of the day and pick-up at the end of the day and the possibility of having the opportunity to use that to provide **EXIT ONLY** access to Laketon Ave during these important times. I am happy to report that our request was granted. Please note that when exiting, you will be required to turn left only onto Laketon Ave.

Summer Updates to Facilities

In a tour of the facility yesterday morning, Greg Wehler, Director of Maintenance informed me that all was on schedule to have the building shined up and ready for students and faculty to begin the fall semester. Please also note the following enhancements to our facilities that have occurred since the end of the 2015-16 school year.

- Women's bathrooms in the 7-12 school totally remodeled
- New doors installed
- New home and visitor dugouts added at the soccer field
- Mullally Memorial Founders Chapel gets a face-lift
- New phone system installed adding new phones and increased capacity for incoming and out-going calls.

Please join me in thanking all who work so diligently to maintain and sustain our facilities and grounds!

Your excitement for Muskegon Catholic Central is contagious. You certainly have been interested in sharing your enthusiasm about MCC with me. I ask that you proactively reach out to your family, friends, neighbors and co-workers and share the benefit of sending your student(s) to our Christ-centered, small, safe and academically superior school. Your insights about how MCC has impacted your child are very powerful statements. Also, don't forget about the \$500 tuition referral if a new family mentions you.

Our God is ever loving and merciful. I am even more convinced today than I was in April that His plan is for Muskegon Catholic Central is to provide excellent academic programs within a Catholic, faith-filled environment. My commitment is to partner with all in MCC family to ensure that we are mission-driven, program effective, continually improving, well managed and responsively governed.

May God's peace be yours!



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