



Muskegon Catholic Central

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President's Remarks

With the start of school less than a week away, preparations are revving up to insure that all is ready. This past Monday, the faculty and staff were welcomed back. Appropriately we gathered in the newly refurbished Mullally Memorial Founders Chapel for Mass. Fr. Britto challenged us as a staff to live and own the MCC Mission – *Muskegon Catholic Central educates each student in spirit, mind and body by fostering personal excellence with the Catholic tradition.* He reminded us that what makes us different as a Catholic school is our desire to educate each student with excellence in SPIRIT. Our approach is much more comprehensive than that of our colleagues in the public schools. Always remembering that Jesus is the reason that we exist, our goal is to help a student grow mentally, physically and spiritually. An incredible beginning to our final week of preparation!

Kudos to our Faculty and Staff

I was very impressed with all of the employees that I met. After breakfast, I had an opportunity to interact with them, and all are very eager and ready to get the 2016-17 academic year off to a wonderful and uplifting start.

I requested each of them to stand and state their name, share what their role was at MCC, and how many years each had been a Crusader. Each employee stood and shared with everyone in the room this information. An amazing team is getting ready to answer God's call to discipleship through the ministry of Catholic education – some with many years of experience and some who are new to MCC. May God bless them as they proactively answer God's call to discipleship and ministry as a member of the faculty/staff at Muskegon Catholic Central! I walked away from my morning experience uplifted and eager to step into the new school year with Team MCC. On behalf of the MCC family, we thank you for all you do and how you go about doing it.

New MCC APP

Just in time for the start of school, I am incredibly excited to share that there is a new way for you to remain updated on everything Muskegon Catholic Central is doing. You can now keep updated via an App on your cell phone or tablet. I invite you to pick up your phone, your iPad or Android Tablet. Open the Apple App Store or the Google Play Store. Once open, type Muskegon Catholic Central. Click on the MCC App and then click install. How incredible is that! Please use the App and share your feedback with either me (extension 3240 or krasp@muskegoncatholic.org) or Kim Plyer (extension 3950 or kplyer@muskegoncatholic.org). Your input and insight about this new tool are important to us. Our goal is make important information about Muskegon Catholic Central available to you at your fingertips.

Summer Updates to Facilities

Once again our amazing facilities and maintenance crew has been working behind the scenes to make our buildings and grounds ready for the start of another school year. Floors are shiny and classrooms are squeaky clean and ready for teachers and students. Please join me in thanking Greg, Al and their crew for a job well done.

The summer time is also a time when enhancements and updates are made to our facilities and grounds. This summer the following enhancements were completed\or are in process.

- The women's bathrooms in the 7-12 school were totally remodeled.
- New doors installed were installed.
- New home and visitor dugouts were built on the soccer field.
- The Mullally Memorial Founders Chapel received a much needed face-lift. It was also renamed.

- A new phone system is being installed adding new phones and increased capacity for both incoming and outgoing calls. Please note that the new phone system required us to move to 4 digit extension numbers. We have accomplished that by adding a 0 to the end of the extension numbers that you already know. You can reach me by dialing 755-2201, ext. 3240.

You will also note a major change to one of the light towers at Monsignor Kehren Stadium. We have agreed to allow AT&T to add a cell tower utilizing the light tower near the scoreboard on the home side of the field. The new tower is partially constructed so that they could have the lights reattached and working in time for the first football game on Thursday night. They have also constructed an access road to the light tower and will build a small building at the base of the tower. Fencing will be added that will keep the road and building off-limits. And yes, MCC will receive a nice check each month from AT&T.

Laketon Ave Construction - Update

We spoke with the Superintendent in charge of the Laketon Ave Construction site earlier this week. As was discussed in the first *President's Remarks*, they are prepared on Monday, August 29th to provide the opportunity for vehicles to **Exit** from our property onto Laketon Ave. **You will be required to turn left.** He also informed us that they expect to hit the target date of completion – September 15th. They are actually prepared to begin pouring concrete any day. Please note – If issues arise due the pouring or setting of concrete at that exit, we will an email that will provide necessary revisions to the drop-off or pick-up routines.

I am more excited every day. Meeting this week with faculty, staff, and many parents at the various back to school events was both refreshing and enlightening. All that is left is meeting and welcoming back our students (the reason we exist) on Monday the 29th.

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 231.755.2201, ext. 3240 or via email at krasp@muskegoncatholic.org.

May God's peace be yours!



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