



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

End of 3rd Qtr.

Fri. 3/22

Report Cards Home

Wed. 3/27

Stations of the Cross Holy Spirit Church

3/22

3/29 in classrooms

4/5, 4/12

Easter Break

4/18 through 4/22

School resumes 4/23

MCS Spring Program

April 25

NWEA Testing

April 29

MCS YEAR BOOK

Deadline to Order

Tomorrow!

Friday, March 22

Call 741-6811

\$15.00

Children's Mass

Wednesday's 8:30 a.m.

Join Us!

Mass Date	Lead
March 27.....	2nd Grade
April 3.....	3rd Grade
April 10.....	4th Grade
April 17.....	5th Grade
April 24.....	6th Grade

No Bus Transportation

**Early Morning Care is available
at 7:30 a.m. - St. Therese Room.**

**Enter the main doors
of the school!**

NEXT WEEK!

MCS Messenger



Principal's Corner

School Safety

Marquette is committed to ensure the safety of our students and staff members as demonstrated by our security system of cameras, locked entries and exits, safety drills and procedures, and even by locating the school secretaries office down to the first floor. According to state law schools are required to have at least five lock-down drills, five fire drills, and one tornado drill per year. These drills need to be recorded, maintained, and reported to MNSAA in our annual report. The Virginia Fire Departments, McNeil Environmental Services, our own school insurance company Catholic Mutual, the Diocese of Duluth, also offer training and advice every school year on fire safety, lockdown procedures, and other safety related best practices, and because our students use the Virginia Public School buses we also conduct bus safety training every year as well.

Practice Makes Perfect

The old adage, "practice makes perfect" is often used to remind students that practice helps us to become proficient at nearly any activity and our goal should be to develop the safety "habit." Why? Because a habit is something we do practically without thinking and these automatic responses are about knowing what to do should the very rare possibility of a real emergency occur.

Your Part as Parents

Now that we know more about the laws, the reasons for, the frequency, the strategies, and the goals, let's talk about your part as parents. Our MCS staff is trying to instill in our students a feeling of confidence and security regarding these drills—that rather than feeling afraid, they should be confident that the procedures are designed for developing safety habits and to keep them safe. You as parents can also have a similar discussion at home so that your child develops the self-confidence needed to successfully perform what is required to manage both their bodies and their emotions during our very important and necessary safety drills.

Spring Opportunities

Better weather offers MCS opportunities to finish up with the last of our lockdowns, fire drills, and the tornado drill, which will be conducted during **Minnesota Severe Weather Awareness Week** April 8-12. Teachers will again review procedures for safe evacuation of the building and/or a lockdown, then go over these procedures again with students. Three types of lockdowns will be practiced; lockdown with warning, where we train for a possible risk outside the building, lockdown with intruder where the concern would be a risk inside the building, and we will also try a reverse evacuation where students are directed to come inside the building quickly in the event that the conditions inside are safer than outside.