

THE FULL CURL



Monroe Catholic Ram Athletics

Announcements

- We are all very excited to be hosting our Magis House Block Party on Thursday, October 26th, in conjunction with the Monroe Catholic Volleyball Team's Senior Night.

Kudos

- A big thank you to to all the amazing volunteers and sponsors who made HIPOW a resounding success.
- A big thanks to the PTO ladies for making Popcorn Fridays a thing!
- A big thanks to Abe Siddall and his Sunday Morning Warriors for coming in to lend a hand cleaning up after HIPOW.
- A big thanks to my sister Brandy for all her efforts to make our Holiday Bazaar the creme de la creme of holiday bazaars.
- A big thanks to Coach Debaun and his hockey team for helping bazaar vendors bring in all of their items.
- A big thanks to everyone who brought in soups, bread and breakfast items for the holiday bazaar.



Dear Parents:

There are many aspects of being a Jesuit School that I love. I love watching my players play with the AMDG logo on their backs. I love saying the word Magis. I greatly appreciate the Five Pillars and Grad at Grad concept. I love being able to pick up my phone and talk with other members of the Jesuit Schools Network and better understand how I might approach a challenge. I love being Jesuit so much my next dog may very well be named Ignatius.

Another aspect of being a Jesuit School I love is the concept of the Magis House. Magis Houses were integrated into our school several years ago and the idea gained some steam before being derailed by something called COVID. In fact, in 2019, we hosted our first ever Magis House Block Party. To say that night was a success would be a giant understatement.

I know many of you do not fully understand the Magis House concept, so I thought I would take some time to enlighten you. All Magis Houses are named after saints. At

School Needs

- **We could use about 1 million Alaska Airline miles** to help with a variety of travel needs at the school. The miles would help with HIPOW packages, but also help possibly provide an opportunity for our students to travel for school related items, such as faith-based Jesuit Retreats.
- **PTO would love to have more folks who are interested joining their organization.** Info on how to join is in this week's column if you are interested.
- **Mrs. Wallace is always looking for quality substitute teachers.** Please notify her if you are interested.

Monroe, we have 13 Magis Houses. Each Magis House consists of students in pre-K through 12th grade, teachers, and staff. Literally everyone who works at the schools or attends the schools is a member of a Magis House.

The *why* of the Magis House can be boiled down to one word: Community. This year, our plan is for the houses to engage in fun activities a couple of times a month. During each K-12 Mass, the students will sit in Mass with their Houses. The Houses provide an opportunity for older students to interact and look after younger students. The younger students get to be a part of something outside of their classroom and feel special as they interact with the older students. My personal goal is for a sophomore to be walking down the hall and see a second grader who is a fellow house member and for the two to actually know each other and say hello.

Members of a Magis House are identifiable by their shirts. On a Magis House Day, you will find thirteen different-colored shirts, all with the name of their saint on the back. Students may also choose to wear their Magis House wrist bands — the brain child of Mrs. Wallace. For those wondering, I am a member of the Pope John Paul II (JPII) Magis House, and it is most certainly the greatest of all the Magis Houses, though the others are all of exceptional quality as well.

Over my tenure as athletics director, I came to understand there is no community like the Monroe Community. This was something I learned with every game, fundraiser, regional meet or bazaar hosted by our school. However, when I took the job of Director of Schools, I spoke of needing to strengthen our Community. Why would I, someone who fully understands and appreciates the awesomeness of our Community, communicate my desire to see us become stronger?

Following the pandemic, it became easier for folks to do less. Social distancing was a real thing. While I am well aware that the strength of this Community is directly related to why we survived the pandemic when many other private schools, organizations and businesses did not, I do think it is necessary for us to come back and be stronger together. COVID is in the rear-view mirror and through our windshield, I see more Community events that will help in

MCHS Sports Trivia

TRIVIA QUESTION:

We are taking the week off from the trivia question.

RULES

To win the trivia contest, you must give me the answer IN PERSON. Emails, texts and phone calls will not suffice! Remember, only one guess per household. The first person to correctly answer the trivia question will win an MCHS T-shirt.

LAST WEEK'S WINNER

Nobody was able to correctly answer last edition's trivia question.

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The spouse of the Director of Athletics, parents and STAFF who work directly inside CSF are not eligible for participation in The Full Curl trivia competition for 24 hours after the emailing of The Full Curl.

the process of ultimately growing and thriving. On Thursday of next week we will be afforded the opportunity to eat together, play together and laugh together. To hug, shake hands, tell a story and revel in the joy of being a part of something bigger than us.

This Thursday we will celebrate our first Magis House Block Party since 2019. There will be chili, bread, and all the fixings. Parents will get to eat with their child, along with the children and parents of other members of their Magis House. Following the meal, the volleyball team will play Hutchison and celebrate their Senior Night. I know the wonderful ladies in the office have communicated the info, but here is the link for you to sign up to participate:

Please use the link [here](#) to sign-up for bring something to share at dinner.

I am excited to meet with parents and celebrate our Community and the various Magis Houses. I am hoping many of you will stay to watch our volleyball team play and celebrate the seniors on their special night. For many of you it may be the first time you will be able to see our beautiful gym, which is finally completed (minus a sound system).

I've said for years, nobody does Community like Monroe. I look forward to what will certainly be a memorable night, this coming Thursday.