



East Lansing Public Schools

# MMS MATTERS

December 22, 2017



## GIRLS BASKETBALL TRYOUTS

Tryouts for MMS Girls' basketball will be held on Monday, **January 8** and Tuesday, **January 9**. Eighth grade will tryout from 3:10 p.m. – 5:10 p.m. and 7<sup>th</sup> grade from 5:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m. Sixth grade girls can tryout on Tuesday, **January 9** from 5:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m. and will have a chance to make the 7<sup>th</sup> grade team if there are spots open on the roster. **Just a reminder: to be eligible for tryouts, athletes may not have any E's!!**

There will be a parent meeting for parents of girls who were invited to participate on the team on Wednesday, **January 10** at 5:30 p.m. in the MMS cafeteria.

More information regarding MMS girls' basketball is available on the Blue Board.



## PARENT DASHBOARD FOR SCHOOL TRANSPARENCY

Over the past several months, the Michigan Department of Education has been working with the Center for Educational Performance and Information (CEPI) to advance the State Board of Education's vision of an easy-to-use online dashboard filled with meaningful school-level data for families. The resulting PARENT DASHBOARD for School Transparency was developed with extensive input from parents and educators. It includes 20 school-level metrics parents and others say are important to them. The official launch for the new Parent Dashboard will occur on January 9, 2018.



## SIXTH AND SEVENTH GRADE DODGEBALL WINNERS

Congratulations to Mr. Haskell and Mrs. Kroth's Trojan Times for winning the 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> grade dodgeball tournament. Eighth grade will be completing the tournament after our winter break.



Mr. Haskell's Trojan Time



Mrs. Kroth's Trojan Time



## MRS. FLOYD'S BUCHE DE NOEL COMPETITION

MacDonald Middle School French students participated in their third annual Bûche de Noël (Yule Log Cake) baking competition this past Monday, December 18. The bûche de Noël is a traditional French Christmas dessert. It is composed of a thin cake that is frosted and rolled, and then decorated to represent a log. Before the 20th century, many French families burned a yule log in their hearth over the Christmas holiday. With the advent of apartment buildings and modern heating, not every French family has a fireplace. Over the past century the French have taken their honored yule log tradition and turned it into a delicious dessert, of course!

Madame Floyd challenged her classes to make their own version of a bûche de Noël at home and bring it to school to be judged by staff and peers. Cakes were judged on presentation and taste, and extra credit points were awarded to all participants. All students enjoyed tasting the cakes after judging was done, fulfilling Marie Antoinette's decree, "Let them eat cake!"





## CHESS CLUB

MacDonald Middle School will be starting a Chess Club after winter break. The club is open to all students, no experience necessary. The club will meet on Thursdays from 3:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m. in Room 134. The cost to join is \$15.00 and financial assistance is available. Parent and staff volunteers are welcome to attend.



## YEARBOOK ORDERS

MMS Yearbooks are available to pre-order on-line at <https://ybpay.lifetouch.com/Order/>. Please use Yearbook ID Code: **11190918**. The cost of the yearbook is \$20.00 for a soft cover and additional upgrades are available. If you prefer to purchase with a check, yearbook order forms are available on the Blue Board and should be turned into the office. Please make the check payable to Lifetouch. The deadline to order is **February 9, 2018**.



## MARK YOUR CALENDAR

- January 8:** Classes resume  
Girls' basketball tryouts
- 7<sup>th</sup> grade: 5:30 p.m.
  - 8<sup>th</sup> grade: 3:10 p.m.
- Math counts – Room 134 – 3:00 p.m.  
Jr Trojans Wrestling – Upper Gym – 6:00 p.m.
- January 9:** Girls' basketball tryouts
- 7<sup>th</sup> grade: 5:30 p.m.
  - 8<sup>th</sup> grade: 3:10 p.m.
- Jr Trojans Wrestling – Upper Gym – 6:00 p.m.
- January 10:** Girls' basketball parent meeting – Cafeteria – 5:30 p.m.
- January 11:** Yearbook club – Room 249 – 3:00 p.m.  
Jr Trojans Wrestling – Upper Gym – 6:00 p.m.
- January 12:** Debate Club – Media Center – 3:00 p.m.

**Happy Holidays – Enjoy your winter break**