



MMS MATTERS

December 8, 2017



MMS BAND AND ORCHESTRA UPDATES

Sixth grade band and orchestra will have a concert on Tuesday, **December 19** at ELHS. The concert will begin at 7:00 p.m. Band students should report to the high school door (Door 8) in time to warm up at 6:30 p.m.

Seventh and eighth grade band and orchestra will have a concert on Wednesday, **December 20** at ELHS. The concert will begin at 7:00 p.m. Band students should report to the high school by 6:30 p.m. to tune and warm up.

Congratulations to John Ahlin and Zora Alfredson for being selected to the Michigan All State Band! Students auditioned from across the state and will perform in a concert in Grand Rapids in 2018. We are proud of all the students from MMS who auditioned. Great job everyone!



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 7th 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 7th grade team if there are spots open on the roster.

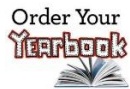
There will be a parent meeting for parents of girls who were invited to participate on the team on Wednesday, **January 10** at 5:30 p.m. in the MMS cafeteria.

Please see the flyer included with the newsletter for more information regarding MMS girls' basketball.



JUNIOR TENNIS TEAMS FORMING

There are teams forming for winter indoor tennis for interested MMS students. Students must be 14 years old and under, able to keep score and serve the ball. All experience levels are welcome. All play will last 2 hours and be on Fri/Sat/Sun probably twice a month. Please see the attached flyer for more information or contact Ann Wronikowski at ann_klotz80@yahoo.com.



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**.



TROJAN TIME DODGEBALL TOURNAMENT

As part of the Project Healthy Schools initiative our students are participating in a dodgeball tournament during Trojan Time. The winners as of December 6 are:

6th grade: Kildea and Haskell

7th grade: Kroth and McKennon

8th grade: Voss and DeHaan/Mayes

Congratulations to all!



SIXTH GRADE PHYS ED CLASSES PARTICIPATE IN ARCHERY

This past week the 6th grade PE students were introduced to the life-long sport of archery. Students received instruction from Mrs. Hagbom on archery safety and equipment, range rules, as well as the physical skill of shooting a bow and arrow. Mrs. Hagbom is proud of her students' growth and maturity during the archery unit.



Congratulations to Myah Valla on her Bulls Eye!



MARK YOUR CALENDAR

- December 11:** Boys' basketball vs. Okemos
8 Home
7 Away
Mathcounts – Room 134 – 3:00 p.m.
Jr Trojans Wrestling – Upper Gym – 6:00 p.m.
- December 12:** Jr Trojans Wrestling – Upper Gym – 6:00 p.m.
- December 13:** Boys' basketball vs. Mason
7 Home
8 Away
7th grade boys' basketball banquet – Cafeteria – 7:30 p.m.
Choir concert – Auditorium – 7:00 p.m.
- December 14:** Sign Language Club – Room 134 – 3:00 p.m.
8th grade boys' basketball banquet – Cafeteria – 5:30 p.m.
Jr Trojans Wrestling – Upper Gym – 6:00 p.m.
- December 15:** Debate Club – Media Center – 3:00 p.m.
- December 18:** Mathcounts – Room 134 – 3:00 p.m.
Jr Trojans Wrestling – Upper Gym – 6:00 p.m.
- December 19:** Sixth grade band and orchestra concert – EL Performing Arts Center – 7:00 p.m.
Jr Trojans Wrestling – Upper Gym – 6:00 p.m.
- December 20:** 7/8 band and orchestra concert – EL Performing Arts Center – 7:00 p.m.
- December 21:** Yearbook Club – Room 249 – 3:00 p.m.
Jr Trojans Wrestling – Upper Gym – 6:00 p.m.
- December 22:** Debate Club – Media Center – 3:00 p.m.
Happy Holidays – Enjoy your winter break



MACDONALD MIDDLE SCHOOL/ CITY OF EAST LANSING GIRLS' BASKETBALL TRYOUT'S



7th and 8th Grade Girls A & B Teams

***6th grade girls- see tryout information on Tuesday**

Tryouts: Monday January 8th & Tuesday January 9th

8th grade 3:10 to 5:10pm and 7th grade 5:30 to 7:30pm

***6th grade girls can tryout Tues. from 5:30 to 7:30 pm and will have a chance to make the 7th grade team if there are open roster spots.**

Location: MacDonald Middle School West (New) Gymnasium

Participation Fee: \$200.00

***Families needing financial assistance must apply by Jan. 4th. Parents will receive a response on January 8th. -Please email JLJennings@cityofeastlansing.com or call (517) 319-6954.**

*** A Parent orientation meeting for the girls' basketball season will be conducted on Wednesday January 10th at 5:30 PM at the Middle School Cafeteria. Only the parents of children who were invited to participate on the team need to attend.**

Please Note: All fees for the 2018 Girls Basketball Season Will Be Collected at the Parent Orientation Meeting on Wed. January 10th.

Games: 10 Game schedule starting Jan. 22. Games are typically twice per week on Monday and Wednesday's starting at 4:30pm.

****Participants of middle school sports must have a physical on file before the first day of practice. Your Doctor must complete physical information on the MHSAA Medical History form which is available at the East Lansing Hannah Community Center or in the MacDonald Middle School main office.***

***Academic eligibility: In order to attend tryouts, potential players must register in the school office between Dec. 11th and no later than Dec. 15th. A student athlete must have no "E's" in any classes to be eligible to tryout. During the season, in order to participate a student must have no "E's" in any classes.**



Western Michigan District Junior Team Tennis

Winter 2018

Who: 18 & Under, 14 & Under, 12 & Under & 10 & Under - Green Ball

What: Junior Team Tennis – a great chance to play team matches with your friends (or make new ones!)

When: Winter Indoor: January 5 - March 18

Why: To play competitive matches with friends with a chance to go to the playoffs. It is a great addition to regular lessons and programs as you are playing other players from outside your home town or club.

Cost: Just \$10 league fee. You do not have to be a USTA Member although it is suggested. Match fees are determined by the number of players on your team at each match.

For a 2 hour match

| <i>Number of Players at your match</i> | <i>Match Fee per player</i> |
|--|-----------------------------|
| 3 | \$16 |
| 4 | \$12 |
| 5 | \$10 |
| 6 | \$8 |

Format: Matches consist of a minimum of 3 players per team (any mix of genders allowed). Matches are played on 2 courts. The matches are 6 game sets with no ad scoring or a 30 minute time limit, whichever happens first. One court will have singles all 4 time slots and one court will be doubles.

Example of a 2 hour match:

| Court 1 | Court 2 |
|------------------|----------------|
| 12:00 #1 Singles | Doubles |
| 12:30 #2 Singles | Doubles |
| 1:00 #3 Singles | Doubles |
| 1:30 #4 Singles | Doubles |

If only 3 players are at a match, the #4 Singles is played by any one of the 3 players. Captains should try to match up levels with the #4 Singles player from the other team (we don't want to put the #1 player against the #4 player if the levels are not appropriate). If you have 4 or more players, no player can play more than one singles match.

Teams: Consist of at least 4 players with 6-8 players suggested per team. Individual matches can have anywhere from 3-6 players.

To Register:

Captains may register teams by filling out the following form: [Team Entry Form](#)

Players may sign up for a team on TennisLink once their Captain has given them a team number. Please note that the registration process has changed on TennisLink and now all parents of players 13 & Under must create a TennisLink account before registering their player: [Player Registration](#)

If a player does not have a USTA member and therefore no TennisLink account, please visit the following website in order to sign up: [TennisLink - Create an account](#)

Deadline to Register Your Team: December 12, 2017

Player Registration Deadline: December 19, 2017