

# MMS MATTERS

January 26, 2018



## SECOND SEMESTER SCHEDULES

Students will be receiving their 2nd semester schedules in Trojan Time on Friday, **January 26**. These schedules are final and there will be no changes.

The 2nd semester begins on Monday, January 29. First semester/2nd marking period report cards will be emailed to families on Friday, **February 2, 2018**.



## SIXTH GRADE BAND AND 7/8 JAZZ BAND

MMS sixth grade band along with the 7/8 Jazz band will have a concert on Thursday, **February 1** at 7:00 p.m. at the ELHS Performing Arts Center. All students should report in time to warm up at 6:30 p.m. Mrs. Kroth sent information home via email with further details.



## SURVEY FOR 7<sup>TH</sup> GRADERS

The East Lansing School District is taking part in the Michigan Profile for Healthy Youth survey, MiPHY, supported by the Michigan Departments of Education and Health and Human Services. The research survey will ask about the health behaviors of 7th, 9th, and 11th grade students. The survey will ask about behavior and attitude related to nutrition, physical activity, injuries, tobacco, alcohol, and other drug use. It will also ask about sexual behaviors that cause AIDS, other sexually transmitted diseases, and pregnancy. The survey will take place at the Middle School on Friday, **February 2** during 7<sup>th</sup> grade social studies.



## DEADLINE IS FAST APPROACHING FOR 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**.



## EIGHTH GRADE FIELD TRIP

As a part of reading *Anne Frank* and learning about genocide, all 8<sup>th</sup> grade English classes visited the Holocaust Memorial Center in Farmington Hills. The mission of the center is to remember those who perished and survived the Holocaust, and to teach lessons about the past to ensure that they do not get repeated in the future. Students experienced a tour of the center, learning about the history and culture of the Jewish people and the atrocities of the Holocaust. Some highlights of the tour included seeing a real WW-II era boxcar and a sapling from the chestnut tree that grew outside of Anne Frank's window in her hiding place in Amsterdam. Then, students had the unique opportunity to listen to a Holocaust survivor speak and share their experience. This valuable learning opportunity was made possible through a parent council grant and generous parent donations.



## SIXTH GRADE LANGUAGE EXPLORATION CLUB

Sixth graders interested in other languages and cultures, like traveling to new places and communicating with new people, curious about how to learn a foreign language, interested in learning some basic French and Spanish should join the new **Language Exploration Club at MMS**. The club will meet after school on Mondays and Wednesdays from 3:00 p.m. – 4:10 p.m. beginning **Wednesday, February 7** in Room 124. The club will be ran by MSU student-teachers from Spanish and French and will take turns leading fun, interactive language lessons and activities under the supervision of MSU faculty member and MMS parent, Alissa Cohen and with the support of the MSU Center for Language Teaching Advancement (CeLTA). To register, complete the following online form by Wednesday, January 31. <https://goo.gl/forms/DxWudHO93vnYvDvE2> **Space in the club is limited to the first 15 students to register.** Additional information can be found on the attachment included with the newsletter.



## MMS BOOK CLUB

The next MMS Book Club meeting will be held on Thursday, **February 8** from 3:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. in the MMS Media Center. We will be reading *Little Miss Evil* by Bruce Leung and Kristy Shen. Snack will be provided.

To participate, students will need a signed permission slip available in the Media Center. The first 20 students with completed permission slips will receive a free copy of the book. For more information, please contact Christa Robinson, [christa.robinson@elps.us](mailto:christa.robinson@elps.us).



## MARK YOUR CALENDAR

- January 29:** Second Semester begins  
Math Counts – Room 134 – 3:00 p.m.  
Girls' Basketball vs. Jackson Parkside  
8 Home  
7 Away  
Jr Trojans Wrestling – Upper Gym – 6:00 p.m.
- January 30:** Jr Trojans Wrestling – Upper Gym – 6:00 p.m.
- January 31:** Girls' Basketball vs. Williamston – 4:30 p.m.  
7 Home  
8 Away
- February 1:** Chess club – Room 124 – 3:00 p.m.  
Sign Language club – Room 134 – 3:00 p.m.  
Sixth grade – 7/8 Jazz band concert – ELHS PAC – 7:00 p.m.  
Jr Trojan Wrestling – Upper Gym – 6:00 p.m.
- February 2:** Groundhog Day – Hoping for an early spring!  
Second semester report cards emailed to parents  
Debate club – Media center – 3:00 p.m.
- February 5:** Math Counts – Room 134 – 3:00 p.m.  
Girls' basketball vs Grand Ledge  
7 Home  
8 Away  
Jr Trojans Wrestling – Upper Gym – 6:00 p.m.
- February 6:** Jr Trojans Wrestling – Upper Gym – 6:00 p.m.
- February 7:** Language Exploration club begins – Room 124 – 3:00 p.m.  
Girls' basketball vs Haslett  
7 Home  
8 Away
- February 8:** Chess club – Room 124 – 3:00 p.m.  
Sign Language club – Room 134 – 3:00 p.m.  
Yearbook club – Room 249 – 3:00 p.m.  
Jr Trojans Wrestling – Upper Gym – 6:00 p.m.
- February 9:** Debate club – Media Center – 3:00 p.m.