

JR TROJAN WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

October 10, 2019

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

- Picture Re-take is October 16th.
- Parent Teacher Conferences are October 17th and 22nd. Both will be half days from 8:05 a.m. until 11:20 a.m.
- MMS first Activity Night coming October 25th.



East Lansing Public Schools

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ITS PARENT TEACHER CONFERENCE TIME

Online Conference Scheduler is now open. Please see the **attached flyer** for the link and instructions to sign up for your conferences. Please direct any questions to Karen Van Dorn in the main office.

PICTURE RE-TAKES ARE OCTOBER 16th

Lifetouch will be at MMS on Wednesday, October 16th for picture re-takes. If your child missed Picture Day or you would like additional pictures, please let your child know to pick up an order form from the blue board or in main office.

If your student is getting their pictures re-taken you **must bring the original picture packet in to give to the photographer.**

Also, if your child has an issue (incorrect spelling, or student ID missing from card), with their student ID card, please have them bring the incorrect card to the office prior to October 16th so we can get them to Lifetouch for correction.

PARENT COUNCIL UPDATES

Help us show our MMS teachers and staff how much we appreciate them by donating to our first Teacher Appreciation Luncheon on October 22nd. We are in need of water, pop, napkins, silverware, and desserts to help keep them energized for parent-teacher conferences. Please drop off your contribution to the main office no later than Monday, October 21st.

Spirit Wear will be sold between 2-4 PM and 5-6 PM. We have all sizes available for purchase.

MMSPC meeting will be held at 6 PM in the Media Center.



HISPANIC HERITAGE MONTH

The National Hispanic Heritage Month is celebrated in the United States every year from September 15th to October 15th. It was established to celebrate the customs, legacies, and achievements of American citizens with Hispanic roots.

Each day during this month, we will learn about an important Hispanic American or Latin American country. This group of Americans and the rich culture they contribute is just one example of the immense diversity that makes this nation great.

Our people and countries we covered this week were: Hispanic/Latino Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez, Venezuela, and Alexander Emmanuel Rodriguez.



MACDONALD MIDDLE SCHOOL ACTIVITY NIGHT

Help our middle school students have a great time and raise money for teachers! October 25th, **volunteers** are needed to collect money at the door, sell concessions and monitor activities. All volunteers need to arrive by 6:00 p.m. to help set and need to be able to stay until 8:30 p.m. to clean up. This is a great opportunity to hang out with parents and help the school. Check out the **attached flyer** and also use the following link to **sign up** to volunteer.

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0f45afaa2babff2-macdonald>

COME SUPPORT OUR BAND, CHOIR AND ORCHESTRA

MacDonald Middle Schools' Band and Orchestra have been working really hard for their upcoming performances. Please consider coming to view one or both of the following performances. MMS 7th and 8th grade Fall Band Concert @ 7:00 p.m. on October 23rd at East Lansing High School. MMS Fall Orchestra Concert is October 30th @ 7:00 p.m. at HSCPA. The Choir Concert will be on October 15th @ MMS Auditorium. Come join us for a few great performances.



MAGAZINE CLUB UPDATE

The MacDonald Magazine Club is finishing up the last two weeks of the club session. Club members have been writing stories, plays, articles and poetry as well as creating memes, comics, photography and drawings. Next week, the magazine will get printed, and a digital version will also be shared with the school community. After the Magazine club is over, a new five-week club session will start the week of October 28th, again hosted by the MSU English Education program. Listen for announcements and check the Jr Trojan Newsletter for the new club focus and sign-ups.

BASKETBALL IS COMING SOON TO MMS

We have been getting many questions about when basketball will be starting. It's in the works! Please see the **attached flyer** for more information.

October is Breast Cancer Awareness Month.

MacDonald Middle School will be hosting several events to

raise money for Breast Cancer Research. We will

also be participating in a PINK OUT, more details to come.



Conference Connection

MMS

October 4, 2019

Online Conference Scheduler will be open beginning Friday, October 4, 2019 at 9:00 a.m.

To schedule conference times online, please go to the following link: myconferencetime.com/macdonald/

Or contact Karen Van Dorn, 517-333-7610
karen.vandorn@elps.us

- ◆ Parents will sign up for 5 minute conference times with their child's teacher(s). In situations with split parents, please try and work together to choose a time that works for both of you.
- ◆ A bell will ring every 5 minutes. We will provide a waiting area for parents who arrive early for conferences.
- ◆ Please be prompt for your conferences. We will not be able to accommodate extending conference times for parents who arrive late.
- ◆ Bring a copy of your conference schedule with you.
- ◆ Conferences will be held in both gyms and some individual classrooms. The counseling staff, and social worker will be available in the cafeteria. Please look for the name signs next to each table. The teachers will be seated by teams in both gyms along with the resource and elective teachers.
- ◆ Our shared staff will not be available during all conference times. Please see check their individual conference schedules.



MacDonald Middle School

Parent Teacher Conferences

October 17 2019

2:00 p.m.—4:00 p.m.

5:00 p.m.—7:00 p.m.

October 22, 2019

2:00 p.m.— 4:00 p.m.

5:00 p.m.—7:00 p.m.

Please use the foyer entrance

For help with the online scheduler or to see an overview of the program, please view the following YouTube videos.

To schedule a conference with a single teacher:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=wFAdTMAYmqk>

To schedule conferences for multiple students or with multiple teachers:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=vFz7i9o5IAg>

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MACDONALD MIDDLE SCHOOL

HALLOWEEN ACTIVITY NIGHT

COSTUMES ENCOURAGED!

HOSTED BY MMS PARENT COUNCIL

OCT 25

6:30PM-8:00PM

ADMISSION \$3

STUDENT ID REQUIRED FOR ADMISSION

**DJ, DANCING,
BASKETBALL,
FUN & GAMES!
FOOD & DRINKS \$1**



2019 Recreation Basketball

Player Registration Form: Grades 2-6

Youth Basketball Registration Deadline: Nov. 1, 2019

Player's Name _____

Parent's Name _____ Phone _____

Address _____

Grade _____ School _____ Male _____ Female _____

Requests: [requests are not guaranteed]

No refunds/credits given for canceled registrations.

Registration Deadline:

Friday, Nov. 1, 2019

Cost: \$85/person
(\$70 if registered by Nov. 1)

**Late registrants are not
guaranteed a spot in the league.**

Attention Parents:

[] YES! I'm interested in coaching my child's team. [Head coaches only, please.]

Name _____ Phone _____

E-mail _____

Practice Request [not guaranteed]: [] 1 hour per week [] 2 hours per week

Day(s): [] M [] Tu [] W [] Th [] F Time(s): [] 5 p.m. [] 6 p.m. [] 7 p.m.

School Preference _____

Payment Type (#315601-A):

- ☐ Credit Card ☐ Cash
☐ Check (Make checks payable to **City of East Lansing**)

Amt. Paid _____ Date _____

CC# _____ Security Code _____ Exp. Date _____

Return the registration form and payment to the East Lansing Hannah Community Center, 819 Abbot Road.

East Lansing Department of Parks, Recreation and Arts

Recreation Basketball

Grades 2-6

This program provides instruction, recreation and the development of individual skills. An emphasis will be on team play, group cooperation and sportsmanship.



Games are typically played on Saturday; however, some weeknight games are possible. They will take place at the East Lansing Hannah Community Center, 819 Abbot Road, and at East Lansing elementary schools.

Games may also be played in other local communities.

Coaches will contact players by Thanksgiving with team assignments.

- Practices begin the week of Monday, December 2.
- Games start Saturday, Jan. 11, 2020.
- 7 to 8 game season.

Game shirts can be purchased for \$15 at the East Lansing Hannah Community Center.

Coaches' Meetings

Coaches' meetings will take place at the East Lansing Hannah Community Center.

Grades 2-4: Tuesday, Nov. 19 at 6 P.M.

Grades 5-6: Tuesday, Nov. 19 at 7 P.M.

**For more information on recreation basketball,
contact Jim Jennings at (517) 319-6954 or e-mail at
jljennings@cityofeastlansing.com.**

