

JR TROJAN WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

March 6, 2020

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

- Spring Conferences are March 12th and 17th. Sign up link now available. Half days of school both days. School dismisses at
- MMS St Patrick's Day Activity Night March 13th 6:30 – 8:00 p.m.
- March 18th late start day.
- Parent Council Meeting March 24th in the Media Center.
- New 6th grade meeting night, May 22nd at 6:30 p.m.



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SPRING CONFERENCE SIGN-UP IS NOW OPEN

Conference schedules are almost full! March 12th and 17th will be our spring conferences. Please click on the following link to sign up for your students conferences. The **attached flyer** will give instructions on how to do the actual sign up. There are some great YouTube videos with step by step instruction on how to set up your conferences.

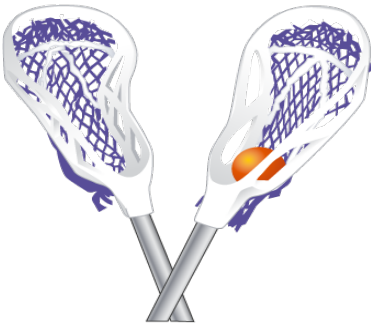
myconference.com/macdonald/login

MMS @ MMS !!!

Every Monday MMS recognizes Mighty MacDonald Students otherwise known as MMS@MMS. These are students who do the right thing when nobody is looking. They are students who go above and beyond, put others before themselves and simply make MMS a better place. Students are announced on the morning announcements and receive a small token of appreciation. This week's MMS@MMS are: 6th graders Afaaf L., Braydon L., Cameron U., Noor K., Maricela P; 7th graders Ainsley A., Ava G., Julia H., Jesse T., Lilla W., Embeth H; 8th graders Chris S., Jorge L., Sophia D., Avery H., Savannah C., Alec W., Erika S., and Annie W. **Congratulations to all the students!!!**

ATTENTION PARENTS OF 6TH GRADERS

If your 6th grade student is enrolled in a P.E. class this semester, a portion of that class includes a health lesson entitled, "Puberty, The Wonder Years." A parent meeting will be held on **March 18th in the Media Center at 6:00 p.m.** for anyone wanting more information. Please see the attached Parent Letter and Course Outline **attached**.



FREE LACROSSE CLINIC! STILL TIME TO JOIN THE FUN

Hey MMS students! Is Lacrosse something that might interest you? Well, you're in luck. MMS will be hosting Lacrosse clinics. **Please see the attached flyer for more information.** Hope to see you there.



NEW AT MMS

An overwhelming **THANK YOU** to all of the people who have donated to our Empathy and Equity Closet. Our new "closet," is becoming stocked with many needed items and we have been able to begin passing many items out to our students.

We are still accepting items. You can use either of the following links to donate. Again, thank you very much!

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/904044baca62faa8-community>

Or, if you prefer, an Amazon wish list has been created indicating these needs as well.

https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/NIXY2USSLWBY?ref=cm_sw_em_r_wl_dp_A1Cg6D4Mqpf1

Please deliver all goods to the bins in the front office. Thank you so much for your support!



MSU GIFTED AND TALENTED EDUCATION OFFICE

Informational meeting for the GATE (Gifted and Talented Education) program is coming soon. Come learn more about the weekend and full week programs geared towards gifted students! For grades 2-11.

Please see the informational flyer attached.

MMS @ MMS MONTHLY CELEBRATIONS

Earlier this week students were given information about an upcoming celebration that will take place on **Friday, March 27th**. MacDonald Middle School will host a celebration at the end of the school day in hopes of motivating all students to attend. In order to attend, a student must meet these three requirements:

- 1.) A student must be passing all of their classes with no missing assignments.
- 2.) A student must not earn a behavior referral for the month of March.
- 3.) A student must not earn a tardy referral for the month of March.

It is the hope of staff members at MacDonald that students will work hard to get to class on time, focus their attention in class, and turn in all of their assignments for the month of March. March 27th is the last day of the 3rd marking period and we see it as a great opportunity to help encourage students to get their work in before the marking period ends.

For those who don't earn the celebration because of missing assignments, we will provide an opportunity to make up missing assignments during the celebration. Teachers will host an intervention room where students can finish their missing assignments to turn in before the marking period ends with the intention of improving their grade.

For those who do earn the celebration, 6th grade will earn an hour of games in their classrooms or outdoors depending on the weather. Seventh grade will enjoy free time in both gyms including: basketball, volleyball, jump ropes, social times, etc. Eighth grade will enjoy a movie in the auditorium.

Our plan is to make this a monthly celebration in hopes of motivating students to do their best academically and socially at MacDonald Middle School. Thank you for your support.

SOCIETY OF HISPANIC PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERS

CHECK OUT THIS COOL OPPORTUNITY!

"At SHPE, we know early exposure to STEM positively influences the likelihood of a student choosing it for their career path. The Noche de Ciencias™ program is designed to introduce the profound possibilities of STEM to middle schoolers and their families.

Reasons why you and your children should attend:

- 1) Gain awareness of STEM fields and careers
- 2) Increase your children's beliefs about their ability to succeed in STEM identity.
- 3) Increase yours and your children's sense of STEM identity.

You will experience this through interactive STEM activities, networking opportunities, and knowing more about SHPE, as well as, by attending the Bilingual Parent Workshop helping to understand STEM opportunities. "

Please see the **attached flyer** for information regarding this **free event**.

MMS ST PATRICKS DAY ACTIVITY NIGHT

Another night of dancing and fun is coming to MMS. Please check out the attached flyer for all of the information about our next Activity Night hosted by MMS Parent Council.



#TRENDING

Michigan State University and MacDonald Middle School Present..... **#Trending.** Is there something you want to change in the world? Is there something happening in your school or the world that you want more people to know about? Is there a hot new meme format you want to try? Yes? Then #Trending club is the place for you! Check out the attached flyer. Club meets on Wednesdays and Thursdays.

SEVENTH GRADE JAZZ BAND INFO

1. Future concerts: April 22nd and May 13th

TRACK AND FIELD

Attention 6th, 7th and 8th grade Boys and Girls!

Please check out the attached flyer for information about MacDonald Middle School/East Lansing Track and Field. Open to all of our students. **Parent meeting on Wednesday, March 18 @ 5:30 p.m.**

YEARBOOK INFORMATION

The yearbook club is busy working on the 2019-2020 MMS Yearbook. **We need your help! We need your photos.**

Anyone with photos that could be used in the MMS yearbook (especially fall activities that have already passed) please send them to: mms2020yearbook@gmail.com. Our club will now begin meeting weekly on Wednesdays.

Want to pre-order your yearbook? Cost is \$20

Go to: ybpay.lifetouch.com, use code: 11190920

IMPORTANT DROP OFF PROCEDURES NOTICE

Safety is of utmost concern for our students at MMS. We have received several calls and complaints most recently regarding drop off procedures. Please see the attached link to a brief video for detailed procedure rules. Also, there are no U turns allowed in our drop off line. This can be very dangerous for both other drivers and our students who are walking or riding bikes. Please remember **your child's safety is our priority.**

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=la9WU8S2S-c&t=6s>





MMS CELEBRATES WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH

March is Women's History Month in the USA. For hundreds of years, females have often been forced to play a secondary role to males. Women's History Month is one small way we can help bring equality between the sexes. Therefore, each day this month we will honor women in history who have overcome adversity. 2020 is the one hundredth anniversary of the 19th Amendment. This amendment protects women's right to vote. It took millions of Americans many years to get this passed. Before 1920, many women couldn't vote, thus not having any political power. Although women are still outnumbered in government, there has been some progress recently. For instance, two of the past three governors in this state are women and one of our US senators is a woman.

Some women we honored this week include: **Susan B. Anthony**, Anthony was an American social reformer and women's rights activist who played a pivotal role in the women's suffrage (the right to vote) movement. Born into a Quaker family committed to social equality, she collected anti-slavery petitions at the age of 17. In 1856, she became the New York state agent for the American Anti-Slavery Society. **Harriet Beecher Stowe**. Stowe was an American abolitionist and author. She came from the Beecher family, a famous religious family, and is best known for her novel *Uncle Tom's Cabin*, which depicts the harsh conditions for enslaved African Americans. **Taylor Swift**. Having sold more than 50 million albums – including 37 million in the US, Swift is one of the world's best-selling music artists and the highest-earning female musician of the 2010's. She has won 10 Grammy Awards, a Brit Award, an Emmy Award, six Guinness world records and is the most-awarded act at the American Music Awards with 29 wins, and most-awarded woman at the Billboard Music Awards with 23 wins. **Marie Curie**. Marie was a Polish and naturalized-French physicist and chemist who conducted pioneering research on radioactivity. She was the first woman to win a Nobel Prize, the first person and the only woman to win the Nobel Prize twice, and the only woman to win the Nobel Prize in two different scientific fields.

MEDIA CENTER NEWS

Some really great things have been happening at MacDonald Middle Schools Media Center. Mrs. Cosner and Mrs. Crowe have been working hard creating fun and exciting activities for all of our students. Check out the **attached flyer** to see some of the fun that is happening here at our own Media Center 😊



PROJECT HEALTHY SCHOOLS

Check out the new information from Project Health Schools. It is filled with fantastic tips and ideas all geared toward better health and fitness for you and your family. Please see the **attached flyer** for all of the information.

GIRLS BASKETBALL

In the MMS Hagbom-Petrowitz student events center last evening it was the 7th grade lady Trojans putting up a valiant fight in a re-scheduled snow day match up with a tough undefeated Dewitt team. The White team, down by 17 at halftime, came storming back shocking the Panthers who escaped with a narrow win. The team was led by Maddie Hicks, Lola Fore-O and Ciera A., Jess M. and Marisa S. were strong on Defense and Ava Smith and LaTrece J. was stellar as well. The Blue team was led by the incredible play of Charlotte W., Elli H. and Zoe H. Nevaeh V., Maeve H. and Leea H. were dynamic throughout the campaign. Congrats on a fun season girls!

