

MMS MATTERS

March 2, 2018



PARENT TEACHER CONFERENCES

As parent teacher conferences quickly approach (**March 20 and March 22**), it is time to use the online scheduling system to schedule conferences. Parent teacher conferences are important in keeping communication open between teachers and parents.

To schedule a conference with your child's teachers, click on this link: <http://www.myconferencetime.com/macdonald/>. You can also find the link on the MacDonald Middle School website found at elps.us - schools - MacDonald Middle School.

Please note that you will need an email address that you can receive emails from the scheduling system. If you do not have an email, please contact Kelly Hocquard, kelly.hocquard@elps.us for assistance in scheduling parent teacher conferences. Also, in order for teachers to see as many parents as possible, we ask that one conference time be scheduled per child.

TRACK & FIELD

MMS TRACK AND FIELD

MacDonald Middle School along with the City of East Lansing is offering Track and Field for 6th, 7th and 8th grade boys and girls. Open practice will be held on March 12 and 13 from 3:10 p.m. – 5:30 p.m. in the new gym at MMS. There will be a parent meeting on March 14 at 5:30 p.m. in the cafeteria. In order to attend open practice, potential participants must register in the office from March 1 – March 9. A student must have no E's in any classes to be eligible to participate. They must maintain this standard throughout the season. Please see the attached flyer with more information regarding Track and Field.



MACDONALD CHESS CLUB CONTINUES

The MacDonald Middle School Chess club will be having another session beginning on March 15. The club will meet on Thursdays from 3:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m. in ROOM 124. The cost to join is \$10.00 and financial assistance is available. No experience necessary and parents and staff volunteers are welcome! An informational flyer is included with the newsletter and can be found on the Blue Board next to the cafeteria.



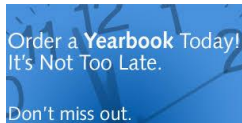
SIXTH GRADE GIRLS ON THE RUN

MacDonald Middle School is excited to announce that we will be offering Girls on the Run program for sixth grade girls. Girls interested in participating should register at gotrmidmichigan.org. The first meeting will be held on Tuesday, March 6 from 3:00 p.m. – 4:30 p.m. and will be held on Tuesdays and Thursdays in ROOM 228. Thank you to our MMSPC for bringing this program to MacDonald Middle School.



CONGRATULATIONS MATHCOUNTS TEAM

We would like to congratulate the MMS MathCounts team, who took first place in the Lansing region, ending a five-year winning streak by Okemos, with a win by a margin of $\frac{1}{4}$ point. Team members also did well as individuals – Peter Ahlin finished first place, John Ahlin finished second place and Hugh Hankenson finished seventh in the region. The team will compete at the state competition on March 10. Good luck and way to represent MMS!



YEARBOOKS STILL AVAILABLE TO PRE-ORDER

It is not too late to order a yearbook for the 2017 – 2018 school year. Yearbooks may be pre-ordered online by clicking here: [Yearbook 17-18](#) and using the Yearbook ID Code: **11190918**. The cost of soft cover yearbook is \$20.00 and additional upgrades are available. If you prefer to pay with cash or check, yearbook order forms are available on the Blue Board and may be turned into the office. Check may be made payable to Lifetouch.



ACTIVITY NIGHT

The next Activity Night will be held on Friday, March 16 from 6:30 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. The theme is March Madness and students are encouraged to wear their favorite team's colors or jersey to show their support. There is a \$3.00 suggested donation plus a student ID and all food and beverages are \$1.00 each. There will be basketball, ping pong, board games, DJ, dancing and snacks.

The MMSPC is looking for parent volunteers to help with Activity Night. Please click the link below to sign-up to volunteer.

[Activity Night parent volunteers](#)



MARK YOUR CALENDAR

- March 5:** Girls' basketball vs Grand Ledge
7 Home
8 Away
7th grade Girls' basketball banquet – Cafeteria – after game
Jr Trojans Wrestling – Upper Gym – 6:00 p.m.
- March 6:** Girls on the Run (GOTR) – Room 228 – 3:00 p.m.
Jr Trojans Wrestling – Upper Gym – 6:00 p.m.
- March 8:** GOTR – Room 228 – 3:00 p.m.
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.
- March 12:** Track and Field open practice – West gym – 3:10 p.m.
Language Exploration club – Room 134 – 3:00 p.m.
Jr Trojans Wrestling – Upper Gym – 6:00 p.m.
- March 13:** Track and Field open practice – West gym – 3:10 p.m.
GOTR – Room 228 – 3:00 p.m.
Jr Trojans Wrestling – Upper Gym – 6:00 p.m.
- March 14:** Language Exploration club – Room 134 – 3:00 p.m.
Track parent meeting – Cafeteria – 5:30 p.m.
Middle school orchestra concert – Auditorium – 7:00 p.m.
- March 15:** GOTR – Room 228 – 3:00 p.m.
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.
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