

MMS MATTERS

May 11, 2018



EIGHTH GRADE SEMI-FORMAL DANCE

Our MMS Parent Council will be hosting a semi-formal dance in the MMS cafeteria for our eighth graders on May 18 from 7:00 p.m. – 8:30 p.m. The cost of admission is \$5.00 and dessert and beverages will be provided. Please note that dress clothes are encouraged but not required.

At this time there have been no volunteers to help chaperone or provide refreshments. If you would like to help, please click on the sign-up genius.

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/9040d45aaaa29a02-8thgrade>

Thank you so much for your willingness to help our 8th graders with a night of fun and dancing to celebrate the end of their middle school years.



EIGHTH GRADE END-OF-YEAR CELEBRATION

Each year, on the last day of school, the 8th grade students get to have a special end-of-middle-school celebration. Each student receives a T-shirt that proclaims that they are a "Proud Member of the Class of 2022," and they have breakfast in the cafeteria. If you are an 8th grade parent and would be interested in helping out with this event, please check out this sign-up genius:

<http://www.signupgenius.com/go/5080f49a4ad29abf94-8thgrade>

Also, if you own a business and would like to help our kids and get great recognition/advertising, we are soliciting tax deductible donations for the 8th grade end of school year celebration - we need at least \$1200 to cover the cost of shirts that will be gifted to each student. Your generosity will be acknowledged with a sign at our 8th grade celebration on the last day of school, in the school's e-newsletter for two weeks and on the MMSPC Facebook page as well as the Facebook page for the Class of 2022.



Photo credit: Scene Metrospace Instagram

EAST LANSING ART EXHIBIT

The East Lansing Art Exhibit is opening this Saturday! Stop by SCENE Metrospace downtown to see work from many students throughout the district. The show is up from May 12 – May 24. Drop in if you are out and about during the East Lansing Art Fair.



EIGHTH GRADE CEDAR POINT TRIP

The annual Cedar Point trip for eligible 8th grade students will take place on Thursday, June 14. Students are eagerly looking forward to this event. This trip is a recognition of their year-long cooperation and academic achievement. As stated in the parent/student handbook, any class trips are subject to approval by the administration and Board of Education. It is our expectation that each child is performing to his/her best academic ability and has exhibited good citizenship throughout the school year. Teachers and administrators will make the final determination as to which students are eligible to attend the trip.

The forms needed to be turned in along with the cost of the trip are due by **May 22**. Please make checks payable to **East Lansing Public Schools**. Extra forms are available on the Blue Board or in the office. Partial scholarships based on financial need are available. Please call the office if a scholarship is needed.

Teachers will continue to monitor grades and behavior in school. Restriction from the trip is still a consequence for poor choices made between now and June 14.



ELHS SCIENCE OLYMPIAD

The ELHS Science Olympiad Club would like to invite MMS students and parents again this year for an introduction to Science Olympiad. The introduction meeting is today, May 11 from 3:30 p.m. – 4:15 p.m. in room 424 at the high school (Mr. Heinrich's classroom). Last year nine students attended the meeting and three became members of the club.

It is an exciting time for STEM extracurricular activities in the district. The ELHS team reached the State finals for the second year in a row and achieved a 13th place out of 60 teams. The SOC is also likely to get substantial support from the ELEF for the 2018 – 2019 school year.

In addition, an active Robotics Club at the high school started this year. There will also be information regarding this club at the May 11 meeting.



SPARROW MOBILE CLINICS

Ingham County Health Department, Sparrow and Dean Transportation are teaming up to bring their Mobile Health Clinics to six Ingham County locations. They are offering health screenings and services at no charge. If you have Medicaid/Medicare or other insurance coverage please bring your membership card. Services available include:

- Lead screening
- HIV
- Behavioral health
- Blood pressure
- Body mass index
- Cholesterol
- Diabetes
- Immunizations
- Flu shot
- Cancer prevention screenings
- Mammography
- Colonoscopy
- Education
- Physician referrals

The clinic will be at Edgewood Village Apartments, 6213 Towar Gardens Circle, on May 16 from 2:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m. Please contact ICHD Registration and Enrollment, 517-887-4306. enrollmentservices@ingham.org with any questions.



MATH PLACEMENT TEST

Sixth grade students interested in taking the alternate placement for Algebra I grade must complete the required form and return it to the MMS office by **May 14**. Please read the attached course description before making your determination. The test will be given on **May 21** from 3:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m. in Room 123. There will be a make-up day for students who are absent on **May 30** from 3:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m. More information along with the required form may be found on the MMS webpage under "News."



SAFE ROUTES TO SCHOOL

Safe Routes to School (SRTS) is an international movement—and now a federal program—to make it safe, convenient, and fun for children, including those with disabilities, to bicycle and walk to school. When routes are safe, walking or biking to and from school is an easy way to get the regular physical activity children need for good health. Safe Routes to School initiatives also help ease traffic jams and air pollution, unite neighborhoods, and contribute to students' readiness to learn in school.

To this effect, the East Lansing SRTS team is working to improve the area surrounding MacDonald Middle School. Students may remember the SRTS team coming in and giving pedestrian and bicycling safety presentations at the beginning of the school year. We are currently partnering with the Michigan Fitness Foundation (MFF) to learn parent's and children's thoughts about children walking and biking to school. To compile this data, MFF has created a survey for parents and students to complete and will only take 5-10 minutes. The student survey is being administered while your child is at school.

For the parent survey, we ask that each family complete only one survey per school their children attend. If more than one child attends the same school, we ask that parents fill out the survey for the child with the next birthday from today's date.

Here is the link to the survey which will be open until May 25th:

- <http://www.saferoutesdata.org/surveyformparent.cfm?key=1962085>

This survey, along with other information collected by the SRTS team, will be taken into consideration during the development of East Lansing's SRTS action plan. The major infrastructure grant is worth \$200,000 per school that we are awarded. Therefore, this information is extremely helpful in our efforts to obtain this grant for MacDonald Middle School.

If you have any questions, please email them to the SRTS Community Coordinator, Todd Buckingham, at srts@elps.us.

Thank you,
East Lansing SRTS Team



CONGRATULATIONS TRACK AND FIELD ATHLETES

Congratulations to all of our track and field athletes on a very competitive meet against Okemos this week. The boys tied each with 64 points and the girls won 72 – 57. Coach Garth and Dear Lee said “our athletes performed superbly with some outstanding performances.” Keep up the good work. Thank you parents for your continued support and for providing all of the athletes with healthy snacks.

Next Tuesday, May 15 is the final home meet versus Holt. They are still looking for volunteers. Please sign up today.



MARK YOUR CALENDAR

- May 15:** 6th grade M-Step – Math
Track and field meet vs Holt - ELHS – 4:30 p.m.
- May 16:** 6th grade M-Step – Math
Choir concert – Auditorium – 7:00 p.m.
- May 17:** Track banquet – Cafeteria – 3:00 p.m.
Chess club – Room 124 – 3:00 p.m.
Sign Language club – Room 134 – 3:00 p.m.
- May 18:** 8th grade Semi-Formal dance – Cafeteria – 7:00 p.m.
- May 22:** Jazz band and 6th grade concert – ELHS – 7:00 p.m.
- May 23:** Spring orchestra concert – ELHS – 7:00 p.m.
- May 24:** Seventh and eighth grade band concert – ELHS – 7:00 p.m.
- May 28:** No school – Memorial Day
- May 30:** 6th grade field trip to Lansing Lugnuts – 9:30 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.