

Happy Friday MMS Families!

Below are upcoming events at MacDonald Middle School. Please mark these on your calendar.

- October 15 –
 - Girls' volleyball vs Mason – 4:30 p.m. – 8 home/7 away
 - Cross Country – Dewitt Invitational
- October 17 –
 - Picture retake day – See information below
 - Mathcounts – 3:00 p.m. – Room 134
 - Girls' volleyball vs DeWitt – 4:30 p.m. – 7 home/8 away
- October 18 –
 - **Half day of school – classes dismissed at 11:20 a.m. Students attend hours 1, 2, 3 – See attached schedule**
 - Parent teacher conferences – 2:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m. and 5:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.
- October 19 –
 - Seventh/eighth grade boys' basketball tryouts: 8th grade – 3:10 p.m. – 5:10 p.m.; 7th grade – 5:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.
- October 22 –
 - Mathcounts – 3:00 p.m. – Room 134
 - Seventh/eighth grade boys' basketball tryouts: 8th grade – 3:10 p.m. – 5:10 p.m.; 7th grade – 5:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.
- October 23 –
 - **Half day of school – classes dismissed at 11:20 a.m. Students attend hours 4, 5, 6 – See attached schedule**
 - Parent teacher conferences – 2:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m. and 5:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.
- October 24 –
 - Late Start day – Classes begin at 10:05 a.m. There will be no breakfast served. The schedule for the day is attached.
- October 25 –
 - Sign Language Club – 3:00 p.m. – Room 134
- October 26 –
 - Pink Out Day
 - Activity Night – 6:30 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.

Picture Retake Day

Our picture retake day will be held on October 17 from 8:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. If your child would like to have their school pictures retaken and you purchased a package they must return the original package. If your child was absent on Picture Day or is new to MMS since September 6, they must have their picture taken for a school id and the yearbook. You may still order pictures on mylifetouch.com, Picture ID: **LM418032Y1**.

We are also looking for two parent volunteers to help with Picture Retake day on October 17. If you are able to help, please contact the office at 517-333-7600.

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Parent Teacher Conferences

The online scheduler for parent teacher conferences will close Friday, October 12 at 9:00 p.m. If you would like to schedule parent teacher conferences, please contact Kelly Hocquard, kelly.hocquard@elps.us. As a reminder, all conferences are scheduled. Teachers will not be available for drop in conferences.

MMS Boys' Basketball Tryouts

Seventh and eighth grade boys' basketball tryouts will be held on October 19 and October 22. Eighth grade will tryout from 3:10 p.m. – 5:10 p.m. and seventh grade tryouts will be held 5:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m. For players making the team, the first practice will be October 24 and there will be parent meeting in the cafeteria at 5:30 p.m. Please see the attached flyer for more information.

Halloween Activity Night

The first MMSPC Activity Night will be held on Friday, October 26 from 6:30 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. The cost is \$3.00 plus a student id. There will be a DJ, dancing, basketball, games and much more. Food and drinks will be sold for \$1.00 each. Costumes are encouraged!

Parent Council is still seeking volunteers to help Activity Night run smoothly. Please sign up here:

<https://m.signupgenius.com/#/showSignUp/60B0D45ADA62EA20-macdonald>

Pink Out Day

In an effort to raise awareness for cancer research, MMS will be holding October Pink Out activities culminating with PINK OUT day on Friday, October 26. Students will have the opportunity to purchase cookies or donuts in Pink bake sales, participate in Caps for Cancer by donating \$1.00 to wear a hat for the day and participate in a Pink Ribbon Design competition during Trojan Time.

MMSPC Information

World Teacher Day

We want to thank Big Apple Bagels for helping us celebrate World Teacher Day last Friday. They donated all of the bagels for a beautiful breakfast for our teachers, staff, and administration. Thank you, Big Apple Bagels!

Book Fair Organizer

The Book Fair will be held in November, and we are looking for one more person to step up to help Theresa Anderson run it. Are you interested in helping out? Email <mailto:mmsparentcouncil@gmail.com>. Thank you!

Robotics and Science Olympiad Clubs

Thank you to the parents who have volunteered to run these clubs! We could still use a little bit more help, though. Would you be interested? Email <mailto:mmsparentcouncil@gmail.com>.

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Donations

A huge THANK YOU to everyone who has donated this week, either on our website, via a donation in the main office, or by donating supplies to the PE needs closet. We appreciate you!!! As a result of your donations, we were able to give another teacher grant to Mr. Voigt to purchase tools for his Design & Build classes. We are halfway to our fundraising goal for this year! If you haven't donated yet but would like to, please follow this link: <http://mmsparentcouncil.wixsite.com/mmspc/donate>

Next meeting

Our next meeting is October 23rd at 6 PM in the Media Center. We'd love to see you there.

Any questions? Comments? <mailto:mmsparentcouncil@gmail.com>

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/MacDonaldMiddleSchoolParentCouncil/>

Website: <http://mmsparentcouncil.wixsite.com/mmspc>

Design and Build Day

Impression 5 Science Center is partnering with the Home Builders Association of Greater Lansing to create a special professional trades-focused event for families coming up Saturday, October 13 – Design and Build Day.

It's a day we all can become makers with hands-on activities ranging from circuit building to wood working, roofing to painting and more! MSU students in the construction field will also be onsite with a virtual reality experience! Please see the attached flyer about the event.

Career Cruising

Tuesday and Wednesday of next week, the 8th grade students will be introduced to Career Cruising in their Social Studies classes.

Career Cruising is a vehicle we use at MacDonald that connects the real world to the classroom with the latest career and labor market information, salaries, and educational pathways – all written in a way that's easy to understand. The information related to careers (salaries, need, courses of study, etc.) and colleges/universities is updated regularly! Opportunities provided through Career Cruising include:

- Documenting career development activities and creating a post-secondary plan.
- Recording extracurricular activities, hobbies, interests, skills, and awards.
- Keeping track of work and volunteer experiences.
- Creating professional looking resumes!

Students will be able to work on Career Cruising any time at home or school once they receive an initial lesson. We encourage parents to explore careers, schools, and financial aid information together with their child to better prepare for high school and beyond.

For more information go to: www.careercruising.com

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