

Happy Friday MMS Families!

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

- October 22 –
 - 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 – School dismissed at 11:20 a.m.**
 - 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.
 - Mathcounts – 3:00 p.m. – Room 134
 - 7th and 8th grade Band concert featuring the ELHS Marching Band – 7:00 p.m. - ELHS
- October 25 –
 - Sign Language Club – 3:00 p.m. – Room 134
 - 7th and 8th grade Orchestra concert featuring the ELHS Orchestra – 7:00 p.m. - ELHS
- October 26 –
 - Pink Out Day
 - Activity Night – 6:30 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.
- October 30 –
 - EL Middle School Swimming and Diving parent meeting – 7:00 p.m. – Cafeteria
- October 31 –
 - Costumes are allowed – No Masks
 - Mathcounts – 3:00 p.m. – Room 134
- November 1 –
 - Sign Language Club – 3:00 p.m. – Room 134

Attendance

We don't want your child to fall behind in school and get discouraged. Please ensure that your child attends school every day and arrives on time. The first bell rings at 7:55 a.m. and students are expected to be in the classroom ready to learn by the 8:05 a.m. bell. Here are a few practical tips to help support regular attendance:

- Make sure your child keeps a regular morning routine.
- Ensure your child goes to school every day unless they are truly sick. Students need to be fever free and no vomiting for 24 hours before returning to school.
- Avoid scheduling vacations or doctor's appointments when school is in session. We understand that it is difficult to schedule doctor, dentist or orthodontist appointments outside of school hours but we ask to please try your best. **Beginning November 1, all absences will be left unexcused unless a note is provided from the appointment.**
- Develop back up plans for getting to/from school if something comes up.
- If your child is feeling anxious about school, please contact his/her counselor.

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.

Swimming and Diving

There will be a parent meeting for the East Lansing Swimming and Diving team on Tuesday, October 30 at 7:00 p.m. in the cafeteria. This team is open to all East Lansing boys and girls in grades 6 – 8 who can swim at least one length of the pool, any stroke. No diving experience needed. The season runs November 12 – February 1. More information may be found on the flyer included with this newsletter.

East Lansing Public Library

We are fortunate to have the East Lansing Public Library within walking distance to MacDonald Middle School. It is a place for students to go after school to work on homework. Recently, we have been contacted regarding the behavior after school. We are working closely with the library staff in order to provide a safe, welcoming place for students. Please read the attached Library Code of Conduct and Exclusion Policy and Procedure. It is our expectation that all students will abide by the Code of Conduct or subject to having their library privileges suspended and/or be excluded from the premises.

PE Needs Closet

Thank you MMS PC and parents who have supported the PE needs closet! This is what is available for students in PE classes on a daily basis. The closet is also utilized by the counselors and teachers for student support as needed. Our students are very respectful to our needs closet and always return items they have borrowed. Some of the MMS students have even helped organize the clothing and shoes. A special thank you to Mrs. Howse and her students for assisting with all the laundry for our Needs Closet. We are very thankful to have all these items available for our MMS students. The closet is used on a daily basis.



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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 front 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. If you haven't donated yet but would like to, please follow this link:

<http://mmsparentcouncil.wixsite.com/mmssp/donate>

We are halfway to our fundraising goal for this year!

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? mmsparentcouncil@gmail.com

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