

Happy Friday MMS Families!

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

- October 8 –
 - Girls' volleyball vs Charlotte – 4:30 p.m. – 8 home/7 away
- October 11 –
 - Cross Country – Grand Ledge Invitational – 5:00 p.m. – Fitzgerald Park
- 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
 - Parent teacher conferences – 2:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m. and 5:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m. See information below.
- 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.

Parent Teacher Conferences

Parent teacher conferences will be held on October 18 and October 23. All conferences are scheduled and there will be NO drop-in conferences. To schedule your preferred time for a conference:

1. Go to <https://www.myconferencetime.com/macdonald/>
2. Click on the name of your child's teacher
3. Select the desired date/time for your conference by clicking on "Sign Up"
4. Submit the requested information
5. You may then add additional conferences

As a reminder, our shared staff is not available for all conference times. A list of when they will be at MMS for conferences is also included with the newsletter.

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 Kelly Hocquard, kelly.hocquard@elps.us.

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MMSPC Information

- ❖ THANK YOU to everyone who has donated to the parent council this week. The money will go directly to teacher appreciation and teacher grants. If you have not yet donated but would like to, please follow this link:
<http://mmsparentcouncil.wixsite.com/mmspc/donate>
- ❖ We are looking for a few good volunteers. **Are you interested in helping to run the Robotics Club, the Science Olympiad Club, or the Book Fair?** We need help with all of these activities. Email us at <mailto:mmsparentcouncil@gmail.com> if you have any questions.
- ❖ This Friday, the 5th, is **World Teacher Day**. We are providing bagels and cream cheese to the teachers and staff today to thank them for everything they do for our children. We are so grateful to have our phenomenal teachers, staff, and administrators at MMS!
- ❖ The first Activity Night of the year will be **Friday, October 26th from 6:30-8:00 PM**. More information will be forthcoming soon, and we will need volunteers to help run the evening. THANK YOU to our Activity Night coordinators, Madhavi Nehta, Summer Minnick, and Heather Hagan for making this night possible!
- ❖ Finally, the MMS PE needs closet is in need of the following items. If you would like contribute, you can bring donations to the front office. Thank you so much for helping our students!
 - Chap Stick
 - Hair Ties
 - Lysol spray -(to spray shoes out)
 - Lotion - small bottles with non-pump topWe have removed pads & tampons from the list because the group Helping Women Period is going to supply those for us! Thank you to Theresa Anderson and Courtney Hagbom for making that happen.
- ❖ Our next meeting is **October 23rd at 6 PM in the Media Center**. Come join us and learn about what's going on in your school. We'd love to see you.

Questions? Comments? mmsparentcouncil@gmail.com

Also needed for the PE Needs Closet

Adult basketball style shorts in sizes S, M, L and XL. They are currently all set with youth size shorts and tops. If you have something to donate, please send in to Mrs. Hagbom. Thank you!

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.

Eighth grade Field Trip

This year, all 8th grade Social Studies classes will be visiting the Museum of African American History in Detroit. Justice League will be attending on November 6 and Team Marvel will be attending on November 7.

The museum was founded in 1965 and has been a leading institution in African American history. According to the museum's website, their mission is as follows:

Our mission is to open minds and change lives through the exploration and celebration of African American history and culture. Our vision is a world in which the adversity and achievements of African American history inspire everyone toward greater understanding, acceptance, and unity.

We are grateful for the Parent Council covering the cost of the museum. However, we are asking for a donation of \$10.00 to support the transportation cost of the trip. This donation is not mandatory and all students will be able to participate, but it is very much appreciated. Please make sure permission slip and any possible donation are turned in by Friday, October 12.