

## Happy Friday MMS Families!

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

- January 7
  - Girls' basketball tryouts – 8<sup>th</sup> grade: 3:10 – 5:10/7<sup>th</sup> grade: 5:30 – 7:30
  - Science Olympiad club – 3:00 p.m. – Room 134
  - Jr Trojan wrestling practice – 6:00 p.m. – Upper gym
- January 8
  - Girls' basketball tryouts – 8<sup>th</sup> grade: 3:10 – 5:10/7<sup>th</sup> grade 5:30 – 7:30
  - Jr Trojan wrestling practice – 6:00 p.m. – Upper gym
- January 9
  - Mathcounts – 3:00 p.m. – Room 134
  - Girls' basketball parent meeting – 5:30 p.m. - Cafeteria
- January 10
  - Sign Language club – 3:00 p.m. – Room 134
  - Jr Trojans wrestling – 6:00 p.m. – Upper gym
- January 11

### Spiritwear Sale

Looking for that last minute gift for your Jr Trojan...our MMS PC will be selling Jr Trojan Spiritwear on Friday, December 21 during the lunch hours. Cash or checks made payable to MMS PC will be accepted.

- T-shirts - \$10.00
- Sweatshirts - \$25.00

### Middle School Girls' Basketball Tryouts

The last day to sign up for girls' basketball will be Friday, December 21. Basketball tryouts for seventh and eighth grade girls will be held on January 7 and January 8, 2019. Eighth grade girls tryouts will be 3:10 p.m. – 5:10 p.m. and seventh grade girls tryouts will be 5:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m. Sixth grade girls may tryout on January 8 from 5:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m. and will have a chance to make the 7<sup>th</sup> grade team if there are open roster spots. There will be a parent orientation meeting for the girls' season on January 9 at 5:30 p.m. in the cafeteria. Only parents of children who were invited on the team need to attend.

### Science Olympiad Club seeks Event Coaches

The Science Olympiad Club is up and running and it's going great! A huge thank you to Marji Cyrul and Marilyn Matice for getting this club off the ground! There have been two meeting so far with about 35 kids at each one.

The club is now signed up for events and they are looking for event coaches to help out. The time commitment is once a week until about mid-March. Coaches will be working with 4 – 5 students. You can choose day, time and place of your meetings. For more information about the events, please click on this link:

<https://www.soinc.org/learn/b-event-short-descriptions?fbclid=IwAR3TD-89Eq1I-osh8qbAScQl75MxZzny9ZcFCvYXyci3KVVX02P-T4-QS5tg>

**December 20, 2018**

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### **Yearbook Cover Design Contest**

Announcing the Yearbook Cover Design contest! Is your child an artist or budding graphic designer? Do you want to give them something to do over winter break? Have them design a cover for the MMS 2018 – 2019 yearbook.

Here are the requirements:

- 8 ½ x 11 white paper
- Must be portrait not landscape orientation
- Be colorful
- Represent MMS (sports, clubs, music, etc.)
- Year 2019
- Theme: Proud to be a Jr Trojan
- Name should be small in the lower right corner

All entries are due to the front office by January 9, 2019.

### **Heart and Sole Coaches Needed**

Heart & Sole is a Girls on the Run program for middle school girls. Heart & Sole creates a positive, structured space for middle school girls to learn about themselves, explore new ideas, cultivate empathy, strengthen connections and develop life skills that will help them move through adolescence and beyond.

This 10-week program is accessible to all girls regardless of athletic ability or fitness level and considers the range of ages and varied experiences of middle school girls. Physical activity includes strength and conditioning appropriate for this age group. The season culminates with the Girls on the Run 5K, which is the celebratory event that underscores the confidences, competence, connection, character and caring they've been developing in the program and gives them a tangible sense of goal setting and achievement.

You can find more information about the program by clicking the link below.

<https://www.girlsontherun.org/What-We-Do/6th-8th-Grade-Program>

If you would be interested in coaching or being a running buddy, please let us know at [mmsparentcouncil@gmail.com](mailto:mmsparentcouncil@gmail.com).

### **A Big Thank You!**

Thank you to everyone who contributed to the winter baskets as well as to the Village Summit Toy and Children Book drive. We are so fortunate to be part of such a generous community.

### **Winter Break**

We want to wish all of the MMS community a wonderful winter break. We hope you find time to relax and enjoy time with family and friends. We will see everyone back on January 7, 2019.

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