

## Happy Friday MMS Families!

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

- March 4
  - Girls' basketball vs Okemos – 4:30 p.m. – 7 home/8 away
  - Science Olympiad – 3:00 p.m. – Room 134
- March 5
  - Activities pictures – during morning - Auditorium
  - Jr Trojan wrestling practice – 6:00 p.m. – Upper gym
- March 6
  
- March 7
  - Girls' basketball vs Grand Ledge – 4:30 p.m. – 7 home/8 away
  - Sign Language club – 3:00 p.m. – Room 134
  - Jr Trojan wrestling – 6:00 p.m. – Upper gym
- March 8
  - 8<sup>th</sup> grade Girls' basketball banquet – 4:00 p.m. – Cafeteria
  - East Lansing PAL Dodgeball – 6:00 – 8:00 p.m. – West gym

### **CONGRUATIONS TO MMS BAND AND ORCHESTRA**

Our 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade Band and Orchestra classes participated in District festival yesterday at East Lansing High School. All four bands and orchestras received a Division One (top) rating. Congratulations on all of their hard work and dedication. A huge thank you to Mrs. Kroth, Mrs. Vanator, Mr. Rosin and Mr. Larzelere for their commitment to the MMS music program. Way to go MMS students!

### **PAL DODGEBALL**

East Lansing Police Athletic League (PAL) will be holding an evening for 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> grade students to participate in Dodgeball with the ELPD on March 8 from 6:00 p.m. – 7:30 p.m. in the MMS gym. The event is open to all 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> graders and there is no charge to participate, however, the attached permission slip must be completed and returned on the night of the event.

### **ACTIVITIES PICTURES**

Lifetouch will be at MMS on Tuesday, March 5 in the morning to photograph our clubs and music classes for the yearbook. The yearbook staff is still in need of pictures from outside sports teams (Jr Trojans football, soccer, lacrosse, swimming, etc.) as well as clubs and scouts. Please email pictures to [mms2019yearbook@gmail.com](mailto:mms2019yearbook@gmail.com). Remember to send the pictures in the actual size.

### **YEARBOOK NEWS**

Don't forget to order your 2018 – 2019 yearbook. Orders are only available online at [ybpay.lifetouch.com](http://ybpay.lifetouch.com) Yearbook Code: 11190919. The cost for a soft cover yearbook is \$20.00 and there are many upgrades available.

### **PARENT TEACHER CONFERENCES**

Parent teacher conferences will be held on March 14 and March 19. All conferences are scheduled and there will be **NO** drop-in conferences. **The last day to schedule conferences via the online scheduler will be March 12.** 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

### **TRACK AND FIELD**

Students interested in participating in track and field must sign up in the office. Open practice for track and field will be held on March 11 and March 12 at 3:15 p.m. – 5:15 p.m. Students will meet in the West (new) gym. Please have running shoes, t-shirt, shorts and sweats. There will be a parent meeting on March 13 at 5:00 p.m. in the MMS cafeteria. Please see the flyer included with the newsletter for more information.

### **MARCH MADNESS ACTIVITY NIGHT**

MMSPC will be holding another Activity Night for our students. The theme is March Madness (Go Green, Go White☺) and it will be held Friday, March 15 from 6:30 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. Admission is \$3.00 plus a student ID. There will be DJ, dancing, basketball and games. Food and drinks will be available to purchase for \$1.00 each.

### **MMS SCIENCE AND ENGINEERING FAIR**

The MMS Science and Engineering Fair will be April 25<sup>th</sup> from 6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. Open to all students, this event will feature student-led science experiments and engineering projects. Registration is open until April 8<sup>th</sup>. The first 100 students who register will receive a free MMS Science and Engineering Fair t-shirt. The link to register is <https://goo.gl/forms/yBZhcDyLYDWs8vL82>

New this year: two student prep meetings will take place after school on March 25 and April 17 to assist students with designing their projects and creating their poster presentations. Please see the attachment for more information.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Jennifer Lathom at [jlathom@gmail.com](mailto:jlathom@gmail.com).

### **TAKE APART WEEK**

Mr. Voigt's Design and Build class will soon be conducting "Take-Apart-Week". The week is designed to help students explore how to use tools to take apart mechanical toys, small appliances and old electronic gear. In this activity, students will also investigate how machines work through the process of reverse engineering.

To make the Take-Apart-Week a success, however, **Mr. Voigt needs your help with the collection of all types of take-apart machines and "upcyclable" materials.** These items are important since they serve as the "raw material" of study and the springboard for re-creation of new projects. Attached with this newsletter is more information regarding this upcoming week as well as a list of acceptable Take-Apart items. Please note the list specifies acceptable and unacceptable items.

We hope you will consider looking around your home or office for items to contribute. **A collection center will be set up just inside the cafeteria where you may deposit your items any time school is open.** The Collection Center will be "Open" on Monday, March 4.

Thank you so much for your help. Our students are so excited to see what type of stuff is contributed and what they will be taking apart!

### **MMS PC News**

#### **Heart & Sole Fitness**

We are thrilled that we will be having a Heart & Sole Fitness program at MMS this spring. Heart & Sole is Girls of the Run's middle school program that meets the unique needs of girls in 6<sup>th</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup> grade. The program considers the whole girl – body, brain, heart, spirit and social connection – in a positive structure space where girls can learn.

If your daughter is interested in participating, please register her at [www.gotrmidmichigan.org](http://www.gotrmidmichigan.org).

Upcoming Schedule – more information regarding these activities coming soon:

March 15 – Activity Night – March Madness

March 19 – Teacher Appreciation dinner for teacher's during conferences

March 26 – MMSPC meeting

April 23 – MMSPC meeting

April 25 – Science & Engineering Festival

May 10 – 8<sup>th</sup> grade dance

May 28 – MMPC meeting – Elections for next year

May 31 – Incoming 6<sup>th</sup> grade Activity Night

June 7 – 8<sup>th</sup> grade Celebration breakfast

**"The beautiful thing about learning is that no one can take it away from you." B.B. King**

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