


Happy Friday MMS Families!

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

- March 25
 - Track practice – 3:15 p.m. – West gym
 - Science Fair practice – 3:00 p.m. – Room 134
- March 26
 - MMS Parent Council meeting – 6:00 p.m. – Media Center
- March 27
 - Track practice – 3:15 p.m. – West gym
- March 28
 - Track practice – 3:15 p.m. – West gym
 - Sign Language club – 3:00 p.m. – Room 134
- March 29
 - No School – Spring break begins 

MMS SCIENCE AND ENGINEERING FAIR

Are you interested in the Science Fair but are not sure where to begin. If you would like help with project idea or plans for how to make your project work, there will be two prep meetings, March 25 and April 17 after school from 3:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m. in Room 134.

The MMS Science and Engineering Fair will be April 25th 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 8th. 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>

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Jennifer Lathom at jlathom@gmail.com.

NINTH GRADE MEETING

East Lansing High School would like to invite the families of our incoming 9th graders to our “Incoming 9th Grader Parent Night”. This informational opportunity will be held on **Monday, March 25th from 6pm to 7:30pm in the ELHS Auditorium**. We will having presentations from ELHS administration, ELHS Student Services Staff, and ELHS Department Chairs that will be geared towards answering scheduling questions and getting your 8th grader ready for the high school experience.

2018 – 2019 YEARBOOK

Don't miss out on your 2018 – 2019 MMS Yearbook. The deadline to order is April 8, 2019. Yearbooks may only be ordered online this year. Please visit www.ybpay.lifetouch.com and use Yearbook ID Code: 11190919. The cost of a yearbook is \$20.00 plus extras for additional fees.

YEARBOOK PICTURES

The Yearbook staff is in desperate need for more pictures. The deadline to submit pictures to be included in the yearbook is March 27. Please send them to mms2019yearbook@gmail.com. Remember to include grade and club/sport/activity.

HIGH SCHOOL COURSE REGISTRATION DUE

FRESHMAN REGISTRATION FORM IS DUE BY MARCH 27! PARENT SIGNATURE REQUIRED! This form will be turned in to each student's MATH teacher, so we can be sure all students are accounted for before forms are delivered to ELHS.

PSAT TESTING FOR 8TH GRADE

Our 8th graders will be taking the PSAT 8/9 on Tuesday, April 9. The PSAT 8/9 is highly relevant to your future success and focuses on the skills and knowledge at the heart of education. It measures:

- What you learn in school
- What you need to succeed in college

How to Get Ready for PSAT:

You don't have to discover secret tricks or cram the night before. The same habits and choices that lead to success in school will help you get ready for the PSAT 8/9 and other tests in the SAT Suite of Assessments. The best way to prepare is to:

- Take challenging courses
- Do your homework
- Prepare for tests and quizzes
- Ask and answer lots of questions

In short, take charge of your education and learn as much as you can. For more information, please visit: www.collegeboard.org.

EIGHTH GRADE PARTY

Attention 8th grade parents: Planning is underway for the end of the year 8th grade dance. The dance will be held on Friday, May 10 – 6:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m. Tickets are \$3.00. The theme is Sweet Memories. There will be a DJ, Photo Booth, Candy bar, Popcorn and Cotton Candy stations, gift card give away throughout the evening, Drop the Mic Battle and a corsage or boutonniere will be included.

March 22, 2019

MacDonald Middle School
517-333-7600
517-333-5098 (FAX)
www.elps.us

Amy Martin, Principal
John Atkinson, Associate Principal

This exciting evening for our 8th graders will not be possible without the support of our MMS families. Please click on the link below to sign-up for donations either monetary or gift cards.

<https://www.signupgenius.com/qo/5080849aaae2da02-8thgrade>

Check out the Facebook page. You will need to be invited to view the page.

<https://www.facebook.com/events/234521044124004/?ti=icl>

An additional sign-up genius for volunteers will go out after Spring Break.

If you have any questions or would like to be involved in the planning process, please contact Theresa Anderson via text 517-896-4798.

MATT EPLING CREATIVE ARTS COMPETITION

Creative Jr. Trojans it's that time of year again! Time to channel your creativity and create your own special piece of artwork for the Matt Epling Creative Art Competition which is on display at the East Lansing Art Festival!

Forms and artwork are due May 10th! Drop off Art and a completed entry forms to Mrs. Engler or Ms. Carroll in the Art Rooms. Forms are on the blue board.

Trophies are awarded for Most Creative, Best Composition, Best Craftsmanship and of course the Judges and People's Choice! Students may enter work from Art class, or make something completely new! Don't miss out on this awesome opportunity! This is the last year for the Matt Epling Creative Art Competition, so let's make it the best yet!

SPRING JUNIOR TEAM TENNIS

Spring USTA Junior Team Tennis starts up next month! Students who play are most welcome to join their MMS classmates competing on the East Lansing team and taking on other area middle school programs. All experience levels welcome. Register by March 29th and list "East Lansing" under the facility name when filling out the registration through the link on the attached information brochure. Feel free to contact the Parent Captain, Kristin Pennock, if you have questions: Kristinpennock@sbcglobal.net.

SPRING BREAK

As a reminder, there will be no school next Friday, March 29 as it marks the beginning of Spring Break. Classes will resume on Monday, April 8. We wish all of our MMS families a wonderful, relaxing Spring Break. Hopefully it will feel more like spring when we return.

TAKE APART ITEMS STILL NEEDED

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, **6th Grade 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 and Upcyclable 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.

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

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

MacDonald Middle School
"Sweet Memories 8th Grade Dance"



Friday, May 10th

6:30PM-8:00PM

"Dress Your Best"

Sending the Class of 2023 off in Style

*Dancing, Gift Card giveaway, Candy Bar, Drop the Mic Battle 2023,
and more.....*

Student Name: _____

Cost: \$3.00

*Would they like a corsage or boutonniere? Please circle one,
this will be for Your student and is included*

*Please return the bottom portion with \$3.00 to your
Trojan Time teacher by 4/29/2019
This is to avoid a line upon entry and to
plan for the candy bar and flowers accordingly*

Matt Epling Creative Arts Competition

Entry Form May 18-19, 2019

Entries: Each student is allowed two entries.
Each piece must have its own entry form and be accompanied by a short description of the work, including its meaning to the artist.

Deadline: May 10th, 2019 **Categories:**
2D/3D/Photography



Sizes: 2D pieces should not exceed 18"x24" and 3D pieces should not exceed 12" wide x 16" high. Objects should be affixed to a solid base.

Judging: All entries will be included in the final show and be awarded a "Certificate of Entry". Entries will be reviewed by professional working artists and judged on the award areas below

Awards: A first place and a runners up awards will be given in the following areas: Craftsmanship, Creativity, Composition. There will also be awards for a People's Choice and the Judges Choice.

Students Name: (Print Clearly) _____

Grade: (Circle One) 6 7 8 **Email:** _____

Home Phone: _____ **Cell Phone:** _____

Artwork Title: _____

Artwork Description: _____

I wish to have my work displayed at the East Lansing Art Festival as part of the Matt Epling Creative Arts Competition, and allow it to be used on websites and future promotional materials. All precautions will be taken to assure the safety of the artwork, but I understand that should my artwork become lost, or damaged, I will not seek to blame the East Lansing Art Festival or the Matt Epling Creative Arts Competition, the City of East Lansing nor the East Lansing School District. I release those listed above and its agents from liability arising or related to the showing of my work and regarding loss or damage of said work.

Student Signature: _____

Parent Signature: _____

JUNIOR TEAM TENNIS



Get playing on a team with friends!

MID MICHIGAN JUNIOR TEAM TENNIS

Practice and team tennis match play for all Mid Michigan 6th, 7th and 8th graders (For players with little or no USTA Tournament experience)

Matches: Saturdays, April 20 - May 18 from 10am – 12pm

Players will be responsible for transportation to and from matches

Cost: \$30 (\$23 to local program, \$7 to USTA)

East Lansing Players Register here by March 29th - <https://goo.gl/lqpobq>

*If you have not participated in this program in the past and do not have a FREE TennisLink account, please note that you will be emailed follow up instructions on how to create one.

**Join us for a registration and information meeting on March 27
at 6 pm in the MSU Indoor Tennis Facility Lobby!**

Questions? Contact Emily Fink-Craig - emily@wmitennis.com, 269-929-7636



WANTED: TAKE-APART ITEMS & “UPCYCLABLES “

Collection Dates: Monday, March 1 until (We get enough stuff!)

For: Mr. Voigt’s Design and Build class use (6th grade)

Take-Apart Week is sponsored by Mr. Voigt’s Design and Build class and is a 6th grade activity. However, it is hoped that all MacDonald families might help out by contributing items that will be useful to the activity.

During Take-Apart Week students explore how to use tools to take apart appliances and investigate how machines work through the process of reverse engineering. Most students enjoy this experience and gain not only a sense of how various machines work, but also develop a sense of confidence about their understanding of technology and their control over it. Students are instructed in the safe use of hand tools and then guided through the Take-Apart activity where they disassemble various appliances. In teams the children may also participate in the process of creating a new invention using parts from the item they have taken apart.

To make the Take-Apart Week a success, we need your help by collecting take-apart machines, toys, and the like. These items are important as they help children design their creations. Please take a look at the Lists below for Take-Apart type items. Also note that the list below specifies whether an item is acceptable or unacceptable.

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.**

ACCEPTABLE TAKE-APART™ ITEMS:



Air Pumps	Ice cream scoops with moving parts	Non-digital scales
Automatic card shuffler	Iced tea makers	Non-molded plastic toys with parts
Blow dryers	Juicers (preferably the kind With mechanical moving parts or with a sieve and hinge)	Plastic Fans
Calculators	Keyboards	Remote controls
CB radios	Lamp stands, shades and bases	Remote Control Cars
CD players	Mechanical eggbeater	Rotary phones
Clip on, bendable lamps	Mini-scooters	Sewing machines (without a needle)
Clocks	Mixers	Sit and spin toy (like a lazy Susan)
Coffee machines	Monster truck toys with springs	Stereos and Radios
Collapsible snow shovels	Motorized cars and trucks	Tape Decks or Recorders
Computer Hard Drives	Music Boxes (crank)	Toys with gear boxes
Computer Keyboards	Non-digital clocks	Typewriters
Computer Towers		Vacuums
Cordless Phones		VCRs
DVD players		Video Game Consoles
Flashlights		
Food processors (w/o blades)		
Ice cream makers		

UNACCEPTABLE *TAKE-APART™* ITEMS:

- Microwaves
- Cameras
- Cell phones
- Refrigerators
- Monitors
- Printers
- Toasters
- Televisions
- Irons
- Fast Food Toys