

**Happy Friday MMS Families!**

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

- October 1 –
  - Girls' volleyball vs Grand Ledge – 4:30 p.m. 7 home/8 away
  - Cross country meet at Haslett – 5:00 p.m.
- October 3 –
  - Student Count Day – please make sure your child is to school and on time to their classes
  - Mathcounts – 3:00 p.m. – Room 134
  - Girls' volleyball vs Haslett – 4:30 p.m. – 7 home/8 away
- 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

**Late Start Days**

Last Wednesday was the first late start day for the 2018 -2019 school year. These late start days were placed in the calendar as a time for staff to attend professional development. There will be three (3) more days throughout the year. School begins exactly two hours later than normal (10:05 a.m.). The school buses will pick up at all the normal spots two hours after the normal pick up time. The middle school will be open for students at 9:30 a.m. and breakfast will NOT be served on the late start days.

- October 24, 2018
- February 27, 2018
- March 20, 2019

**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

Please see the attached **Conference Connection** for more information on scheduling as well as links to YouTube videos to help with the scheduling process. 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.

**Conferences fill up very quickly so please don't wait to schedule.**

**Lunch Monitor Needed**

MacDonald Middle School is seeking an additional lunch monitor. If you are interested in helping supervise the cafeteria and the lunch time recess, please contact Mr. Atkinson, [john.atkinson@elps](mailto:john.atkinson@elps) or 517-333-7609. Thank you for considering to help at MMS!

**Immunization Requirements**

Michigan law requires that all students must be immunized in order to attend school. Each year it is the school's responsibility to provide proof of immunization for all **7th grade** students and students **new** to MacDonald Middle School. These reports are sent to the Ingham County Health Department two times per year. Please make sure your child's immunizations are up to date and placed in the MCIR (Michigan Care Improvement Registry) by the Health department or your doctor. Letters were mailed to those whose immunizations are not up to date. If you received a letter, please provide an updated immunization/vaccination record to Kelly Hocquard, [kelly.hocquard@elps.us](mailto:kelly.hocquard@elps.us) by **October 11, 2018**. Your child may be excluded from school until a complete immunization record is on file. Thank you so much for your cooperation.