### JR TROJAN NEWS AND INFORMATION

# **Happy Friday MMS Families!**

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

- January 14
  - o PEACE club 3:00 p.m. Room 124
  - Science Olympiad club 3:00 p.m. Room 134
  - Jr Trojan wrestling practice 6:00 p.m. Upper gym
- January 15
  - Jr Trojan wrestling practice 6:00 p.m. Upper gym
- January 16
  - o Mathcounts 3:00 p.m. Room 134
- January 17
  - Sign Language club 3:00 p.m. Room 134
  - Jr Trojan wrestling 6:00 p.m. Upper gym
- January 18

## **Electronic Devices**

We reminded students this week that electronic devices are not permitted at MMS, unless they are turned off and in their locker. There are times when teachers may invite students to bring their devices to class for an instructional activity, but outside of that the devices should be put away. We clarified that Smart Watches are included as an electronic device as they can send and receive text. Smart watches should be kept at home. Fitness tracker watches that do not have the capability to send/receive messages are allowed.

### **Trojan Tickets**

When students exhibit respect, responsibility and positive relationships, they may receive a "Trojan Ticket" as a small acknowledgment of their behavior! These tickets will be turned in to the front office for weekly drawings as one lucky student from each grade will have an opportunity to "Spin the Wheel" for a chance to win their whole class a special award. Tickets will also be mailed home to parents/guardians so that you receive the good news of your child's positivity.

## Second Semester begins January 22<sup>nd</sup>

The end of the 2<sup>nd</sup> marking period/1<sup>st</sup> semester is January 18<sup>th</sup>. The third marking period/second semester will begin on Tuesday, January 22<sup>nd</sup>. All students will receive a copy of their 2<sup>nd</sup> semester schedule in Trojan Time on Monday, January 14<sup>th</sup>. Students wishing to change their schedule (elective courses only) may pick up a Schedule Change Request form from the Blue Board on Monday. This form must be returned by Friday, January 18<sup>th</sup> by 3:00 p.m. and must have a parent's signature.

Counselors will review all of the schedule change requests and will inform students no later than January 25<sup>th</sup>. Students must follow their current schedule until a counselor contacts them.

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# **MMS PC News**

The Parent Council is hosting a Luau Activities Night on January 25 from 6:30 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. Admission is \$3.00 plus a student ID with food and drinks being sold for \$1.00 each.

We are looking for parent volunteers to help staff the event. If you are interested in helping, please check out the sign-up genius.

https://www.signupgenius.com/go/60B0D45ADA62EA20-winter5

The next MMS PC meeting will be held January 22 at 6:00 p.m. in the Media Center. We hope to see you there!

# **EL Lacrosse Winter Clinics**

East Lansing Lacrosse club will be holding free lacrosse clinics at MacDonald Middle School this winter. The clinics will be held on Sundays: Grades 3 – 6: 4:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.; Grades 7 – 8: 5:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.

- January 13, 27
- February 10, 24
- March 3, 10

If you have any questions please contact Kimm Waldo, kimm@eastlansinglax.org, 517-582-7955.

#### **Thank You**

It has been a great start back after the winter break. Students are exhibiting positive behavior in the classroom, hallways and cafeteria. Thank you for showing the MMS way with respect, responsibility and relationships.