



MMS MATTERS

November 3, 2017



MMS PARENT COUNCIL UPDATE

The MMS PC has had a busy fall! The first Activity Night of the year was last Friday, and it was a lot of fun! The costumes were fantastic. Thank you to all of the volunteers who made this event possible, particularly our organizers: Sara Haller, Elizabeth Purnell and Patty Bonito. Thank you!

The Parent Council is looking for a Spirit wear Chair. This person would coordinate the ordering and selling of our Jr. Trojans shirts and sweatshirts. If you are interested in volunteering, please email Debbie Walton, dhwalton@gmail.com.

Are you interested in helping the parent council, but you don't have time? Why not make a donation? We are just over halfway to our fundraising goal, and every contribution helps! You can donate online here: <http://mmsparentcouncil.wixsite.com/mmshpc/donate>

The Parent Council has already given nearly \$3,000 to our teachers through the MMSPC grant program. The grants that have been awarded are as follows:

- MathCounts registration fees
- CNC cutter and heat press
- Vertical learning surfaces
- Holocaust Memorial Field Trip admission costs
- Extra set of band books
- Alternate seating options
- Storage & items for the PE and school-wide needs closet
- Printer cartridges
- Clicker Apps for language-building, literacy and learning

Thank you to everyone who has donated. Your donations make these grants possible.

Our next meeting is **November 28** at 6:00 p.m. in the Media Center. We hope to see you there.



CARDBOARD NEEDED FOR DESIGN AND BUILD

It's almost Cardboard Projects time in Design and Build. They are getting ready by collecting cardboard. If you have any **good, clean cardboard** to offer, they are in need of it now. Any type of box with good strong cardboard may be used...**mailing boxes, packing boxes, shipping boxes, large or small boxes**. They are also looking for cardboard tubing, such as **toilet paper rolls, paper towel rolls, wrapping paper rolls**.

Please see the attached flyer with more information on items needed for these projects as well as how to deliver them to the school. Thank you for your help in making this project a success for our students.



CONGRATULATIONS MMS BAND

Congratulations to the 7th and 8th grade band members under the direction of Mrs. Kroth and assisted by Mr. Larzelere, for putting on quite a show during their Fall Concert. All of the student's hard work certainly paid off. Great job MacDonald Middle School and East Lansing Performing Arts Department.



END OF MARKING PERIOD

The end of the first marking period is Friday, November 3. Report cards will be sent out via email on Friday, November 10. For those families who don't have an email, your child's report card will be mailed out on November 10. Honor Roll, Citizenship and Perfect Attendance lists will be posted on the Blue Board after November 10. Students can receive an Honor Roll bumper sticker if they are on Honor Roll for both 1st and 2nd marking period. The bumper stickers will be available at the end of the 1st semester.



MICHIGAN STATE HOCKEY

MMS is excited to announce that some of the Michigan State Spartan Hockey players will be coming to our school to play floor hockey on Tuesday, November 7 during the lunch hours. Students do not need to sign up and for those who don't want to play but would like to watch – we will have seating available in the upper bleachers.

MATHCOUNTS® MMS MATHCOUNTS CLUB

The MathCounts club is meeting regularly on Mondays from 3:00 -4:00 p.m. in room 134. Any students interested in stretching their mathematical problem solving muscles are welcome to join us at any time. Thanks to funding from the MMS Parent Council, we have registered the maximum of ten students to participate in the regional MathCounts competition. As a first step in selecting the students who will represent MMS at the local competition in February, we will hold the school competition on Monday, November 6 and 13. This time frame will allow us to take the Sprint round (40 minutes) on the first week, with time to go over it, and the Target round (about 30 minutes) with time to go over it, so that everyone will have a chance to learn, whether they are interested in the competition or not. Based on the results of that competition, we will select a group of about 12 students who will be invited to make a commitment to prepare for the local competition. This commitment will involve spending some time outside of math club solving problems, so that we can use the MathCounts meeting time to go over those problems. Based on students' preparation, attitude, commitment, and progress over the coming weeks, the team of four, and additional individual competitors will be selected early in 2018, closer to the date of the competition.

If students want to be considered for the regional competition, they **MUST** participate in the school competition on **November 6 AND 13**. If you have an unavoidable conflict, you must let us know **IN ADVANCE**—either the prior Friday, in case of a scheduled commitment, or Monday before Math Club in the event of a sickness or injury which causes a school absence. We will work to schedule an alternative test date as soon as possible.

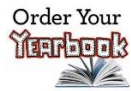
If you have any questions about this process, or any other aspect of the MMS MathCounts program, please contact Ashley Ahlin (MSU Mathematics Department Outreach Coordinator) at ahlin@math.msu.edu.



THE BOOK CLUB MMS BOOK CLUB

The next MMS Book Club meeting will be Thursday, December 7 from 3:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m. in the Media Center. Snacks will be provided. We will be reading *Little Miss Evil* by Bryce Leung and Kristy Shen.

To participate, students will need a signed permission slip. These forms are available in the Media Center. The first 20 students with a completed permission slip submitted to the Media Center will receive a free copy of the book. For more information, please contact Ms. Robinson, christa.robinson@gmail.com.



YEARBOOK ORDERS

MMS Yearbooks are available to pre-order on-line at <https://ybpay.lifetouch.com/Order/>. Please use Yearbook ID Code: **11190918**. The cost of the yearbook is \$20.00 for a soft cover and additional upgrades are available. If you prefer to purchase with a check, yearbook order forms are available on the Blue Board and should be turned into the office. Please make the check payable to Lifetouch. The deadline to order is February 9, 2018.



MARK YOUR CALENDAR

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| November 6: | Math Counts – Room 134 – 3:00 p.m. |
| November 7: | Floor hockey during lunch with MSU Hockey players |
| November 8: | Boys' basketball vs Fowlerville
8 Home
7 Away |
| November 9: | Sign Language Club – Room 134 – 3:00 p.m.
Community Forum – Red Cedar Renovations – Media Center – 6:30 p.m. |
| November 10: | Report cards email home |
| November 13: | Boys' basketball vs. Okemos
7 Home
8 Away |
| November 15: | Boys' basketball vs. Jackson Parkside
8 Home
7 Away |
| November 16: | Sign Language Club – Room 134 – 3:00 p.m. |
| November 20: | Math Counts – Room 134 – 3:00 p.m.
Boys' basketball vs. Williamston
7 Home
8 Away |
| November 22 – 24: | Thanksgiving Break – No School |