



MMS Bullpup Express Newsletter



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August, 2019



Thursday August	1		
Friday August	2		
Saturday August	3	District-wide Enrollment @ MHS	TBA
Monday August	5		
Tuesday August	6	6 th grade Round-Up	12:00pm
		6 th grade Round-Up	6:00pm
Wednesday August	7	6 th grade Round-Up	12:00pm
		6 th grade Round-Up	6:00pm
Thursday August	8	SPS 7 & 8 Boys Last Day @ MHS SPS 7, 8 & 9 Girls Last Day@ MHS	
Friday August	9		
Monday August	12	PTO Meeting	6:00pm
		BOE Meeting	7:00pm
Tuesday August	13	First Day of School-Early Dismissal 12:30pm	
Wednesday August	14	Full day of School	
Thursday August	15	MMS Open House	6:00 – 8:00pm
Friday August	16		

Monday August	19	Honors Choir Auditions	
Tuesday August	20	Honors Choir Auditions	
Wednesday August	21		
Thursday August	22	MMS Orchestra Parent Night	6:30pm
Friday August	23		
Monday August	26	BOE Meeting	7:00pm
Tuesday August	27		
Wednesday August	28		
Thursday August	29	Orchestra Ensemble to Elementary Schools	
Friday August	30	NO SCHOOL	



Citizenship Award

Criteria for the awards are:

KSHSAA awards are to be presented during commencement for high school and an awards assembly for 8th grade to two students (typically one graduating girl and one graduating boy) who have proved to be the most outstanding citizens of their school. The criteria to be used for the selection of the recipients are as follows:

Respect:

1. Shows respect at all times for the Flag, our National Anthem and the Constitution.
2. Shows respect for the students and citizens of the school and community.
3. Respects both public and private property.
4. Shows respect for the student and adult leaders in school and community.
5. Demonstrates a tolerance and respect for the beliefs and convictions of others.

Responsibility:

1. Demonstrates the willingness to assume citizenship responsibilities in school and community.
2. Works to build school pride through active participation in those projects which publicize, honor or beautify the school.
3. Displays good sportsmanship whether as a participant or spectator.
4. Is friendly toward new students and encourages them to become involved in school activities.

Reverence:

1. Shows reverence, concern and respect for the well-being of others.

And a **BIG** congratulations to our award winners:



Aleah Perry

Edgar Martinez-Guzman 



In addition to the other immunizations, ALL students entering 7th grade this fall are required to have one Tdap and one Meningococcal vaccine. **Hepatitis A and Meningococcal are the vaccines that will be implemented over the next 4-6 years. So, for next school year, ALL INCOMING 7TH GRADERS will need to have one dose of the meningococcal vaccine. It will be a few years before middle school students will be required to have the Hep A vaccine.**

Please provide the school with a current copy of your child's immunizations. If you have questions, please call. 620-241-9450 or email me at: tami.malm@mcperson.com



Over the next two or three months we will be highlighting our new MMS staff so our readers can get to know them. We would like to welcome them all to our MMS family.

Jessica Rawson—PAWS Room

I'm Jessica Rawson and this will be my 9th year teaching in special education. I spent five years at McPherson High School in the PAWS (Personal Awareness With Support) room and three years at Smoky Valley Middle School in an interrelated room. I'm looking forward to coming back to the PAWS room and continuing my education journey at MMS.

Paul Reichenberger—Computer App. & Technology

Hello, my name is Paul Reichenberger. I grew up in Wichita, KS and I just graduated from Emporia State University this past spring. This upcoming school year, I'll be joining the staff at McPherson Middle School as a computer applications and technology teacher. I will also be coaching tennis at the Middle School. I'm very excited for the opportunity to build relationships with each of my students. In my free time, I enjoy playing board games and going disc golfing. I look forward to starting the next chapter of my life in McPherson.

Grant Knoll—Social Studies

My name is Grant Knoll. I graduated from Hillsboro High School in 2015 and Emporia State University in 2019. At Emporia State I was a member of the XC & Track teams all 4 years. I have a huge passion for Social studies. My hobbies include running, playing Basketball, Chess, and reading.

Beth Meek—8th Grade Science

Hi! My name is Beth Meek. I moved a year ago to McPherson from the Twin Cities. I have 6 years of middle school science teaching experience and am looking forward to learning more about local science connections, here in Kansas (local flora/fauna, cool geological structures, weather patterns, etc.). My husband works in town and my three kids go to WES. When I get the chance, I enjoy painting rocks to hide around town (McPherson Rocks), watching The Office or Parks and Rec (it's a toss up, both are favorites), and exploring my new state. I am excited to get to know my students and get them excited about the 8th grade science curriculum.

6th Grade Round Up

Join us for MMS 6th grade Round Up on the following days:

Tuesday, August 6th 12:00 p.m. or 6:00 p.m.

Wednesday, August 7th 12:00 p.m. or 6:00 p.m.

Get your schedule, tour the building, get your locker assignment, meet your counselor and principals!

Schedule for the 2019/2020 School Year

Here is the new full day bell schedule for MMS

1st Hour	8:10 – 8:55
2 nd Hour	8:59 – 9:44
3 rd Hour	9:48 – 10:33
4 th Hour	10:37 – 11:22
5 th Hour	6th Grade PLT-5 th Hour (11:26-12:16) Lunch (11:46–12:16) PLT-5 th Hour (12:20-12:43)
	7th Grade Lunch (11:22-11:52) PLT-5 th Hour (11:56-12:43)
	8th Grade PLT-5 th Hour (11:26-12:13) Lunch (12:13-12:43)
6 th Hour	12:47 – 1:32
7 th Hour	1:36 – 2:21
8 th Hour	2:25 – 3:10
Tutorial	3:15 – 4:15 45 minute classes

MMS student supply list

Students are responsible for the following supplies

- Backpack
- College rule notebook paper (loose leaf preferred)
- 4 college rule spiral notebooks (Math, Science, Social Studies, English/Language Arts)
- 6 different colored pocket folders (3-hole punched, one for each class)
- 2—3" x 3" post-it notes
- 3 highlight markers—different colors
- Fabric or plastic pencil bag
- Package of #2 pencils
- Box of 12 colored pencils
- Package of black ballpoint pens
- Package of red ballpoint pens
- Erasers
- 2 large boxes Kleenex tissues
- Red shorts and plain white or gray t-shirt (PE class)
- Headphones or earbuds
- 9 X 6 sketchbooks and 2 #2 HB pencils (Art class)

6TH GRADE BAND PARENTS:

(from Mr. Russell)

We invite our incoming beginning band students to join us at McPherson College for a week of quality music instruction! This camp will consist of 45-minute group lessons each morning from July 29 thru August 2, with time varying depending on your child's instrument (refer to schedule below). This camp will be held in the Hess Fine Arts Building at McPherson College, and will be led by Kyle Hopkins (Director of Bands at McPherson College), and Shawn Knopp (Director of Bands at Friends University). This camp is not mandatory, but is highly encouraged. The cost for the entire week is \$10 (which is a great deal for five lessons!) Checks can be made out to MMS Band. If the cost prohibits your student from participating, please sign up and let me know! We will work with you to make sure all students can participate. If your student will NOT be able to attend the camp, PLEASE still fill out this form, but just be sure to select NO for the first question.

Here's the necessary info:

July 29 – August 2, 2019

Hess Fine Arts Center, McPherson College

9:00 – 9:45 a.m. – Trumpets and Clarinets

10:00 – 10:45 a.m. – Trombones and Flutes

11:00 – 11:45 a.m. – Percussion and Saxophones

If you have ordered a rental instrument through Senseney Music, that instrument will be waiting for your student in Hess upon their arrival at their first lesson. If you have not yet ordered an instrument for rental, it is not too late! You can call Senseney at (316) 262-1487, or contact me with questions about alternatives.

Please follow the link below to fill out the form:

<https://forms.gle/517XjiTUw436Ce7r9>



Congratulations to the following girls who will be members of our MMS Cheer Squad for the 2019/2020 school year:

Samantha Ramirez
 Emileah Bunting
 Emma Shandy
 Bella Shandy
 Kyara Horn
 Serina Rinehart
 Nadia Vesser
 Samantha Henry
 Mallory Koelling
 Cristina Pena
 Saraya Williams
 Makenzie Kagle
 Keanna Sullivan
 Erica Andreas
 Jana Bruce
 Zoey Furgason



JOIN YOUR FRIENDS FOR BREAKFAST

BREAKFAST IS A GREAT WAY TO BEGIN EACH DAY.
 BREAKFAST IS AVAILABLE 20 MINUTES BEFORE THE START OF THE SCHOOL DAY. BREAKFAST IS FREE TO STUDENTS WHO QUALIFY FOR FREE MEALS. BREAKFAST IS \$.30 TO STUDENTS WHO QUALIFY FOR REDUCED MEALS

BREAKFAST IS \$1.80 FOR ALL K – 12 STUDENTS THERE ARE SEVERAL OPTIONS ON THE MENU ITEMS DAILY

BREAKFAST IS 7:50 TO 8:10 A.M. EACH MORNING
 IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS,
 PLEASE CALL BILL FROESE AT 620-241-9490.

COMMUNITY SERVICE



Community Service hours for 6th-8th graders are 5 hours per year.

Some community service ideas for students could be:

- *yard work for an elderly neighbor
- *volunteering for different activities: at church, church dinners, bible school volunteer, etc.
- *helping out at a daycare babysitting
- *volunteering at the Humane Society or other agencies
- *picking up trash in the afternoon

Students will need to have some sort of adult supervision to vouch for their hours. This can be their parent if their parents participate in their community service or are their witness.

Otherwise, they will enter their supervisor's name, such as a pastor, someone they volunteered to babysit for, their neighbor, etc. Also, summer hours prior to the school year until May will count.

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Be sure and check for updates on our website mms.mcpherson.com and our other social media accounts, Facebook: @MMS Bullpups or Twitter: @MacMiddle Pups.

Also MMS would love to have as many as you as possible in school the first few weeks of the semester. Not only do we want you to see the classrooms in action, but also we want to understand the questions you have so we can address them early on in the year. Our doors are open all the time – truly, drop in any time. We know you all have busy schedules so we’ve created a calendar to help to meet with one of us, our Active Engagement Coach, or visit a classroom. We have created a calendar, <https://calendly.com/inge-espig/30min> to easily schedule a time, but if you prefer to just pop-in, as always, our doors are always open.



UPCOMING EVENTS

September 2	Labor Day— NO SCHOOL	
September 3	VB-7 @ Newton-Chisholm & Salina So.	5:00pm
	VB-8 @ Salina So & Newton-Chisholm	5:00pm
September 4	Fall Individual Pictures Fall Sports Pictures	
September 5	Cross County @ Clearwater Inv.	3:30pm
	Football 7 – 8 vs Maize So “B” Team	4:00pm
	Football 7 – 8 @ Maize So “A” Team	5:00pm
September 7	VB – 8 @ Clay Center Trny	9:00am
September 9	VB – 7 @ Salina Lkwd & Maize So	5:00pm
	VB-8 vs Salina Lkwd & Maize So	5:00pm
	PTO Meeting	6:00pm
	BOE Meeting	7:00pm
September 10	VB – 7 @ Hays & Horace Good	3:00pm
	Girls Tennis vs Hutchinson	3:30pm
	Cross Country @ Hutch/Prairie Hills Inv	4:00pm
	VB – 8 @ Hays & Horace Good	6:00pm
September 12	Football – 7 vs Newton-Chisholm	4:00pm
	VB – 8 @ Abilene & Salina Lkwd	4:30pm
	Football – 8 @ Newton-Chisholm	5:00pm
	VB – 7 @ Salina Lkwd & Abilene	5:00pm
September 14	VB – 7 @ Chapman Trny	9:30am
September 16	VB – 7 vs Salina So & Emporia	5:00pm
	VB – 8 @ Salina So & Emporia	5:00pm
September 17	Girls Tennis @ Salina Lkwd	3:30pm
	Cross Country @ Goddard Classic	4:00pm
September 19	Football – 7 vs Salina Lkwd	4:00pm
	Football – 8 @ Salina Lkwd	5:00pm
September 21	VB – 8 @ Circle MS “B” Trny	9:00am
September 23	Maize So Inv	9:00am
	VB – 7 @ Newton-Chisholm & Hutch	5:00pm
	VB – 8 @ Hutch & Newton-Chisholm	5:00pm
	Site Council Meeting	5:30pm
	BOE Meeting	7:00pm
September 24	Girls Tennis vs Newton	3:30pm
	Cross Country – McPherson Inv	3:30pm
	@ Rolling Acres	
	Football – 7 @ Maize MS	5:00pm
	Football – 8 @ Maize MS	6:00pm
September 30	VB – 8 @ Salina Lkwd & Newton-Chis.	5:00pm