



MMS

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Newsletter



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September

MMS EVENTS

Friday September 1	NO SCHOOL Girls Tennis vs Valley Center	3:00pm
Monday September 4	LABOR DAY—NO SCHOOL	
Tuesday September 5	Girls Tennis @ Derby North Cross Country @ Hutch/Prairie Hills Volleyball-7 @ Salina South Volleyball-8 @ Newton	3:30pm 4:00pm 5:00pm 5:00pm
Wednesday September 6		
Thursday September 7	Girls Tennis vs Derby Football-8 vs Newton Football-7 @ Newton	3:30pm 4:00pm 4:00pm
Friday September 8		
Monday September 11	Patriot's Day Volleyball-7 vs Derby & Salina South Volleyball-8 @ Salina South BOE Meeting @ Central Office	5:00pm 5:00pm 7:00pm
Tuesday September 12	Cross Country @ Goddard Classic	4:00pm
Wednesday September 13		
Thursday September 14	Girls Tennis @ Hutchinson Football-7 @ Derby Football-8 vs Derby Volleyball 7-8 vs Hutchinson	3:30pm 4:00pm 4:00pm 5:00pm
Friday September 15		
Saturday September 16	Volleyball-7B @ Salina South Trny Volleyball-8B Trny @ MHS	9:00am 9:00am

Monday September 18	Girls Tennis vs Salina South Volleyball-7 vs Hutchinson & Salina So. Volleyball-8 @ Salina Lakewood	3:30pm 5:00pm 5:00pm
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Tuesday September 19	Girls Tennis @ Maize South Inv	9:00am
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Wednesday
September 20

Thursday September 21	Girls Tennis @ Maize South Cross Country @ McPherson Inv Football-7 vs Derby Football-8 @ Derby	3:30pm 3:30pm 4:00pm 4:00pm
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Friday
September 22

Monday September 25	Girls Tennis @ Salina Lakewood Volleyball-7 @ Derby North w/Newton Volleyball-8 @ Newton w/Derby North BOE Meeting	3:30pm 5:00pm 5:00pm 7:00pm
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Tuesday September 26	Girls Tennis @ Hutch/Prairie Hills Inv Cross Country @ Salina Lakewood	9:00am 4:00pm
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Wednesday
September 27

Thursday September 28	Football-8 vs Salina Lakewood Girls Tennis vs Newton Football-7 @ Salina Lakewood	2:00pm 3:30pm 4:00pm
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Friday
September 29



There have been a few updates in the guidance office with the increased number of students:

Jeff Allmon	A – G
Joan Schieferecke	H – O + 8 th grade G
Kim Krase	P – Z

The direct phone number for the Guidance Office is 620-241-9740



Sharla Jost, Special Education--Literature:

Mrs. Jost is a graduate of Kansas State University. She lives with her husband, Keith and they have two sons, Kyler and Kaleb who are Wildcats at KSU, a son Kamren who is a senior at MHS and a daughter, Kallie who is a junior at MHS.

Mrs. Jost has 12 years of teaching experience and is excited to return to the classroom after serving as the Children's Ministry Director at New Hope Evangelical Church for the past 14 years. She enjoys celebrating family, friends and traditions.

Kaleigh Huxman, Math:

My name is Kaleigh Huxman and I just graduated from Tabor College in May. I am originally from Edmond, OK and came to Kansas to play basketball at Tabor. I played basketball there for four years and will now be coaching the 7th grade girls here in McPherson. I was previously Kaleigh Troxell, until I married Kyle Huxman on July 22nd. I am teaching math here at McPherson Middle School.

Jill Hultberg, Gifted Facilitator:

I am proud to be a part of the McPherson Middle School family. After teaching in an elementary classroom at Lincoln Elementary School and Eisenhower Elementary School for 25 years, I decided I wanted a change. Being the gifted facilitator for MMS and Washington Elementary School has been an excellent choice. I grew up here in McPherson and went to Lincoln Elementary School, Park School, McPherson Jr. High, and graduated from McPherson High School. I went away to college and graduated from Washburn University in Topeka when I realized McPherson was a pretty great place to live. I have also earned a master's degree and post master's degree in education. I have 1 son, Aden, who is at McPherson High School where he is very active in band and jazz band.

Brad Kelly, Social Studies:

I am in my 13th year of education. I spent the past 3 years as Assistant Principal/Athletic Director at Nickerson High School. I also spent 4 years at Hays High School teaching social studies, 2 years at Emporia High School, and 3 years at Arkansas City High School teaching social studies as well. My family includes my wife Jackie and two boys Brock (8) and Brant (5).

Next month we will continue to highlight our new staff for everyone. Welcome all to MMS!!



A NOTE FROM THE NURSE

Some healthy reminders:

Make sure your student...

- * gets plenty of rest, approximately 8-9 hours a night.
- * stays hydrated
- * eats a good breakfast

And it's not too early to think about flu shots!

For any questions/concerns, call me at the Middle School, 620-241-9450 or mail tami.malm@mcpherson.com.

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.



**JOIN YOUR FRIENDS FOR BREAKFAST EVERYDAY!
 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

IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTION, PLEASE CALL BILL FROESE AT 620-241-9490

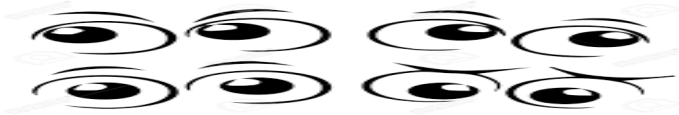


THROUGH THE EYES OF AN EIGHTH GRADER
(COMPLIMENTS OF MRS. VERNON'S PRE-AP WRITING CLASS)

WHO'S LOOKING AT YOU

Going into eighth grade you can feel the eyes looking at you... not in a weird way though. People look at you a lot without you noticing. Thinking about who you are and what you have done. So going into the eighth grade you should think about how you want them to think about you. Now, you may already be where you want to be, but usually there's always at least one thing you can change. For me I wanted to do better and improve both mentally and physically, so I set some personal goals. I have always wanted straight A's, but I usually fall short so this year I am trying my hardest this year too get them, I would even be happy with all B's and nothing shorter. Luckily for me, I have great teachers helping me learn and improve to be a better student and a better person.

~Seth Madron~



TIME FLIES

Even sitting here today thinking about it, I can hardly believe I'm now an eighth grader. It seems like only yesterday I was a sixth grader struggling to open my locker. But now that I'm an eighth grader it feels like so much has changed. I feel too young to be getting talks about "being a freshman," and the infamous learners permit. It may only be the beginning of this year, but I feel really optimistic about this school year.

~Braden Harms~



GREAT YEAR TOGETHER

It's time for school and it's a big year for me. It's my last year before becoming a high school student. With every year it seems to get easier. Most teachers don't expect you to know everything but they expect you to try and learn. So just do that and you'll make it, trust me. My only advice is work hard and study. And we'll all make it another great year together.

~BRIDGET MENKE~

Backpacks

There is a lot of great things about the middle school, but there is one thing I don't like. We can't carry around backpacks. I don't understand why we can't carry around backpacks. For example, lots of teachers and students trip on binders that are on the ground, but backpacks could be placed on the back of chairs to keep people safe. Also people would not have to worry about dropping all their school supplies everywhere. They would be able to keep it all in one place. If we could carry around backpacks, our school would be a lot more enjoyable and safe.

~Sydney Achilles~



Changes?

In my eyes nothing's changed I mean a few people have switched but no new groups have been formed at all. A few new people but they all quickly joined groups so who knows, the year still feels the same as 6th grade did, different teachers but same ideas and subjects. I don't feel any older maybe everyone else does but not me. In my eyes nothing's changed I mean why should it? You shouldn't fix something that isn't broken do you? I actually like the way things are now. For some life is good, for others not the best but still ok. Oh well, I can see tensions though, so people still need to simmer down. I wish other 8th graders would act worthy of the respect that the 6th-3rd give us. School is still the same I still see classifications sports, sheep/followers, thieves, suppliers, rebels, nerds and, outcasts.

~Danielle Rush~



Because the most essential school supply is food

Food 4 Kids is a Kid-Friendly School-based Program—because the most essential school supply is food. Food 4 Kids was established for students who are food insecure and who are not getting sufficient food outside of school on a regular basis. The Food Bank provides food and supplies to Food 4 Kids schools in Kansas, which are operated in partnership with community schools. The Food 4 Kids program allows participating schools to receive food and backpacks from the Kansas Food Bank at no cost so that we can provide food to chronically hungry children.

FOOD 4 KIDS FOODBAGS CONTAIN: Different foods designed to provide nutrition and calories for chronically hungry school children on weekends. Kid friendly foods that require no preparation. Kids can just “open and eat”.

FOR EXAMPLE: Peanut Butter (12-ounce jar) and a sleeve of crackers—Beans and franks (pop-top can)—Beef Jerky (1 ounce)—Cereal (1-ounce bowl or box)—Fruit cups (peaches, applesauce, etc.)—Raisins (snack-size boxes)—Pudding cups—Juice boxes (apple, orange, or other juice)—Milk (aseptic pack boxes that do not require refrigeration)—Cereal bars or granola bars

Please see your school counselor to sign up for Food 4 Kids at your school!! At MMS, please call Kim Kruse or Jeff Allmon at 620-241-9470



October	2	Girls Tennis—Pioneer League Div I Championship @ McPherson	9:00am
		Volleyball-8 vs Salina Lakewood and Derby	5:00pm
		Volleyball-7 @ Derby w/Lakewood	5:00pm
October	3	Cross Country @ Newton	4:00pm
October	4	Fall Sports Pictures Picture Retakes	
October	5	Football-7 vs Hutchinson	4:00pm
		Football-8 @ Hutchinson	4:00pm
		Volleyball 7-8 @ Derby North	5:00pm
October	9	Columbus Day Volleyball 7-8 vs Maize South	5:00pm
		BOE Meeting @ Central Office	7:00pm
October	10	Cross Country @ Pioneer League Meeting @ Hutchinson	4:00pm
October	12	Football-7 vs Valley Center	4:00pm
		Volleyball 7-8 vs Goddard Eisen.	5:00pm
		Football-8 @ Valley Center	5:00pm
October 14		Volleyball-7 @ Derby Pioneer League Div I	9:00am
		Volleyball-8 @ Derby North	9:00am
		Pioneer League Div I	
October	16	7 – 12 Band Concert @ MHS	6:00pm
October	17	7 th Grade Cheyenne Bottoms Field Trip	
October	19	7 – 8 Orchestra/Vocal Concert @ MHS	6:30pm
October	20	NO SCHOOL	
October	23	Parent/Teacher Conferences	3:30 – 8:00pm
October	24	Parent/Teacher Conferences	3:30 - 8:00pm
October	25	Early Dismissal for PBR	2:25pm
October	26	NO SCHOOL	
October	27	NO SCHOOL	
October	30	Scholar’s Bowl @ El Dorado	3:30pm
		Pops Choir @ MMS	6:30pm
October	31	Halloween	

