



Memorial Middle School update 11-17-17

(New items are listed first)

It's been another great week to be a Jaguar!

Thanksgiving Break

Next week we only have school on Monday and Tuesday and then we are off for Thanksgiving Break. We hope that all Jaguar families have a great Thanksgiving and enjoy some time with your loved ones. School resumes on Monday, November 27.

Holiday Festival

Our annual Holiday Festival will be Monday, December 11, beginning at 5pm. All of our school music groups will perform that night as follows:

6:00 pm Band in the Main Gym

6:45 pm Orchestra in the Auditorium

7:45 pm Choir in the Main Gym

The evening's activities support two charities: Patches of Light and the Firefighters 4 Kids Toy Drive. We will have fundraising activities including a silent auction, with the proceeds going to Patches of Light. We will also have boxes available for donations of unwrapped toys to donate to the Firefighters 4 Kids toy drive. Please plan on participating in those worthy activities.

In addition, our annual school Book Fair will be taking place in the school Media Center. So please stop by.

There will also be a bake sale, as well as an opportunity for you to take pictures with Santa.

The Holiday Festival is always a highlight of our school year and holiday season. We hope you can join us.

Parent-Teacher Conferences

Thanks to all parents who attended conferences with our teachers during this week. Please keep the lines of communication open and feel free to contact your child's teachers with questions.

R Factor Spirit Week

A big thanks to Language Arts teacher and cheer coach Mrs. Hanson for helping organize our R Factor spirit week. Our students and staff had an opportunity to refocus on our R Factor skills as we continue to act Above the Line.



MMS PTO Spirit Day Fundraiser

The next scheduled MMS PTO fundraiser night will be November 29 at the Rusty Bucket on Cemetery Rd. Details will be coming so mark your calendars.

***News from the Hilliard City School District**

The Importance of Breakfast

In this week's [Ready for Tomorrow blog](#) there is an important reminder for our families on free and reduced lunch pricing that breakfast is served daily and their student is eligible for a free morning meal. We know students learn better with a full belly, so we hope our families will take advantage of this opportunity.

Hilliard Idol Finals

The annual [Hilliard Idol Finals](#) program is this Saturday, November 18, at 7pm, in the Bradley High School Performing Arts Center. Come out and support these talented students from across the Hilliard City School District, grades 4-12, who made the finals.

Hollyfest Arts and Craft Show

The Hilliard Area Chamber of Commerce would like to invite you to the 35th annual Hollyfest Arts & Crafts Show on Saturday, December 2 at Hilliard Davidson High School, from 9:00 am – 4:00 pm. With over 5500 in attendance last year, there is something for everyone including, Christmas decorations for your home or office, food, drinks, pet pictures with Santa and a raffle with your chance to win a prize every hour while in attendance.

***More from MMS**

MMS Spirit Wear makes great Holiday gifts

MMS spirit wear is once again back on sale. Get your new logo wear in time for the Holidays by ordering by December 1, 2017. You can order using this link:

<https://mspirit17.itemorder.com/sale>



Spirit wear will also be on sale at the MMS Holiday Festival on December 11 and inventory will be on hand. Proceeds benefit the MMS PTO.

MMS Ski Club

The MMS Ski Club is still taking registrations. Forms are available in the main office. The \$100 bus deposit for Ski Club is due by November 20th. Please make the check out to Hilliard City Schools. To purchase Ski Club passes, please go to the Mad River Mountain website, skimadriver.com, and use the following log in information: username- memorialms and password- memorialms. If students purchase the anytime pass it will be active at ANYTIME that Mad river is open. The club card is only available starting that first week of Ski Club (January 4th) and then every Thursday after that.

Winter Sports

Please check the MMS website under the Athletics are for all Winter Sports information. Contact Asst. A.D. Brian Rawlins at brian_rawlins@hboe.org if you have questions.

Internet Resources for Parents

Our students are growing up in a digital age. Parents, teachers and administrators frequently need resources to help our kids navigate through this age and to stay updated and current ourselves. Our district provides us with a great deal of online resources that can assist us in this effort.

The links below will take you to helpful resources; please take a look. Please contact your child's Guidance Counselor if you have questions or need further assistance.

<https://staysafeonline.org/get-involved/at-home/raising-digital-citizens/>

Parenting in the Digital Age Canvas Course:

<https://hilliard.instructure.com/courses/3776>

Guidance - Parent Connection:

<http://www.hilliardschools.org/mms/guidance/parent-connection/>



Daily announcements

We post our daily announcements on the MMS website every day. You can read the written announcements and view the video announcements by clicking the tab on the left side of the website at <http://www.hilliardschools.org/mms/>

Signing off on Handbook and Emergency forms

A parent or guardian must update each student's Emergency Information and complete the sign off/approval process for each child's online Student Handbook each school year. You can access both the Emergency Information and the Student Handbook sign-off online using your Home Access account. Please log on and take care of this ASAP. Thanks.

MMS PTO update

Our MMS PTO continues to do a wonderful job supporting our students and staff in a variety of ways.

Parents can be active in the MMS PTO without a huge commitment of time. You can become a PTO supporter by simply contributing a minimum of \$10. The MMS PTO is a 501(c)3 charitable organization which means your contributions are tax deductible.

The mission of the PTO is to bring into closer relationship the home and the school so that parents and teachers may cooperate at all levels to secure the highest advantages in physical, intellectual, and social education for every child.

2017-2018 PTO Meeting Dates

All meetings are held in the Media Center at MMS and begin at 7:00 p.m. unless otherwise noted

December 12, 2017

January 9, 2018

February 13, 2018

March 13, 2018



April 10, 2018

May 1, 2018

Links that can help PTO

You can also support the MMS PTO by linking your Kroger and Giant Eagle cards to the MMS PTO and also participating in the Amazon smiles program.

Enroll in the Kroger Community Rewards Program

1. Go to www.kroger.com/communityrewards and create an account or sign-in.
2. Under Community Rewards enter our Non-Profit Organization (NPO) number # 81715
3. Shop and checkout with your Kroger Plus Card.

Enroll in the Amazon Smile Program

1. Type and bookmark this link in your browser:
<https://smile.amazon.com/ch/57-1159129>
2. A pop up window will ask if you would like to make the Memorial PTO your charity for donation.
3. Click Yes/Accept

Enroll in the Giant Eagle Rewards Program

1. Sign in to gianteagle.com or create an account.
2. Register your Giant Eagle Advantage Card® online.
3. Visit the My School Programs page and enter the code 5842.

You're done! Be sure to encourage your family and friends to register, too.

Academic Help Zone

At Memorial Middle School, we offer an after school program called Academic Help Zone. This is a time for students to complete homework, study for tests, receive extra academic assistance, and use the computers



for class-related assignments. Memorial teachers will be available to assist students as they work. Academic Help Zone is offered after school on Mondays and Thursdays from 2:50 to 3:50 pm in room 25. Students may choose the days they wish to attend. It is their responsibility to let parents know the particular days they will stay after school for Academic Help Zone. On these days, parents need to arrange for student pick up at 3:50. We must have permission slips on file for all students who wish to participate. These are available in the main office and on the Memorial website. The starting date for Academic Help Zone is Monday, September 11th.

Breakfast at MMS

Breakfast is available at MMS before school every day. Breakfast is set up in Pride Hallway, between the two gyms and works using the same payment system as lunch. Items are available on a “grab and go” basis and taken to 1st period class, as long as students make it to 1st period by 8:00 am. Students can come and pick up breakfast as soon as they get off the bus and can use the entrance doors in Pride Hallway from the playground area.

Dropping off items at school

We frequently have parents drop items off in the main office during the day for their students. In an effort to reduce the disruptions to class, unless that item is needed directly for that class period, our office staff will wait and call the students down to the office in between classes to get them their items.

Bus Notes

If your child would like to ride a bus home other than their regularly assigned bus, the student must bring a note, signed by a parent, to the office first thing in the morning. Those notes need to be approved and signed by an administrator. Bus drivers will not allow students to board a different bus without an approved note.

Student Handbook

The Student Handbook for grades 6-8 can be found on the MMS website or by [clicking here](#). Please contact the school if you have any questions.



Ipad Insurance

Parents can again purchase Insurance for the district iPad loaned to their student.

The Insurance is called the Tech Protection Plan (TPP) and can be paid online using MyPaymentsPlus or by sending a check to the school's main office.

The cost of TPP for the 2017-2018 school year will be:

- \$25 for students in grades 6-12
- \$12.50 for students in grade 5 (only for 2nd half of year: Jan - May)
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The TPP will be subject to Free and Reduced lunch certification:

- For students with Free lunch certification, TPP will be free
- For students with Reduced lunch certification, TPP will be 1/2 price.

New Building website

The school district has put together a website that will allow the community/staff/students to follow the progress of the new middle school. You can follow along at:

<http://www.hilliardschools.org/newmms/>

Twitter

MMS posts on Twitter. Follow us on Twitter @memorial_ms.

Remind (101)

MMS is using the Remind service to send text message updates to parents and students. This is a one-way texting service and will only be used to provide school information. To register text **@memorialms** to **81010**.

MMS is now on Instagram

MMS now posting school pictures and information on Instagram. You can follow us @memorial.ms



**Tonight is the Homecoming football game at Bradley HS. The Jags take on Dublin Jerome and hope to stay undefeated. It should be a great night for football.

Upcoming MMS Dates

November 22	No School- Conference Comp Day
November 23-24	No School- Thanksgiving Break
December 11	MMS Holiday Festival
December 19	End of 2 nd Grading period
Dec 20-Jan 2	Winter Break
Jan. 15, 2018	No School, Martin Luther King Day

Have a great weekend, Go Jags!
Mr. Bay