



## **Memorial Middle School update 2-9-18**

(New items are listed first)

It was another great week to be a Jaguar.

### **Parent-Teacher Conferences**

A big thanks to all parents who came to our second round of parent-teacher conferences last night. We really appreciate keeping the lines of communication open. Please don't hesitate to contact teachers if you have further questions. As we get closer to the end of the school year it is increasing important to monitor your child's progress.

### **Lost and Found**

Our Lost and Found is once again overflowing. Please remind your child to check for any missing items.

### **MMS yearbooks are now on sale.**

It's time again for the annual MMS yearbook sale. Yearbook Sale Forms were distributed this week with information on how to order. The cost of the yearbook is \$27.00. Orders can be placed using the convenient prepay envelope attached to the form or online at [book.hrimaging.com](http://book.hrimaging.com). If using the prepay envelope, simply fill in your information, enclose payment and return to the school office. All orders are due February 23, 2018, so please return your completed prepay envelope or place your order online by the deadline. Yearbooks have not been sold any other time this year and this is your only opportunity to order! Reserve your copy today! Yearbooks will be delivered to the school and sent home with your student in May when they arrive.

### **Registration for the 2018-2019 school year**

#### **7<sup>th</sup> graders for 8<sup>th</sup> grade.**

-The meeting for parents and 7<sup>th</sup> grade students to review course registration for 8<sup>th</sup> grade will take place on Monday, February 12, in the MMS Auditorium at 7 pm. MMS staff members will be available that night to answer questions about core courses and electives.

-Prior to that meeting, again in the MMS Auditorium, at 6:30 pm on February 12, representatives from Discovery Tours will be at MMS to provide all 7<sup>th</sup> grade parents information about the 2018 8<sup>th</sup> grade Washington, DC trip. If you think you might be interested in having



your child go on the trip this year, please plan on attending the 6:30 pm meeting.

## **MMS Winter Dance**

Our winter MMS Dance will be TONIGHT, February 9, from 7-9 pm. This dance is our Jags Night Out where, in addition to the DJ, we will have Laser Tag and video game stations. The cost of the dance is \$5 if purchased in advance at lunch and \$7 if purchased at the door. Laser Tag is an additional \$2 charge each time you play. Pulp Smoothie will also be at the dance with smoothies for sale for \$4. All proceeds for this evening go to the MMS PTO to continue their efforts in supporting all students and staff. This dance is for current MMS students only. We appreciate the help of all staff and PTO parents at this dance.

## **Family Math Night**

Dr. Raj Shah of Math Plus Academy is hosting an evening of Family Math Fun here at Memorial!

The event will take place Wednesday, February 14 from 7:30-8:30 in the cafeteria for our middle school families. Elementary families will be gathering from 6:15-7:15.

Dr. Raj Shah will engage parents and kids with interactive, hands-on math activities at ANY level. In the process of working together with your child on fun math activities, Dr. Shah will explain WHY and HOW math is taught differently now. You will leave with a new perspective, tips to better help your child, and games and puzzles you can play at home anytime!

This is a unique opportunity to learn and have fun and we hope you can make it!

## **Next PTO Fundraiser**

Please support the great work of the MMS PTO. The next PTO fundraiser is at the Max and Erma's on Cemetery road, February 21 from 11am -10pm. Just present a flyer and Max and Erma's will donate



a percentage of sales to the MMS PTO. Flyers are available in the main office.

## **Innovative Learning Center (ILC) update.**

**The Innovative Learning Campus is divided up into 5 networks: Imagination, Young Professionals, Personal Success, College JumpStart, and our newest network, Global.**

**The Global Network** will feature four areas of study: American Sign Language (ASL), Community Action Planning, ELite – English Learners Unite, and German.

American Sign Language and German are World Languages already offered in Hilliard City Schools. These courses are being centralized on the Innovative Learning Campus to maximize the opportunities available to students districtwide.

Community Action Planning: *Past, Present, Future* is a social studies elective that will include the study of past individuals and groups who changed the world for the better. After learning about the past, high school students will look critically at their community and their world and will create community action plans to combat issues of their choice. The ELite experience is for English Learners in grades 6-12 who need additional time and attention to be successful, both academically and socially. Students will receive intensive English instruction and background knowledge/ vocabulary necessary to be successful in all classes.

The Global Network will aim to prepare all learners to think critically, observe skillfully, reflect thoughtfully, and participate meaningfully in authentic experiences both in the local community, as well as a global community. Learn more about all of the courses by clicking on the course of study on our [scheduling page](#).

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

### **School Finance Video Series**

We know school funding can be a difficult issue to explain. Over the next month Treasurer [Brian Wilson](#) and Superintendent John Marschhausen will talk about how our schools are funded and how we use that



revenue. In the [first video](#), they discuss our financial transparency by showing where you can find all our financial reports on our web page.

## **Digital Wellness Month**

February is [Digital Wellness Month in the Hilliard City School District](#). As nationally recognized leaders in the area of instructional technology, we also strive to be leaders in student safety, wellness, and balance. In week two, we discuss [Digital Citizenship](#). You can also still read Superintendent John Marschhausen's reasoning on why technology is a tool – not a way of life in this week's [Ready for Tomorrow blog](#).

## **Student Advisory Council Food Drive**

Please help support members of the Superintendent's Student Advisory Council with a food drive to support the Mid-Ohio Food Bank. You can find collection times on our [web page](#).

## **Hilliard Education Foundation, Denim & Diamonds This Weekend**

The Hilliard Education Foundation invites all parents, teachers, staff and residents to our new Denim & Diamonds signature event. This fun adult evening allows you to dance the night away while making a difference for students and teachers in the Hilliard City School District. Proceeds benefit grants for innovative teaching projects and scholarships for students graduating high school.

- Live band - *The Martini Affair*;
- Heavy hors d'oeuvres;
- Cash bar; and,
- Silent auction.

The event takes place [on February 10 from 7-11 p.m.](#) at Columbus Vue. You can learn more and [purchase tickets on the HEF webpage](#).

## **Parent and Student College and Career Ready for Tomorrow Open House**

Please join Hilliard City Schools and Dawson for a night to connect students and families with select businesses and colleges in our region for career exploration and job opportunities [on Wednesday, February 28 from 6:30- 8pm](#) at Darby High School.



There will be opening remarks [at 6:30](#) with Superintendent John Marschhausen, Brent Maurer from Jobs Ohio, and Matt Backiewicz from Dawson. Then [beginning at 6:45](#) the Career Fair will be in the main gymnasium.

Learn more about:

- The current landscape of the region's workforce
- All opportunities for students after high school
- Career pathways
- Job readiness
- Career options for parents
- Tuition reimbursement & work experience programs

Meet with our Educational Partners from Columbus State Community College, Franklin University, Ohio Christian University Indiana Wesleyan, Tolles Career & Technical Center and Ohio Dominican University.

Meet with our Business Partners from Dawson, Cardinal Health, Elford, BMW Financial Services, Honda, Columbus Blue Jackets, Nationwide Insurance, GBQ, Northwood, Credit Union of Ohio, Cevista Bank, Baesman, Nationwide Children's Hospital and NiSource.

## **\*More from MMS**

### **Spring Sports**

Spring sports will be here before you know it. Check the MMS website under the Athletics tabs for spring sports updates. Contact Mr. Rawlins at [brian\\_rawlins@hboe.org](mailto: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**

The MMS PTO continues to support the staff and students of MMS.

Our PTO will be filling officer positions for the 2018-2019 school year soon. If you are interested in serving the PTO as an officer or committee chair please email the PTO at [HilliardMemorialPTO@yahoo.com](mailto:HilliardMemorialPTO@yahoo.com)

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

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](http://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](http://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 1<sup>st</sup> period class, as long as students make it to 1<sup>st</sup> 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

**Upcoming MMS Dates**

Feb. 9, 2018	MMS Winter Dance- sponsored by MMS PTO
Feb. 16, 2018	No School- Conference Comp Day
Feb. 19, 2018	No School- President's Day
March 2/3, 2018	MMS School Musical 7pm
March 4, 2018	MMS School Musical 2pm
March 7, 2018	Orchestra Winter Concert 7pm
March 8, 2018	Band Winter Concert 7pm
March 13, 2018	Music For All Preview Concert 7pm
March 16, 2018	End of 3 <sup>rd</sup> Nine Weeks Grading period
March 19-23	Spring Break

Have a great weekend,  
Go Jags!  
Mr. Bay