### May 26, 2023

# **Notes from the Principal**

We hope this finds all MMS families doing well.

### **Last Update**

Thanks again to all MMS families for your trust and support throughout the school year. We appreciate being partners with you in your child's education.

This is my final weekly update. I have truly treasured being principal at MMS the past twelve years and leave with many lasting memories. I am hopeful that you and your children have had a good experience too.

Good luck to our 8<sup>th</sup> graders as they move on to high school. We also wish good luck to our 7<sup>th</sup> graders as they become the leaders at MMS next year.

Have a safe and happy summer.

I will miss MMS.

Go Jags!

Mr. Bay

#### **Final Grades**

Final Report Cards for the 2023-2024 school year will be viewable in Home Access Center after 3pm. on June 2.

### School Year 23-24 information.

Please check the Memorial MS website for all 23-24 school information. Our Jag Days Open House is scheduled for August 15, 2024, 4-7 pm. The first day of school is August 22, 2023.

### **Closing School Items**

As we are approaching the end of the 22-23 school year, here are few items of information.

#### Yearbooks

2022-2023 MMS yearbooks were distributed during lunches this week to all students who ordered a book. If you purchased a yearbook for your child and he/she did not get his/her yearbook please contact the school's main office.

#### **Locker Clean out**

Students who were issued a school locker should have removed all items this week. All items left in lockers after that day will be cleaned out by our custodians and donated with our lost and found.

#### **iPad Collection**

All school-issued iPads were collected this week.

### **Lost and Found**

There are quite a few items in the MMS Lost and Found. Please have your child check for anything that might be missing. Those items will be donated to charity at the end of the school year.

# **Daily Announcements**

# MMS Daily/Weekly announcements

MMS posts daily written announcements on the MMS website each day. Weekly video announcements, featuring items created by our students in our Content Creators classes, are posted on the website weekly.

# Next year's 8th Grade Washington, DC trip

The three middle schools held a webinar to provide information to parents of this year's 7<sup>th</sup> graders regarding the next school year's 8<sup>th</sup> grade Washington, DC trip, which will be held October 16-19, 2023. If you were not

able to attend that webinar you can view a recording of that webinar here;

https://youtu.be/uGGCh7b2kww

If you have questions, please contact MMS staff trip coordinator Sherise Thompson at <a href="mailto:sherise">sherise thompson@hboe.org</a>

# **Student Email accounts**

All of our students have hilliardschools.org school email accounts through the school district. These email accounts can be used to contact teachers and other students. Those accounts are connected to district filters and we have had to have several recent conversations with students about inappropriate language being used during those student-to-student email conversations. Please remind your student that they must use these email accounts appropriately or the accounts will be removed.

## **REMINDERS from previous updates**

#### **STAR Assessments**

Our 3<sup>rd</sup> and final administration of the district-wide **STAR Reading** and **STAR Math** tests took place in Math and Language Arts classes this week.

We are hoping to see growth in all our students from the first time they took the test in September to now.

#### What is STAR?

STAR is a national normed, formative assessment given district-wide in grades 2 through 10 during 3 testing windows (Fall, Winter, Spring). Results from these assessments allows school staff to monitor progress towards mastery of content and skill development in both Math and English Language Arts. In addition, it provides us an opportunity to intervene as it can be a predictor of success on the Ohio State Assessments. As part of a balanced assessment system, this is one piece of information used by school staff so that we are responsive to individual student needs.

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#### How do I access my student's scores?

All student scores can be found in Home Access Center under the 'Test Scores' tab. There you will find your student's 'Scaled Score' and their national 'Percentile Rank'. Although these two scores provide some information about your student, there is much more instructional planning data and information available to our staff. If you have any questions and want to learn more about your student's score and how this information will be used, please contact your student's Math or English Language Arts Teacher.

#### **SchoolLinks**

Our students and families have transitioned to the school district's new College and Career Readiness site, SchoolLinks. With SchoolLinks, students can start the path of College and Career Readiness while in Middle School.

You can view an introductory slide presentation to SchoolLinks here: <a href="SCHOOLINKS">SCHOOLINKS</a>

#### **Box Tops for Education**

Earning money for Memorial Middle School is free and easy! Just download the Box Tops for Education onto any device and choose Hilliard Memorial Middle School as your beneficiary. Now – shop just like normal! Once you have your shopping receipt, open your Box Tops app! The app will have you take a picture of your receipt and it will find the free money for our school automatically! \_

#### **Cell Phone Guidelines**

Middle school students are permitted to carry cell phones under the guidelines listed in the district middle school student handbook.

Please review these handbook guidelines with your child.

#### **ELECTRONIC DEVICES AND CELLULAR PHONES**

"Personal cell phones and other electronic devices may be used in the classroom for their technological advantages under the supervision and guidance of the instructor as it pertains to the lesson being taught. Cell phones should be turned off and kept secure in back packs when not being used under the supervision of an instructor. The school district is not responsible for the loss or damage of cell phones or personal electronic devices if parents elect to have their child bring one to school.

Any phone or electronic device will be subject to confiscation if it creates a disruption to the academic environment. A student using an electronic device which creates a disruption or refusing to follow a reasonable request from a staff member pertaining to the phone or device may be subject to disciplinary action. Staff will be the final judge of the appropriateness of their use."

"\*\*Using a cell phone or an electronic device to film/record/take pictures of any student or staff member is prohibited."

#### **Summer Office Hours**

During the summer, office hours at MMS will typically be 8:00 am-3:30 pm. If you need to come to school you are encouraged to call ahead at 614-921-7600.

#### **Events**

A calendar of all MMS events is available on our website or by clicking here:

https://www.hilliardschools.org/mms/news-info/activity-calendar/

# **PTO**

#### MMS PTO for 2023-2024 school year.

The MMS PTO needs your help to keep Memorial the amazing building it is. We are seeking people to serve on the PTO board for the 23-24 year.

Specifically, we need a vice president, secretary and treasurer. If you might be interested or have questions, please email current MMS PTO President Erin Wheeler at rwheels@hotmail.com.

#### **MMS PTO meetings**

The next MMS PTO meeting will is tentatively scheduled for **Monday**, **June 5**, **2023**, **at 7pm via Zoom**. If you are interested in being part of that meeting, please send an email to the above MMS PTO email address and the Zoom link will be shared with you.

#### **MMS PTO Donation Fundraising Program**

The Memorial PTO is continuing its annual fundraiser donation program. This fundraiser allows families to donate funds for PTO efforts in lieu of having PTO selling fundraiser items this school year. We realize this is an unknown time for many families, so please give to your comfort level and ability. All funds raised will directly benefit the Memorial Middle School community. Last school year, the MMS PTO provided food and drinks for staff members during professional development, provided meals for the MMS staff on Parent-Teacher Conference

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nights and helped to provide recognitions, awards and treats for student and staff member achievements throughout the school year. Your generosity will go far in helping offset the costs of these efforts.

Please

visit <a href="https://www.paypal.com/paypalme/MMSPTOJAGS">https://www.paypal.com/paypalme/MMSPTOJAGS</a> to donate to the PTO. When making a payment via PayPal select "friends and family payment" and you hopefully will not have a service fee. Thank you for considering our fundraising effort.

All MMS PTO information can be found on the PTO page of the MMS website:

https://www.hilliardschools.org/mms/mms-parent-info/pto/

#### **MMS PTO on Facebook**

You can like the MMS PTO on Facebook <a href="https://www.facebook.com/MemorialMiddleSchoolPTOHil">https://www.facebook.com/MemorialMiddleSchoolPTOHil</a> liardOhio?fref=ts

#### Links that can help the MMS PTO

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

#### **Enroll in the Kroger Community Rewards Program**

- 1. Go to <a href="www.kroger.com/communityrewards">www.kroger.com/communityrewards</a> 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.

# **Helpful Links and Resources**

# **Stay Connected with MMS and HCSD**

#### **Hilliard City School District**

Please continue to visit our district website regularly for the most up-to-date information:

https://www.hilliardschools.org

- -Like the school district on Facebook at www.facebook.com/HilliardSchools
- -Follow the district Twitter feed at www.twitter.com/HilliardSchools
- -Visit the <u>Flyers Connection Page</u> to find information on a variety of community resources.

#### -Update Contact Information through parent Home

<u>Access</u>-please update as changes occur throughout the school year. All address changes must go through the HCSD Welcome Center

https://www.hilliardschools.org/updating-your-address

<u>-For all MMS information</u> please check our website at <a href="https://www.hilliardschools.org/mms/">https://www.hilliardschools.org/mms/</a>

# Parents can contact the MMS main office staff via the following email addresses:

- -Principal, Barry Bay barry bay@hboe.org
- -Assistant Principal, Jon Way-jon way@hboe.org
- -7<sup>th</sup> grade Guidance Counselor for 2022-2023, Stephanie Bobekstephanie bobek@hboe.org
- -8<sup>th</sup> grade Guidance Counselor for 2022-2023, Carolyn DiSalvo-carolyn disalvo@hboe.org
- -Social Worker, Amanda Dowrey, Amanda dowrey@hboe.org
- -School Resource Officer, Off. O'Connor, shane OConnor@hboe.org.

#### **Athletics**

Our school sports year has come to an end. A big thanks to Mr. Chad Bobek and Mr. Kaz Pata for their leadership of the Bradley and Memorial Athletic Programs. Thanks also to the dedicated coaches who served our studentathletes this year and guided our team and individual



performances. Congratulations to all our studentathletes for their work this year and for representing our school with Jaguar Pride.

Please check the Memorial Athletic website, <a href="https://www.hilliardschools.org/bradleyjaguars/">https://www.hilliardschools.org/bradleyjaguars/</a> for all information about MMS Athletics, at both MMS and Bradley HS, including information about summer sports camps and fall sports.

If you have questions please contact Grades 7-12 Assistant Athletic Director, Chad Bobek at <a href="mailto:chad\_bobek@hboe.org">chad\_bobek@hboe.org</a>

#### **Follow MMS Athletics**

You can follow MMS Athletics on Social Media.

Instagram
mms\_athletics1

<u>Twitter</u> @mms\_athletics1

# **Performing Arts**

# You can follow our musical groups on social media.

Our band is on Twitter at @mmsbnd
Our choir is on Twitter at @Jagchoirs and on
Instagram at @JaguarChoirs
Our orchestra is on Twitter at @memorial\_orch

# School Activities MMS on Social Media

#### **Twitter**

MMS posts on Twitter. Follow us on Twitter @memorial\_ms.

#### MMS is on Instagram

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

### **Important Dates**

May 26 Last Day of School

August 15 Jag Days Open House

August 22 First Day of School 23-24

## **District News**

#### **Board Community Conversation in June**

To prepare all students without exception to be Ready for Tomorrow, we must create authentic partnerships with our community. We want to hear your ideas, thoughts, and opinions about how your schools should approach a changing landscape. That's why the Hilliard Board of Education created the Community Conversation Program.

The Board of Education wants to understand our residents and build a better relationship between the school district and the community. This demands open conversations. You are invited to join us on Tuesday, June 13 from 9-10 am at the Hub, 3859 Main St. Hilliard. There will be board members, and district administrators at each conversation. These conversations happen quarterly.

#### Hilliard City School Night with the Crew

Save up to 30% and join Hilliard City Schools families as the Crew take on rival Chicago Fire on September 20 at 7:30 pm. You can <u>click here</u> to buy tickets and spend the game cheering with other school families.