

The Official Newsletter of  
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# Cat News



## First Semester Winds Down

Almost one half of the 2016-2017 school year is complete! It's hard to believe. The sixth graders have adjusted nicely, the eighth graders are closer to becoming high school students, and the seventh graders are one semester away from becoming the leaders of MMS. We've had a tremendous first semester with new learning and activities. Second semester is sure to bring more of the same.

Please be aware that students need to finish the semester well. Some classes will have finals during the next few weeks. The teachers are asking parents to limit appointments and lateness, if at all possible. The final grade card for the semester will be mailed around January 9<sup>th</sup>.

## League Food Drive is a Success

During the week of November 14<sup>th</sup> – 18<sup>th</sup> Mulvane Middle School kicked into gear to participate in the annual Pioneer League Canned Food Drive in preparation for the holiday season. All donated food helps local families.

Money and over 1500 food items were collected from the students at MMS. Our appreciation goes to Mrs. Barnett, Ms. Mangas, MMS STUCO, and Mulvane Police and Emergency for their coordination efforts to help local families in need.

As an extra motivator the winning Advisement classes were treated to a Breakfast Party, compliments of Student Council, during their Advisement class time. Mrs. LeClair's and Mrs. Parrott's classes tied for first place for 6<sup>th</sup> grade; Mrs. Fenn's group took first for 7<sup>th</sup> grade; Mr. Swaney's 8<sup>th</sup> graders had the most for their grade.

**Character Counts!**  
 December's Theme is:  
**"Kindness"**

## Scholars Bowl Team Champions

On Thursday, November 19<sup>th</sup>, the teams competed for the League Championship title at Clearwater on November 17<sup>th</sup>. Congratulations 7<sup>th</sup> grade Scholars Bowl Teams who were League Champions!! The 8<sup>th</sup> grade was runner-up due to losing to a tiebreaker round!! Coach Sweet is very proud of his teams for a great season.

## December 20<sup>th</sup> Activities

### 1<sup>st</sup> Semester Conduct Rewards

The MMS staff rewards students who make the effort to "Do the right thing!" Students attended the Rock with the Shocks if they met three out of four requirements: still on green/blue card; no ISS or OSS; 90% attendance; no more than 2 F's on grade card. And at lunch on the 20<sup>th</sup> students will earn an additional reward to enjoy when they turn in their cards.

### "Reindeer Games" Assembly

This all school assembly is for students to donate \$2 to the Wichita Children's Home to attend an exciting afternoon of a CO2 car race between Mr. Huss and an 8<sup>th</sup> grade student, who has earned the title of "fastest car". A few students compete in fun "Minute to Win It" games and to top it off, the Faculty play a friendly game of basketball with the Middle School teams.



*Season's Greetings & Happy New Year*  
*From the*  
*MMS Faculty and Staff*

## What's happening in December?

1	Basketball	Girls HOME Boys at Circle	5:00
2	Rock with the Shocks		
4	Progress Reports available		
5	Basketball	Girls HOME Boys at EIDorado	5:00
8	Basketball	Boys HOME Girls at Wellington	5:00
9	StuCo Dance (7th & 8 <sup>th</sup> grade)	7:00 – 9:00PM	
12	Basketball	Girls HOME Boys at Clearwater	5:00
13	MMS VOCAL MUSIC CONCERT @MHS	7:00 (6 <sup>th</sup> graders enrolled in the 1 <sup>st</sup> Semester music class, 7 <sup>th</sup> and 8 <sup>th</sup> grade Vocal Music students)	
15	Basketball	Boys HOME Girls at Winfield	5:00
19	Basketball	Girls HOME Boys at Ark City	5:00
20	End of 2 <sup>nd</sup> quarter/End of 1 <sup>st</sup> Semester	Reward Party & Reindeer Games Assembly	
21– Jan. 2	WINTER BREAK		
		(January 3 <sup>rd</sup> – In-Service – NO SCHOOL)	

### A healthy reminder from the school nurse:

Winter brings in the flu season. Everyone needs to take time to remember to wash hands well with warm water and soap, get plenty of rest and to drink lots of fluids.

### Useful website for MMS parents/guardians:

Lots of good information can also be found on the district web site: [www.usd263.com](http://www.usd263.com). Updated calendars, links to all middle school teachers' e-mail addresses, and other important information can be found there. Click "Skyward Family Access" to check grades and attendance.

**A friendly reminder:** On school days, MMS doors open at 7:05am in the morning. Please do not have your child at the building unattended before the doors open. Your child's safety is important to us. Supervision is available at that time.

## Character Counts:

### Students of the Month

#### November- **COURAGE**

<b>6A</b> Alexis B.	<b>6B</b> Jalin Levers
<b>7A</b> Layne Merchant	<b>7B</b> Audrey Purser
<b>8A</b> Elizabeth Kirchner	<b>8B</b> Emma Anderson

### Winter Athletics

Basketball team members have been chosen and games begin this month. Students who are interested in participating in wrestling still have time to do so. Wrestling practice will start immediately after we return from Winter Break. Students need to make sure their physical, medical cards and concussion forms are signed and returned to the Athletic Director, Mrs. Perkins.

### Reminder from KSHSAA:

#### **Sportsmanship is good citizenship in action!**

As a member of the Kansas High School Activities Association (KSHSAA) we would like to remind spectators and participants to adhere to the policies and rules of good sportsmanship.

#### **ALL ACTIONS are to be FOR, NOT AGAINST; POSITIVE, NOT NEGATIVE or DISRESPECTFUL!**

#### **Section 1: General Regulations (apply to grades 7-12)**

**Art. 1: SPORTSMANSHIP is a general way of thinking and behaving. The following sportsmanship policy items are listed below for clarification:**

- Be courteous to all. (participants, coaches, officials, staff and fans)
- Know the rules, abide by and respect the official's decisions.
- Win with character and lose with dignity.
- Display appreciation for good performance regardless of the team.
- Exercise self-control and reflect positively upon yourself, team and school.
- Permit only positive sportsmanlike behavior to reflect on your school or its activities.

**Students who did not participate in fall athletics and are interested in winter sports, need to make sure they have a physical on file in the office.**

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