

The Official Newsletter of  
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# Cat News



## State Assessment Time

As many of our parents know, the state assessments are part of the yearly report card the state uses to determine how well our schools are doing in educating our students. For the past few years, MMS earned excellent scores in reading, math, science and social studies. Although the recognition for doing well has changed, our entire staff, along with the students, has been working very hard to continue doing the best we can.

Before Spring Break, 6<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade students will take the Social Studies portion of the State Assessments. After spring break, all students will participate in the reading and math assessments beginning in March. In the month of April, the 8<sup>th</sup> grade students will take the Science Assessment.

We appreciate all the support parents at home have given our students. The biggest support we can receive is the emphasis of how important it is for students to do their best. Rest, breakfast, and positive attitudes are all very big factors during our testing dates. The benefits students receive for doing well: class placement and elective choices for next year. We have a reward planned for all students who do their best!



## RAD Hosting All-School Dance

All students, who are in good standing, including 6<sup>th</sup> grade, are invited to attend the spring dance hosted by MMS RAD (Responsible and Drug-free) Club. The dance will be Friday, February 23<sup>rd</sup> from 7:00PM – 9:00PM. Students will need their student ID and \$5 at the door (Some of the proceeds will go to “Pennies for Patients.”). Doors close at 7:30PM. Once students are in the building they must stay at the dance. If a student needs to leave early, parents must visit with one of the Administrators.

## Spring Parent-Teacher Conferences

The dates and times for MMS Spring Conferences are as follows: **Monday, March 12<sup>th</sup> and Thursday, March 15<sup>th</sup> 4:00pm - 7:30pm.** **On Friday, March 16<sup>th</sup>, school is not in session with conference times 7:30am – 3:00pm.** Parents will be able to review students’ Individual Plans of Study, their Career Cruising portfolios, their student’s transcript and to have the 2018-2019 pre-enrollment forms. Parents will also have the opportunity to visit with all of their child’s teachers. This is an important grading period for middle school students. The last quarter grade card determines eligibility for fall activities both at the high school and middle school. We hope to see a lot of parents at conferences. The MMS staff plans to show all the great work our students have done. (More details about conferences will be sent home soon.)

## Students of the Month

### January- SELF-DISCIPLINE

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| 6A Haydyn B.  | 6B Garrett O. |
| 7A Karlie K.  | 7B Alex D.    |
| 8A Breeann O. | 8B Cassidy H. |

### Your Character Counts!!

## February’s Theme: INTEGRITY

*Integrity is having the inner strength to be truthful, trustworthy, and honest in all things. Integrity is acting justly and honorably.*



## What's happening in February?

Day	Event	Place	Time
1	Spring Casual Pictures (all-school fund raiser) Make up BBall game with Clearwater		
3	Wrestling "B"	at Derby	9:00
3,5	Pioneer League Basketball Tournament	Girls at HOME Boys at Clearwater	
8	Wrestling	HOME	4:30
6 – 9	Final Sales for 2016-2017 MMS Yearbook		
12 – 23	"Pennies for Patients" fundraiser to benefit the Leukemia & Lymphoma Society		
15	Wrestling	HOME	4:30
16	Teacher In-Service	NO SCHOOL	
19	President's Day Holiday	NO SCHOOL	
20	Wrestling @ Clearwater		
23	Last day for BOXTOPS !!! RAD Dance (6 <sup>th</sup> graders invited)		7:00 – 9:00
26	7 <sup>th</sup> /8 <sup>th</sup> grade Track Parent Meeting		6:00
27	Wrestling @ Haysville Cheer Clinic		4:00



### Please No Valentine's Day Deliveries:

We are asking again this year for no Valentine's Day deliveries. This becomes an overwhelming interruption of the school day. Relatives and friends should have flowers, cookies and candy delivered to students' homes. Thank you in advance for your cooperation.

### Mark your Calendars:

MMS to Host:

## Pioneer League Band Festival

Wednesday, April 25, 2018

*Due to the large number of students competing in this event, school will not be in session.*

### A note from the school nurse:

**Illnesses:** We have been seeing many illnesses throughout our district including, respiratory infections, stomach viruses, strep throat and Influenza A. It is important to keep your children home when they are not feeling well to reduce the spread of illnesses. Per school policy students must be free from vomiting/diarrhea for 24 hours before returning to school. Students should also be "fever free" for 24 hours without the aid of medication. A fever is considered anything over 100.0 degrees. Always remembering to cover coughs and proper hand washing is the best way to reduce the spread of infection.

### REMINDERS:

**Absences:** Please remember to call the office when students are late or absent. In accordance with board policy, notes from appointments or memorials from funerals are needed to exempt students from making up time after school. Make-up time will be assigned when students have missed over 49 hours of school without notes and/or memorial.

**Homework requests:** Parents/guardians are asked to request homework through the office by 9:00am. If a student has been ill and has stayed home all day, please do not send/bring them to school to get their homework. Assignments may be picked up in the office after 2:45pm and before 4:00pm.



### Helpful websites for you and your student:

[www.usd263.com](http://www.usd263.com): district/ middle school web site: grades, attendance and assignments

[www.webwisekids.org](http://www.webwisekids.org): internet safety and tips

### LAST CHANCE!!!!

February 6 – 9 is the last chance to purchase your 2017-2018 MMS Yearbooks \$35!

Don't miss out!!

Superintendent	Dr. Brad Rahe
MMS Principal	Mrs. Traci Becker
Assist. Prin./AD	Mrs. Heidi Perkins
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