

The Official Newsletter of
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Cat News



2016 Fall Conferences: October 24th, 25th and 27th

Our #1 priority is for all students to be successful. The MMS administrators, teachers and staff take the responsibility very seriously of transitioning the students from middle school and preparing them for high school. All parents/guardians are encouraged to make plans to visit with your child's teachers to not only check the progress or your child, but to also know the goals set for their student. Conference dates and times are as follows:

- Mon., October 24th** **4:00pm – 7:30pm**
- Tues., October 25th** **4:00pm – 7:00pm**
- Thurs., October 27th** **7:30am – 11:00am**
(School is not in Session)
- Friday, October 28th** **NO SCHOOL**

These are "Drop By" Conferences and parents are welcome to come during the designated times without an appointment. We look forward to discussing student progress, testing information and more with you and your student. Parents are encouraged to monitor student agenda, conduct cards and assignments. Please call the school with questions at any time.

Your Character Counts:

Students of the Month

September - RESPONSIBILITY

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|---------------------------|--------------------------|
| 6A Madison Walters | 6B Ali McKee |
| 7A Kamryn Nolan | 7B Lexi Schuckman |
| 8A Anya Mitchell | 8B Julia Buie |



Your Character Counts!

October's theme is:

RESPECT

Bullying Prevention Activities Planned

October is National Bullying Awareness Month! Bullying Prevention Week is October 3rd – 7th. We are asking our students to take a stand and pledge to do the right thing before they speak, text or post. Students are participating in dressing up during the week with different themes to help them remember to put their words into action.

Monday *Wear Blue for World Bullying Prevention Day*

Tuesday: "Team Up!" *Wear your favorite team shirt to support being in this together*

.Wednesday: "Pair up with a friend!" *Wear a matching shirt with a friend to support standing by a friend*

Thursday: "Black-out Cyber Bullying!" *Wear black to signify that MMS wants to black out bullying. Athletes can participate with their dress up clothes*

Friday: "Stand Together Against Bullying" *wear green and white to show school unity!*

National Junior Honor Society

National Junior Honor Society is currently conducting its 2016-17 candidacy process. Students received an invitation to complete the process at the beginning of September. The initial criterion for an invitation is a GPA of 3.5 or higher. These students then completed a candidate form and wrote two paragraphs about their service and leadership in the community and at school. A teacher evaluation was conducted and currently the students are waiting on the evaluation of their character essays. Final tabulations will be finished by mid-October and the students will be notified of the results at that time. The induction ceremony for new inductees will take place at the end of October or early November.

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What's happening in October?

Day	Event	Place	Time
5 – 9	Bullying Prevention Awareness Week		
3	VB Tri 7 th	@ Rose Hill	/ 8 th – HOME
4	XC Meet	HERE	@ MHS 4:00PM
6	VB/ FB	@ Ark City	5:00PM
7	MHS Homecoming Pep Assembly		
10	Site Council		5:45PM
11	Fall School Picture retakes		
	LEAGUE XC	@ Circle	3:30PM
13	FB/VB vs Wellington	@ HOME	5:00PM
14	End of 1 st Quarter		
15	7 th League VB	HOME @ MHS	9:00AM
	8 th League VB	@ Ark City	9:00AM
17	TEACHER IN-SERVICE NO SCHOOL Box Tops due to Advisement teacher		
24	CONFERENCES.		4:00PM – 7:30PM
25	Scholar's Bowl @ Wellington		3:30PM
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27	CONFERENCES		7:30AM – 11:00AM (SCHOOL IS NOT IN SESSION)
29	NO SCHOOL		

It is our intent to update you with the latest changes to middle school events through this newsletter. Another avenue for communicating assignments in classrooms and event changes is on our web site at www.usd263.com and on MMS's Facebook page. "Skyward Family Access" is also available online through this website. If you have questions or difficulty please contact LeAnne at lpierce@usd263.org

Superintendent	Dr. Brad Rahe
MMS Principal	Mrs. Traci Becker
Assist. Principal & AD	Mrs. Heidi Perkins
Counselor	Mrs. Kelly Ball

Student Tips on Dealing with Bullies:

What is bullying anyway?

"Bullying" is another name for harassment. Bullying can be physical – one or more students hurting another. More often, bullying is verbal and **persistent** threatening, teasing, ridicule or unkindly talking about another person.

If someone is bullying or just not being nice to another person, here are some things you might try:

- **Tell a friend.** Ask your friend to help you- it's tougher to pick on a person who has someone there for support.
- **Walk away.** It's harder to bully someone who won't stand still and listen.
- **Chill out.** Bullies seem to target kids who respond to their taunts. So try hard not to show any emotion. It's no fun to bully someone who doesn't seem to care.
- **Try not to be alone** in places where you get picked on. This may mean you need to sit in a different place or find another route to school.
- **Don't fight back.** You could make the situation worse. Or you could get blamed for starting the fight.
- **Write it down.** Keep track of what happens – date, times, places. Write down exactly what the person said.

Parents are welcome to look at the Lion's Quest materials (Advisement Curriculum) that address Social Development or visit www.lions-quest.org

www.ksde.org (Anti-Bullying Awareness)

(Kansas Bullying Law)

www.stopbullying.gov

<http://family.samhsa.gov>

www.kcsl.or (Kansas Children's Service League)

www.stompoutbullying.org

"Homework Completion Program"

Parents should have received information from their children about the Homework Completion Program/Opportunity. If a student missed the deadline in class for an assignment to be turned in, (under normal circumstances) they are given the **opportunity** to still receive some credit if they stay after school on the same day the assignment was due to finish. All students are asked to let their parents know they are going to **voluntarily** stay so they do not receive a "0" on the assignment that was due in class. Some teachers may take work the next day with points taken off. Parents are encouraged to contact their child's teacher if there are questions.

Rock with the Shocks! Friday, December 2nd

Mulvane Middle School has been invited to Wichita State University to watch the Wichita State Women's Basketball team compete against Arkansas State on **Friday, December 2nd**. Tip-off time is 12:05pm. Students will leave school around 10:30 and should return to MMS by 3:00. Each student needs to bring a sack lunch and drink. No money is needed.

As part of our school-wide discipline plan students were informed this was the reward trip for good conduct. Students are eligible for the reward trip to WSU if they meet 3 out of 4 of the following criteria:

Students are to review the following checklist and be able to "**YES**" if the requirement is met or write "**NO**" if it is not met.

_____ I am currently on my **green** or **blue** conduct card

_____ I have **not** been assigned OSS and/or ISS (*if student has been assigned ISS or OSS more than once, the student is disqualified to attend this event*)

_____ I have **not** been absent more than 9 days

_____ G.P.A. for 1st and 2nd quarter is **2.0 or higher**

AND this must be a YES, if applicable:

_____ *All assigned detentions have been served.*