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Elementary Back To School Picnic - August 19



BACK TO SCHOOL FAMILY PICNIC

Saturday, August 19 | GBC Park Pavilion 11 AM to 1 PM

Our Elementary Back To School Picnic is scheduled for this Saturday, August 19, from 11 am - 1 pm at the Grace Baptist Church Park Pavilion. MCS will provide hot dogs, drinks and chips. Families are welcome to bring a dessert (and serving utensils, if needed). Families may wish to bring lawn chairs in the event we run out of picnic table space.

Join us for an afternoon of fun on this Saturday at MCS!

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MCS Security Update

A Message From Our Superintendent

MCS Families,

Safety and security is of utmost importance to us at MCS. The school board formed a security committee last school year to evaluate and assess our school's safety and security measures. We continue to consult and partner with the Middletown Police Department (MPD) as we seek to keep our students safe each day.

Recently, MPD completed an assessment to provide feedback on how we can continue to improve in this area. The initial report from MPD is that we are ahead of most schools in regards to safety and security. MPD will send their final report, and this will be reviewed by the security committee and our school board.

Last spring, we began conversations with MPD about having a school resource officer (SRO) at our school. Chief Birk is a proponent of school resource officers and would like to see every school in Middletown have their own SRO. As a result, we were able to secure funding and move forward with an SRO for MCS.

The plan was to have an officer start at the beginning of this school year; however, due to staffing issues at MPD this was not possible. MPD is able to provide an officer detail (when available) for first semester; then, we will have our own SRO in the building daily as of January 2024.

The goal for the detail officer and SRO would be to have a presence in the life of our students and to engage in a positive way. He or she will patrol the campus, ensure the buildings are secure, walk the hallways, participate in recess, assist with arrival and dismissal, and be available during special events. You may see more than one officer on campus at various times, since Middletown Police would like to improve their presence on all school campuses.

The security committee and school board have discussed this possibility not because we think there is a need to put an officer in the school, but to act as a deterrent and to take a proactive step in keeping our students safe while on campus. We are grateful for our local police and their service to our community. We are excited for a new school year and looking forward to seeing everyone soon!

Brian J. Williams Superintendent

Faculty & Staff Updates

Middle School Language Arts - Mrs. Hannah Bond

We are pleased to announce Mrs. Hannah Bond as our middle school language teacher. She grew up in a Christian home and came to know the Lord as her Savior at a young age. Mrs. Bond has taught for the past eight years, including teaching 3rd grade for four years in China, middle school language for three years, and 5th grade last year at MCS. She graduated from Cedarville University with a bachelor's degree in middle childhood education (social studies and language arts) and has a master's degree from Indiana Wesleyan University in curriculum, assessment, and instruction. She is looking forward to joining the middle school team!

Intervention Aide - Mrs. Amy Sowards

We are also pleased to announce Mrs. Amy Sowards as our new aide for the intervention department. She accepted Christ as her Savior at a young age and as a teenager received assurance of her salvation. Mrs. Sowards graduated from a Christian high school and is a firm supporter of Christian education. She has been involved in early childhood education and has served for several years in children's ministry at church. She worked at MCS as

an elementary aide a couple years ago, and we are looking forward to having her back on the team. Please welcome her as she transitions!

5th Grade - Mrs. Lisa Cobb

Mrs. Lisa Cobb has agreed to be the short-term substitute for 5th grade to start the school year. She will be working closely with Mrs. Ryan. Mrs. Cobb has been a sub and teacher at MCS for the past twenty years. All of her children have graduated from MCS, and she is a big supporter of the school. She loves to teach and is excited to serve in this role to begin the school year.

Physical Education & Health - Mrs. Amy Riechman

Lastly, Mrs. Amy Riechman has agreed to be the short-term substitute for middle and high school physical education/health. She has worked at the school for ten years and all of her children have graduated from MCS. She has subbed in all areas throughout the building and is looking forward to being in PE and health to start the school year.

Mobile Classroom Unit for Intervention Update

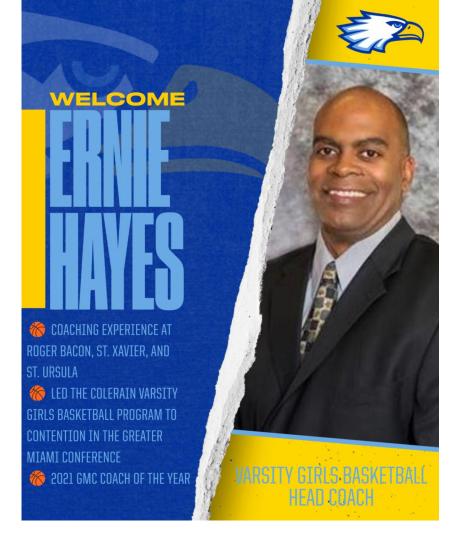




Our intervention classes have started meeting in the new mobile classroom unit. We wanted to give you a sneak peak inside their classroom and say thank you to all of those that worked so hard to make this mobile unit a reality!

MCS Athletics News

New MCS Girls Varsity Basketball Head Coach



We are excited to welcome Ernie Hayes as our new varsity girls basketball head coach!

Ohio EdChoice Scholarship Update

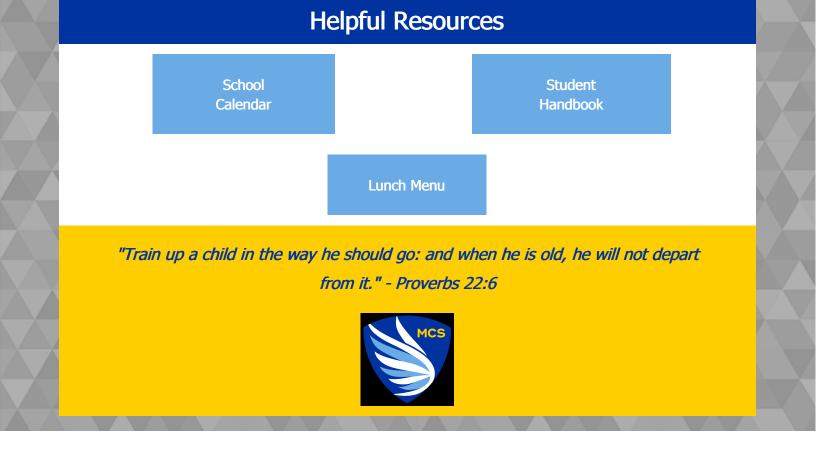
The July 13 edition of the MCS Weekly News was a special edition devoted to the Ohio EdChoice Scholarship updates. You can read this important update from the MCS Admissions Team at <u>mcseagles.net/ohios-edchoice-scholarship-program-update-effective-7-14-2023/</u>.





MCS Job Openings

We're always looking for talented and dedicated faculty and staff members to join us at MCS. Take a look at our available positions to see if any of them might be right for you. Scan the QR code or go to mcseagles.net/job-postings today.



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