# MCS Weekly News | November 30, 2023



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## New Grace Baptist Church Pastor - Donnie Sixt



MCS Families,

Below is part of the announcement of Donnie Sixt as the new pastor of Grace Baptist Church. We look forward to his leadership and are already thankful for his service.

To our members and those who faithfully serve in all our ministries at Grace Baptist Church, I come with some exciting news.

This past Sunday, November 26th the membership of Grace Baptist Church overwhelmingly voted to appoint Donnie Sixt as the Pastor of Grace Baptist Church.

Donnie has been a missionary to Sweden over the past few years but felt the Lord leading him back to the United States for various family-related reasons. He was born and raised in Middletown, Ohio and surrendered himself to the ministry not long after high school. He and his wife Beverly have four children and reside in Middletown, Ohio. Donnie felt the calling of the Lord to Grace as our leadership team began the search for a full-time pastor. Little did we know that the Lord was already working in the hearts of those in the Pulpit Committee and that of Donnie and his wife.

As we trust the Lord in salvation, we can surely trust Him in all things including the leading of GBC. Sometimes we may not be able to understand, but we know He does. Let's continue to acknowledge Him, so our paths may be clear and moving in the direction He would have us go! Thanks for your faithfulness, and may our Lord continue to bless all of you!

Michael French Chairman of the Deacons Grace Baptist Church

#### NHS Taco Bar - December 4



Next Monday (12/4), a group of MCS National Honor Society students will be going to Ronald McDonald House in Dayton to provide a meal for the families and staff.

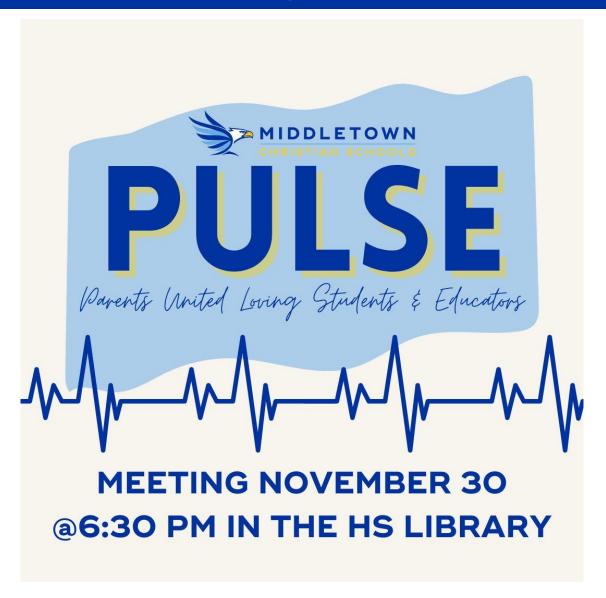
The Ronald McDonald house serves as a place for families to stay while getting medical care for a sick child.

The following link is for people to sign-up to donate food items to help us provide a taco bar next week. There are still a lot of things that we are in need of!

Any items that you choose to donate can be brought to the school the remainder of this week or during the school day on Monday 12/4. We will be heading out right after school Monday to prepare the meal. Due to restrictions at Ronald McDonald house, all food must be prepared in their kitchen. Along with the meal, our students will be making Christmas Tree ornaments with the students!

To sign up to help out our NHS students click <u>HERE!</u>

## **PULSE Meeting - November 30**



The next PULSE meeting will take place TONIGHT! PULSE will meet in the high school library at 6:30 PM.

Jeans Day Fundraiser - December 1



There will be a Jeans Day Fundraiser taking place tomorrow, December 1st. Bring in \$3 to your homeroom teacher to wear jeans or sweatpants all day!

Drama Parent Meeting - December 4



AMY SOWARDS

asowards@mcseagles.net

December 4th
MCS music room
6:30 pm

There will be a parent meeting next Monday at 6:30 PM for all Drama Parents! If you have any questions feel free to email Mrs. Sowards at asowards@mcseagles.net.

Coffee Fundraiser - December 1-January 5

# Coffee Fundraiser!

Warm up this winter with a delicious cup of coffee, tea or hot cocoa while supporting the MCS drama department!

These items make great gifts for family, teachers & friends!

Our fundraiser begins on December 1st and runs until January 5th.

Please contact Amy Sowards with any questions! asowards@mcseagles.net

The goal is for each student to make 10 sales. Every sale counts!

The student or students with the most sales will receive a special gift from Mrs. Sowards!



The Drama Department has been raising money for their production of Mary Poppins Jr. in March! They still need a significant amount of funds to purchase items for their production. Fundraising is a great way to support our school and help your students put on the best show! The Giving Bean fundraiser offers a variety of coffee, tea, and hot chocolate! These drinks make the perfect gift or treat for yourself. Paper order forms will be delivered to each elementary/middle school class this week by Mrs. Sowards. There is also a link for online orders! Each student needs to create a seller ID.

Click <u>HERE</u> for the link to the seller ID. Click <u>HERE</u> for the MCS order form.

Every order counts no matter how small. The student or students with the highest sales will receive a special gift from Mrs. Sowards!



STUDENT COUNCIL AND NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY PRESENTS

# MCS FOOD DRIVE

INVOLVING ALL GRADES K-12 MONDAY NOVEMBER 27TH -FRIDAY DECEMBER 1ST



Student Council and the National Honor Society have been running our annual food drive collection of non-perishable canned and boxed items this year! Tomorrow is the last day to bring in food! It is a school-wide event, involving grades K-12. We are asking that you bring any non-perishable food items you would like to give into your student's homeroom/classroom.

This is a competition going on throughout the school, and the class that wins this competition overall will win a substantial prize, as well as smaller prizes for classes that win at certain grade levels.

To learn more click **HERE!** 

**Christmas Shoppe - December 4-7** 



Next week your student will have an opportunity to shop for Christmas gifts at the MCS Christmas shoppe! We are excited to offer this to our students this year! We will NOT be able to wrap your items, but your student will still be able to select gifts for all their family members. Only students with money to shop will be allowed in the store.

We will have a LARGE assortment of items for Gifts for: Mom, Grandmas, Aunts, Dads, Grandpas, Uncles, Sisters, Brothers, Friends, Babies and Teachers and PETS!

We will have: Bath & Beauty Sets, Jewelry, Stationary, Photo Frames, Kitchen & Office items, Candles, Sport Items, Cologne, Tool Sets, Flashlights, Gloves, Office items, Beauty and Hair sets, Toys, Journals, Pet toys, Pens, Art Sets, Stuffed Animals, Candles, Gift Sets AND MUCH MORE RANGING IN PRICE FROM \$2.00-\$10.00!!

Please check <u>HERE</u> to see when your student will be shopping and send this shopping list (on back) in with your child and his/her money to their homeroom teacher by their shopping time. We will have volunteers to help young shoppers.

**Volunteer Sign-Up** 



We are in need of volunteers to help with the Christmas Shoppe next week! Click <u>HERE</u> to sign up to help!

#### Porter Sowards Rememberence - December 7



On Thursday Dec. 7, we will be remembering the life of our friend Porter Sowards who lost his battle with cancer one year ago. Students are encouraged to wear their Team Porter t-shirts and may wear jeans if they wear their shirts. Students who do not have a Team Porter shirt may wear GOLD (yellow) that represents cancer awareness or GRAY which represents brain cancer.

Middle and High School Chapel - December 6-8



Next week we will have Chapel for our Middle School and High School students! Our Chapel services will take place Wednesday, Thursday and Friday from 10 - 11 am in the Grace Baptist Church Auditorium. Please be in prayer for Pastor Chris Thorne, a pastor in the Chicagoland area, who will be sharing with our students all three days!

Parents are invited to attend the Chapel services in person. Please contact Mr. Atadero if you are interested in attending. You can also catch the livestream of our Chapel services next week on our YouTube page.

### **Christmas Concert Schedule**



# CHRISTMAS CONCERT SCHEDULE

Tuesday, November 28 – ELC Christmas Program

@7 PM in GBC Auditorium

Friday, December 1 – K–4 Grade Grandparents
Matinee @12:30 PM in GBC Auditorium

Friday, December 1 - K-4 Grade Christmas
Program @7 PM in GBC Auditorium

Thursday, December 7 – Grades 5–12
Instrumental Concert @7 PM in GBC Auditorium

Tuesday, December 12 – Grades 5–12 Choral Concert @7 PM in GBC Auditorium



Here is the schedule for the MCS Christmas Concerts happening this December. There will be coffee provided in the main lobby for those in attendance!

**Grandparents Matinee - December 1** 



We will be offering a special matinee performance for all grandparents of our MCS K-4th Grade Christmas Program on Friday, December 1 at 12:30 pm in the Grace Baptist Church Auditorium. Please note the special parking instructions in the graphic above. Also, if grandparents wish to take their grandchild home with them at the conclusion of the matinee, the student will need to return to MCS building before leaving with their grandparent. Students are not permitted to leave directly from the performance and must be signed out in the MCS Main Office. In addition, anyone signing a student out must be on the approved pick-up list that parents/guardians submitted at the beginning of the school year.

**Mary Poppins Cast List** 



## First Semester Final Exam Schedule

Elliana Baiano

Emma Oppenheimer

Emma Shroyer

Mallory Todd

Rebekah Park

Tima Semenov

Xander Brockman

Nora Wonderly

Dear Parents & Guardians of High School Students:

Mrs. Smythe- Mallory Todd

John Northbrook – Jordan Luebbe

Von Hussler - TBD

Chair(wo)man - Ally Tobler

Police Officer - Elise Brown

Messenger – Jamie Collins

First Semester exams will take place on Friday, Monday, and Tuesday December 15, 18 and 19. Students are expected to be in attendance for each exam day, and no exam will be made-up unless there is a serious illness or doctor's excuse. In the event a student misses an exam due to an excused absence it is the student's responsibility to schedule the make-up exam with the teacher.

#### Friday, December 15

7:55-8:03 Homeroom

8:06-8:36 Study Hall for 1st Bell Exam

8:39-10:09 1st Bell Exam

Study Hall for 2nd Bell Exam 10:12-10:42

10:45-12:15 2nd Bell Exam 12:18-12:42 Study Hall for 3rd Bell Exam 12:42-1:12 Lunch

3rd Bell Exam

Monday, December 18

1:15-2:45

7:55-8:03 Homeroom

8:06-8:36 Study Hall for 4th Bell Exam

8:39-10:09 4th Bell Exam

10:12-10:42 Study Hall for 5th Bell Exam

10:45-12:15 5th Bell Exam

12:18-12:42 Study Hall for 6th Bell Exam

12:42-1:12 Lunch

1:15-2:45 6th Bell Exam

Tuesday, December 19

7:55-8:03 Homeroom

8:06-8:36 Study Hall for 7th Bell Exam

8:39-10:09 7th Bell Exam

10:12-10:42 Study Hall for 8th Bell Exam

10:45-12:15 8th Bell Exam

\*School ends at the conclusion of last exam unless a student has a makeup exam to take.

12:42-1:12 Lunch (for all students remaining at school)

1:15-2:45 Make-up Exams

Students will be responsible for all material covered within each first semester class. There will be one review day required to be given by all teachers on Thursday, December 14. Specific reviews in content areas will be given at the teacher's discretion. You will notice on the exam schedule that there is a half an hour period before each exam for students to ask questions about any study material they might not have fully understood. Students must be in attendance for these study times as well as for the exam time. Exams will be counted as 20% of the final semester grade; therefore, first nine weeks is 40%, second nine weeks is 40% and mid-term exam is 20% of the final semester grade.

Ninth and tenth grade students will be required to be in attendance at school the entire exam days, unless no other exams are scheduled for the remainder of that day and a parent or guardian signs them out in the office. Lunch will be served each day as normal.

Eleventh and twelfth grade students who drive will be allowed to arrive at school during those times they have a scheduled exam (must arrive for the study hall prior to the exam); they will only be allowed to leave when they have no other exams for the remainder of that day. They must sign in and out with the office. Students who do not drive or who do not wish to leave will have supervised study rooms when they are not in a scheduled exam.

It is our desire to fully prepare students for their advanced education. We believe that mid-term exams help to prepare students for their future academic goals. Hopefully, this letter will help your family adequately prepare for any changes to your schedule and enable you to make the necessary accommodations for a successful exam week.

#### Staff Christmas Breakfast - December 14



We are in need of volunteers to help put on our Staff Christmas Breakfast! The Christmas Breakfast for our staff will take place the morning of December 14. To sign up to volunteer click HERE!

# Solar Eclipse - April 8

#### MCS Families,

On April 8, 2024 the Middletown Christian School campus will be in the direct path of a total solar eclipse. The safety of our students is a top priority at MCS. Looking at the sun during this event can lead to eye damage or even blindness. Due to these possible health concerns and the timing of the eclipse/dismissal at MCS, we have decided to extend spring break for grades K-12 and will be closed on Monday, April 8, 2024. Athletic events/practices will also be postponed.

We want to inform you now so you can mark your calendars and make necessary arrangements for your student(s). We continue to be in awe of the universe God created and sustains. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact the MCS office at (513) 423-4542.

# MCS Athletics News

# Winter Athletic Team Shop



Are you a Middletown Christian Eagles fan? Scan this QR code or click <u>HERE</u> to buy spirit wear, basketball gear, bowling gear, or cheer gear!

**Elementary Athletics Breakfast Snacks** 



Winter and Spring Athletic Registration



Registration is now open for our winter and spring junior high and high school athletic teams! If your son or daughter is in 7th-12th grades and interested in playing a sport, you can register them on our Final Forms website, click <u>here!</u>

# A Message from the MCS Yearbook Staff

#### **Hello Parents!**

The yearbook staff would love your help in gathering pictures of our students both at school events and even outside of school for the 2023-2024 yearbook. The yearbook company that we use has an app that allows you to upload pictures that will automatically upload to our program. The app is called Yearbook Snap and it is free to download. Here is how to download and use the app:

- Download Yearbook Snap on your device
- Search for Middletown Christian Schools (Franklin)

- Access code: eagles
- Once you enter the code you will be able to select photos (click the arrow)
- Select All Other Photos
- Select the photos from your device that you would like to upload
- You may have to go back and select All other Photos again to view the photos that you uploaded
- Select the photos you just added and select the bottom-right button
- Choose Continue
- Enter your name and email address and click Submit
- You will receive an email notifying you that your pictures were submitted

Please feel free to email Mrs. Hester at <a href="mailto:ahester@mcseagles.net">ahester@mcseagles.net</a> if you have any questions. You may also send pictures to Mrs. Hester at this email if it is easier. Please note that even though we will try our best to include as many pictures as possible, there is a possibility that not every picture will make it in the yearbook.

Thanks!

MCS Yearbook Staff

#### **School Store Hours**



# Ohio EdChoice Scholarship



Middletown Christian Schools participates in The Educational Choice (EdChoice) Scholarship Program through the state of Ohio. The program is available for ALL students based on one of two criteria: being assigned to an underperforming public school (Traditional) or income based (Expansion). The recent changes to the Expansion side of the scholarship now allows for all students to benefit from the program. To learn more about the Ohio EdChoice Scholarship Program click <u>HERE</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.

# **Helpful Resources**

School Calendar Student Handbook

**Lunch Menu** 

"Train up a child in the way he should go: and when he is old, he will not depart from it." - Proverbs 22:6



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