



# The Maverick Minute

Parent Edition – 1/12/25

## Principal's Note

It was so great to have our students back in the building this week to kick off this new year of learning! As students returned to McClure, we were deliberate about revisiting our DARE expectations: Determined, Accountable, Respectful, Excellent. Teachers took time to assure students knew what these behaviors look like in the classroom, hallways, restrooms, cafeteria, academically, and socially. On Tuesday, the administrative team met with each grade level to not only reiterate these expectations but to deliver the message that our expectations for students increase the longer they are enrolled at McClure. Our 6<sup>th</sup> grade students are no longer new to us, our 7<sup>th</sup> graders have been with us a year and a half, and our 8<sup>th</sup> graders have almost been with us three whole years! So, we challenged each grade level to increase the expectation of themselves regarding behavior, academics, and social interactions with one another. Our message was that, while 95% of our students had ZERO behavior infractions during the first semester and 65% made the honor roll, we can always do better! Thank you for your work supporting this same message at home. This **Intentional Excellence** is why we are Best in the West!

Sincerely,  
Cory Stanley

## Shout Outs

**Perfect Score** – Every 4.5 weeks, we recognize students with blocks of PBIS points. Students can earn:

- All As – 30 Points
- As & Bs – 20 Points
- Cs or better – 10 Points
- Perfect Attendance – 10 Points
- No Missing Assignments – 10 Points
- No Minor Behavior Infractions – 10 Points

Some students earned a perfect 60 points at the end of Quarter 2. See the list of superstars [Here](#) and look for those points in PBIS Rewards.

**PTSA Reflections** – Congratulations to our incredible Mavericks who have advanced to the state level of the National PTA Reflections competition! Your creative talents earned top honors in the district competition; a remarkable achievement we're all so proud of. Best of luck as you represent McClure Middle School on the state stage!

Mattie Wilson – Dance Choreography  
Laura Robson – Film Production  
Ansley Kimbrough – Literature  
Averi Ellis – Music Composition

Tristan Key – Music Composition  
Rhea Adkins – Photography  
Merabelle Surace – Visual Arts

## Mission:

*One Team, One Goal,  
Student Success*

## Vision:

*A school of excellence  
where all students  
succeed*

## McClure Motto:

*DARE to Be a Maverick!*

## 2024-25 Theme:

*Intentional Excellence*

## Maverick - noun /'mav(ə)rik/

*A trendsetter who is not  
afraid to walk a new  
path. A Maverick leads  
others by encouraging  
excellence, enthusiasm,  
and ingenuity.*



# DARE to Be a Maverick!

## Shout Outs (Cont.)

**Q2 Honor Roll** – Shout out to all our Mavericks who made [A/B Honor Roll](#) and [Principal's Honor Roll](#) for Q2. We will be celebrating them this Friday in the McClure Theater.

- 8<sup>th</sup> Grade – 10:00am
- 7<sup>th</sup> Grade – 1:00pm
- 6<sup>th</sup> Grade – 3:00pm

## Special Event

**School Musical** – Legally Blonde tickets are on sale now! Come meet Elle Woods and her friends at one of our four shows:

- Thursday, February 6<sup>th</sup> @ 7:00 pm
- Friday, February 7<sup>th</sup> @ 7:00 pm
- Saturday, February 8<sup>th</sup> @ 2:00 pm
- Saturday, February 8<sup>th</sup> @ 7:00 pm

Tickets can be purchased [Here](#). General admission, \$8.00 each.



## Instructional

**McClure Tutoring** – We are currently offering before and after school support sessions for students in the four core content areas. See the [McClure Tutoring Schedule](#) for details. Thank you for the additional effort on your part to get students in early and pick them up late so that they can attend tutoring sessions!

## Operational

**January Calendar** – To keep up with all things McClure this month, see the [McClure January Calendar of Events](#).

**Stars & Strikes** – This year's trip (dates below) will cost \$12, which is a great deal for laser tag, bowling, unlimited gaming, pizza, and soda. The trip is currently in [My Payments Plus](#) for purchase. Permission forms for the field trip can be found in [ParentVue](#) and were sent out the week prior to Holiday Break. Instructions for granting permission can be found [Here](#).

- January 13 – 6<sup>th</sup> Grade
- January 14 – 7<sup>th</sup> Grade
- January 15 – 8<sup>th</sup> Grade

**8<sup>th</sup> Grade High School Visits** – On Friday, January 24, our 8<sup>th</sup> grade students will be visiting their feeder high schools. See [This Letter](#) from our 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Counselor, Ms. Kristie Gordon for details.

**Parent Survey** – The Georgia Department of Education conducts surveys annually for all parents, students, and school staff. Please take a moment to complete the [GA Climate Survey for Families](#). This information helps us continue to improve as a school. Thank you!

**Yearbook** – Have you reserved your yearbook yet? The price will be going up on January 24<sup>th</sup>. Order now to save! The 24<sup>th</sup> is also the date that we lock in the number of books we order. After that date we will continue to take orders until all the books are sold. Ordering by January 24<sup>th</sup> is the surest way to guarantee that you can get a book! Books can be ordered [Here](#).

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## Operational (Cont.)

**6<sup>th</sup> Grade Parents** – All rising 7<sup>th</sup> grade students are required to have one dose of the Tdap and meningococcal vaccines to attend school. Once your child has received the required vaccines, please send a copy of the completed Georgia Department of Public Health Certificate of Immunization Form 3231 to McClure. It can be emailed [Here](#) or dropped off at the front office. Per Georgia law, a completed immunization record must be on file for your child by the first day of the 2025-2026 school year.

## PTSA

**7<sup>th</sup> Grade Social** – 7<sup>th</sup> grade will be having their social on Thursday, Jan 16<sup>th</sup> from 4:30-6pm. Come hang out with friends, enjoy some music, frozen hot chocolate, and CFA at our winter themed party! Tickets are \$10 and are available online [Here](#). There will be in-person ticket sales in the atrium on 1/13 & 1/14 in the morning. Cash or check only for in-person sales. Hope to see all our 7<sup>th</sup> graders there!

**Culver's Custard** – The PTSA will be selling Culver's frozen custard on Wednesday morning (1/15) from 8:50-9:19 am in the atrium. Vanilla, chocolate and cookies & cream will be available for \$2 (cash only).

**Spirit Night** – 1/15 @ Texas Roadhouse (Barrett Creek Parkway)



## Foundation

**Donations for Donuts** – We're raising funds for new benches around the school and bus port. Every \$40 donation to the Annual Giving Campaign helps us reach our goal! Even better...we've extended the deadline: The top two homerooms in each grade with the highest percentage of families donating by the end of January will win a sweet treat - a donut party in February! Thanks to parent-owned business, [RF Interiors](#), for sponsoring this sugary celebration! Every contribution makes a difference. Dough-nate today! 🍩 Visit: the [Foundation Store](#) or Text 'McClure' to 234-324-3332 🍩

**McClure Foundation Pajama Pants** – If you missed the deadline for purchase before the holidays, they are back by popular demand! These super-soft, ultra-comfy pjs are perfect for a cozy winter night and those upcoming McClure pajama days. Choose from pink or blue, for \$30 a pair (sizes XS-XXL). BONUS: Donate \$65 or more to the Annual Giving Campaign and get a FREE pair as a thank you! Don't miss out: Order by January 31<sup>st</sup> to get them in time for your Valentine (or a treat for yourself). PJ pants will be delivered to your student's homeroom before February Break. Purchase online at the [Foundation Store](#).



**Shout Out** – The McClure Foundation would like to shout out our community partners for their generous donations. Thank you, RF Interiors and Cohen & Sinowski Personal Injury Law!



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## Community Events

**Summer Camp Expo** – Kennesaw Parks & Recreation will be holding its summer camp expo on Sunday, March 2 from 10:00am-2:00pm at Adams Park. This is a great opportunity to start planning to keep your Maverick busy during the summer. See the [Kennesaw Parks & Recreation Website](#) for information on all that they do for our community.

**Olivia Kate's Path** – A 5K to support a scholarship honoring Olivia Kate Pugh is scheduled for 8:30am, Saturday, February 8, 2025 at Harrison High School. See [This Flyer](#) for details.

**Harrison Volleyball Youth Clinics** – [Harrison Volleyball](#) is SUPER excited about hosting their first ever kid clinics on Wednesdays in March. See [This Flyer](#) for details.

- When: Wednesdays in March
- Who: Upcoming 3<sup>rd</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> graders
- Where: Hoya Center
- Why: To Learn, Develop, Play

**Family STEAM Night** – The North Cobb Regional Library is hosting a Family STEAM Night on Wednesday, February 19. See [This Flyer](#) for details.

**Harrison Try LAX** – Interested in trying lacrosse? Opportunities are coming up at Harrison. See [This Flyer](#) for details.

**Allatoona Baseball Benefit** – Allatoona Baseball's Annual Silent Auction and Benefit Dinner is coming up on January 17, 2025. It is a ticketed event (\$15) that includes dinner from 1885 at Northstar Church, a speaker, Payton Eeles (Allatoona Alum in the Minors soon to be Majors), and the silent auction. It is a very nice community event that kicks off their season and helps the program fundraise at the same time. Information on how to get the tickets can be found in [This Flyer](#).

**Partner in Education** – Tom Larson, a member of the McClure Family and a leader in the Maverick Men, was one of our amazing team members who helped rebuild [The Bridge](#) on the trail behind McClure. If you have design needs for remodeling homes or a basement, he'd love you to give him a call!



## Upcoming Dates

- 1/13/25 – 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Stars and Strikes Field Trip
- 1/14/25 – 7<sup>th</sup> Grade Stars and Strikes Field Trip
- 1/15/25 – NJHS @ 8:00
- 1/15/25 – PTSA Culver's Custard for \$2
- 1/15/25 – 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Stars and Strikes Field Trip
- 1/15/25 – PTSA Spirit Night at Texas Roadhouse (Barrett Creek Parkway)
- 1/17/25 – Honor Roll Celebrations
  - 8th Grade – 10:00am
  - 7th Grade – 1:00pm
  - 6th Grade – 3:00pm
- 1/20/25 – MLK Holiday (School Closed)