



# The Maverick Minute

Parent Edition – 1/26/25

## Principal's Note

Let's be honest; none of our students complain about a surprise day off! Let's also be honest that the following two stats are eye opening:

- School Days Until Halfway Point of Q3 (February 5<sup>th</sup>): 8
- School Days Until February Break (February 14<sup>th</sup>): 15

When I looked at the above dates, the thoughts that ran through my head were, "We've got work to do," and, "We've got to get our students back into a good instructional rhythm." As you think about the days ahead, remember this year's theme of *Intentional Excellence*. Thank you for relaying this message in your own way at home. Cold weather and long weekends are behind us Mavericks. Let's get to it!

Sincerely,  
Cory Stanley

## Special Event I

**American Heart Challenge** – McClure Middle School is proud to support the American Heart Association! By participating in the American Heart Challenge, you have the opportunity to raise awareness and funds for congenital heart defects, CPR training, mental well-being, and more as we work to end heart disease and stroke. Along the way you'll meet some of the kids you're helping while learning about mind and body health. Plus, our school can earn money for P.E. equipment and your student can earn fun thank you gifts!

Our program will run January 27 thru February 14. The first step is to REGISTER! Anyone raising \$10 or more will be eligible to participate in Fast Tracks fun on February 14<sup>th</sup> from 8:00-8:50am. Plus, the top fundraising homerooms in each grade level will earn points for their McClure Olympic Country. The minimum to participate in our event is \$10. Students can either donate or raise the \$10 online. All students are invited to register and join in the fundraising campaign online.

Here's how to get started:

- Download the free American Heart Challenge app, [Register Online](#) at or scan the QR Code.
- Send texts or emails to friends and family to ask for donations.
- Watch the 2-minute Hands-Only CPR video and learn how to save a life.
- BONUS: Earn thank-you gifts for raising funds online!



Scan to Register

## 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!

## Special Event II

**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.



**Donate a Dress** – Legally Blonde needs your help! Do you have semi-formal and formal dresses hanging in your closet that you know no one in your family will ever wear again? We need to "stock" a dress shop for the first scene in the musical and are looking for donations. After the show, the dresses will be donated in turn to an organization that provides dresses for students who need some help with proms and dances. Your donations can be sent to the front office. If you needed an excuse to thin out your closet, this is it! Thank you in advance for your help and generosity.

## Instructional

**Mock Milestones** – This Friday (1/31) we will be conducting a Mock Milestones assessment. See the schedule for that day [Here](#).

**Beacon Assessment Reports** – This week, a report from your Maverick's recent [Beacon Assessment](#) will be sent home with your student(s). This is a great tool to determine how prepared your Maverick is to be successful on the Milestones. See the [Score Interpretation Guide \(Spanish\)](#) ([Portuguese](#)) for details. NOTE: The suggested student readings/books on the Beacon Report should be parent reviewed as they are not part of CCSDs instructional resources and have not been vetted by the school district.

**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!

## Nurse's Corner

**Staying Hydrated** – See nurse Bravo's notes on staying hydrated and the benefits of hydration [Here \(Spanish\)](#).

**When to Stay Home** – It's cold & flu season. See nurse Bravo's notes to help you determine whether or not to send your Maverick to school [Here \(Spanish\)](#).

## Operational

**7<sup>th</sup> Grade Student-Parent Battleship** – 6<sup>th</sup> Grade parents had their chance. Now, it's time for our 7<sup>th</sup> grade parents to show off their volleyball skills while supporting a great cause. 7<sup>th</sup> Grade Student-Parent Battleship is coming to our gym on Wednesday, 2/12 @ 8:00. See [This Invitation](#) for details!

**HS Registration Dates** – To see the important dates for registration at Allatoona, Harrison, and Kennesaw Mountain, see [This Transition Flyer](#). Contact 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Counselor [Ms. Kristie Gordon](#) with any 8<sup>th</sup> to 9<sup>th</sup> Grade transition questions.

**Harrison STEM** – Students zoned for Harrison HS may apply to their STEM program. See [This Flyer](#) for details. Contact 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Counselor [Ms. Kristie Gordon](#) with any 8<sup>th</sup> to 9<sup>th</sup> Grade transition questions.

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## Operational (Cont.)

**Pebblebrook Performing Arts** – Students may still audition to Cobb County Center for Excellence in the Performing Arts at Pebblebrook High School. See [This Flyer](#) for details. Contact 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Counselor [Ms. Kristie Gordon](#) with any 8<sup>th</sup> to 9<sup>th</sup> Grade transition questions.

**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!

**Student Survey** – McClure Middle School will be conducting the Georgia Student Climate Survey schoolwide February 10-13, 2025. The Georgia Student Health Survey is an anonymous, statewide survey instrument that identifies school safety and climate issues that impact student achievement. It will take approximately 20 minutes to complete and covers a variety of topics. If you would like to examine the survey, please come by school January 21-31 from 9:00 am – 4:00 pm in the front office. Please sign and return [This Form \(Spanish\)](#) to the front office by January 31 if you DO NOT want your child to participate in the survey.

**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

**Spirit Night** – There is an upcoming PTSA Spirit Night at Sparkles on 1/31! (Be sure to let them know you are from McClure!)

## 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](#).



## 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.

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## Community Events (Cont.)

**YMCA Clubs** – The Northwest Family YMCA has several clubs for middle school students beginning soon. See the flyers below for details:

- [Middle School Madness](#)
- [Middle School Sports](#)
- [Junior Leaders](#)
- [Junior Entrepreneurs](#)

**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.

**8<sup>th</sup> Grade Strength Camp** – Harrison Football is hosting an 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Strength Camp. See [This Flyer](#) for details.

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

## Upcoming Dates

- 1/30 – Student of the Month Celebration in the LLC @ 8:00
- 1/31 – [Mock Milestones](#) Assessment
- 1/31 – PTSA Spirit Night @ Sparkles
- 2/6 – Legally Blonde the Musical @ 7:00
- 2/7 – Legally Blonde the Musical @ 7:00
- 2/8 – Legally Blonde the Musical @ 2:00 & 7:00
- 2/12 – [7<sup>th</sup> Grade Student-Parent Battleship](#)