

The Maverick Minute

Parent Edition – 1/5/25

Principal's Note

McClure Families,

Happy new year! I hope that everyone had a great break and a wonderful holiday season. Tomorrow, we begin the second semester of the 2024-25 school year with our Mavericks at McClure. As our students return to us, we will be deliberate in revisiting our DARE expectations and what it looks like to be Determined, Accountable, Respectful, and Excellent in their behaviors throughout our building, in their interactions with one another, and in their academic studies. We say often that what was good enough yesterday is not good enough today, and what is good enough today will not be good enough tomorrow. With that being said, we will begin setting the tone for an amazing spring semester from minute one tomorrow. Thank you for taking some time before your Maverick returns to McClure to have a goal setting conversation regarding the second half of the school year. The following are great questions to ask to guide this discussion:

- What did you do well in quarters 1 & 2 that you want to keep going?
- What did not go well in Q1 & Q2 when it comes to your classwork and what is your plan to improve it?
- What did not go well in Q1 & Q2 when it comes to behavior and what is your plan to improve it?
- What subject needs the most attention?
- What subject is your best?
- How can I help you meet or maintain your goals?

Thank you for taking time to assure your Maverick gets the second semester started on the right foot. This *Intentional Excellence* between our staff and your home will remain the secret ingredient in our recipe for success!

Sincerely, Cory Stanley

Shout Outs

Season of Giving – Thank you to all of you that contributed to the PTSA Student Holiday Party, to our Giving Tree, and to help our families in need throughout the holiday season. Your generosity and kindness as a community never ceases to amaze us!

HS Algebra – Ms. Jezerinac's 3rd & 4th period classes took HS Algebra I during first semester and will complete Geometry I in May. In December, this group of students took the Milestones End of Course (EOC) Assessment for Algebra I and *every one* of the students in the class scored a 4, the highest scoring tier available. This is amazing! Shout out students and shout out Ms. J!

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 <u>encouraging</u> <u>excellence</u>, <u>enthusiasm</u>, and <u>ingenuity</u>.



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Shout Outs (Cont.)

Beacon Assessments – In December, our students participated in the midyear Beacon Assessments. These tests give details on each student's proficiency in Math and ELA. Check out the lists of students who are on target or approaching target below!

- 6th Grade
- 7th Grade
- 8th Grade

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.

- Yearbook Pictures Our yearbook staff is working on a feature page about the difference that being involved in extracurricular activities can make for students. If you would like to share photos of your students engaged in organized activities outside of school, we would love to consider them for placement in the yearbook. You can submit photos <u>Here</u>. We can't promise to use every photo submitted but we will do our best to represent McClure. Sports, theater, music, tell us what your students are involved with! Would you like to share your thoughts about the benefits of extra-curricular activities? You can send us your input on <u>This Form</u>. Thank you in advance for helping us create the best yearbook we can. (Need to purchase your yearbook? <u>Order Here</u>!)
- Yearbook Purchase Have you purchased your yearbook yet? There will be a price increase on January 24th which means the best time to <u>Reserve Your Book</u> is now! The 24th also is the deadline for us to lock in the number of books we are ordering. After that date, a limited number of books will be available and will be sold on a first come first served basis until we sell out. Guarantee that you get a copy of the book we are making for you by reserving yours before January 24th!
- 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 <u>My Payments Plus</u> for purchase. Permission forms for the field trip can be found in <u>ParentVue</u> and were sent out the week prior to Holiday Break. Instructions for granting permission can be found <u>Here</u>.
 - January 13 6th Grade
 - January 14 7th Grade
 - January 15 8th Grade

Girls Who Code - The Girls Who Code group will meet tomorrow (1/6) immediately after school in the PDR. Pick up is at 5:25.

PTSA

- 7th Grade Social 7th grade will be having their social on Thursday, Jan 16th 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 <u>Here</u>. Hope to see all our 7th graders there!
- Shout Out Thank you to all the families who contributed to our annual PTSA Holiday Party! Providing snacks and drinks for over 1000 students is no small undertaking. However, many hands make light work! Thank you!

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Foundation

Make a Difference with the McClure Foundation Annual Giving Campaign!

Visit: Foundation Store or Text: 'McClure' to 234-324-3332

Our Goal: \$40,000 for benches around the school and the bus port and a new marquee for the school's entrance. **Your Impact:** A \$40 donation from each family will go a long way in improving our school.

Community Events

- Harrison TryLAX Not sure if Lacrosse is for you? See <u>This Flyer</u> on an upcoming opportunity to try lacrosse. Also, see <u>This Flyer</u> for information on girl's lacrosse this spring.
- 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 <u>This Flyer</u>.
- 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 <u>The Bridge</u> 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

- 1/6/25 First Day of Semester 2
- 1/6/25 6th Grade Intramurals @ 8:00 in the Gym
- 1/6/25 Girls Who Code Club immediately after school (pick up at 5:25)
- 1/10/25 Q2 Reports Cards Available in ParentVue
- 1/13/25 6th Grade Stars and Strikes
- 1/14/25 7th Grade Stars and Strikes
- 1/15/25 8th Grade Stars and Strikes
- 1/16/25 7th Grade Social (4:30-6:00)