

The Maverick Minute

Parent Edition - 12/15/24

Principal's Note

McClure Families,

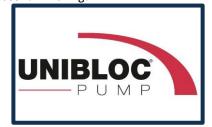
As we enter the last week of the semester, I want to say thank you for all you have contributed to our school and our community throughout the first half of the year. Your support of our students academically and behaviorally is visible in our hallways and classrooms every day. Even during this incredibly hectic and crazy time of year, our students have been excellent at McClure and remained focused on learning throughout the holiday season. I also want to thank you for your incredible support of our performing arts programs. Each of our chorus, orchestra, and band concerts were packed with supportive parents, grandparents, aunts, uncles, and friends. You truly are amazing partners and your *Intentional Excellence* supporting our Mavericks makes us the Best in the West! I hope that you have an incredibly restful and joyous holiday season and look forward to our continued partnership in the new year!

Sincerely, Cory Stanley

Shout Outs

Holiday Donations – We would like to shout out Unibloc and their company's generous donation to our community cupboard for families in need. They gave \$1675 to our PTSA Outreach Team this holiday season! Amazing!





Students of the Month – Congratulations to our December Students of the Month! We will be celebrating these Mavericks with their families this Wednesday morning (12/18) at 8:00 in the LLC. Look for a McClure Student of the Month yard sign in a neighborhood near you!

Colton Brown (6) Roman Navarra (6) Amer Mostafa (7) Zoey Smith (7) Lilian Garito (8) Spencer Stephens (8)

Castruita Isela (6) Leonardo Rivas (6) Noah Resende (7) Kara Dinh (8) Chase Ling (8)

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.)

Ornaments of Cheer – Shout out to all who have given to this year's Ornaments of Cheer! We are 89% to our goal. The deadline to participate is this Tuesday, 12/17. See the tiers of giving below and see more details for giving Here.

- \$25 White
- \$50 Blue
- \$75 Navy
- \$100 Silver



Modular Mavericks – Shout out to the Modular Mavericks, McClure's Robotics Team, who competed amazingly on Saturday, 12/7, at Walton High School. Kudos to Coach Myer, Coach Swan, and the entire team!









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

Holiday Spirit Week – From December 16-20, each day will have a different holiday theme. We hope your Maverick will join the McClure Team in demonstrating their holiday spirit. This should be fun for all! See the <u>December Spirit Week Flyer</u> for details.

8th Grade HS Field Trip Chaperones – For the first time, our 8th-grade students will be visiting their feeder high schools to learn about core class and elective registration. This special day will feature engaging performances from school clubs, such as band, drama, and ROTC, as well as valuable insights from student leaders. To ensure a smooth and enriching experience for all, we are seeking a few volunteers to help chaperone this large group of students to each of our high schools. It's a wonderful opportunity for you to witness our students' excitement firsthand and support them as they prepare for this next step in their educational journey. If you're available and interested in joining us, please sign up Here!

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 Here. 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 This Form. Thank you in advance for helping us create the best yearbook we can. (Need to purchase your yearbook? Order Here!)

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Operational (Cont.)

Yearbook Purchase – Have you purchased your yearbook yet? There will be a price increase on January 24th which means the best time to Reserve Your Book 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 – Coming up in January, many students who earned enough PBIS points for demonstrating our DARE expectations at McClure will be attending a field trip to Starts & Strikes. We fund the majority of this trip with money from Color Battle, however, we ask a small fee to help offset the cost of transportation and to leave us funds in the bank to support the PBIS Store. 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 will be coming to you via ParentVue sometime this week!

- January 13 6th Grade
- January 14 7th Grade
- January 15 8th Grade

PTSA

Holiday Snacks Needed – McClure Middle School is organizing a Holiday Celebration on 12/20 and has asked us to provide snacks for EVERY student. We are so excited for this fun event, and we'd love your help making sure every student gets a salty snack, sweet snack, and a soda. Please review the available slots on this <u>Signup Genius</u>. Donations need to be dropped off to the McClure Front Office by Wed, 12/18. Thank You!

Holiday Shop in the School Store – The holiday shop in the school store will continue to be open every day 8:30-9:10 AM. Students are able to purchase fun and inexpensive gifts for their families and friends. We have a large selection of fun ornaments for \$2-\$4, fuzzy socks for \$3, candles for \$6 and much more. Gift bags are included. Come check it out!

Thank You – Big thanks to the generous employees at SEI for donating toys to our McClure families in need.



Foundation

Foundation Pajama Pants! – Get your Maverick ready for cozy nights and those upcoming McClure pajama days with our super-soft, comfy pajama pants! Choose from pink or blue for just \$30 per pair, available in sizes XS-XXL. Donate \$65 to the McClure Foundation Annual Giving Campaign and receive a FREE pair as our thank you! Shop now at the Foundation Store. Sweet dreams are made of these...but only if you order by December 15th for delivery before the holiday break. *Orders received after December 15th will be delivered when school resumes in January.



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Foundation (Cont.)

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.

Introducing Dollars for Donuts!

The top two homerooms in each grade with the highest percentage of student families donating before 2025 will win a donut party the first week after the holiday break.

Dough-nate Today! Visit: Foundation Store or Text: 'McClure' to 234-324-3332

Community Events

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

- 12/16 Sparkle & Shine for Holiday Spirit Week
- 12/17 Global Celebration Day for Holiday Spirit Week
- 12/17 6th Grade/All Men/Advanced Women's Chorus Holiday Concerts @ 6:30
- 12/18 Frosty the Snowman for Holiday Spirit Week
- 12/18 7th & 8th Grade Holiday Chorus Concerts @ 6:30
- 12/19 Ugly Holiday Sweater Day for Holiday Spirit Week
- 12/19 & 12/20 Early Release Schedule (Dismissal @ 1:30)
- 12/20 'Twas the Night Before break for Holiday Spirit Week
- 1/13/25 6th Grade Stars and Strikes
- 1/14/25 7th Grade Stars and Strikes
- 1/15/25 8th Grade Stars and Strikes