



The Maverick Minute

Parent Edition – 12/8/24

Principal's Note

McClure Families,

It is hard to believe, but there are only two weeks left in the first half of the 2024-25 school year. We have only eight more full days and two early release days to make sure quarter two grades look the way we want them to look. When we roll over into the new year, student's grades from this quarter will be posted before the students ever return to campus. So, if something needs to be fixed, this is the week to do it! Parents, thank you for taking a moment to check [ParentVue](#) (AGAIN) to make sure things are looking good. If they are not, this is the week to contact teachers to see what can be done. We reference the DARE expectations at McClure continually throughout each school day. However, the D for Determined and the A for Accountable are the letters I personally speak about the most. Those students who are willing to work hard and persevere through challenges and those students who assure the jobs assigned to them are done, even when an exciting holiday is approaching, are the students who are already on their way to being very successful adults. Thank you for your partnership with us as together we continue to foster these skills in all our Mavericks!

Sincerely,
Cory Stanley

Shout Outs

Spelling Bee Champion – After our biggest and longest competition ever, we have our spelling bee winner! Please join us in congratulating 7th grader Brandon Scott on his victory! Brandon will move on the district bee to be held at Kell Highschool on January 11, 2025. Congratulations Brandon!

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!



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.*



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Special Event

Ornaments of Cheer – Help us help families in need this holiday season and decorate our tree! Instead of taking a tag *off* the giving tree we ask that you [Make a Contribution](#) to *add* an ornament to our giving tree when you donate a gift card. The more donations, the more decorated our tree will be! Once you commit to donate via sign up, gift cards can be sent via mail or dropped off at our front office. See the tiers of giving below, and see more details and the link to give [Here](#).

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

Instructional

McClure Tutoring – Starting this week, we will be 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!

EOC Testing – As we approach the end of the first semester, some of our 8th grade students in high school courses will be taking End of Course Assessments and Midterms. See the dates below.

- Algebra Milestones EOC – 12/11 & 12/12 (Ms. Jezerinac's 3rd/ 4th Period)
- HS Physical Science Midterm – 12/17 (All HS Physical Science Classes)

Operational

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!](#))

Stars & Strikes – Coming up in January, students who had earned enough PBIS points for demonstrating our DARE expectations at McClure will have the opportunity to attend a field trip to Stars & 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.

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



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Operational (Cont.)

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 [December Spirit Week Flyer](#) for details.

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 [Signup Genius](#). Donations need to be dropped off to the McClure Front Office by Wed, 12/18. Thank You!

Holiday Shop in the School Store – Beginning Friday, Dec. 6th, the PTSA Holiday Shop will be open in the Trading Post every morning 8:30-9:10 am. Students wishing to visit the store before 8:50 must check in at study hall and will be directed by staff when it's their turn to visit the store. The Trading Post is located in the music and media center hallway. The Holiday Shop includes great gifts for every person on a middle school student's shopping list and most items are \$1-\$7! Gift wrapping will be provided. Cash or checks accepted. All proceeds benefit the students and staff at McClure!

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.



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](#).

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Upcoming Dates

- 12/11 – [Orchestra Holiday Concerts](#) @ 6:30 at KMHS
- 12/12 – 7-1, 8-2 & Jazz Holiday Concerts @ 6:30
- 12/13 – 7-2 & 8-1 Band Holiday Concerts @ 6:30
- 12/13 – Deadline for Student Purchase of the Stars and Strikes Field Trip in PBIS Rewards
- 12/16-20 – [December Spirit Week](#)
- 12/17 – 6th Grade/All Men/Advanced Women’s Chorus Holiday Concerts @ 6:30
- 12/18 – 7th & 8th Grade Holiday Chorus Concerts @ 6:30
- 12/19 & 12/20 – [Early Release Schedule](#) (Dismissal @ 1:30)
- 1/13/25 – 6th Grade Stars and Strikes
- 1/14/25 – 7th Grade Stars and Strikes
- 1/15/25 – 8th Grade Stars and Strikes