



The Maverick Minute

Parent Edition – 2/11/24

Principal's Note

McClure Families,

I hope that everyone had a SUPER weekend! We have one more week until our February Break and I am sure that our students are excited to have some time away from the academic demands of McClure. However, there are still five more school days until that break begins. This is a great time to look back at the gradebook and assure that there are not missing assignments. We know that when students return from break, they are not the best at looking back for missed learning from before the break. So, now is the time to assure that there are no gaps in the gradebook by checking [ParentVue](#). We also know that these lengthy stretches of consecutive school days can be a grind for parents, and we appreciate all that you do to continually support our Mavericks at home. Thank you for pushing them for five more days to be their absolute best with the academics, with their behavior, and with the social interactions with one another. We appreciate your partnership!

Sincerely,
Cory Stanley

Shout Outs

Perfect Scores – Every 4.5 weeks, we give out points in PBIS Rewards for students who are doing what they are supposed to be doing at McClure. Students can earn the following:

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

How many points did your Maverick earn at the halfway point of Q3? Maybe they made the most points possible and ended up on the [60-Points List](#)!

Instructional

McClure Tutoring – Our core content area teams in each grade level are here to support our students before and after school. 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.

Mission:

*One Team, One Goal,
Student Success*

Vision:

*A school of excellence
where all students
succeed*

McClure Motto:

DARE to Be a Maverick!

2023-24 Theme:

Best in the West!

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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Big CCSD Event!

American Heart Challenge – Last year, for the second year in a row, the Cobb County School District was the top district in the nation raising funds for the American Heart Association, and McClure was the #1 middle school! We want to continue those winning ways again this year! 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 is running through February 16, 2024. The first step is to REGISTER! Anyone raising \$10 or more will be eligible to participate in Fast Tracks fun on February 15th 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. Here's how to get started:

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



Operational

9th Grade Registration – Attention 8th Grade Parents, registration for high school is underway. Your student's content area teachers have already completed their placement recommendations for core classes. However, your student will be selecting electives independently.

- Allatoona students have already received an electives request packet. This requires a parent signature, and it is due back to Mrs. Gordon before we go on break.
- Harrison families may want to check out [This Information](#) if you missed out on open house last week.
- For more information, contact [Mrs. Gordon](#)! It's always helpful to check out her CTLs for the most-up-to date information.
- Harrison and Kennesaw Mountain students will be completing their electives requests online. Harrison HS packets will be sent home, but elections will be made on StudentVUE. Kennesaw Mountain families should follow the instructions below.

KMHS Elective Registration – Future Kennesaw Mountain parents and students, it is time for you to complete elective registration for the 2024-2025 school year. Elective registration will be held Monday, February 12th beginning at 7:00 AM through Friday, February 16th at 11:59 PM. It is very important *all students participate, even if you have applied to a Cobb Magnet program*. Students who do not complete elective registration will have electives administratively selected to be part of their academic schedules next year. To access the 2024-2025 Rising 9th Grade Elective Registration document use [This Link](#) (beginning February 16 @ 11:59 PM). Registration materials are available for reference on the [Kennesaw Mountain Curriculum and Scheduling Website](#). Also available, is a student-only session with Ms. Barrington (Kennesaw Mtn School Counselor) on Thursday, February 15th from 9-10am. If your student would like to ask questions about elective registration or needs assistance, please recommend that they sign up for Ms. Gordon's Round Up session via StudentVUE.

Addams Family News – We hope you enjoyed our performances last weekend. If you want to see the show again, here is your chance! The final cut of our show is almost ready and will ship soon. You can preorder the video in DVD, Blu Ray, or digital formats now. The online streaming version will also be available soon. Visit [This Site](#) to order. You are going to be amazed by how the final video looks! Check the [Preview Trailer](#)!

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Operational (Cont.)

KMHS Rising 9th – Kennesaw Mountain High School invites our rising 9th grade students (members of the Class of 2028) and their families to join us for our Parent Meeting on Thursday, February 15, at 6:00 PM in the Susan Gunderman Theater. The meeting will provide important information about Kennesaw Mountain, the high school transition, and course registration. Clubs and athletic teams will have representatives in the cafeteria from 5:30 PM to 5:50 PM and immediately following the meeting. Please visit the [Curriculum and Scheduling Website](#) for more registration information. We look forward to meeting our future Mustangs on February 15th! See This Flyer for details.



7th Grade Battleship – How would you like to spend a morning with your 7th Grade student(s) playing one of McClure’s best PE games? Well, you can! Here’s an opportunity for you to perform two amazing feats all in one morning: 1) Play Battleship with/against your student, 2) Donate \$2.00 to the American Heart Association. We are doing some great things at McClure to participate in National Heart Month, and Parent/Student Battleship is one of them. So, join us Wednesday, February 14th from 8:00 to 8:50 am in the gym for “BE SMART – BATTLE 2 A HEALTHY HEART”. We ask that you wear some type of athletic shoes to participate and bring \$2.00 (to be donated to the American Heart Association). If you should have any questions, feel free to reach out to [Coach Scott Hausdorf](#). See you on Valentine’s Day! You will have fun, trust us.

Olympic T-Shirt Design – Olympic T-shirt design contest is here! Any student interested in creating a design for this year’s Olympic shirt should pick up an information sheet from Mrs. Heyser or Coach Smith. All entries MUST be turned in to Mrs. Heyser or Coach Smith by Wednesday, February 14th! No entries will be taken after this date.

Family Needs Assessment – Our School Social Worker, Ms. Tyeisha Williams, does an amazing job supporting families in our community. However, we do not always know when there are community needs. She would appreciate your taking time to complete [This Survey](#) to share concerns you may have in your household. Also, if you know of families that have needs she might assist with, please feel free to [Email Her](#) directly. Thank you!

Girls Who Code – The Girls who Code club will resume on Monday, February 12th at 4:30 pm in the LLC. Parents, please plan to pick your students up by 5:20pm.

PTSA

School Store – The school store will be open 8:50-9:10am on Tuesday (2/13) and Wednesday (2/14) for Valentine’s Day shopping. The store is located in the media and music hallway. Students are encouraged to visit the store before going to homeroom.

Susan Wing Scholarship – Named after Ms. Susan Wing, the first principal of McClure Middle School, the McClure PTSA Susan Wing Scholarship honors a graduating senior who best exemplifies the character traits held dear by Mrs. Wing: Excellence, Enthusiasm, Encouragement, and Ingenuity. The winner receives a one-time \$1,000 award. The applying senior must have attended McClure Middle School for at least one year. Applications are due via email before midnight on Sunday, March 31, 2024. For more information see [This Website](#).

Candy Grams – The PTSA will be selling Candy Grams in the school’s atrium on Monday (2/12) and Tuesday (2/13) for \$1 each. Candy Grams will be delivered on Valentine’s Day (2/14)!



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PTSA (Cont.)

8th Grade Shirts – If you ordered an 8th grade shirt from the PTSA, it will be available for your student to pick up during homeroom time this Thursday, 2/15.

Parent Prep 101 – Parent Prep 101 is a webinar designed for 7th-11th grade parents and a WIN/WIN for you and your school. The ideal time to start the college prep process is in middle school before your student takes a high school level class. You will receive helpful information on what to expect over the next several years, a timeline to follow, and what your student can be doing now to prepare for that college application. You will learn about GaFutures, Grants, HOPE scholarships, Naviance, how to help your athlete get recruited, and when to take the ACT and SAT. You will feel more prepared and able to help your student find a college that is the right fit for them. The webinar price is \$65 and \$10 goes back to your school's PTSA. The price will include a private Facebook group for additional information and ongoing support. Once the registration form and payment is received*, a zoom ID link for your session will be sent to you. If you have any questions please text Trisha Caputo at 678-777-7141 or email at parentprep101@gmail.com. Register [Here](#).

*No refunds will be given once payment is received



Spirit Night – Tuesday (2/13) is a PTSA Spirit Night @ Moxie Burger.

Questions – Email mclureptsa@gmail.com

Foundation

Foundation Impact – The McClure Foundation works in continual partnership with McClure to support innovation and instruction. The foundation has renovated two learning spaces (now known as STEM Lab 6 & STEM Lab 7), they have added digital bulletin boards to our lobby, and they have upgraded all the equipment for our student-run broadcast. Their next project is replacing and upgrading the soundboard in the McClure Theater. This update will be occurring over February Break. Have you [Partnered with the McClure Foundation](#)? Do not miss an opportunity to be a part of ongoing improvement at McClure and assure McClure's facilities continue to be *Best in the West!*

Community Events

GA Pistols Basketball – The Georgia Pistols AAU basketball team is having upcoming high school tryouts. See [This Flyer](#) for information.

West Cobb Library – See [This Flyer](#) for February teen programs at the West Cobb Library!

Upcoming Dates

- 2/13 – PTSA Spirit Night @ Moxie Burger
- 2/14 – Olympic T-Shirt Design Deadline
- 2/14 – 7th Grade Student/Parent Battleship (Volleyball) in the Gym @ 8:00
- 2/14 – Principal's Advisory Council @ 8:15 in the PDR
- 2/15 – American Heart Association Fast Tracks in the Gym @ 8:00
- 2/15 – KMHS Rising 9th Grade Night @ 6:00
- 2/19-23 – February Break (School Closed)