



# The Maverick Minute

Parent Edition – 2/9/25

## 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 no 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

**Black History Bowl Team** – Shout out to our amazing Black History Bowl Team for their performance in this weekend's BHB Finals! Also, shout out to our amazing coaches, Ms. Delaina Anderson and Ms. Jackie Wilson!

**Legally Blonde the Musical** – Congratulations to the cast and crew of *Legally Blonde* who put on four amazing shows over the course of last week and this weekend! Thank you to all the parents and community members who came up to fill our theater and support our performers. Lastly, huge shout out to Ms. Born, Ms. Bruner, Ms. Burchette, Ms. Crowe, Ms. Hodge, Mr. Johnson, and Mr. Gandolfo for leading our students in this endeavor. You are the best!

## 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!

### 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

**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 this Friday, 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

## 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.

**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!

**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.

## 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 \(Spanish\)](#).

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## PTSA (Cont.)

**Candy Grams** – The PTSA will be selling candy grams in the atrium Tuesday (2/11) – Thursday (2/13) from 8:50-9:10 am. Students are able to purchase candy grams for friends which will be delivered on Valentine’s Day. Options will be available for \$1 or \$2.

**Parent Prep 101** – [Parent Prep 101](#) is a webinar designed for 7<sup>th</sup>-11<sup>th</sup> Grade parents and a WIN/WIN for you and McClure. 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 McClure’s PTSA. The price includes 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](mailto:parentprep101@gmail.com). \*No refunds will be given once payment is received.



The flyer is titled "COLLEGE PREP WEBINAR" and features the "PARENT PREP 101" logo and a "MAVERICKS" logo. It announces "PARENT PREP 101 SPIRIT DAY" for parents of McClure Middle 7th and 8th grade students on March 5th at 7:00 PM. The flyer includes a QR code, contact information (678-777-7141 and parentprep101@gmail.com), and a "SCAN HERE FOR MORE INFORMATION" button. A photo of three students looking at a laptop is also present.

**Hospitality Event** – This month's Hospitality event for teachers is Hit the Trail! We will be providing a trail mix bar with a trail hiking theme on Valentine's Day, Friday 2/14. Please consider contributing a snack from our [Sign-Up Genius](#) or helping with [Duty-Free Lunch](#). We appreciate your help! Let's show the staff some love!

## 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.

**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](#)

**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

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## Community Events (Cont.)

**Family STEAM Night** – The North Cobb Regional Library is hosting a Family STEAM Night on Wednesday, February 19. See [This Flyer](#) for details.

### Upcoming Dates

- 2/1-28 – Black History Month
- 2/1-28 – American Heart Month
- 2/11-13 – PTSA Candy Gram Sales (\$1-2)
- 2/12 – [7<sup>th</sup> Grade Student-Parent Battleship](#)
- 2/14 – [American Heart Association Fast Tracks](#) in the Gym @ 8:00
- 2/26 – Student Advisory Council @ 8:00 in the PDR