



The Maverick Minute

Parent Edition – 4/20/25

Principal's Note

McClure Families,

I hope that everyone had a great weekend and that students are recharged for the beginning of testing season. That's right, coming up this week, we begin Milestones testing in our 8th grade. See the [Milestones Schedule](#) and [Milestones Details](#) to prepare and keep up with what each day will look like during testing. During the next few weeks, students in all grade levels will have the opportunity to show off all that they have learned throughout this school year. At McClure, we talk often about our DARE expectations. During Milestones testing, the D in DARE becomes very important. Operationally, the schedule for the school day is often different for students because of testing occurring somewhere in the building. So, students must remain *determined* to be their best even though their routines may have been altered. Instructionally, often times grit, perseverance, and tenacity are the difference between a good performance and a great one. Therefore, when testing, students must remain *determined* to give a full effort, to go back and double check their answers, and not settle for less than their best. We will be relaying this message to our students each day of Milestones and we hope you will do the same at home! Have a great remainder of your Sunday!

Sincerely,
Cory Stanley

Shout Outs

Front Office Team – This Wednesday is National Administrative Professionals Day, and we will be celebrating Ms. Kim Edwards, Ms. Constance Barger, Ms. Robyn Cochran, Ms. Dana Nooney, and Ms. Jema Cowan on that day (don't forget our amazing nurse, Ms. Alba Bravo). You know that when you walk in the door at McClure, it feels welcoming and kind, and you *know* that our team is going to take care of you with a smile all day, every day. We appreciate all that they do, and how welcomed and supported people feel when visiting our building because of the joy our team brings to McClure daily. They are an amazing group and a huge part of why we are *Best in the West!* Help us celebrate them this week!

National Presenter – Shout out to band director Ms. Sidney Maurice, whose panel presentation, "Stop Squeaking! Mastering Woodwind Pedagogy in the Middle and High School Band," which she delivered at GMEA, was selected to be a part of the Midwest Clinic International Band and Orchestra Festival. This is the world's largest instrumental music education conference, annually drawing approximately 17,000 attendees to Chicago from all 50 states and as many as forty countries. Congratulations!

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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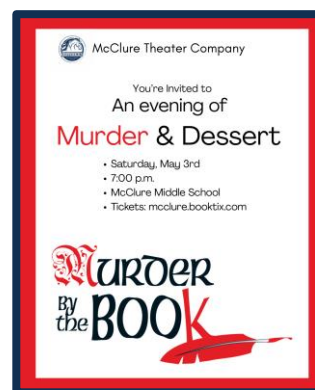
Instructional

Milestones Assessments – The Georgia Milestones Assessments will begin on April 22, 2025. [Click Here](#) for resources for students and parents, [Click Here](#) for details about the assessments, and [Click Here](#) for the EOG Calendar. Testing dates are also listed in the Upcoming Dates at the end of this newsletter.

Operational

Olympics for students – McClure Olympics are coming, and it is time for students to sign-up for events. The deadline to choose field events is April 25, 2025. [Click Here](#) for more information and the sign-up link.

Murder by the Book—Our spring show is a few weeks away. Enjoy an evening of murder and dessert on Saturday, May 3rd, at 7:00pm. Nine people, disguised as their favorite author to protect their anonymity, meet annually to choose the best mystery book of the year. This year's meeting is very different; someone is killing the members of the Raven Society one at a time in this hilarious spoof of Agatha Christie's *And Then There Were None*. Will they find the killer before they are all sent "out of print?" Enjoy a light dessert during intermission as you decide who the killer is. Tickets can only be purchased [Online](#); no tickets will be sold at the door (our bakers need to know how many desserts to create!).



Yearbook Sales are Ending – The yearbook order center shuts down on April 30th as we prepare for yearbook day in May. If you haven't reserved your yearbook, there is still time. There are about 100 books left, and once those are sold there will not be any additional books available. Unsold books on yearbook day in May will be sold for \$50 (so order now and save). Yearbooks can be purchased [Online](#), but only until April 30th. Reserve your copy before they are sold out!

Yearbook Staff Application – Sixth and seventh grade students interested in becoming part of next year's yearbook staff should fill out [This Application](#). The class is a yearlong class that meets during MavBlock (3rd period). No previous experience is necessary. You will learn the basics of photography, copywriting, design, and marketing during the class.

BHB Fundraiser – Our Black History Bowl Team is conducting a Double Good Popcorn Fundraiser next week. It is small batch, "artisan" popcorn that usually sells for \$20. They will be selling it for \$10 a bag! All proceeds go to our Black History Bowl Team, who are a perennial contender to win the Black History Bowl in Cobb County. Sales will occur before school this Tuesday-Friday (April 22-25).

High School Feeder Events – McClure Middle School is the only middle school in Cobb County that feeds into three high schools. We want to make sure that you attend all the kickoff events for whatever school(s) your family attends prior to the start of next school year. The following flyers should help you mark your calendars early!

[Allatoona Feeder Events](#)

[Harrison Feeder Events](#)

[KMHS Feeder Events](#)



Senior Walk – Each year, McClure joins our elementary neighbors and invites our former Mavericks back to campus for a senior walk. The McClure Senior Walk will be Friday, May 16th at 10:00am. Graduating seniors should report to the front office in their cap and gown to check in. Thank you for sharing [This Invitation](#) in our community!

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Laptop Power – As a parent of a middle schooler, you know that they are notorious for leaving items behind. For some of our students, this has happened with their laptop power supply. With Milestones right around the corner, it is critical that every student has not only their laptop but also a working power supply with them every day at school. If your Maverick has lost theirs, here are some replacement options:

- 8th Grade: [Dell Laptop Charger 65W watt AC Power Adapter\(Power Supply\) 19.5V 3.34A](#)
- 7th Grade: [Dell Laptop Charger 65W Watt USB Type C](#)
- 6th Grade: [Lenovo USB Type C Charger](#)

6th Grade Parents – All rising 7th 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.

PTSA

Olympic Shirts – Monday will be the last day to purchase this year's McClure Olympic shirt for \$10 cash or check. You can also order the shirt online by clicking [Here](#).

Culver's Custard – The PTSA will be selling Culver's frozen custard on Wednesday, April 23rd from 8:50-9:10 am in the atrium. Vanilla, chocolate and cookies & cream will be available for \$2.

McClure Carnival – The McClure PTSA is manning the McClure Carnival this year. The Carnival is the last day of school, May 21 and we need volunteers to help at the Carnival. If you can't make it, we also need cookies and cupcakes for the kids. Please make sure all cookies and cupcakes are individually wrapped and dropped off to the school by Tuesday, May 20. You can drop them off on the cart outside the Front Office. Please see the [Sign-up Genius](#) to select a volunteer time slot. Thank you for donating your time to make this event super fun for our kids!

Teacher Appreciation Week – The McClure PTSA needs your help during Teacher Appreciation Week (May 5-9). We've got a Nacho Bar, Make Your Own Trail Mix, and an Ice Cream Shop for our teachers, and we need toppings for ice cream and all the yummy ingredients for the perfect trail mix. Please [Click Here](#) to sign up below and choose your donations. Thank you!

Duty Free Lunch Volunteers Needed – Please [Click Here](#) to volunteer!

2025-25 Volunteers – Want to get more involved at McClure next year? Sign up [Here](#) to volunteer!



Foundation

Foundation Members Needed – Volunteers Needed! Are you interested in getting more involved in the McClure Foundation? We are looking for volunteers to start filling the committees for next year and we need YOU! Email mmsf.president@gmail.com if you are interested or fill out [This Form](#).

*Specific needs (not limited to):

- Sponsorship Chair
- Fundraising Committee
- Marketing & Communication Chair

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Foundation (Cont.)

Sounds of McClure – The McClure Foundation is delighted to announce its support for the upcoming Sounds of McClure outdoor concert by the McClure Band, featuring our Maverick musicians on Thursday, May 1, 2025 @ 6:00 pm! Although general admission to the concert is free, you can make the night even more special by reserving a private table for your group, pre-ordering dinner, and pre-purchasing concession tickets. Reserve your table and concessions [Here](#). If you have any questions, please email our Fundraising Chair at mmsf.fundraisingchair@gmail.com.

Birthday Wishes in Our Halls – Send a happy birthday message to your Maverick! Birthday messages are just \$25 and they're a great way to make your student or favorite faculty member feel special. Over the February Break, we have added 6 large screens to the hallways of McClure! Your Maverick's birthday can be displayed on these screens for all to see with a purchase from the Foundation. Birthdays are displayed on the entryway marquee as well! Pro tip: If your Maverick's birthday is during the summer, schedule a message in December! Purchase your message at the [Foundation Store](#).



Community Events

Jr. Hoya Volleyball – Harrison Volleyball announces tryouts for the Junior Hoya program, open to all female students entering grades 5-8. Tryouts are scheduled for May 7th and 8th. Interested participants are encouraged to visit www.harrisonvolleyball.org for registration information. Optional training for try-out sessions will be conducted on May 5th and 6th. Registration for these sessions is also available on the website.

HHS Spain Trip – The Harrison HS World Language Dept is planning a student trip to Spain for Summer of 2026. This means that our 8th grade students will be eligible to join the excitement! Please see [This Flyer](#) for details and to RSVP to an informational meeting on Tuesday, April 29 at 5:30 in the HHS Attendance Building Café. The trip is open to any student who is actively taking Spanish during the 2025-26 school year. They'll need parent chaperones, too!

KMHS Metro Softball – See the [2025 KMHS Metro Softball Tryouts Flyer](#) and sign up [Here](#) to try out on May 12th & 13th.

Allatoona Metro Softball – Tryouts are coming for both middle school and high school softball at Allatoona. See [This Flyer](#) for details.

Hoya Lacrosse Camp – See [This Flyer](#) and sign up [Here](#) for a summer LAX camp June 10-12.

Jr. Bucs Cheer Camp – See [This Flyer](#) for information on the Jr. Bus Cheer camp for ages 4-12. Each day has a theme!
[Day 1](#) [Day 2](#) [Day 3](#)

Allatoona HS Volleyball Tryouts – Tryouts for AHS Volleyball and a mandatory parent meeting are occurring at the beginning of May. See [This Flyer](#) for details.

Allatoona Creek Mountain Bike Team – Come to [Allatoona Creek Park Meet & Greet](#) to meet the team and go on a fun ride with us! Don't forget your bike and helmet if you plan to ride. This event is rain or shine. The Allatoona Creek Mountain Bike Teams serves rising 6th - 12th graders. Visit our [FAQ](#) for more information. Registration is now open. More information about joining a team can be found [Here](#).

KMHS Volleyball – To register for KMHS Volleyball tryouts, see This Flyer or Click Here. Also, for information on their summer volleyball camp, [Click Here](#).

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Community Events (Cont.)

Hoya Baseball Camp – For information on Harrison’s Hoya Baseball Camp see [This Form](#).

AHS Basketball Summer Camps – Ready to level up your game, learn new skills, and have a blast while doing it? Sign up for one of Allatoona High School's Youth and Middle School Sports Summer Camps. Get ready for high-energy, teamwork, and fun! Use [This Link](#) to sign up.

Color Guard Events – This past week, the Color Guards from both Allatoona and Harrison came to McClure to perform for our 8th grade students. Each of these groups have opportunities to join that are coming up quickly. See the [Allatoona Guard Flyer](#) and the [Harrison Guard Flyer](#) for details.

NCHS Summer Soccer Camp – North Cobb High School is hosting a youth summer soccer camp. See [This Flyer](#) for details.

Harrison XC Camp – Harrison’s Cross country camp is for rising 5th through 9th grade students. It is being held June 2-6. See [This Site](#) for details.

Jr. Hoya Cheerleading – Harrison Jr. Hoya Cheerleading tryouts are coming soon. See [This Flyer](#) for details.

Harrison Softball – If you will be attending Harrison High School in the fall and are interested in trying out for the Hoyas Fast-Pitch Softball Team, there will be an interest meeting this Wednesday, April 2nd in the Attendance Building Cafeteria at 7:30pm. We will discuss the eligibility requirements for registration and the procedures for tryouts, which will be held May 5-9. See [This Flyer](#) for details.

Hoya Baseball Camps – See [This Site](#) or [This Flyer](#) for information on the camps listed below.

- Camp 1: June 2-5 (Fundamentals Camp 1st-7th grade)
- Camp 2: June 8-9 (Prospect Camp 8-9th grade)

Kennesaw Parks & Rec Summer – As you can see in [This Flyer](#), the Kennesaw Parks & Recreation Department has a ton of opportunities for teens over the summer. See [Their Website](#) for details. Also, do you have a teenager looking for summer work? See [This Flyer](#) for opportunities with Kennesaw Parks & Recreation this summer.

Allatoona Dance Team – Tryouts are upcoming for the Allatoona Dance Team. See [This Flyer](#) for details.

KMHS Tennis Camp – The Kennesaw Mtn. HS Tennis Booster Club is hosting a tennis camp for kids 5-17. See [This Flyer](#) for details.

Jr. Bucs Football – Registration is now open for Allatoona Jr. Bucs (6-8 grade) Football. See [This Flyer](#) or [Their Website](#) for details.

The Arts Intensive – [Click Here](#) for information on summer musical sign ups or [Click Here](#) to purchase tickets for *Annie the Musical* at The Arts Intensive.

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Upcoming Dates

- 4/21 – Last day to purchase [McClure Olympic Shirts](#) (\$10 cash or check)
- 4/22 – Milestones 8th Grade ELA (Section 1)
- 4/22 – 6th Grade Spring Chorus Concert @ 6:30/23 – Administrative Professionals Day
- 4/23 – Administrative Professionals Day
- 4/23 – PTSA Culver's Custard for \$2
- 4/23 – Milestones 8th Grade ELA (Sections 2 & 3)
- 4/23 – 7th Grade, Mixed, and 8th Grade Chorus Spring Concert @ 6:30
- 4/23 – End of the 4 ½ Weeks of the 4th Quarter
- 4/24 – Milestones 8th Grade Science & HS Physical Science
- 4/24 – 8th Grade Disney Trip Mandatory Disney Meeting at 6:30 pm
- 4/25 – 4 ½ Week Progress Reports Available in ParentVue
- 4/25 – [PTSA Spirit Night @ Sparkles](#)
- 4/28 – 8th Grade Social Studies (Section 1 & 2)
- 4/29 – 8th Grade Math (Section 1 & 2)
- 4/30 – 6th Grade ELA (Section 1)
- 4/30 – Orchestra Spring Concerts @ KMHS (6:30pm)
- 4/30 – NJHS @ 8:00