



The Maverick Minute

Parent Edition – 7/28/24

Principal's Note

McClure Families,

I hope everyone had a great summer and that students are excited about their return to school this week! For those of you that are new to us, welcome; we are happy to have you here! We often reference ***The Best in the West*** when talking about McClure because we believe without hesitation that it is the best middle school in West Cobb. However, we also work very hard to assure it not only stays that way, but that it continually improves. In looking at our data from last year we saw the following positive trends:

- In every Milestones tested area, the number of students scoring Level 1 (the lowest performance bracket) went down.
- In every Milestones tested area, the number of students scoring Level 4 (the highest performance bracket) went up.
- Our schoolwide discipline went down.

It would be very easy to be satisfied with what we have done, but we are not. This year our goal is to be even better! This ***Intentional Excellence*** (our theme for the year) for every minute of 180 days of school will assure we remain at the top of the heap when it comes to schools in Cobb County. Your partnership is integral in this endeavor. Thank you for all that you do, and all that you will do, to challenge your Maverick to be a little better today than they were yesterday, and a little better tomorrow than they are today! Let' have a great year!

Sincerely,
Cory Stanley

Shout Out

Our Custodial Team – While the students are away for the summer, [David Hugg](#), our amazing head custodian, and his team worked diligently to assure McClure is cleaned, sanitized, and spotless for our students and staff. When you visit this week for [Meet & Greet](#), you will see a building that certainly does not look like it is almost 20 years old. Shout out to David and his team!

Weekly Communication

The Maverick Minute – Each week at 7:00pm on Sunday evening, you will receive communication about all the ongoings at McClure. This communication comes in three formats: a phone call, a video, and this newsletter. Please take time each week to review one of these options. The phone call is the quickest but contains the least detail, then the video, and this newsletter, *The Maverick Minute*, will have all the information. Taking a few minutes each week to review the Sunday communication will assure that you are up to date on all things McClure!

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

Class Schedules – Class schedules are available in [ParentVue & StudentVue](#). Students can pick up a paper copy of their schedule at [Meet & Greet](#) or in homeroom on the first day of school. 6th Grade students will see a 4-period schedule (without connections classes and without a 3rd Period MavBlock class) and 7th & 8th Grade Students will see all seven class periods. Please contact Assistant Principal [Carrie Porter](#) with any scheduling questions. Schedule change request prior to Meet & Greet need to be received no later than 5:00pm on Tuesday, July 30th.

6th Grade Music – One of the best opportunities for our 6th grade students is the chance to join our amazing music programs. During the first days of school, our 6th Grade students will experience a “Music Test Drive.” They will be exposed to all three music programs: Chorus, Orchestra, and Band. Students will then be given the opportunity to choose one or more of these programs. The deadline for selecting a music program is next Tuesday, August 6. We expect all 6th grade students to choose at least one music course. This will be their only chance in middle school to join a program, so don’t miss out on this amazing opportunity!

MavBlock – All students at McClure take Math, Science, Social Studies, and English Language Arts as their four core academic classes. Our fifth academic class is called MavBlock and it occurs during 3rd period each day. MavBlock is based on each student’s individual needs and can change each quarter as students progress. See [This Sheet](#) for more details on MavBlock.

Operational

August Calendar – Keep up with all things McClure in August with the [August Calendar of Events](#).

New to McClure Cheat Sheet – Are you new to McClure? See [This Cheat Sheet](#) for an overview of important information.

Student Laptops – All CCSD middle school students receive a student laptop that travels with them to and from school every day. 6th grade parents and parents of students who are new to CCSD need to opt-in through [ParentVue](#) for their student to receive a device. Instructions for opting in can be found [Here](#).

Parent Apps – There are three apps that McClure parents should regularly access to keep an eye on all things CCSD:

- PBIS Rewards Family App – We use PBIS Rewards to recognize students who demonstrate our DARE expectations of being Determined, Accountable, Respectful, and Excellent. Also, this app is used to document minor behavior infractions. So, to keep an eye on your student’s behavior at school, use the [PBIS Rewards Family App](#). We will be sending a welcome letter to onboard this app in the CCSD first day folder and also to your email soon!
- CTLS Parent – All communication from CCSD and from McClure comes through [CTLS Parent](#). There is no better way to assure you are up to date than to regularly check CTLS Parent.
- Parent Vue – Need to change an address, add an emergency contact, change who can check out your students, or check your student’s grades? This is all done through [ParentVue](#). It’s a must have!

Preferred Name – Many students go by a name other than their first name or legal name. If this is the case for your Maverick, please update the Preferred Name section of your student’s information in [ParentVue](#).

First Day Buses – On the first day of school, students will receive a card at the end of the day with their bus number and [Bus Lane](#) for dismissal purposes. However, if they lose it, we want to make sure we get them on the right bus. This may sound crazy, but does your Maverick know their address? You would be surprised how many students do not!

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Bus Information – Parents and schools can look up a bus stop using a street address. To enter a street address, [Click Here](#). Parents and students should use the “Here Comes the Bus” app for up-to-date bus information. This free service supplies real-time, student-specific bus information (bus stop, scheduled stop time, notifications when the bus is close to the stop, bus changes, and notification if the bus is running late). The free app can be downloaded from the App Store or Google Play. The user will need School District Code 87881 and their student’s CCSD ID number (lunch number). If additional assistance is needed, send an email to: hctb@cobbk12.org.

Cowboy Boot Camp – During the days of school, we spend part of each class period completing McClure Cowboy Boot Camp. During Cowboy Boot Camp, we teach our students about how we do what we do at McClure. Students will learn how to *DARE to Be a Maverick!* We will be teaching our DARE expectations (Determined, Accountable, Respectful, Excellent) in the hallways, the classrooms, the cafeteria, the restrooms, and everywhere else. Our goal is for students to understand exactly what is expected of them at McClure so that they can meet these expectations and be celebrated. Stressing high expectations right from the start of the year allows us to focus on teaching and learning for the remainder of the year.

Daily Schedule – Each day at McClure, students follow a 7-period class schedule. Buses unload at 8:50am and students are considered tardy if they are not in homeroom by 9:10. Don’t worry 6th grade parents, our staff will be escorting students around the building the first days of school until our new Mavericks know their way on their own! See the [Bell Schedule](#) for details.

Tardy Rules – We ask all students to be on time to school and be on time to class. In the morning, students need to be in homeroom by 9:10 to not be considered tardy. During the day, students need to be in their classrooms by the time the class bell rings. Of course, we always grant grace early in the year as students are finding their way (especially 6th grade). However, once the school year is rolling, we use the “3, 6, 9, Be on Time” rule for tardies to class.

- 3 Tardies – Warning
- 6 Tardies – Detention
- 9 Tardies – In-School Suspension

Dress Code – At McClure, we believe that we have a very reasonable dress code. We ask our students to come dressed to learn, just like adults dress for work. You can see the full dress code [Here](#), but the easiest thing to remember is the Rule of B’s: We don’t want to see breasts, butts, bras, boxers, bellies, or backs. We always tell our students, “If there is a question, just don’t wear it.”

Cell Phones – Many of our students have their own electronic devices that they want to bring to school. We do not recommend sending students aged 11, 12, 13, and 14 to school with \$1000+ cell phones and \$100+ headphones. Many of these are lost in our building annually and are never returned to students. However, we do understand wanting your student to have a way to communicate with you. You can see the full [McClure Electronic Device Policy](#) for details, but the main rule is as follows: You can have them, but they must remain in your backpack or locker until given permission by your teacher to use them.

Morning Dropoff – Most of our students ride the bus to and from school, but a number of our students get dropped off in our carpool line each day. Our front doors open to students at 8:00. We hold a silent study hall in the theater from 8:00 to 8:50. Students may also attend morning clubs or help sessions they have scheduled. When dropping off in the morning, please encourage your student to exit the vehicle quickly so that our car line can keep moving. If you have a lengthy unload, please pull past our campus police car and into a parking space by the gym to take all the time you need. Students do not need to be right at the front doors to unload. They can exit their cars anywhere from the band door to the front door as seen [Here](#).

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Afternoon Carpool – Our afternoon carpool like is a lengthy experience. However, if you follow the direction of our staff and keep moving, we usually clear our lot before 4:40. First timers should know that you will actually do a loop around the lot one time before picking up your student on the second pass. Students can be picked up anywhere along the sidewalk as seen [Here](#), but we ask parents to pull forward as far as possible without stopping, even if it means passing their student, and then having their student walk to where the car has stopped. Just follow the directions of the McClure Team and you will be good to go!

Item Drop-off – At McClure, we do not interrupt instructional time for items that are dropped off for students. Therefore, item drop-off should only occur in emergency situations. Middle school students are at the age when it is a good time to learn the hard lesson of, “Oops, I left that at home. I’d better remember it next time.” Students will be fine at school without the following items being dropped off to them: Musical instrument, student laptop, PE clothes, and lunch (we will make sure they get lunch). Thank you for your support on this.

Supply Lists – See the [2023-24 McClure Supply List](#) to get ready for the year. Of course, if students show up with a pencil and a smile on Tuesday, they will be fine!

Lockers – Lockers are optional for students at McClure. Most of our students choose to carry a backpack and go without a locker. Lockers will be distributed to those who want them during the first two weeks of school. Lockers breaks occur at the start of the day, at lunch, and at the end of the day.

School Lunch – Student breakfast (\$2.50) and lunch (\$3.50) are available daily in our cafeteria. For menus as well as how to add money to your student’s lunch account the [Food and Nutrition Department’s Website](#).

My Payments Plus – At McClure, we prefer all payments to the school to be made through [MyPaymentsPlus](#). Everything from lunch money to field trips can be handled easily this way. See [This Flyer](#) to get started.

PTSA

Start of the Year – See [This Flyer](#) for all the start of the year information from the PTSA. [Purchase Spirit Wear](#), get your [PTSA Membership](#), and [Volunteer!](#)

Maverick Men – Dads, we would love to have you as a member of the Maverick Men, our father volunteer group. The Maverick Men help with morning drop off, lunch supervision, volunteering in classrooms, and projects around the building. There will be a pizza and information night on Tuesday, August 27th at 6:00 in the McClure Cafeteria. See [This Flyer](#) for details. We hope you can join us!



Questions – Have a question for PTSA or want to join a committee? Email us at mcclureptsapresident@gmail.com

Membership Contest – We’re holding a PTSA membership contest! The contest will run till 8/31 with Drawing on 9/3. Prizes for each grade:

- 1st – 4 aquarium passes!
- 2nd – \$50 gift certificate to local restaurant
- 3rd – \$35 Bruster’s coupon book
- Highest membership homeroom for each grade gets a popsicle party

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Pre-Order Supplies – Pre-ordered school supply boxes will be delivered directly to your child’s homeroom prior to sneak a peek. Forgot to order a school supply box? You can still do it and have it shipped directly to your house! [Click Here](#) for details.

School Supplies – Save yourself a trip to the store! Most school supplies can be purchased Friday mornings during homeroom at the Trading Post. Check out the Trading Post at [Meet & Greet!](#)

Spirit Night – The first PTSA Spirit Night of the year is coming up on Wednesday, August 31st at Huey Luey’s. See [This Flyer](#) for details!

Foundation

Three Ways to Give – The Foundations looks forward to seeing everyone this week at Meet & Greet. Stop by their table to check out their new merch and meet the team. As you know, there are three ways to support the McClure foundation: get a horseshoe in our lobby, give to the annual campaign, or a birthday shout out on the digital marquee and the screens in the hallways. See [The McClure Foundation Website](#) for details!



Community Events

Ziegler’s BBQ – See [This Flyer](#) for back-to-school deals at a local, family-owned favorite.

Upcoming Dates

- 7/31 – 6th Grade Sneak-a-Peek @ 1:00
- 7/31 – 7th & 8th Grade Sneak-a-Peek @ 2:30
- 7/31 – [PTSA Spirit Night](#) @ Huey Luey’s from 5:00-9:00
- 8/1 – First day of school!
- 8/27 – [Maverick Men Pizza and Information Night](#) @ 6:00 in the McClure Cafeteria