



The Maverick Minute

Parent Edition – 7/30/23

Principal's Note

McClure Families,

This week we kick off the 2023-24 school year, and we could not be more excited! For those of you that are returning to us, our weekly communication will be very familiar to you. For those of you joining us this year, [Welcome to McClure](#), the best middle school in West Cobb (or in all of Cobb if you ask me)! Each week, we will deliver the Maverick Minute (our parent newsletter), a phone call from the principal, and a video from the principal at 7:00 on Sunday evening. Our intent is to make sure that you are always informed about all that is going in and around McClure Middle School. Each of us has our preference as to how we best absorb information. Some of us like to read, others like to listen, and some like to view. Whatever your preference, please choose one of our communication methods and go through it weekly (They won't always be as long as this first one!). This will assure that you are up to date each week with instruction, school operations, our PTSA, the McClure Foundation, and events in our community. One of the main reasons we are *BEST IN THE WEST* is the partnership our school has with our community. Thank you for your engagement in your student's schooling and for the support you will provide this year for both your Maverick at home and our team at McClure. We are looking forward to an amazing year and are thrilled to have you onboard for the ride!

Sincerely,
Cory Stanley

Instructional

Class Schedules – Class schedules are available in [ParentVue & StudentVue](#). Students can pick up a paper copy of their schedule at [Sneak-a-Peek](#) or in homeroom on the first day of school. 6th Grade students will see a 5-period schedule (without connections classes) and 7th & 8th Grade Students will see all seven class periods. Please contact Assistant Principal [Carrie Porter](#) with any scheduling questions.

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 week 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. Next Friday, students will then be given the opportunity to choose one or more of these programs. The deadline for selecting a music program is next Sunday, 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!

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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Instructional (Cont.)

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

Student Laptops – All CCSD middle school students receive a student laptop that travels with them to and from school every day. Parents need to opt-in through ParentVue for their student to receive a device. Instructions for opting in can be found [Here](#). Any 6th Grade student (or new 7th or 8th grade student) who has opted in for a laptop by the end of the day tomorrow, Monday, July 31, will receive it during the first week of school. Students should take the laptop home, charge it, log in, and allow the laptop to stay on the home Wi-Fi to update. 6th Grade students should not start bringing their laptops back and forth to school until *next* Monday, August 7th. 6th Grade students will receive their laptops via their 5th period teacher according to the following schedule:

- Wednesday (8/2) – Limpert, Towns, Ussery, Young
- Thursday (8/3) – Anderson, Arnold, Burchette, Carter
- Friday (8/4) – Crowe, Davis, DiTomasso, Holder

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 [PBIS Rewards Family App](#). We will be sending a welcome letter to onboard this app 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!

Cowboy Boot Camp – During the first week of school (two weeks for 6th Grade), we spend part of each MavBlock class 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 week 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. 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

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Operational (Cont.)

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 boobs, 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](#).

Afternoon Carpool – Our afternoon carpool line 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.

Item Dropoff – At McClure, we do not interrupt instructional time for items that are dropped off for students. Therefore, item dropoff 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.

School Lunch – Student breakfast (\$2.75) and lunch (\$4.75) 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](#).

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!

Event Calendar – See the [August Calendar](#) for events coming up this month.

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. Locker breaks occur at the start of the day, at lunch, and at the end of the day.

Buses – Bus routes can be located by entering your address and student grade level into the CCSD [Bus Route Query](#). Students also need to know their bus lane during afternoon dismissal. The order of the buses in our [Bus Line Up](#) may change from day to day, but your student's bus will ALWAYS be in the same lane. On the first day of school, each student will receive a card from their bus driver that lists their bus driver's name, their bus number, and their bus lane to help them remember.

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Operational (Cont.)

Fall Pictures – Photographers will be at McClure on Tuesday, August 15 for school pictures. See the [Flyer](#) and [Order Form](#) for details. Also, sign up [Here](#) to get digital updates on school pictures from Strawbridge.

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

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 29th at 6:00 in the McClure Cafeteria. We hope you can join us!

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



School Supplies – Save yourself a trip to the store! Most school supplies can be purchased Friday mornings during homeroom at the Trading Post.

Foundation

Three Ways to Give – The Foundations looks forward to seeing everyone tomorrow at Sneak-a-Peek. 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.



Community Events

Martinizing Dry Cleaning – Shout out to this [Locally-Owned Business](#) who partners with the McClure Team each year to keep our staff looking clean and pressed! Their customer service is incredible, and we encourage you to take your business to them as well. Tell them McClure sent you!



Bus Drivers Wanted – CCSD is now hiring bus drivers. See [This Flyer](#) for details!

Harrison All Sports Passes – Harrison athletics are now selling All Sports Passes. These passes will get you into all regular season athletic events at Harrison. It's a great deal and a portion of the sales comes back to McClure. See [This Flyer](#) for details!

Upcoming Dates

- 7/31 – 6th Grade Sneak-a-Peek @ 1:00
- 7/31 – 7th & 8th Grade Sneak-a-Peek @ 2:30
- 8/1 – First day of school!
- 8/29 – Maverick Men Pizza and Information Night @ 6:00 in the McClure Cafeteria