



The Maverick Minute

Parent Edition – 8/4/24

Principal's Note

McClure Families,

Thank you for an amazing kickoff to the school year! We had an incredible turn out at Wednesday's Meet & Greet and students arrived on Thursday and Friday on time, prepared, and ready to learn. Thank you for all that you have already done to assure our students are walking in the door every day ready to **DARE to Be a Maverick!** We hope that they had many positive messages to bring home regarding their days of the school year and are excited about the upcoming first full week of instruction.

This week we will continue our Cowboy Boot Camp, where we teach our students all the behaviors expected of a Maverick from how they ask for help, to how they work with their peers, to how we clean up in the cafeteria, and many others. Additionally, our teams will be diving right in with rigorous academic instruction. Every day we will challenge your student to be a little better than the day before with their academics, their behavior, and their interactions with their peers. Thank you for also relaying this message from home!

Sincerely,
Cory Stanley

Shout Outs

Mountain High Landscape Supply – As you drove into our campus this past week, you may have noticed how great our grounds look. When you do a yard project at home, you need mulch by the bag. On our campus, we need mulch by the truckload. [Mountain High Landscape Supply](#) gave us a great deal and helped assure our campus looked beautiful for the start of the year. They are great to work with, detail oriented, and locally owned. Give them a call @ 678-335-2565!



Weekly Communication

The Maverick Minute – Each week at 7:00pm on Sunday evening, you will receive communication about all the ongoings at McClure. 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

Beacon Assessments – Over the last several years, all elementary and middle school students in CCSD took the Reading and Math Inventories three times a year to gather data on math and reading progress. Those assessment have been replaced with the [Beacon Assessments](#). These too will be given once at the start of the year, again in December, and one final time at the end of the school year. Over the next two weeks our ELA and math teachers will be administering these assessments to all Mavericks so that we can assure students are placed properly in their [MavBlock](#) classes.

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

6th Grade Music – This week, 6th grade students began their music test drive, learning about our amazing band, chorus, and orchestra programs while visiting a variety of other Connections classes as well. This will continue into the start of next week until students and parents may decide which of the music classes your Maverick will join this year. The form to sign up for band, chorus, and orchestra will be coming home Tuesday afternoon, 8/6. We hope that every Maverick joins at least one!

6th Grade Shirt Swap – At the end of Cowboy Boot Camp we will hold a transitional activity for our 6th graders to go from being elementary students to McClure Mavericks. Every 6th grade student will be asked to turn in a shirt from their elementary school and, in return, they will get a brand-new McClure Middle School tee. First, we will need each student's shirt size. (Use [This Form](#) to submit your Maverick's size.) Then, from August 12-16 we will be collecting their elementary shirts in homeroom. Finally, we will distribute shirts to our newly trained Mavericks on Thursday, 8/22. We hope that our 6th grade students will then wear their new shirts on our first DARE Day, Friday, 8/23.

Clinic Medication – CCSD has updated the procedures for the 2024-2025 school year requiring all prescription medication to have the healthcare provider's signature on the [Authorization to Administer Medication Form JGCD-2 \(Spanish\)](#). In order for the school nurse to administer the medication(s) to a student, the parent must provide [The Form \(Spanish\)](#) signed by both the healthcare provider and the parent. The prescription label's administration instructions must match what is on the signed form. No prescription medication can be accepted into the clinic until [Form JGCD-2 \(Spanish\)](#) is completed. An MD signature is not required for over-the-counter medication.

Updating Contacts – Did you know you can update your contacts in [ParentVue](#)? This allows you to adjust who can check your Maverick out of school, who can see education records, and more. See [These How-to Steps](#) to update your Maverick's contact information ASAP!

Student Laptops – On Friday, we began assigning laptops to all sixth-grade students who were opted-in by 9:00am on 8/2. Parents should receive an email stating that a device has been assigned. Laptops will be distributed on the following schedule:

- Friday Afternoon (8/2): Limpert, Towns, Young & Ussery's fifth period classes.
- Monday Afternoon (8/5): Anderson, Arnold, Burchette & Carter's fifth period classes.
- Tuesday Afternoon (8/6): Crowe, Davis, Ditomasso & Holder's fifth period classes.

Laptop Chargers – It is often beneficial to have an extra charger at home for the student laptop. Use the links below to order one for your Maverick:

- 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](#)

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Operational (Cont.)

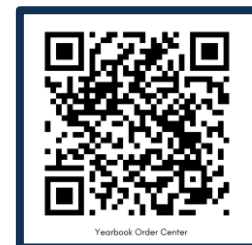
August Calendar – Keep up with all things McClure in August with the [August Calendar of Events](#).

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](#).

Yearbook – This year's yearbooks are available for \$35 if ordered between now and the end of August. As an added bonus, parents can personalize their child's book with a brass nameplate on the cover if it is ordered before August 31st. [Click Here](#) to order!



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 see 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.

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.

PTSA

Spirit Wear – You can still order your spirit wear by August 16th by using the [Merch Store Link](#).

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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PTSA (Cont.)

School Store – The Trading Post school store is open every Tuesday and Friday morning 8:50-9:10 AM. We have school supplies including sketchbooks for art class, isometric notebooks for technology class, folders, notebooks, pens, pencils and a whole lot more at great prices. Save yourself a trip to the store and have your student purchase their supplies at the school store!

Blessing Bags – Thank you North Metro Church for your continued generosity in providing food for our Friday blessing bags. We are so grateful for your partnership this school year. If you are in need of food for the weekends, please reach out to your grade level guidance counselor to be placed on the weekly list.

- 6th Grade – [Stacye Sledge](#)
- 7th Grade – [Wendy Sherer](#)
- 8th Grade – [Kristie Gordon](#)

Shout Out – On Tuesday, July 30th Hospitality/PTSA provided lunch for the Welcome Back Luncheon for McClure staff. Thank you to [Ziegler's BBQ](#) for giving us a great price and a great meal. Please thank them if you frequent their restaurant. Caterer Sip Alford of [Sip's Table](#) provided an Asian Salad.

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!



Foundation

Three Ways to Give – As you know, there are multiples ways to support the McClure foundation through the [2024-25 Annual Giving Campaign](#) including the purchase a horseshoe in our lobby, a donation, or a birthday shout out on the digital marquee and the screens in the hallways. See [The McClure Foundation Website](#) for details!



Community Events

Harrison Flag Football – See [This Flyer](#) for details.

Hoya LaCrosse – Ready to sign up? That's great! Practices begin the week of August 12th and the teams practice at Lost Mountain Park (4845 Dallas Hwy, Powder Springs, GA 30127). Sign up [Here](#) before August 12th.

MAC Lax – On behalf of Marietta Athletic Club and the Kennesaw Mountain HS Girls Lacrosse Coach, Sarah Shaver, you are invited to [Mac Lax Registration](#). We are a youth lacrosse program that feeds into the High Schools in Marietta such as Kennesaw Mountain, Mt. Paran, Marietta, etc.

Upcoming Dates

- 8/6 – Music program signup comes home with 6th grade students
- 8/13 – Fall Picture Day
- 8/19 – Digital Learning Day (Students do not report to McClure)
- 8/21 – [PTSA Spirit Night](#) @ Huey Luey's from 5:00-9:00
- 8/27 – [Maverick Men Pizza and Information Night](#) @ 6:00 in the McClure Cafeteria