



# The Maverick Minute

Parent Edition – 9/15/24

## Principal's Note

McClure Families,

Following this upcoming week at school, students will be able to enjoy a week away from instruction during Fall Break. I am sure they are looking forward to it, as we have been challenging them in all their classes since the start of the school year. I want to send a thank you to all the McClure families for the continual support you give us from home. We challenge students every day to improve in their academics, their behavior, and social interactions with one another. Amazingly, they continually rise to the challenge. However, this **Intentional Excellence** does not happen on accident or on our own. We would not be as great as we are without the partnership of our parents and community. The countless hours you spend supporting our students at home is readily apparent here at school every day. So, when this week ends, parents, you too should enjoy a break from McClure because we will be back at it before you know it! Have a great week and then enjoy the break!

Sincerely,  
Cory Stanley

## Shout Outs

**Student of the Month** – Shout out to the following students who were selected by their ELA teacher as our September Students of the Month! We will be celebrating them this coming Thursday, 9/19 at 8:00am in the LLC.

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| Nathalia Castillo          | Autumn Smith          |
| Joshua Ubani               | Devery Forde          |
| Autumn Anderson            | Christopher Rodriguez |
| Sofia Perez-Hernandez      | Logan Wilcox          |
| Amaree-Joshua Jean Charles | Landry Christman      |

**International Junior Thespian Society** – Last Thursday, [Nine Students](#) received invitations to be inducted as the charter class of McClure's chapter of the International Junior Thespian Society. The society recognizes the achievements and contributions of middle school students to theater. Inductees must have earned 50 hours of service to our theater program. We are so proud of these students and their contributions to the McClure Theater Company! An induction ceremony will be held later this semester.

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| Gracyn Tennery | Anne Sinowski  |
| Colbie Cogbill | Leah Walters   |
| Chloe Trussell | Zoey Ibedu     |
| Hagan Schmitz  | Malachi Faddis |
| Tommy Giddens  |                |

### 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

**Iowa Testing** – IOWA testing will occur for all 7<sup>th</sup> grade students September 16-19. Students will need their laptops and chargers each day. [Click here](#) for more information.

**PSAT 8-9** – On October 23, 2024, we will be administering the PSAT for 8<sup>th</sup> grade students. This will be the only day of testing and there will be no make-up days. [Click here](#) for more information.

## Operational

**Safety** – As we are finding out across our state, rumors of a safety threat to a school can travel exceptionally rapidly through a community. At McClure, we take every reported threat seriously, and investigate to determine if a threat is potentially valid, or if it is coming from the circulation of rumors as it was this past week. Whenever there is information that is deemed to be relevant to our community, we communicate it out to you via CTLs. So, if you haven't heard from us, it is safe to say that there is no news to be shared, and if you really want to double check, call the school rather than asking your neighbors.

Safety at a school is more than locked doors and safety procedures. Safety is also how students *feel* in the building. While we at McClure have the responsibility for safety procedures, emergency protocols, and investigating threats, everyone in our community has a responsibility to assure students *feel* safe at school. One of the best ways to assure this is to limit the spread of rumors. We recommend the following protocols:

| If your student brings a concern to you...  | If you hear about a concern from another adult...  |
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| <p>- Ask questions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Did you hear/see it directly, or hear it from someone else?</li><li>• Did they hear/see it directly? Are you sure?</li><li>• Where did this happen?</li><li>• When did this happen?</li><li>• Was anyone else around to see/hear this?</li><li>• Did you report this concern to an adult?</li></ul> <p>- If a threat seems legitimate, report it to the school.</p> <p>- Wait to hear back from the school on what was reported.</p> <p>- Until you hear from the school, remember to avoid:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Asking neighbors if they heard the same thing.</li><li>• Telling neighbors what was reported.</li><li>• Posting about what you heard on social media.</li></ul> <p>These behaviors cause rumor spread, increase concerns across the community, and are not likely to help the situation or provide you or others any additional information.</p> | <p>- Ask questions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Did your child hear/see it directly, or hear it from someone else? Are you sure?</li><li>• Does your child know if anyone actually saw or heard it?</li><li>• Did you report this to the school?</li></ul> <p>- If a threat seems legitimate, report it to the school.</p> <p>- Wait to hear back from the school on what was reported.</p> <p>- Until you hear from the school, remember to avoid:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Asking neighbors if they heard the same thing.</li><li>• Telling neighbors what was reported.</li><li>• Posting about what you heard on social media.</li></ul> <p>These behaviors cause rumor spread, increase concerns across the community, and are not likely to help the situation or provide you or others any additional information.</p> |

**October Calendar** – For all things McClure in the month of October, see the [October Calendar of Events](#).

**Outside Food / Fast Food** – At McClure we do not allow students to order food for delivery or allow students to eat dropped off fast food in the cafeteria for lunch. As you can imagine, allowing this would have middle schoolers requesting all sorts of drop-offs around lunch time. So, if you are dropping off lunch for your Maverick, please assure it is a regular, home-packed lunch. (We will make sure they get fed if they forget their lunch so you can actually save a trip 😊).

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## Operational (Cont.)

**Lunch Funds** – Have you checked your student’s school lunch balance on [My Payments Plus](#)? Now that we have been in school for a while, it might be time to make sure they have funds available for purchases.

**Scoliosis Screening** – We will have scoliosis screening for all 6<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> grade students on Wednesday, October 16<sup>th</sup>. Your child will receive an [Opt-Out Form](#) Monday, 9/16 in homeroom. If you do not want your child to be screened by the school or your child has already been screened by his/her primary care physician, please fill out the [Opt-Out Form](#) and sign at the bottom. This form needs to be turned in as soon as possible. If you do not turn the official form into the school your child will be screened on October 16<sup>th</sup>. Due to county requirements, you must opt-out with the official [Opt-Out Form](#). We cannot accept handwritten notes or emails.

**Library Media Specialist of the Year** – Each year, the Cobb County Association of Library Media Services honors a CCSD Librarian with the title of Library Media Specialist of the Year. To qualify the LMS will have held a Cobb County School District library media specialist (LMS) position for 3 full and consecutive school years, and the LMS will be employed in the Cobb County School District during the entire next school year as the selected reigning LMSOTY. Anyone can nominate a media specialist for this award—staff, admin, or even community members. To nominate your outstanding library media specialist, please use [This Link](#).

**Cognia Survey** – If you have not already, please take a moment to complete [This Survey](#) for McClure (even if you have a student at another CCSD school). Thank you for your time!

**Yearbook Tribute Ads** – It is time to design your 8th grader's tribute ad for the yearbook! Log on to the [Varsity Yearbook site](#) to create a custom tribute that honors your student's successes and growth during their years at McClure. It's a great way to celebrate your student. Tribute ads are only available for several weeks so don't miss this opportunity!

**Girls Who Code Club** – The Girls Who Code group will meet this Monday, September 16<sup>th</sup> immediately after school in the PDR, room 224 near the front office. As a reminder, have your child turn in their permission slip, which was handed out at our last meeting, during tomorrow's group. Please plan to be here by 5:25pm to pick them up in front of the school. Looking forward to seeing you all tomorrow.

## PTSA

**6<sup>th</sup> Grade Social** – All 6th grade students are invited to join us after school on Friday, October 4th from 4:30-6:00pm for a Mav Nation Tailgate! The cafeteria will be transformed into a gameday tailgate complete with music, food, and fun! Wear swag from your favorite local, college, or pro team! Tickets are available for purchase online [Here](#). Tickets will also be available for purchase in-person the week of the event (more details coming soon). If you would like to donate items to help make this an awesome party, check out our [Wish List](#)!

**Reflections** – Creative Mavericks, it's your time to shine! It's time for the annual National PTA Reflections art competition. Dig deep for your visual art, film, literature, music, dance, or photography skills to interpret this year's theme, "Accepting Imperfections." Entries are due on Tuesday, October 8. Click [This Link](#) for details and entry! The top submissions from each grade and category advance to the next rounds against other schools in our area. Up to 30 submissions from each state go to the national level, where prizes include scholarships! Email question to [McClureReflections@gmail.com](mailto:McClureReflections@gmail.com).

**Questions** – Have a question for PTSA or want to join a committee? Email us at [mcclureptsapresident@gmail.com](mailto:mcclureptsapresident@gmail.com)

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## PTSA (Cont.)

**Membership** – Thank you to everyone who already purchased a PTSA membership this year. These memberships are so important to our school as the funds are used to further support our wonderful school. The PTSA also provides teacher grants, grade level social events, spirit nights, the school store, etc throughout the school year. The grade level raffle prizes have been distributed to the winners and the homerooms with the highest participation enjoyed their popsicle parties last Wednesday. If you haven't yet, please purchase your McClure PTSA membership here: [Givebacks](#)

**Parent Prep 101** – Parent Prep 101 is a webinar designed for 7th -11th grade parents. 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. Click [Here](#) to register for the 10/3 event.

**Upcoming Dates** – See important PTSA dates below:

- 9/19 – Spirit Night at Culver's of Kennesaw, 2460 Kennesaw Due West Rd (5:00-9:00)
- 10/4 – 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Social in the Cafeteria (4:30-6:00)



COLLEGE PREP WEBINAR

PARENT PREP 101

**PARENT PREP 101 SPIRIT DAY**  
FOR PARENTS OF MC CLURE MIDDLE  
7TH AND 8TH GRADE  
STUDENTS

OCTOBER 3RD @ 7:00 PM

This one hour webinar combines the high school and college prep information you need to know before your student chooses next years classes.  
\* If you need additional dates, please fill out the form and let us know. REGISTER TODAY!

The webinar price is \$65 and \$10 will go back to the McClure Middle PTSA

678-777-7141  
Parentprep101@gmail.com

SCAN HERE FOR MORE INFORMATION

## Foundation

**Our Mission** – Our mission is to create opportunity for ALL McClure Students by providing funding in innovation and technology. Donate Today! Join the 2024-25 [Annual Giving Campaign](#) to support projects benefitting all Mavericks! Visit the [Foundation Online Store](#) to snag some awesome Maverick merchandise, buy birthday messages, make donations, and purchase personalized lobby horseshoes on [Foundation Website](#).

**Business Partners** – Calling all parents with businesses! Your support of our school foundation can make a significant impact on our students' education. Partner with us to help provide vital resources and opportunities that will empower our kids to succeed. To be a corporate sponsor, please [Click Here](#) for more information!

## Community Events

**GA Tech STEM Fest** – Raheem Beyah, dean of the College of Engineering at Georgia Tech, is excited to invite your students to [STEM Fest 2024](#). STEM Fest is a free event hosted by [Georgia Tech's College of Engineering](#) in partnership with [STEM Global Action](#). See [This Flyer](#) for details.

**KMHS Football Attendance** – For all 2024-2025 Kennesaw Mountain High School home athletic events, students 8th Grade and below will NOT be permitted to enter the contest without a parent. Parents entering with children are agreeing to be responsible for them throughout the evening. No refunds will be given for students who arrive unattended.

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- 10/16 – 6<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Scoliosis Screening for any student who has not opted out
- 10/23 – PSAT 8-9 Testing (8<sup>th</sup> Grade Only)