

## Marauder Memo - July 24th 2020

Dear Parents & Community -

I hope you have a wonderful weekend and soak in the summer weather. Again, we are working hard at Mt. Vernon Middle School to prepare for the 2020-21 school year both for our in-person students and virtual students. I will be sending out various videos explaining what the school day will look like for our students as we reopen MVMS.

Video Message from Mr. Williams - July 24, 2020 - Click [HERE](#)

**MVCSC School Start Date:** A message was sent on Monday, July 20 announcing that Mt. Vernon will begin school on August 17. Please read the statement from Dr. Parker [HERE](#).

GO MARAUDERS!

Benjamin Williams - MVMS Principal

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**Twitter:** @MtVernon\_MS

**Instagram:** @Mt.Vernon\_MS

**Facebook:** MtVernonMiddleSchool

**Mr. Williams YouTube Channel:** Click [HERE](#)

**MVMS News** - Click [HERE](#)

Also, here is a link to the MVCSC Board Approved Contingency Calendars -  
<https://www.mvcsc.k12.in.us/Content2/940>

**Virtual Learning or In-Person Learning** - Moms and Dads, I realize this is a difficult decision on the choice of electing for Virtual Learning or In-Person Learning. I am sure that there are many family discussions across the nation taking place on the options at hand. Please email your request to me at [Benjamin.Williams@mvcsc.k12.in.us](mailto:Benjamin.Williams@mvcsc.k12.in.us). This will serve as written notification of your request. Please notify me on or before August 3rd if at all possible. You may also call us at 317-485-3160 to submit your request.

**Dr. Parker's Weekly Videos:** Also, please take a moment to watch Superintendent Dr. Parker's weekly three minute videos. The [catalog of these videos](#) can be found on the "School Preparations for COVID-19 Challenges" website article. You will receive this week's video (#7) tomorrow.

**ParentSquare:** We will be launching ParentSquare for parents at the end of the month after we begin to train our staff. In the meantime, you will see messages sent from ParentSquare (our new communication platform). You will receive these messages without doing anything in your ParentSquare account as Skyward syncs into ParentSquare. Stay tuned for ParentSquare parent details to be delivered around July 29.

**Student Schedules** are now “live” in Skyward for Parents and Students to view. If you are having difficulty logging into Skyward - please email our MVMS Tech Pro Seth Meyer at [seth.meyer@mvcsc.k12.in.us](mailto:seth.meyer@mvcsc.k12.in.us). If you have questions concerning your schedule, please email [michelle.shepherd@mvcsc.k12.in.us](mailto:michelle.shepherd@mvcsc.k12.in.us).

**MVMS School Supplies Lists** - Click [HERE](#) to view the MVMS School Supplies Lists and view other Parent Resource Forms.

**Locker Clean Out** - If your child has not cleaned out his/her locker, please email Mrs. Bussen at [Brigitte.Bussen@mvcsc.k12.in.us](mailto:Brigitte.Bussen@mvcsc.k12.in.us) to schedule an appointment for the week August 10th. All item not claimed, including Walk on Water projects, Arts projects, Robotics projects will be disposed of.

### **1st Day School Supply Kits**

School Supply Kits sold by the MVMS PTO this past Spring have arrived! If you ordered a kit please plan to pick it up Thursday, August 13th between 4:00pm - 7:00pm at Door #8 located in the West lot next to the Field House. You will simply need to pull up to the curb, a PTO representative will greet you, and the kit will be placed into your vehicle’s trunk.

### **MVMS Choir**

It’s not too late to register for MVMS choir. We are looking for students who love to sing! No experience required to join. Please email [jill.stewart@mvcsc.k12.in.us](mailto:jill.stewart@mvcsc.k12.in.us) for information.

### **MVMS Yearbooks**

We have not yet received the MVMS 19-20 Yearbooks. We anticipate receiving those soon and will distribute them once school resumes.

### **MVMS Drop Off & Pick Up Procedures**

<https://www.mvcsc.k12.in.us/2/Content2/640>

### **Library Books**

If your child has any library books at home please have them return the books when school resumes.

**Drive-In Movie Night hosted by the Mt. Vernon Educational Foundation** - Woody, from Toy Story 4 has a few words to share with his MV friends. "Yee-haw! Giddy-up partner! We got to get this wagon train moving." I am going to be at MVHS with a few of my friends on Saturday, July 25th thanks to my partners at Thrivent, Lanteigne Tailored Planning.

MVEF is also offering VIP Drive-in seating and three chances to win a Family Concession Basket just by going to <https://forms.gle/ux5kyFnePT7PKYnf8>

Can't wait to see all our partners there! Please help Woody share the good news! Please share this post with others!

"Being there for a child is the most noble thing a toy can do."-Woody

### **Athletics**

Reminder on MVMS Athletic Information for Fall Sports!

MVMS Parents and Students –

With the start of school being pushed to Monday, August 17th, we will be moving forward with the Fall Sports Calendar as originally planned. Please see below on important Fall Sports Information and Tryout Dates.

Please reply only to MVMS Athletic Director – Julie Shelton at [Julie.Shelton@mvcsc.k12.in.us](mailto:Julie.Shelton@mvcsc.k12.in.us)

All forms and questions go to JULIE SHELTON at [Julie.Shelton@mvcsc.k12.in.us](mailto:Julie.Shelton@mvcsc.k12.in.us)

### **Fall Sports Information and Tryout Dates:**

**Tennis:** Tryouts will be August 5th and 6th from 5:30-7:30 at the MVHS tennis courts. 7th and 8th grade boys and girls will be eligible to try out for the team. Please contact Coach Jeff Brandes with your students intent to try-out for the team. email [jeff.brandes@mvcsc.k12.in.us](mailto:jeff.brandes@mvcsc.k12.in.us) For additional tennis information Click Link [HERE](#)

**Volleyball:** Tryouts for 7th grade volleyball will be August 5th, 6th, and 7th from 6:00-8:00 at MVMS. 8th grade volleyball will be August 3rd, 4th, and 5th from 6:00-8:00 at MVMS.

**Soccer:** Tryouts for 6th-8th boys' soccer will be August 3rd, 5th, and 7th from 5:30-7:30 at

MVMS. Tryouts for 6th-8th girls' soccer will be August 4th and 6th from 5:30-7:30 at MVMS.

**Football:** 7th and 8th grade OFFICIAL football practice will begin August 3rd at 5:30 at MVMS.

**Cross Country:** Cross Country will continue to have open run on Tuesday and Thursdays from 8:00-9:00am. Official tryouts will be August 10th, 12th, and 13th from 5:30-6:30 at MVMS.

**Cheerleading:** 7th and 8th grade tryouts will be August 4th and 5th from 6:00-8:00 at MVMS (field house)

**Dance:** Tryouts will be August 3rd and August 7th from 6:00-8:00 at MVMS (main gym)

\*All athletes MUST check-in at the athletic entrance (West Parking Lot) prior to reporting to your tryout.

\*\*EACH ATHLETE MUST WEAR A MASK and bring their own towel and water bottle!!

\*\*\*All athletes that plan to try out for ANY fall sport will need to have a physical on-file, on-line forms, and all re-entry forms completed BEFORE they will be able to participate! Forms can be found at [maraudersathletics.com](http://maraudersathletics.com) (forms are under the "more" tab) PLEASE turn forms in before the first day of tryouts!!!

All forms and questions should be emailed to JULIE SHELTON at [Julie.Shelton@mvcsc.k12.in.us](mailto:Julie.Shelton@mvcsc.k12.in.us)

### **Athletic Forms & Documentation Reminder -**

PLEASE READ THROUGH THIS MESSAGE IN ITS ENTIRETY TO MAKE SURE YOU HAVE ALL REQUIRED DOCUMENTS COMPLETED.

1. A pre-participation physical must be on file in the athletic office at your school (MVMS or MVHS). Any student who participated in athletics during the 2019-20 school year and has a completed physical on file will not need a new one, though they can turn in an updated physical if they so choose. Any new student or any student who does not have a physical dated April 1, 2019, or after, MUST turn in a completed [IHSAA Pre-Participation Physical](#). *NOTE: If the answer to any of the questions on the IHSAA Health Questionnaire is 'YES' since his/her last physical, the IHSAA is requiring that an updated physical be completed.* Any new completed physical forms can be e-mailed to the following:

[brandon.ecker@mvcsc.k12.in.us](mailto:brandon.ecker@mvcsc.k12.in.us) (MVHS)

[jennifer.zitani@mvcsc.k12.in.us](mailto:jennifer.zitani@mvcsc.k12.in.us) (MVHS or MVMS)

[julie.shelton@mvcsc.k12.in.us](mailto:julie.shelton@mvcsc.k12.in.us) (MVMS)

2. Online forms must be completed by ALL STUDENT-ATHLETES. These did not carry over from the 2019-20 school year.

[MVHS Online Forms](#)

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3. [IHSAA Health History Questionnaire](#) must be completed BY ALL STUDENT-ATHLETES and MANAGERS. This is separate from the Pre-Participation Physical and is a new form that focuses on COVID-19 and concussions. This must be printed off, completed, and turned in via e-mail or in person.

4. [MVCSC Waiver of Liability & Assumption of Risk](#) must be completed BY ALL STUDENT-ATHLETES and MANAGERS. This must be printed off, completed, and turned in via e-mail or in person.

5. Signature Page for the Reentry Guidelines (see attachment page 4). PLEASE READ THESE THOROUGHLY. This must be printed off, completed, and turned in via e-mail or in person.

6. COVID-19 Exposure Screening (see attachment page 6). This must be printed off, completed, and turned in via e-mail or in person.

7. Each student-athlete must provide his/her own water bottle, face mask, and towel. All athletes and coaches will be required to have a mask on their person and to wear it when social distancing is not possible. (*NOTE: masks will not be required during practice activities*). No personal items/equipment will be shared and due to the heat, a labeled water bottle will be required for practice.

Coaches of the sports that plan to start up in July will be determining workout schedules and communicating those to you. If you are new to Mt. Vernon or just entering high school, feel free to contact our coaches directly to check in on schedules. You can find their e-mail addresses located [HERE](#).

All activity participation is voluntary until 8/3/2020 for fall sports. Winter and spring sports will hit a no-contact period on that date as well. We encourage all student-athletes to attend the practices for sports that they will first play during the school year. They will be permitted to participate in more than one sport but cannot exceed a total of 15 hours on campus between all activities. Accurate attendance will be kept at each practice to maintain

contact tracing.

Any student who shows up to a workout/practice without any of the completed items will be sent home until all items are turned in.