

## Marauder Memo - June 3rd, 2020

Dear Parents & Community -

I am hoping all the best for you and your family in this time. We are working hard at Mt. Vernon Middle School to prepare for the 2020-21 school year. Many of our future plans are contingent upon the expected announcement from Governor Holcumb in July on the guidelines for reopening schools. Once again, MVCSC has developed Contingency Calendars in the case of the school's opening being delayed - Click [HERE](#) to view.

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](#)

**Report Cards** - Report Cards are now available on Skyward under the 'Student Portfolio' tab. Please log in to view your child's grades.

### **MVMS eLearning Summer School Jump Start Program** -

Please click [HERE](#) for information on our MVMS eLearning Summer School Jump Start Program. We are offering the Summer School Jump Start program through eLearning via the chromebook. We are excited to get started on Monday, July 13th, 2020. Summer School classes will begin at 8:30 a.m. and end at 11:30 a.m. Please note that the dates are contingent upon the MVCSC Master Calendar. If MVCSC delays the reopening of school, we will also be delaying the MVMS eLearning Summer School Jump Start Program to a future date.

I firmly believe that this will better assist our students to prepare for the new academic school year. The key focus of the curriculum will be on Language Arts and Math skill development. The MVMS Summer School Jump Start Program is available for all incoming 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup>, and 8<sup>th</sup> grades for the 2020-21 school year.

Again, please click [HERE](#) for the online form to register your child if you choose. If you have any questions, please contact our MVMS Office at 317-485-3160.

**Chromebook Update** - Please note that MVCSC will not be collecting student chromebooks this summer due to the COVID-19 crisis. Returning MV students will be able to start the new school year with their existing chromebooks. Parents, please note that we do have the ability to disable your child's chromebook remotely if you request. As a Parent and an Educator, I realize that the chromebook can sometimes be a significant distraction at home for some of our kids. If you would like your child's chromebook disabled for the summer, and then re-enabled for the start of the school year, please contact our **MVCSC Tech Support Team** at (317) 482-4112 or email: [techsupport@mvcsc.k12.in.us](mailto:techsupport@mvcsc.k12.in.us)

### **Locker Clean Out Plan**

Locker clean out and the return of any school property (other than Chromebooks) will occur July 14 - 16 and will be conducted alphabetically by Student Last Name. Due to CDC guidelines and restrictions, we desire to limit the number of people in the building to the smallest capacity possible. The building will be opened for your student(s) and **ONE** adult family member **ONLY** to clean out their locker and return library books, classroom books, or miscellaneous items. We also encourage the pick up of any other personal items such as athletic bags, Art, Robotics, and Walk on Water projects. Again, Student Chromebooks will NOT be collected. More specific details concerning CDC guidelines and restrictions will be announced prior to Locker Clean Out.

**Day 1 - July 14 Student Last Name A - H**

**Day 2 - July 15 Student Last Name I - R**

**Day 3 - July 16 Student Last Name S - Z**

**Times: 9:00 am - 11:00 am (and) 1:00 pm - 3:00 pm**

### **8th Washington DC Trip Refund Update**

We will be refunding Mt. Vernon families for the Washington DC Trip. *I am hopeful that 8th grade Parents will be receiving this in mid-June.* Due to the extensive nature of the DC Trip, the process in recovering all of the deposit money from our multiple vendors is time-consuming. We are in the process of working with our travel agent and other vendors to recover deposit money in order to refund Parents. Thank you for your patience. We realize that many families are undergoing financial hardships at this time. Parents, please be assured that we are working as quickly as possible with our travel agent and other vendors to provide a prompt refund to Parents. More information will follow concerning DC refunds. Again, thank you for your patience.

**Internet Access for Low Income Earners** - Click [HERE](#)

\*News article from the Indy News Channel regarding Internet assistance.

**Gleaners & the MVCSC Food Pantry Info** - Click [HERE](#)

### **1st Day School Supplies**

The MVMS PTO has partnered again with **1st Day School Supplies** to help you shop for your child's school supplies from the comfort of home. Click this link: [1stdayschoolsupplies](#) for the best way to buy Back-to-School Supplies! The order deadline is June 30th.

### **Counseling Corner**

#### **21st Century Scholars**

Before June 30, 2020 your 8th grade student has a chance to apply for 21st Century Scholars if your family's income meets the income eligibility requirements. A 21st Century Scholar can receive up to four years of paid tuition at an eligible Indiana public or private college, university or proprietary institution. You can apply online for the program by going to [scholartrack.che.in.gov](#) to create an account and then submit an application. All 8th grade parents received an email with information about 21st Century Scholars, as well as an enrollment worksheet and income requirements; paper copies will be mailed home following Spring Break.

Follow this link for a video tutorial on how to apply:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=an2ApXQKEjs&feature=youtu.be>

All eligible students **MUST** apply prior to June 30th of the students 8th grade year. After 8th grade, students cannot apply unless they are in foster care. If you have any questions, please contact Chelsea Pacheco at [chelsea.pacheco@mvcsc.k12.in.us](mailto:chelsea.pacheco@mvcsc.k12.in.us).

**CAMPUS LIFE** - Just because we can't meet for Campus Life, doesn't mean we aren't having it! We are doing a weekly virtual club on different platforms (Instagram and Youtube) and weekly small groups through Zoom! We know students will continue to need support during this time and want to connect with students still! If your student is interested in continuing to stay plugged into to Campus Life or wants to try it out for the first time, please fill out the information below and Kari Slabaugh (Campus Life Director) will get information to you.

<https://forms.gle/i7KqS4becA8mY2NS8>