

## **Marauder Memo - November 14th, 2020**

Dear Parents & Community -

Parents & Community Members,

Please view the video Message from Mr. Williams thanking our Veterans and our Active Service Personnel in the US Military. Plus, a short history lesson as well as important MVMS Contingency Plans if & when a school closure is necessary - Click [HERE](#) (Approx. 4 ½ minutes)

Be strong! Be courageous! Be a Marauder!

Benjamin Williams - MVMS Principal

Follow MVMS on social media at:

**Twitter:** @MtVernon\_MS

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

**Facebook:** MtVernonMiddleSchool

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

**Skyward** - Click [HERE](#)

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

**MVMS Counselor Webpage** - Click [HERE](#) \*full of many resources for Students & Parents

**MVCSC 20-21 School Calendar** - Click [HERE](#)

**20-21 MVMS Black & Gold Day Schedule** - Click [HERE](#)

**Next Week at MVMS -**

Monday, 11/16 - Gold Day

Tuesday, 11/17 - Black Day

Wednesday, 11/18 -Gold Day \*Early Release Wednesday

- Car Rider Pick Up begins at 2:45 p.m.
- Bus Rider Pick Up begins at 3:00 p.m.

Thursday, 11/19 - Black Day

Friday, 11/20 - Gold Day

**[Indiana State COVID-19 Dashboard](#)**

We also ask you to continue to keep your family's health and safety measures as a priority, now and always. MVCSC will continue with requiring masks, hand-washing, and will social

distance as much as possible when children are in school, and we ask you to please be vigilant outside of school hours with these same measures.

- As a reminder:
  - If your child has COVID-19 like symptoms, please keep your student home from school and consider keeping siblings home too.
  - If your child tests positive for COVID-19, please inform your school's health clinic ***immediately***. If you learn that your child has tested positive outside of school hours, please ***immediately*** contact the school principal or the corporation nurse at [tracy.furnas@mvcsc.k12.in.us](mailto:tracy.furnas@mvcsc.k12.in.us).
  - If anyone in your household is being tested for COVID-19, ***please keep ALL students at home from school until results are received***
  - When your child stays home, or your virtual student is unable to do schoolwork, please call your school's attendance office.
  - If there is any doubt whether a student should attend school, please keep everyone home and call your school's health clinic for guidance.

For reference, please see the [Covid-19 Screening Checklist](#) and the MVCSC Health & Safety Plan on our [www.mvcsc.k12.in.us/COVID](http://www.mvcsc.k12.in.us/COVID) webpage.

### **NJHS Canned Food Drive & Spirit Week**

The National Junior Honor Society will hold a canned food drive beginning Monday, November 16th to stock the shelves of the MVHS Food Pantry. Students bringing in a Non-perishable food item each day may also participate in our Dress Up Spirit Days. All food items should be delivered to their First Block teacher each day. The classroom with the most items collected will win an ice cream party!

- **Monday** - draw hunger out of the picture - *COLORS!*
  - 6th wears Green, 7th wears Red, and the 8th wears Blue
- **Tuesday** - Put a lid on hunger - *HAT DAY!*
- **Wednesday** - Send hunger back in time - *DECADES!*
  - 6th dresses in 70's attire, 7th: dresses in 80's attire, & 8th dresses in 90's attire
- **Thursday** - Make hunger crazy - *CRAZY SOCK DAY!*
- **Friday** - Send hunger to bed - *PAJAMA DAY!*

**Employment Opportunities at MVMS** - We have job openings available for a Permanent Substitute Teacher and an Instructional Assistant If you are interested, please click [HERE](#) this link to view the job description. You may also email Assistant Principal Crystal Cooper at [crystal.cooper@mvcsc.k12.in.us](mailto:crystal.cooper@mvcsc.k12.in.us)

**Mt. Vernon Community School Corporation has recently partnered with Ninestar Connect to expand technology support to 24 hours a day, seven days a week.** Students or their parents/guardians can now receive technology support for the student's device after school hours, weekends, during breaks, and anytime technology help is needed. Please use the following contact information for technology support:

**Technology Support Phone Number:** [317-482-4112](tel:317-482-4112)

**Technology Support Email:** [techsupport@mvcsc.k12.in.us](mailto:techsupport@mvcsc.k12.in.us)

NineStar Connect will assist with the technology issue, and if needed, pass the request to the appropriate Mt. Vernon technology assistant to resolve the problem during school hours. Additional information can be found on the [1:1 Technology Program webpage](#).

### **Attendance**

If your student will be absent please notify us with one of these methods:

1. Call 317-485-3160 which is available 24/7
2. Email [kayleigh.carrier@mvcsc.k12.in.us](mailto:kayleigh.carrier@mvcsc.k12.in.us)

### **MVMS Picture Day**

School Picture orders are scheduled to arrive at MVMS this week. Those should arrive home to you Wednesday or Thursday.

Our picture retake day is scheduled for Tuesday, December 1st for any student needing a new picture, all students absent 10/9/2020, and for our Virtual students. Virtual students are invited to visit the school between 10am and 3pm for school pictures. Please plan to enter through door #1.

**MVMS PTO** - Don't forget to have your families sign up for our VIP Club to receive additional discounts and incentives throughout the year! It's easy and they are provided with a 10% off discount immediately after signing up! To sign up:

- 1) Go to <https://1stplacespiritwear.com>
- 2) Scroll to the bottom and enter an email address in the "Join the VIP Club" sign up box
- 3) Check your inbox for the savings!!

If you have any questions about this week's sale, please let me know! I am always here to help- 330.635.0103.

### **Counseling Corner**

The Parent Guide to Resilience from [whytry.org](http://whytry.org) is worth checking out! The more I've been learning about the attachment styles and the importance of building healthy relationships with my own children, the more these types of resources influence me...even with upper teen kids.

<https://resiliienceguide.org/>

Follow the counselors on Instagram @mvms\_counselors.

Feeling stressed? Check out the resources available in the [Virtual Calming Room](#). Great for parents too!

**MVCSC Gleaners Food Pantry** - Please see the attachment for more information.

### **MV Reads: News from the Library**



Parents, have you heard about INSPIRE? INSPIRE is Indiana's Virtual Online Library provided by the Indiana State Library. INSPIRE is a collection of free resources that can be accessed by Indiana residents. It includes full-text magazine and journal articles, websites, pamphlets, images, almanacs, full-text historic newspapers, multimedia, library catalogs and much more. [This video](#) demonstrates how to use the INSPIRE database to assist students in grades 6-8 with research on any subject matter, as well as how to access the 75,000 full text, unlimited access ebooks available to Indiana residents. Access INSPIRE at [www.inspire.in.gov](http://www.inspire.in.gov); the link is also available in the library Google classrooms.

**Parents, just a reminder, you can now pay for lost library books via School Pay by accessing this [School Pay](#) link or logging into Skyward to pay.**

### **Athletics**

*See the NFHS Flyer (attached) to learn more about LIVE streaming Mt Vernon High School Athletics.*

## Winter Sports Event Attendance Policy

Parents, due to the current pandemic, we are limiting the number of guests at MVMS sporting events this winter season. Each winter athlete may have up to 3 guests per sporting event. In advance, each winter athlete will receive 3 vouchers for the entire season. A voucher must be shown at the gate in order to purchase ticket admittance into each home event in which the athlete participates. Tickets are \$4 each for adults and children Kindergarten and up. A child under the age of kindergarten will be allowed for free. Please note that only 1 child per family will be allowed into a MVMS Sporting Event. The vouchers are transferable amongst the athlete's family members for the various sporting events this season. Important, please note that tickets will NOT be sold to those without a voucher.

During MVMS Sporting Events -

Guests are expected to . . .

- Wear masks or other PPE at all times while inside the MVMS school building.
- Maintain 6 feet or more of social distancing with anyone outside of the household unit.
- Be seated in the bleachers in a specifically pre-marked area. (i.e. look for the seats marked with a blue x).

## WINTER TRYOUTS

**6th Grade Girls Basketball** tryouts will take place December 9, 10, and 11 from 4:00 - 6:00 pm in the main gym.

**7th/8th Grade Girls Basketball** will take place December 7, 8, 10 from 4:00 - 6:00 pm in the Fieldhouse.

**Wrestling** - It is not too late for your student to participate! Students need to sign up in the main office and pick up an informational packet. Pre-season conditioning is being held each Tuesday and Thursday at Mt. Vernon High School in the Mat room from 6:30 to 8:30 pm

Swimming (January) - Details will be provided when determined.

Any student wishing to participate in athletics must have on file with the Athletic Office all required forms and an IHSA Sports Physical dated on or after April 1, 2019. Please click [HERE](#) to access all required documents which are located under the MORE tab.

Concerning questions of MVMS Athletics, 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@mvsc.k12.in.us

Parents & Students - Please note the MVMS Student Handbook (p. 45-46) on Academic Eligibility for MVMS Athletics. -

**Academic Eligibility** - Mt. Vernon Middle School has established the following policy for academic eligibility: 1. Academic eligibility will be checked at the end of each academic quarter. 2. A student who receives two or more failing grades on their quarterly report card will be ineligible from any athletic competition for the entire next quarter. 1st Quarter Academic Eligibility will be determined by the previous 4th Quarter report card for 7th and 8th grade student athletes. The athlete will become eligible at the end of the next academic quarter if there are not two or more failing grades on their quarterly report card. The MVMS Athletic Department reserves the right, at any time, to conduct grade checks on student athletes to determine the academic eligibility for an athletic competition or multiple athletic competitions.

**Student Handbook Guidelines for Mask Compliance** - Noncompliance with Safety and Health Procedures. Upon **first offense**, the student will be given a warning, and will be reinstructed by the teacher or staff member/administration regarding safety policy and regulations and a phone call will be made to a parent/guardian documenting the warning. A **second offense** will result in parent/guardian contact by a school administrator notifying the parent/guardian that the next offense will result in the student being designated as a virtual learner. A **third offense** shall be documented and the parent/guardian will be notified of the student being designated as a virtual learner and excluded from in-person enrollment at school for all curricular, extra-curricular, and co-curricular activities.

### **Short Term E-Learning**

Parents, if you have a student that has been asked by school Health Officials to be quarantined for a certain number of days please be sure your student is completing their classroom assignments. This short term e-learning should occur by having your student check email, Google Classroom, and Canvas daily. Teachers will utilize these three platforms to communicate student work. It would also be helpful to have your student reach out to their teachers via email.

### **At-Home Internet Information**

- **EXTENDING 60-DAYS OF FREE INTERNET SERVICE TO NEW INTERNET ESSENTIALS CUSTOMERS.** School districts across the country are announcing plans for when school starts again in the fall. To help provide additional support to students and families, Comcast will **continue to provide 60 days of free Internet**

service to new, eligible Internet Essentials customers through the end of this year. In addition, Comcast will continue to waive, through the end of the year, the requirement that customers not have a past due balance with Comcast to qualify for the free offer. [Learn more here.](#)

- **EXTENDING FREE PUBLIC WIFI ACCESS TO EVERYONE FOR THE REMAINDER OF 2020.** To continue to help keep people connected, we are extending free access to the 1.5 million public Xfinity WiFi hotspots to anyone who needs them, including non-customers, through the end of 2020. [Learn more here.](#)
- **EXTENDING XFINITY OFFERING TO HELP UNIVERSITY STUDENTS STAY CONNECTED AS THEY PREPARE FOR THE UPCOMING SCHOOL YEAR.** We are continuing to help college students stay connected to the Internet over the Summer and through the Fall back-to-school rush by **extending an Xfinity Internet offering that provides \$150 Visa prepaid card to students** who sign up for service by September 30; more than enough to pay for two months of Internet service. [Learn more here.](#)

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

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