

# MARAUDER MEMO



MT. VERNON  
MIDDLE SCHOOL

September 17, 2021

## Parents,

We have two full weeks before fall break, so please encourage your student to focus on their classes. We had an atypical first quarter with two weeks of virtual learning in the middle, and we want students to end the quarter strong!

## TikTok challenge

As some of you may have heard on the news and on social media, there is a Tikok challenge called “devious lick” that has gone viral across the country. Students are encouraged to vandalize and steal items from their schools. We have unfortunately had students participate. In many instances, students are encouraged by peers to participate. We have made changes to make it more difficult for this type of activity to take place and are holding those involved accountable for their actions, but we could also use your help. Please talk to your student and encourage them to make good choices and to report this type of behavior if they witness it taking place. We appreciate your support!

## Arrival and Dismissal Procedures

*MVCSC takes safety and transporting students very seriously. **Please know that when buses are present in the front drive between the times of 8:15 and 8:40, NO other vehicles should enter the area.***

Please read the drop-off and pick-up procedures located [HERE](#). **To keep traffic flowing, in the morning and afternoon, when exiting both the 6th/7th and 8th grade lots, you will only be allowed to turn right out of the parking lot onto 200 West. Parents, please do not park in the administration building lot at the end of the day.** Please do not make U-turns on 200 West. Traffic during arrival and dismissal can be congested. **Please be patient and cautious as the safety of students, staff, and other drivers is a top priority.**

## MV CommUNITY Yard Signs

If you would like to support MVMS and MVCSC and would like a yard sign, you may pick one up in the main office and at athletic events next week.

## Parent University

The Mt. Vernon Education Foundations' (MVEF) Inaugural [Parent University](#) program is designed to provide training, information, and resources to support MV parents and caregivers. MVEF wants to develop meaningful programs that

are empowering and engaging for our parents that will contribute to the success of each student's academic journey here at Mt. Vernon.

- Saturday, September 25th
- MVHS Aud/Cafe
- Keynote and Two Sessions w/ 4 options each
- MV Educators are session speakers
- FREE
- Childcare Available is for a limited amount of children must pre-register
- Boxed Lunch
- Open to all Parents, Grandparents, Staff, Caregivers and Community Members

Parents must register at <https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1kflPmMr7M7j14thvnjz2FnyC5MM1uXDPFdsYfmxwiKc/edit>  
Full event website <HTTP://bidpal.net/mvefPU>

By partnering with MVCSC departments, academic institutions, community organizations, and other agencies to equip families with additional skills, knowledge, and resources, **MVEF Parent University** will support and empower parents to become leaders and advocates for their child's learning. Research tells us that students thrive when families and teachers work together, as genuine partners, to maximize student learning inside and outside of the classroom. Our goal is to offer classes through **MVEF Parent University** that provide resources and training in areas such as safety, life skills, academic development, financial literacy, mindfulness, and health and will provide families with tools that they can use to encourage their children to become successful while fostering school and community improvement.

#### **Our MVEF Parent University objects are designed to:**

- Increase parental involvement and participation in schools.
- Empower parents to become effective advocates for their children.
- Strengthen home-school-community partnerships.
- Allow parents an opportunity to network with professionals and other parents.
- Help parents develop the skills needed to implement positive parenting practices.
- Equip parents with the knowledge and awareness of resources available.

#### **College Go! Week**

MVMS will celebrate College Go! Week with Spirit Days September 20th - 24th.

Monday - **College Day** (wear your favorite college)

Tuesday - **Career Day** (dress up like your future career goal)

Wednesday - **School Spirit Day** (wear your MV spirit wear)

Thursday - **Military Day** (wear military or camo gear)

Friday - **Cash for College** (wear green)

#### **Picture Retake Day**

Picture retake day is scheduled for Monday, September 27th for the following groups:

- Any student that was absent August 16, 2021
- Any student that enrolled after August 16, 2021
- Anyone that is unsatisfied with their purchased picture package taken on August 16, 2021\*

\*Your student will need to return the package to the photographer.

We expect to receive the picture orders soon!

To place an online order for your student please go to <inter-state.com/order>

Use Order Code: **60548BB**

## **MVMS PTO**

The MVMS PTO will have our first meeting on Wednesday, September 22nd, at 6:00 pm. If you are interested in participating this year, please complete this brief form. We hope you will join us! Thank you!

[MVMS 21-22 PTO](#)

## **MVMS Student Fees**

Student fees have been posted to your Skyward account and are due by October 16th, 2021. Fees may be paid through your [e-Funds](#) account or sent to the MVMS Main Office to the attention of Kay Burdine, MVMS Treasurer. If you have any questions please contact [kay.burdine@mvcsc.k12.in.us](mailto:kay.burdine@mvcsc.k12.in.us).

## **Attendance at MVHS Athletic Events**

Please read the information [HERE](#) regarding attendance at Mt. Vernon High School athletic events.

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

It's hard to believe that quarter one will soon be coming to an end. If you missed last week's MVReads newsletter on Indiana's Virtual Online Library, here are more suggested resource links that you and your students have **free access** to through [INSPIRE](#).

[\\*LearningExpress® School Center\\*](#) Help your students get ready for class with these online math and reading skill improvement practice sets. These are available for Elementary, Middle School and High School grade levels.

[\\*Make research easy for students using the Explora database\\*](#) Explora supports both student research and classroom instruction with rich, reliable content and easy-to-use functionality. With a focus on the arts, literature, biography, business and careers, current events, geography and culture, health, history, math, science and more; your students can search by grade levels of K-4, 5-8, and 9-12.

## **Homework Help**

The MVMS Kitchen Table (aka Homework Help Club) is available Tuesday's after school for any student trying to recover from absences, get extra help with challenging concepts, or find assistance preparing for upcoming tests. Students report to Mr. Crouch's classroom immediately after school until 4:30pm. Please plan to pick up your student at 4:30 pm at the Main Entrance to MVMS.

## **How to Report an Absence**

If your student will be absent from school please notify us by one of the following methods:

- Call the attendance line at 317-485-3160 (available 24/7)
- Email [elizabeth.blunk@mvcsc.k12.in.us](mailto:elizabeth.blunk@mvcsc.k12.in.us)

## **Daily News**

Announcements can be found [HERE](#).

## **Upcoming Events and Important Dates**

Wednesday, September 22 - **Students attend school In Person**

Wednesday, September 22 - PTO Meeting 6:00 p.m.

Monday, September 27 - Picture Retake Day

Friday, October 1 - End of the 1st Grading Period

Monday, October 4 - 15 - Fall Break

Monday, October 18 - First day of the 2nd Grading Period