



February 12, 2022

Parents,

It is amazing to see our students mature and progress throughout the school year! This past week some of our NJHS students shared their thoughts about middle school with some community members. They were so insightful, and I was impressed with the thoughtfulness of their responses. Our pep band and choir also performed for us and did a great job! **We are so proud of our middle school students!**

Have a great week!

Brooke Tharp  
*MVMS Principal*

### Congratulations 8th Grade Boys Basketball

Congratulations to our 8th grade basketball team! While we have *many* accomplished teams at MVMS, we want to give a special congratulations to our 8th grade team. **They have been undefeated the past two years and are county champs!**



## 8th Grade Transition to High School

If you were not able to attend the 8th Grade Scheduling and Curriculum Night, you can access the presentation slides [HERE](#). You can also access the high school scheduling webpage [HERE](#).

8th grade students were presented information Tuesday, February 1st to begin preparing for their high school courses. **Course Requests must be entered into Skyward by students and the scheduling form with a parent signature must be turned in to the front office by February 18th.**

## Job Opportunities: Instructional Assistants

Are you looking for a job with hours that match your child's school schedule? Are you interested in a job that helps students to be successful in the classroom? If so, click [HERE](#) to learn more about Instructional Assistant positions at MVMS and to apply.

## Job Opportunities: Food Service

Are you a stay at home parent looking to make some extra money while on your kids schedule? Our food service department is hiring at all schools and could really use your help! If you are interested please fill out an application at [www.mvcsc.k12.in.us/employment](http://www.mvcsc.k12.in.us/employment) or email [doris.johnson@mvcsc.k12.in.us](mailto:doris.johnson@mvcsc.k12.in.us) or [kasey.voeller@mvcsc.k12.in.us](mailto:kasey.voeller@mvcsc.k12.in.us)

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## MV Reads: News from the Library



Sports or libraries? Which is more popular? Many people think libraries are going to become obsolete (or already are) which is just WILDLY untrue. Though funding for libraries varies from year-to-year and from place-to-place, people continue to support their local libraries. According to an article entitled, ["But, Nobody Uses Libraries Anymore!!"](#) "more than 172 million Americans have library cards" and "libraries are visited over 1.3 billion times a year which is 10 times more than MLB (68 million), NFL (17 million), NBA (22 million), Hockey (21 million), and Nascar (4 million) COMBINED." Go Libraries!

## 7th Grade Trip

Please read the information and sign up [HERE](#) for the trip if you have not yet done so. **The first payment of \$80.00 was due on February 4th. The next payment is due March 4th.**

To pay for the class trips through eFunds, follow these steps:

1. Log into your Skyward Family Access account.

2. Select Fee Management on the left side.
3. Select your student from the drop down menu at the top (if you have multiple students).
4. Select Make a Payment
5. If you are making a chaperone payment, you should see the option to select chaperone payment for the appropriate trip.
6. If you are making a payment for your student, select Pay Optional Fees
7. Choose the Fee you want to pay (Cincinnati Student Payment 1 or DC Student Payment 3, for example).
8. Continue with payment process

*As a reminder, class trips are considered a privilege. Students with severe disciplinary issues throughout the school year, who are not able to keep an upstanding academic record, or have attendance problems, may be excluded from class trips with the potential for no refund. Good standing checks will be done at the end of each academic quarter.*

If you have questions, please contact Stephanie Evans at [stephanie.evans@mvcsc.k12.in.us](mailto:stephanie.evans@mvcsc.k12.in.us) or 317-485-3160.

### MVMS 2021-2022 Yearbooks

Orders for the 2021-22 yearbook are being accepted now at [inter-state.com/order](https://inter-state.com/order)

Softcover yearbook- \$20

Hardcover yearbook- \$25

The order deadline is March 7th.

### 47th Annual Talent Show

Students still have this week to get permission slips for the talent show. See Mr. Falkenberg in room C311. Audition dates are as follows:

Tuesday, February 15 - 7th and 8th graders after school in Marauder Hall

Wednesday, February 16 - online auditions at 6 PM, email Mr. Falkenberg for the meeting code

Thursday, February 17 - 6th graders after school in Marauder Hall

### News from the PTO

#### UPCOMING PTO EVENTS

- February - STAFF APPRECIATION MONTH! We will be celebrating all of our MVMS CHAMPIONS the entire month of February, Winter Olympic style!
- February 16 - PTO Meeting - 6 pm in Marauder Hall
- April 6 - Dine to donate - Lincoln Square, Fortville
- April 20 - PTO Meeting - 6 pm - Media Center
- Date TBD - 6 and 7th grade end of year celebration!

- May 3 - Staff Appreciation Luncheon
- May 13 - 8th grade Semi-formal dance! Information will be available in the coming months.
- May 18 - PTO Meeting - 6 pm - Media Center

## Teacher Appreciation Month!

We are having a lot of fun celebrating our MVMS CHAMPIONS who have kept our kids in school, learning & safe!

### How can you help celebrate teachers and staff this month:

#### Coffee Truck

We are having the Rose & Lois Coffee Truck back next Friday, February 18 for the staff. This time we've invited the hard working BUS DRIVERS & POLICE who direct traffic in the mornings to also have a drink on us! If you'd like to send a cup of joe for \$5.50 to someone in the transportation office you can venmo Rose & Lois directly and put Mt Vernon Middle in the memo line. This will not go to a specific person - just the transportation department in general. There are about 45 employees there!!!

# FEBRUARY


## *Staff Appreciation*

### for MVMS teachers, staff, and transportation.

**MOBILE EXPRESSO BAR**  
is coming to MVMS on Friday, 2/18 to provide a little pick me up to our wonderful faculty, staff & transportation department!

**PARENTS - YOU CAN EASILY TREAT ONE OR MORE STAFF MEMBERS!**  
Send a CUP or CUPS of joe by VENMO payment.  
(Donations made will NOT be to a specific staff member)


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**\$5.50 - per staff member**  
**CLEARLY MARK PAYMENT WITH Mt. Vernon Middle School!**  
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[heathermoore3@mac.com](mailto:heathermoore3@mac.com)

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## Fan Mail

If you'd like to help print out the "FAN MAIL" attachment and have your students write a note to their favorite staff members. There are places to put the notes on signs in hallways around the building.

# MVMS STAFF FAN MAIL

February 2022 is Staff Appreciation MONTH! Please take a minute to have your students write & deliver notes to teachers or staff members that they would like to recognize. We are celebrating these CHAMPIONS who work so hard to keep our students in school, learning and safe!

**THESE NOTES CAN BE PUT IN THE POCKET ON OLYMPIC SIGNS ON THE DOORS!**

 <p>To: _____</p> <p><b>You deserve a GOLD medal because...</b></p> <p>From: _____</p>	 <p>To: _____</p> <p><b>You deserve a GOLD medal because...</b></p> <p>From: _____</p>
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## Spirit Wear Store

Check out FIDGETYFAN for all your spirit wear needs.

<https://fidgetyfan.com/pages/mtvernonschools>

## PTO Meetings

Please join us at our next meeting on **Wednesday, February 16, 6 PM** in **Marauder Hall**.

## Questions

If you have any questions please email [mtvernonmiddleschoolpto@gmail.com](mailto:mtvernonmiddleschoolpto@gmail.com)

## Athletics

Anyone interested in trying out for an athletic team is required to complete and submit to the Athletic office the [IHSAA Sports Physical](#) and [Final Forms](#) prior to tryouts.



## MV High School Cheer Open Gym

Who: any 8th - 11th grader interested in trying out for the 2022-23 Cheer season

When: February 15th and 22nd

Time: after school until 5:30

Where: High school balcony in main gym

Must have Sports Physical and Final Forms on file before attending open gym

Contact [jordan.sell@mvcsc.k12.in.us](mailto:jordan.sell@mvcsc.k12.in.us) with any questions

## Attendance at MVHS Athletic Events

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

## Be a Marauder Mentor



The poster for Marauder Mentors features a yellow shield logo with a stylized 'M' on the left. The title 'Marauder Mentors' is written in a large, black, cursive font. To the right is a circular purple and green seal for Mt. Vernon High School's 15th Anniversary (2007-2022), with the words 'INNOVATION', 'EXCELLENCE', 'CREATIVITY', and 'COOPERATION' around the perimeter. The main heading 'Become A Mentor!' is in bold black text. Below it, a white torn-paper-style box contains the text: 'We are looking for adult mentors to work with middle school students.' Another white torn-paper-style box below that lists details: 'Make a difference in the life of a child. Time commitment is just one hour per week. All meetings will be held at MVMS during the school day. Mentors will be trained, given guidelines and goals, and supported along the way to help them be successful. Interviews and background checks are required.' To the left of this box is a compass rose. Below the details box is a quote: 'Every kid is one caring adult away from being a success story. - Josh Shipp'. At the bottom left is a QR code with the text 'Scan to fill out an application or visit: https://forms.gle/ffQ5DAux4V5i2jlm8'. At the bottom right, a yellow box contains the text 'Have questions? Email MarauderMentors@gmail.com'.

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## 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.

## Reporting 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

Daily announcements can be found [HERE](#).

## Upcoming Events and Important Dates

February 21st- No School for President's Day

February 25th- After School Dance until 5:00 pm