



**March 6, 2022**

**Parents,**

I hope you were all able to enjoy the spring weather today! We have one week until spring break. We would appreciate your support in reminding students to stay focused on their academics this week.

Thank you to all of our parent volunteers who helped at our recent after school dance and movie night! Your help and support are greatly appreciated!

Also, I want to give the MVMS PTO, FCCLA, Student Council, and National Junior Honor Society a huge shoutout for supporting the MVMS staff during February's staff appreciation month! We enjoyed all of the fun, festivities, and treats!

**Have a great week!**

Brooke Tharp  
*MVMS Principal*

### **MVMS Teacher and Staff Member of the Year**

Congratulations to Mrs. Rush, our MVMS Teacher of the Year, and Mr. Jones, our MVMS Staff Member of the Year, sponsored by the Mt. Vernon Education Foundation! We appreciate all they both do for MVMS!



### MVMS Yearbooks - Last Chance to Order!

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

Use Code: 62430S

Softcover yearbook- \$20

Hardcover yearbook- \$25

The order deadline is this **Monday, March 7th!**

### New Staff

Please help us welcome **Brian Williams**. Mr. Williams is joining Team Pride, teaching 8th grade math. He has many years of teaching and coaching experience, and we are thrilled that he is joining our staff.

### Mt. Vernon Education Foundation

Why is “**home**” so important to us? Perhaps, because for better or worse, by presence or absence, it is a crucial point of reference—in memory, feeling, and imagination—for inventing the story of ourselves, our life-narrative, for understanding our place in time. No matter what place you call home, the very word strikes a chord deep inside each of us. “**Home**” to some means sanctuary, the place we can rest, relax, enjoy time with friends, and family, learn, grow ... and just be. Our “**home**” says a lot about who we are and what we think is important.

Since our inception 15 years ago, The Mt. Vernon Community School District has served as the “**heart**” of our Mt. Vernon Education Foundation, “**home**” it has been the constant thread that weaves the fabric of our community together from casual conversation, cheering on players who represent us in sports, (Go Marauders!) to all of our amazing educators, the teachable moments and learning experiences along the way in creating a place where the foundation could invest thanks to

the generosity of our donors in the *hopes, dreams, needs, and wishes of our students, staff, and community* as we build brighter futures together.

As we gather to celebrate the foundation's 15th Anniversary on Saturday, April 23, 2022, we hope you will join us in supporting our **"home"** through attending the Black and Gold Gala, sponsorship, donating to the silent auction, or granting a wish to one of our amazing teachers for their classrooms!

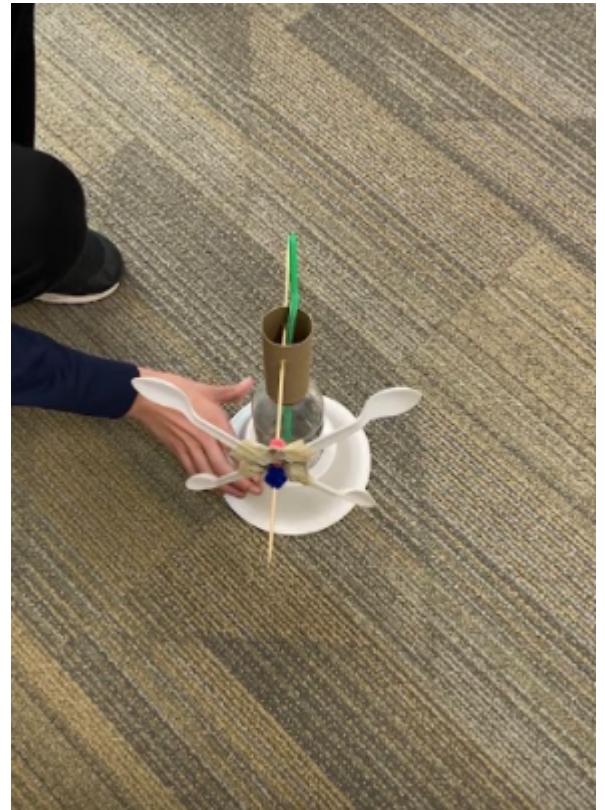
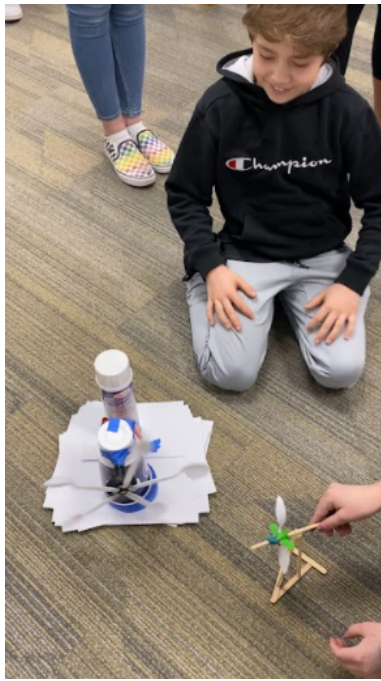
**The Mt. Vernon Education Foundation will continue to work in supporting the gap between the tax dollars available and the funds needed to preserve the comprehensive education that our community values and expects for all of our Mt. Vernon students.**

**We hope you will join us at this year's Black and Gold Gala on Saturday, April 23, 2022, at the JW Marriott Indianapolis. To purchase tickets go to [www.MtVernonFoundation.org](http://www.MtVernonFoundation.org)**



**Look What Is Happening at MVMS!**

Mrs. Gwaltney's classes combined STEM and Reading/Language Arts, creating working windmills using recycled items, like the character did in the book they read, *The Boy Who Harnessed the Wind*.



## 47th Annual Talent Show

MVMS students showed their great talents at the 47th Annual MVMS Talent Show this week. Congratulations to all of the contestants! Thank you to Mr. Falkenberg for hosting and sponsoring the event!



## 6th, 7th, and 8th Grade Trips

Final payments for the Louisville, Cincinnati, and Washington D.C. trips are due by **Friday, March 11th.**

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

1. Log into your Skyward Family Access account.

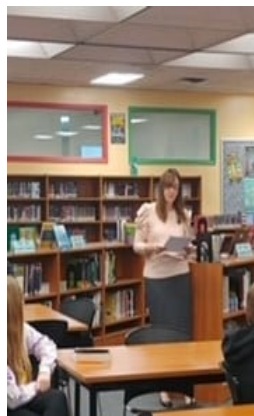
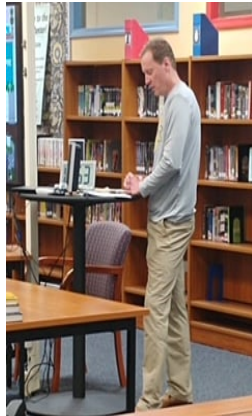
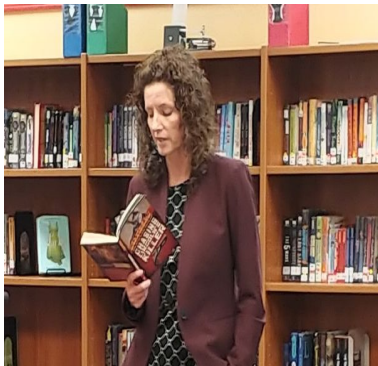
2. Select Fee Management on the left side.
3. Select your student from the drop down menu at the top (if you have multiple students).
4. Select Make a Payment
5. If you are making a chaperone payment, you should see the option to select chaperone payment for the appropriate trip.
6. If you are making a payment for your student, select Pay Optional Fees
7. Choose the Fee you want to pay (Cincinnati Student Payment 1 or Louisville Student 2).
8. Check to ensure you chose the correct option for your payment.
9. 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.

### MV Reads: News from the Library

Here is a shout out and THANK YOU to Mrs. Tharp, Ms. Cooper, Mr. Brandes, and Mrs. Young for taking the time out of their busy schedules to make reading and library time a priority. This past Wednesday, March 2nd, MVMS celebrated Read Across America Day! [#WeRMV](#)



Become a Marauder Mentor



# Marauder Mentors



## Become A Mentor!

We are looking for adult mentors to work with middle school students.

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.

Every kid is one caring adult away  
from being a success story.  
- Josh Shipp



Scan to fill out  
an application  
or visit:

<https://forms.gle/ffQ5DAux4V5i2jlm8>

Have questions?

Email

[MarauderMentors@gmail.com](mailto:MarauderMentors@gmail.com)

### News from the PTO

Thank you to all who helped in some way to make the month of February special for the MVMS staff! Parents donated food for NJHS breakfast, FCLAA snacks and Student Council dessert bar! Parents also donated money towards the coffee truck for our transportation department to enjoy along with our building staff. And so many students wrote notes of appreciation to the staff! February was a fun month!

#### UPCOMING PTO EVENTS:

- April 6 - Dine to donate - Lincoln Square, Fortville
- April 19 - Treat Tuesday - final Treat Tuesday of the year for the staff
- April 20 - PTO Meeting - 6 pm - Marauder Hall - Dr. Parker, Mt Vernon Community School Corporation Superintendent, will be our special guest!
- April 29 - 6th and 7th grade end of year celebration! Information will be available later this month!
- May 3 - Staff Appreciation Luncheon
- May 13 - 8th grade Semi-formal dance! Information will be available later this month!

- May 18 - PTO Meeting - 6 pm - Marauder Hall (across from the main office) - Final Meeting of the school year, 2022/23 officer elections

### 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, April 20, 6 PM, in Marauder Hall with special guest, Dr. Parker!

### 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 [IHSA Sports Physical](#) and [Final Forms](#) prior to tryouts.

### MV High School Cheer Tryouts

Please see the attached information regarding 2022-23 Cheer tryouts.

# MV CHEER

## 2022-2023 HIGH SCHOOL CHEER TRYOUTS

March 8th 4-6:30

March 9th- 3-6:30 (early  
release we will start at 3 PM)

High School balcony anyone in  
8th-11th grade

\*\*A physical and athletic paperwork must be on file in Final Forms before you are eligible to attend, send Coach Sell an email BEFORE you attend to verify you are eligible. All physicals must be uploaded directly to Final forms.  
Mvsc.k12.in.us → High School → athletics → More → High School forms OR <https://mtvernonfortville-in.finalforms.com/>

Questions contact Coach Jordan Sell at  
[jordan.sell@mvcsc.k12.in.us](mailto:jordan.sell@mvcsc.k12.in.us)

### 7th & 8th Grade Softball

Any 7th or 8th grade girl interested in trying out for Softball will need to sign up and pick up information from the main office by March 10th. Tryouts will take place March 29th - 31st after school until 6pm.

### 2022 Football

Callouts for any 6th or 7th grade student interested in playing Football will be held Wednesday, March 9th to sign up and receive a calendar. 7th graders will need to see Coach DeGraff in the cafeteria at lunchtime. 6th graders will see Coach Harnish after the morning announcements. Please email [eric.harnish@mvcsc.k12.in.us](mailto:eric.harnish@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.

## Join the MVCSC Team

Community members who are looking for work or know someone who is looking for a rewarding position are encouraged to consider MVCSC employment opportunities. The district is hiring custodians, instructional assistants, food service, and bus drivers-- all offering competitive wages and all playing a vital part in the Marauder school family. Click [HERE](#) to learn more about open positions and become part of our team.

### Instructional Assistant Job Opportunities

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 on the link above to learn more about Instructional Assistant positions at MVMS.

### Food Services Job Opportunities

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)



## Homework Help

The MVMS Kitchen Table (aka Homework Help Club) will meet for the last time March 8th. 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

March 9th- 6th Grade Band Festival performance - 6:00 pm

March 11th- End of the 3rd Grading Period

March 12th - 27th- Spring Break

March 28th - School Resumes

April 6th - eLearning Day

April 8th - 6th Grade Trip to Louisville