

FEBRUARY 2026 NEWSLETTER



IMPORTANT DATES

- FRIDAY, 3/6
 - UMS SPORTS FORMS DUE
- MONDAY, 3/16
 - UMS SPRING SPORTS BEGIN
- TUESDAY, 3/17
 - RISING 8TH GRADE FLEX ASSEMBLIES
- THURSDAY, 3/19
 - RISING 9TH GRADE FLEX ASSEMBLIES
- FRIDAY, 3/20
 - SCHOOL CLOSED - STAFF IN-SERVICE
- MONDAY, 3/23
 - RISING 9TH GRADE FLEX ASSEMBLIES
- WEDNESDAY, 3/25
 - RISING 9TH GRADE PARENT NIGHT @MHS, 6 PM
- MONDAY, 3/30 - MONDAY, 4/6
 - SCHOOL CLOSED - SPRING RECESS
- FRIDAY, 5/22
 - SCHOOL IN SESSION DUE TO **EMERGENCY CLOSING CONTINGENCY DAY 2**



A MESSAGE FROM MR. ACCARDI

Dear UMS Families,

This edition of our newsletter is brief but important.

Our middle schoolers are definitely ready for warmer weather and sunshine! We are looking forward to opening up our outdoor recreation areas once the snow melts and the fields dry out.

Over the next few weeks, we will be talking a lot about transitions. Please know that the UMS administration has heard feedback from families and made adjustments to our transition programming to ensure students and parents feel comfortable as we begin planning for next year. This is an exciting time with a lot of information to consider. Please take the time to read all communications carefully before taking action in the Parent Portal. You will find important dates and next steps outlined in this newsletter.

On the next page, you will find clear reminders about student expectations. As the building principal, I am committed to being as clear and direct as possible about the expectations that help make our school a comfortable and safe learning environment for everyone. I ask that you take a few minutes to review the student handbook with your child(ren).

Over the past few months, we have unfortunately lost valuable time and resources addressing behaviors such as bathroom vandalism, students using Chromebooks to communicate hurtful or hateful messages to others, and inappropriate behaviors that sometimes escalate into altercations. As a staff, we have been having ongoing conversations with students, reflecting on our classroom management practices, and gathering feedback from students to help strengthen our school community.

We appreciate your partnership in reinforcing these expectations at home.

And finally, we are almost at Spring Break!

Thank you for your continued support of the UMS community.

With C.A.R.E.
-Mr. Accardi



IMPORTANT EXPECTATIONS TO REVIEW

STUDENT IDs

Student IDs must be worn at school every day.

Why? Student Safety



WATER BOTTLES

Water Bottles need to seal shut.

Why? Middle schoolers turn these into water guns.

SCHOOL CHROMEBOOKS

School Chromebooks are for school use only.

Why? Students have been using this resource for non-school-related matters.

Inappropriate searches and communications lead to administration involvement.

SMARTPASS

Students use SmartPass to leave the classroom for the restroom, nurse, or to visit the office. Additionally, students use SmartPass to sign up for Flex.

Why? For student safety and accountability, we need to know where our students are at all times during the school day.



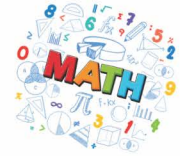
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UMS HIGHLIGHTS!



MATH COUNTS



14 competitors from UMS and LMS participated in the Mercer Chapter Math Counts Competition at Mercer County Community College on Saturday, February 7th, 2026. Montgomery placed 2nd overall in the team event (Rayansh Chakraborty, Ashkan Syed, Srithik Jha, Rick Wang), which secures us a spot at the State competition on Pi Day (3/14) at Monmouth University!

Two of our competitors (Ashkan Syed and Rayansh Chakraborty) ranked 6th and 7th after the paper competition!



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PTO/SEPTA HAPPENINGS



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Spring Candy Sale
February 23 – March 20, 2026

The advertisement features a light blue background with several boxes of See's Candies. One box is open, showing a variety of chocolates. There are also some pink and purple flowers. A QR code is located in the bottom left corner of the ad, with the text 'shop here' and an arrow pointing to it. A circular logo for 'MMS PTO' is in the bottom right corner of the ad.



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