

**MOUNT CLEMENS
JUNIOR HIGH**

Important Dates

- Feb. 1— Early Release Day
- Feb. 16-21 Mid-Winter break
- Mar. 1— 1/2 day Conferences in afternoon and evening. Science fair project viewing during conferences.
- Mar. 7— No school —Staff professional development
- Mar. 14— Early Release Day
- Mar. 30— 1/2 day End of marking period

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The Bulldog Bark



WHERE THE BIG DOGS ROAM!

SECOND QUARTER

Dr. Bilbrew's Buzz

Dear Parents,

The students at Mount Clemens Junior High International Baccalaureate are continuing to make great strides in all areas of academics. We are also proud of our students for making positive goals in the areas of IB interactions. We salute the students who are making excellent grades, model good behavior and show great judgment and character.

It's not too late to pay for you and your child to go to Washington D.C. You can book your child's trip with Student Adventures. Visit www.studentadventuresusa.com. Sign up for easy payment tracking and create your account. Our registration ID number is MtClemens2012. If you would like more information, please stop by the Junior High Office.

If your child is having trouble with any subjects, please let the office know. We have dedicated teachers who can provide help for your child. We have Scholastic Read 180 Reading Invention Program, Compass Learning-Computerized Individual Learning Path, and Math Essentials and some teachers offer help after school for math and homework. So, make sure your child is on the pathway to success.

*We would also like to invite you to our **School Improvement Meeting**, which will be held Monday, January 30, 2011 at 2:30 p.m. We look forward to seeing you and hearing your insightful views and ideas for our school.*

Sincerely,

*Dr. Pamela Bilbrew
Principal
Mount Clemens Junior High
International Baccalaureate Middle Years Program*

MCJH Honor Roll

(First Quarter)

Eighth Grade

Seventh Grade

- | | |
|---------------------|----------------------|
| Adams, Sameerah | Bingle, Jada |
| Arnold, Eric | Brown, Sha'niya |
| Ascott, Alexis | Brownlee, Marques |
| Baker, Temperance | Bryant, Crystal |
| Bondar, Jordan | Carter-Hays, Jacob |
| Brooklier, Shelby | Collier, Emami |
| Byks, Sara | Cotton, Jordan |
| Charlebois, Brandon | Deuschel, Nicholas |
| Charlebois, Jacob | Drake, Jada |
| Clark, Rebecca | Dryman, Katlin |
| Cobb, Chilinda | Farrukh, Jawad |
| Corum, Madison | Hamilton, Jarod |
| Crooker, Gabrielle | Harlan, Donovan |
| Duplessis, Daevon | Hernandez, Alejandro |
| Fisher, John | Hilliard, Jonathan |
| Fox, Jessica | Hoemke, Tamara |
| Guerrero, Kayla | Jensen, Tedi |
| Harden, Shaylan | Jones, Jaela |
| Harris, Kara | Lee, JaNaya |
| Jackson, Donise | McFadden, Aries |
| Johnson, Brooklin | Minton, Wesley |
| Malarick, Brandon | Mobley, Michelle |
| Miller, Sionei | Peters, Madison |
| Mitchell, Ashyia | Russell, Chinelle |
| Morris, Destany | Stanlake, John |
| Nelson, Deja | Taleb, Zackery |
| Newman, Austin | Tenner, Jelante |
| Null, Abigail | Walker, Emily |
| Pitts, Savonna | Wells, Jaylon |
| Randle, Tiara | Williams, Keontay |
| Roese, Rachelle | |
| Schroeder, Emilee | |
| Seymour, Lucas | |
| Thomas, Lyndsay | |
| Tilton, Jarred | |
| Wilson, Katelyn | |



Sha'niya Brown was one of many students selected as an IB Student of the Month.

Dance Department Highlights

Mission Statement

Mount Clemens Junior High is committed to challenging students to reach their maximum achievement as lifelong learners in a global community. Working as a team, students, teachers, and parents pursue excellence in a cooperative, trusting, and caring environment.



Winter Dance Concert:

Our Winter Dance Concert was a huge success! With over 500 people in attendance, the dancers and I had a very eventful Friday evening. In addition to the 8 works performed by the students of Mount Clemens Community Schools, we also had a few invited guest from Wayne State University, Henry Ford Community College, and Harrison High School in Farmington Hills.

A Day to honor Dr. Martin Luther King:

This past Monday, the students and I took a trip to the University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, where we attended a Symposium to honor the life and legacy of Dr. King. After sitting through presentations, performances, and activities centered around youth activism, we toured the campus and discovered some of the many possibilities for post-secondary education at the U of M.

February is Black History Month:

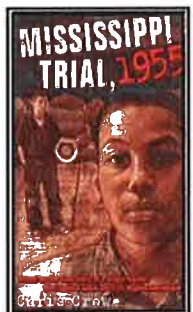
The Dance Department will be bringing in master teacher and choreographer Ms. Karen Prall. Ms Prall will be performing a Congolese African dance and drum lecture demonstration as well as teaching a master class to our students. Her lecture demonstration will focus on the importance of family. In the Congo, family is a part of the circle of life.

Ms. Burnett's Blurbs...

The 8th graders are completing writing their Fortune Cookie stories. They have already completed writing Town Legends and have created their own inventions. In conjunction with their science class, the 8th graders learned how to outline and used the chapter of study from Science class as their information.

In Reading class we have started our fourth novel, *Touching Spirit Bear*. When they have completed the novel, the 8th graders will be creating totem poles that represent their character or personality.

The Advanced Reading class has created a website on Emmett Till. (classroomhelp.com/till/index.html) They researched information on Jim Crow laws, Civil Rights, Emmett Till, etc. and are still adding to the site as well as editing the site. The idea for the site came about after reading the novel, *Mississippi Trial 1955* and interviewing the author, Chris Crowe.



PARENTS: Did You Know....

...that you can check your child's current grade or attendance in every class at any time?

Mount Clemens Community Schools is excited to be utilizing one of the features available through our District's Student Data Management System called PowerSchool Parent Portal.

The PowerSchool Parent Portal provides parents with the ability to access their student's attendance and grade information through a secure internet connection.

PowerSchool offers parents real-time access to grades, assignments and attendance. Parents can also email teachers directly from PowerSchool or choose to receive automatic updates to one or more email addresses. The PowerSchool link is available anywhere in the world, just by logging into the Internet. All information is secure and information about your child is only available to you.

PowerSchool is a tool to increase communication between parents and teachers. We are excited at the potential of this new application, but realize that with this comes a shift in the way we work and communicate. For example, the teachers at Mount Clemens High School and Mount Clemens Junior High School are using PowerSchool Teacher's electronic grade book and have spent numerous hours learning how to use the program to its full potential. We believe that along with teachers, it is also important for parents to become educated in the process of grades and assessment. Before PowerSchool, parents received grade information only upon request or at scheduled times. With PowerSchool, it will now be possible for parents to check grade information at any point in the year.

Please email psparentportal@mtcps.org for information on how to obtain your PowerSchool Parent Portal login. You will be required to sign an Acceptable Use Agreement and show your drivers license or other ID to receive your login information. For additional information, contact Nancy Coulter at 586-461-3744.

...that your child could be part of an exciting trip to Gettysburg and Washington, D.C.?

Junior High students are invited to attend an educational trip to Gettysburg & Washington D.C. on May 2– May 6, 2012. Students will visit historical sites such as Gettysburg's battlefield, Arlington National Cemetery, the Iwo Jima Memorial and the U.S. Holocaust Memorial Museum. An illuminated tour of the major memorials will also be part of the trip!

The cost for the trip (includes lodging, nighttime security, meals and transportation) is \$485.00 per student. Additional information packets, including information for parents interested in chaperoning the trip, are available in the Junior High office.

Students are encouraged to register early for the trip as seats are limited and are expected to fill quickly. Registration and deposit information are included in the informational packet.

Questions about the trip can be directed to Dr. Bilbrew at billbrewp@mtcps.org

...that your child MUST carry an agenda book and PROBABLY cannot find his/hers?

Your child can purchase an agenda book from the office for \$3.00. Teachers are not permitted to allow your child to leave the classroom without signing your child's agenda book. This includes trips to the restroom during class! Students are not permitted to use a classmate's agenda book. Every student was provided with one free agenda book at the beginning of the year. Ask your child to bring home their agenda book and take a look at it. If the agenda book cannot be produced, please assist your child in obtaining another one.

...that inexpensive display boards for the upcoming Science Fair projects are available through your child's Science teacher?

Seventh and Eighth grade students will all be participating in a Science Fair. Each group will need to supply their own display board. The boards can be purchased through a school supplier for much less than through a local office supply store. Please send in \$2.00 with your child towards the cost of his/her group's display board. Money will be collected through the Science teachers and is due by Feb. 14th.

The Gadsden Flag

In 1775, Colonel Christopher Gadsden was in Philadelphia representing his home colony of South Carolina at the Continental Congress and presented this new naval flag to the Congress. It became the first flag used by the sea-going soldiers who eventually would become the United States Marines.

This flag first saw combat under Commodore Hopkins, who was the first Commander-in-Chief of the new Continental Navy, when Washington's Cruisers put to sea for the first time in February of 1776 to raid the Bahamas and capture stored British cannon and shot.



Humanities Happenings

Mr. Stanford's Classes

The 8th grade students continue their study of America's early government establishments and will complete research on a long misunderstood creature found in North America- the serpent (snake). Following collection of data and body design they will construct a joint effort snake that displays the diversity and understanding of working together with a common cause. Each piece will serve as a mini-poster before incorporation into one. This activity shows its' similarities to the flag of American colonies in 1754.

The 7th grade students continue their study of East Asia and the Pacific and will research the dragon (serpent-like/snake) creatures that are part of this rich culture and colorful region, and the famous 'dragon dance' which dates back to the Han dynasty in ancient China.

Artistic Expressions

Eighth grade art students will be working on an interdisciplinary project with Ms. Burnett. They will be constructing totem poles based on their research in ELA classes. The totem poles will be designed using the Pacific Northwest Indian's belief systems. A photo from last year's project is below.



The 7th grade is studying Oaxacan animals. This a Mexican type of art. It is 3D sculpture that is painted in ornate and funky designs.



Marvelous Math!

7th grade math students (hours 1,3,5) have begun their "Honey I Shrank Myself" projects. The due date has changed for this project - the new due date is January 18th (Wednesday). Students will have 5 CLASS days to complete this project (Jan. 9th-13th). Any "loose" ends will need to be finished at home (Jan. 14th-17th) so projects will be ready to be graded/turned in on the 18th. On January 17th, students will be given a review worksheet for Chapter 4 Test, please look for this to come home. This is the other half of our Chapter 4 assessment. Again, please feel free to e-mail me or call if any questions should arise. Thanks!!

8th grade/AVANCED 7TH GRADE: Students have completed their "Slope Snowmen." They did a good job creating an equation in slope-intercept form and then creating a snowman using the given mathematical glyphs. Students will be given 2 review sheets this week on Wednesday (11th) and Thursday (12th). They will work on them in class & we will also check them. Students should use them to study with for the Chapter 7 Test on Friday the 13th. Please encourage your child to study - this was a difficult chapter and is an important one in Algebra. Again, feel free to e-mail me or call if any questions arise! Thanks!!

To be a part of Mrs. Rissman's class website and be updated each week with our math activities and important dates, please send in your e-mail with your child to Mrs. Rissman as soon as possible. Thanks!



Science 2

*Seventh grade Science students have completed units on Matter, Chemistry Basics, and the Periodic Table of Elements. In addition, students learned how to create scientific diagrams, including writing captions. They also learned to write to an 'evaluation-type' writing prompt.

Seventh grade students also completed the YMCA "SWIFT" program. This is an eight week abstinence-based course designed to delay the onset of sexual activity in youth, reduce the number of STD's including HIV/AIDS, and reduce the number of teenage pregnancies. MCJH students have participated in the program for two years now. Teachers and students have been impressed with the excellent presentations as well as the expertise of the presenters!

Beginning on January 30, Seventh graders will also participate in a Boater's Safety course presented by the Macomb County Sheriff's Marine Division. Students will be expected to study and pass the certification test as if it were any other topic presented in class. Every child in Michigan should have a working knowledge of water safety skills and the rules and laws of our waterways! The certification will allow the students to legally drive a personal watercraft (jet ski) and/or a boat!

*Ever wonder what George Washington Carver invented if he did not invent peanut butter? Well , now you can find this out along with other amazing facts about other famous Scientists in an easy to view "Facebook page". In order to view the Eighth grade Science student's research, go to www.facebook.us and use this log in password FB25003.

Eighth grade students also completed a study of the effects of cold on the brain and the technology of winter-wear. Students then responded to an 'evaluation-type' writing prompt.

*Both Seventh and Eighth grade Science students will be participating in a **Science Fair**. The displays of final projects will be available for parental viewing during Parent-Teacher Conferences on March 1st.

The projects will be completed within class. The focus is NOT on students coming up with the 'coolest' experiment...students will receive instruction on the correct wording of their hypothesis; how to develop and write a procedure which can be replicated by other scientists; choosing data collection and data presentation devices/graphs; and writing a reflective conclusion. Students will be encouraged to choose a SIMPLE experiment which can be performed during one class setting with easy-to-find materials.

Students will need to bring in \$2.00 towards the cost of the display board for their group. Money can be submitted to his/her Science teacher prior to Feb. 14th.

*Science students are preparing for MCJH's third year of participation in the national **You Be the Chemist Challenge competition**. At this time, results from the 'school level' competitive exam are still being tabulated. The top scoring students will represent MCJH at the next level of competition to be held at the Macomb Intermediate School District in March. The following students participated in the competitive exam (random order): Jelante Tenner, Austin Newman, Ashlyn Kapala, Brandon Charlebois, Chantel Wheeler, John Fisher, LaDarius Walker, Marques Brownlee, Jenal Thacker, John Stanlake, Rosalyn Williams, Tyler Clairmont, Talia Richardson, Jonathan Hilliard, Angelo Evans, Jasmine Knight, Jessica Travinski, Joshua Thompson, Zackery Taleb, Jacob Charlebois, Jasmine Mason, Michelle Mobley, Jaela Jones, Jaylon Wells, Austin Will, Miranda Bratton, Adrian Williamson, JaNaya Lee, Keontay Williams, Sionei Miller, Chinelle Russell, Jada Drake, and Kyel Rissman.

MOUNT CLEMENS BAND BOOSTERS
2012 EASTER BUNNY BAZAAR

- Date:** Saturday, March 10, 2012
- Event Time:** 10:00am to 4:00pm
- Set-up Time:** 6:30am to 9:30am
- Location:** Mount Clemens High School
155 Cass Avenue
Mount Clemens, Mi 48043
- Fee:** \$25 per space and \$5.00 per space for electricity if needed
Make checks payable to: Mount Clemens Band Boosters
- Event Regulations:** 1 table and 2 chairs will be provided per space
Vendors keep 100% of their own sales
No sales will be handled by the Mount Clemens Band Boosters or by Mount Clemens High School students
Upon approval of registration, a confirmation will be mailed
Additional information will be mailed 2 weeks prior to the date of the event
- Registration:** Send completed application, agreement and payment to:
Jeanine Walker
85 Moross St.
Mount Clemens, MI 48043
additional documents are on the adjacent newsletter page
- Advertising:** Event advertising is included in the registration fee. Various media will be utilized to promote the event such as flyers, local newspaper, marquees, and cable station.
- Liability:** All registrants are required to complete a liability waiver for event enrollment.
- Event Contact:** Jeanine Walker at 586-943-7271 or via email at norajeanine5161@gmail.com

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**MOUNT CLEMENS BAND BOOSTERS
2012 EASTER BUNNY BAZAAR
VENDOR APPLICATION**

Mount Clemens Band Boosters
2012 Easter Bunny Bazaar
Saturday, March 10, 2012

BAND BOOSTERS AGREEMENT

- To promote this Arts & Craft Show locally and advertise accordingly.
- To furnish contracted space, reserving the right to modify request based on the best interest of the show.
- Artists, crafters and vendors will be given their booth assignment at set-up time. The right of table transfer is reserved to the Band Boosters.
- Provide electrical service where safely possible, only to those crafters and vendors who have requested and paid in advance for this service. We reserve the right to cancel this service if deemed unsafe and will provide refund.
- To provide students to assist with loading and unloading assistance.

EXHIBITOR'S LEASE AGREEMENT

- The character of the exhibits shall be items handcrafted and/or vendor items of good quality and displayed in an attractive manner.
- Exhibitor agrees not to sell and will immediately remove from display all articles or signs objectionable to the Band Boosters. Refusal shall result in immediate removal of exhibitor's display from the show.
- Exhibitor agrees to NO OPEN FLAMES under any circumstances. Observe all safety and fire rules with regard to aisle ways and doorways.
- Exhibitors will be assigned space (s) only upon receipt of payment in full.
- Exhibitors will abide by all booth assignments and decisions of the show committee will be final. There is no booth switching and no sub leasing of booth space.
- Exhibitor agrees to remain at show and not dismantle booth until 4pm on day of show.
- After unloading, all vehicles and trailers will be moved to a specified parking area.
- Exhibitors are responsible for all their property while on the premise which includes the loading and unloading process. Mount Clemens High School can not be held responsible for loss of items.
- Exhibitor agrees for use of their names, craft type and contact info to be printed in shopping directory.
- Grants the media release of photos taken during the show.
- The undersigned agrees to comply with all the provisions of this agreement as interpreted by the Mount Clemens Band Boosters, and agrees to forfeit its fees and vacate the premises if it is found to have violated any part of this agreement.
- Mount Clemens High School and their representatives shall not be responsible for any injury, loss damages or legal action sustained by the exhibitor, their employee, goods, or property, or to the public, from any cause whatever while the premises are being occupied under this agreement or which are a result of the parties performance under this agreement.

Vendor Name (s) _____

Company Name (if applicable) _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Home Phone _____

Cell or Work Phone _____

Email Address _____

Type of product being displayed _____

RENTAL FEES:

10' X 6' Space _____ x \$25.00 each = _____

Electricity? _____ x \$5.00 each = _____

All fees for tables and electricity must be included with your application.

LIABILITY WAIVER:

I hereby waive all claims of liability against the Mount Clemens Band Boosters and Mount Clemens Community Schools, their employees and representatives who are in any way connected with this event. I am fully aware of the provisions covered by the fee for this event and my responsibility for the safety and welfare of my products and display items during the event.

I, the undersigned, agree to abide by all of the Lease Agreement, which I have read and fully understand.

Signature _____ Date _____

Signature _____ Date _____

Our Tutoring Program Rocks!

Beginning a new school year or transferring to a new school can be an exciting adventure, especially if that school is a part of the IB Middle Years Program. Becoming a Global Learner is an enjoyable, intriguing and engrossing experience. For some students, it can also be challenging but the Mount Clemens Jr. High Tutoring Program is here to help.

Aside from being available during school hours, we also provide tutoring before school, starting every day at 6:00, and after school Mondays through Thursdays until 4:00. These sessions are open to all students who need help or have work that they want to finish.

Parents interested in getting more information or who want to ar-

range tutoring for their student can contact Ms. Marino at 586-461-3348.



Get Up Bulldogs! Get Involved.....

STUDENT COUNCIL

Thursdays from 2:30– 3:30 pm.



For information, see Ms. Marino

GUITAR CLUB

Tuesdays from 2:45-3:45 pm.



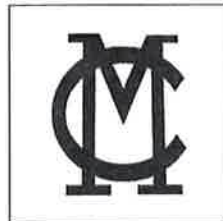
For information, see Mr. Slack

GLEE CLUB

Mondays from 2:30– 3:30 pm.



For information, see Mr. Emschweiler in the High School



WINTER SPORTS

Schedule varies



For information, see the MCJH office staff

Statement of Assurance of Compliance with Federal Laws

It is the policy of the Mount Clemens Board of Education that no person on the basis of race, religion, color, national origin, sex, age, marital status, lack of English skills, or disability, be excluded from participation and be denied the benefits, or be subjected to discrimination under program or activity and in employment; further the Mount Clemens Board of Education strictly adheres to provisions of Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, Title IX of the Educational Amendments of 1972, Section 504 of the Education policies and regulations prohibiting discrimination.

If you would like more information regarding this assurance, please contact:

Mr. Michael Bruce
Principal, Mount Clemens Secondary Complex
Title VI/Title IX and Age Coordinator
155 Cass Avenue
Mount Clemens, MI 48043

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Director of Exceptional Education
Section 504/Title II Coordinator
11 Grand Avenue
Mount Clemens, MI 48043