



**February 6, 2022**

**Parents,**

Thank you for all of your extra support last week as we managed changes due to the weather! As a reminder Monday is a scheduled professional development day for all staff, and students do not have school.

We are officially half-way through this quarter, so please check your student's progress in Skyward if you haven't done so recently. Also, watch the mail for your student's winter NWEA scores. They will be mailed this week. If you have any questions about your student's progress, please reach out to your child's teacher, counselor, or an administrator. Students will take NWEA again in May and ILearn in April.

We have been fortunate to have both a math specialist and a reading specialist help students fill learning gaps through our GOAL classes this year. Progress on NWEA for students who received support through the class was on average almost double their projected growth! We are proud of the students who have participated in the classes. They worked very hard!

**I hope you all have a great week!**

Brooke Tharp  
*MVMS Principal*

### **8th Scheduling and Curriculum Meeting**

8th grade students were presented information Tuesday, February 1st to begin preparing for their high school courses. Students received a Course Request Sheet to take home, complete, and return with student and parent signatures.

8th grade parents and students are welcome to attend the **8th Grade Scheduling and Curriculum Night** Wednesday, **February 9th in the Mt. Vernon High School auditorium**. High School administration, counselors, Special Education Director, Athletic Director, and the band/choir directors will be available.  
**The presentation will begin at 6:30 pm. Enter Door #7.**

**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).

## MV Reads: News from the Library

Reading books with your teen can be a great way to connect while helping them learn valuable lessons. Author of The Read-Aloud Handbook Jim Trelease says in this article "[Don't Stop Reading to Your Kids Once They Learn How to Read](#)" "If you read a book about a kid who gets in trouble by hanging out with the wrong crowd, your child is going to experience that directly, and she's going to experience it with you at her side, and you can talk about it together. You can ask questions like: 'Do you think the boy made the right choice?' 'Do you think that girl was really her friend?' When you talk about a book together, it's not a lecture, it's more like a coach looking at a film with his players, going over the plays to find out what went right and what went wrong."

## Class Trips

### 7th Grade Trip to Cincinnati

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.

### 8th Grade Trip to Washington, D. C.

All payments were due by January 28th to keep your student/chaperone hotel, venue, and bus seat reserved.

***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.***

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

**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.**

### 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.

### Breakfast/Lunch

#### 7th and 8th Grade Lunches

Due to changes with quarantine guidelines at the state level and the subsequent changes in MVCSC Covid protocols, 7th and 8th grade students will be able to all eat in the cafeteria together.

Students will still be required to sit in the same seat daily (they may choose) and must wear their masks while in the lunch line and at their table when not eating.

#### Purchasing Additional Items

Students can receive a free lunch and breakfast at MVMS daily. If students wish to purchase additional items and/or additional lunch, they are charged. Students cannot go through the line twice, so any additional items that they wish to purchase must be purchased when they go through the line. If your student wants to purchase extras or an additional lunch, you can add money to your student's lunch accounts through eFunds in Skyward.

### 47th Annual MVMS 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

We will be doing so many fun things during the month of February to celebrate the CHAMPIONS who have kept our kids in school, learning & safe! We will be celebrating all of our MVMS CHAMPIONS the entire month of February, Winter Olympic style!

### HOW CAN YOU HELP during STAFF APPRECIATION MONTH?

- **Staff Fan Mail**
  - Have your students fill out "Staff Fan Mail" and deliver it to their favorite teachers and staff
- **Dine to donate - The Grill, McCordsville - February 7th, 5 - 8 PM**
  - Join us at The Grill, Mccordsville 5-8 pm on MONDAY, FEBRUARY 7 to support your local business and raise money for the MVMS PTO. A percentage of ALL sales during that time will go to our PTO
- **Candy Gram Sales - February 8-11** - We will be selling Valentine themed candy grams during all lunch periods
- **Volunteer** - Thank you to all those that volunteered to sell Candy Grams this week during school lunch hours. STILL LOOKING FOR VOLUNTEERS ON THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 10; 12- 1:20 PM [Candy Gram Volunteers!](#) Please remember to also send in money with your students to send candy grams to all their friends!

### Other Upcoming Events

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 dance!** Information will be available in the coming months.  
May 18 - **PTO Meeting** - 6 pm - Media Center

### Spirit Wear Store

Check out FIDGETYFAN for all your spirit wear needs.

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

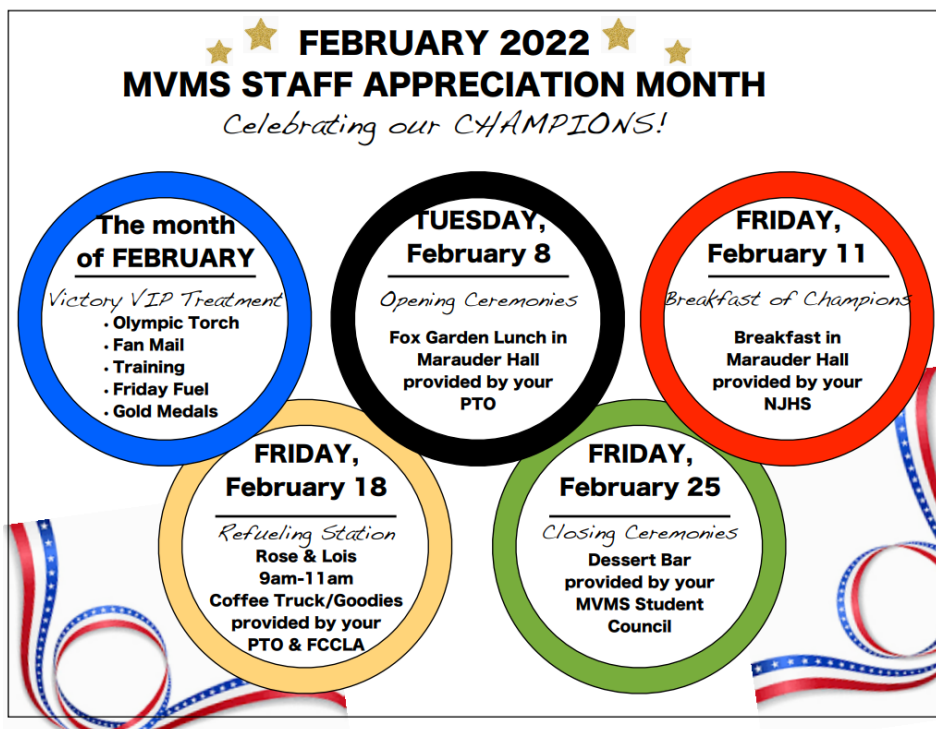
### PTO Meetings

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)





### 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: _____ You deserve a GOLD medal because...</p> <p>From: _____</p>	 <p>To: _____ You deserve a GOLD medal because...</p> <p>From: _____</p>
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### 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 8th, 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.

### 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 7th- No School for Students, Teacher Work Day  
February 7th- MVMS PTO Dine to Donate at The Grill, McCordsville- 5 - 8pm  
February 9th- 8th Grade Curriculum Night at MVHS- 6:30 - 8:00 pm  
February 21st- No School for President's Day