



January 8, 2022

Parents,

It was great to see students after a two week break! While a few students said they thought break should be a bit longer, many said they were glad to be back in school.

We completed NWEA testing this past week. If students missed part or all of the testing, they will take NWEA this week. We will be sending NWEA reports home to parents once all students have completed testing. Parents will also be able to access NWEA scores in Skyward (fall scores can be accessed now). If you have questions about your student's scores or progress, please reach out to your child's teachers, counselor, or an administrator.

Have a great week!

Brooke Tharp

MVMS Principal

Class Trips

6th Grade Trip to Louisville

Please read the information and sign up [HERE](#) for the trip if you have not yet done so. The first payment of \$82.50 is due on January 21st.

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 is due on February 4th.

8th Grade Trip to Washington, D. C.

Upcoming payment installments:

December 17th- 2nd Installment was due- \$200 Student, \$240 Chaperone

January 7th- 3rd Installment was due- \$250 Student, \$290 Chaperone

January 28th- 4th Installment is due- \$250 Student, \$290 Chaperone

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 or 317-485-3160.

47th Annual Talent Show

The 47th MVMS Talent Show will be Thursday, March 3. There are category winners and a grand champion. Categories typically include, dance, 8th grade vocalist, 7th grade vocalist, 6th grade vocalist, piano, guitar, musician, and Taekwondo. The talent show is open to all students in 6th, 7th, and 8th grade. Permission slips will be available in late January. Email dean.falkenberg@mvcsc.k12.in.us if you have any questions.

Audition Calendar

Date	Time	Location
Tuesday, February 15	3:45 pm	7th and 8th Graders in Marauder Hall
Wednesday, February 16	6:00 pm	Anyone who cannot attend in-person auditions may audition via a Google Meeting
Thursday, February 17	3:45 pm	6th Grades in Marauder Hall

MV Reads: News from the Library

Welcome back! Hopefully READING is in your 2022 New Year’s Resolutions! To help motivate you, consider creating a goal through the [Goodreads](#) app/website, the world’s largest site for readers and book recommendations. It is a free service that allows you to discover books you’ll love, scan books on the go, explore genres and curated lists, and even give and get book recommendations. You can organize the books you have read, want to read, and are reading. There’s nothing more satisfying than marking a book as read when you’ve finished it!



8th Grade Band Parents

If your student is in band, please see the information below about the upcoming informational meeting about high school band. The meeting will be virtual. If you have questions or cannot attend, please contact Jackie Nason, the high school band director at jackie.nason@mvcsc.k12.in.us.

The poster features a dark grey background on the left and a vertical decorative border on the right with a repeating geometric pattern of yellow and black diamonds. At the top left is a yellow trumpet icon. Below it, the text 'MT. VERNON HIGH SCHOOL BAND' is in white. The main title 'Informational Meeting' is in large yellow font. The date and time 'Tuesday, January 11th, 2022 7:00-8:00 PM' are in white. The virtual meeting link is in yellow. The contact email is in white. The bottom text is in yellow.



MT. VERNON HIGH SCHOOL BAND

Informational Meeting

Tuesday, January 11th, 2022
7:00-8:00 PM

Virtual:
<https://meet.google.com/iox-yrep-fvj>

JACKIE.NASON@MVCSC.K12.IN.US

The first half of the meeting will cover information related to HS Band (dates, info, etc.) with our monthly booster meeting immediately following

Join the MVSC 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.

Currently, MVMS is looking for an instructional assistants, permanent substitute teachers, and food service staff. Click on the link above to apply!

Food Service 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 or email doris.johnson@mvcsc.k12.in.us or kasey.voeller@mvcsc.k12.in.us.

OUR FOOD SERVICE DEPARTMENT NEEDS YOU!



Apply now at:
[www.mvcsc.k12.in.us/
employment](http://www.mvcsc.k12.in.us/employment)



Caregiver Training

The MVEF Parent University is sponsoring two Trust-Based Relational Intervention Caregiver Trainings for FREE! These trainings will provide families with an overview of TBRI and how to best implement the principles in their homes. Caregivers will gain a deeper understanding of the brain, themselves and their child(ren), and strategies to support the child(ren) in their homes. Attendees will have the opportunity to participate in follow up consultations to support their implementation and continue to build their skillset.

The registration link is [HERE](#). See the attached flyer for more information. The registration link will remain open until Wednesday, January 12, 2022.



TBRI® Caregiver Training

Presented by Amy Tucker, TBRI® Practitioner

MVCSC Alumni Room | 1806 W. State Road 234 Fortville, IN

Trust-Based Relational Intervention (TBRI®) is an attachment-based, trauma-informed intervention that is designed to meet the complex needs of vulnerable children. The TBRI® Empowering Principles include Physiological and Ecological Strategies to meet physical needs. Participants will learn to empower children by addressing nutrition, hydration, and sensory needs and also assess and alter a child's environment to promote felt-safety and learning. The TBRI® Connecting Principles include Engagement and Mindfulness Strategies to meet attachment needs. Participants will learn to create connections that disarm fear, gain trust, and enhance learning, all while developing the attachment relationship between caregiver and child. The TBRI® Correcting Principles include Proactive and Responsive Strategies to shape beliefs and behaviors by disarming fear. Participants will learn how to teach positive behaviors proactively and respond to fear-based behaviors while maintaining connection.

OPTION 1

1 Day Session INTRODUCTION & OVERVIEW

January 15, 2022
9 am - 3 pm

Follow Up
Consultation via
Zoom
February 3, 2022
7 pm - 8 pm

OPTION 2

Session 1 EMPOWERING PRINCIPLES

January 18, 2022
6 pm - 9 pm

Follow Up
Consultation via
Zoom
February 1, 2022
7 pm - 8 pm

Session 2 CONNECTING PRINCIPLES

February 8, 2022
6 pm - 9 pm

Follow Up
Consultation via
Zoom
February 22, 2022
7 pm - 8 pm

Session 3 CORRECTING PRINCIPLES

March 1, 2022
6 pm - 9 pm

Follow Up
Consultation via
Zoom
March 29, 2022
7 pm - 8 pm

For more information and to register: <http://bidpal.net/mvefpu>

Questions? Contact Amy Tucker: amy.tucker@mvcsc.k12.in.us



Be an MV Mentor



The poster features a yellow shield with a black 'M' on the left. The title 'Marauder Mentors' is in a large, black, cursive font. To the right is a circular seal for 'MT. VERNON' with 'INNOVATION EXCELLENCE' at the top and '15th ANNIVERSARY 2007-2022' at the bottom. The main heading 'Become A Mentor!' is in bold black text. Below it, a line of text says 'We are looking for adult mentors to work with middle school students.' A compass rose is on the left side of the text block. The text continues: '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.' A quote follows: '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/ffQ5DAux4V5i2jm8'. At the bottom right, it says 'Have questions? Email MarauderMentors@gmail.com'.

Marauder Mentors

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News from the PTO

PTO NEWS!

Every MVMS parent is automatically a part of the school PTO! A school is more successful with parental involvement. There are many ways to give support.

This school year the PTO has already had a lot of fun organizing monthly TREAT TUESDAYS for the school staff. In addition to that, we implemented Substitute Survival Welcome Bags for all building subs. And finally, we passed out presents and goodies for ALL of our bus drivers and the entire MVMS staff! It's been a busy few months, but we still have a lot to accomplish this school year!

How Can You Help?

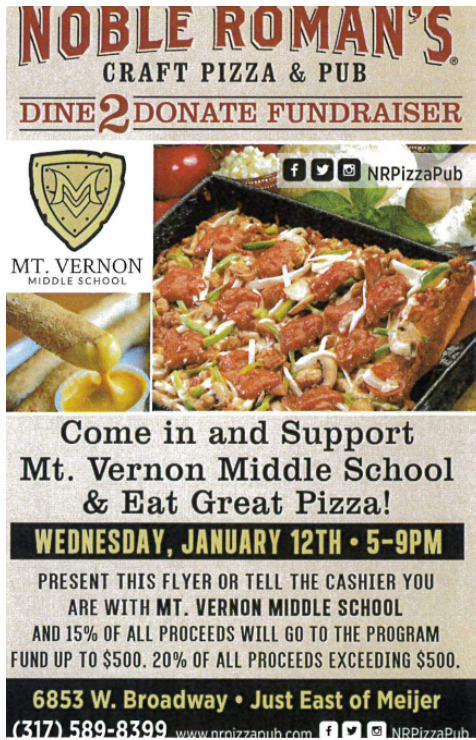
If you would like to share your talents with us - Please let us know where you can help!

Here are specific things we would LOVE help with:

- writing thank you notes
- shopping
- decorating the teachers lounge
- organizing the remaining Treat Tuesdays - January 18, March 8, April 19 & May 17
- Staff Appreciation Luncheon/last treat tuesday on May 3

DINE TO DONATE: Wednesday, January 12; 5- 9 pm

McCordsville NOBLE ROMAN'S (see the attached flyer). You can place orders online - in memo line type Mt. Vernon Middle Dine to Donate. SOOOO, you can pick up pizzas on your way home after a busy day and still help MVMS!



TREAT TUESDAY: January 19

If you would like to help provide sunshiny YELLOW treats for our staff on Tuesday, January 19, please visit this Signupgenius.... [January Treat Tuesday](#)
Students can drop treats at the front desk on the way to class in the morning.

Upcoming February Events

- Valentine candy gram sales - We will be selling candy grams the week of February 7-11 during lunch hours. Look for more information soon.
- Staff Appreciation MONTH - the PTO will be celebrating our CHAMPIONS the whole month of February in Mt. Vernon Middle School with Olympic style. Celebrating the people who have been working so hard to keep our kids in school, learning and safe! More information will be coming out soon on how you can help!

Spirit Wear Store

Check out our spirit wear store called the FIDGETYFAN. <https://fidgetyfan.com/pages/mtvernonschools>.

PTO Meetings

Please join us at our next meeting on Wednesday, January 19, 6 PM in the Media Center.

Questions

If you have any questions please email mtvernonmiddleschoolpto@gmail.com.

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.

Weights & Conditioning

Weightlifting will be Tuesdays & Thursdays after school starting Tuesday, November 30th, for ALL student athletes not playing a winter sport. Students will meet in the cafeteria when bus riders are dismissed. Students will need to wear a mask, bring a t-shirt, shorts, gym shoes, and a water bottle and will be able to change in the locker room at the high school. Weights will be every Tuesday and Thursday after school until 5:30 PM. Parent pick up will take place at the north entrance of the main gym at MVHS. If you have any questions, contact Coach Harnish eric.harnish@mvcsc.k12.in.us

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

Daily News

Announcements can be found [HERE](#).

Upcoming Events and Important Dates

January 12th- MVMS PTO Dine to Donate @ Noble Romans, McCordsville 5 - 9pm
January 17th- No School for MLK Day
January 27th- MVMS Spelling Bee- 9am
February 7th- No School for Students, Teacher Work Day

Social Media

Twitter: @MtVernon_MS

Instagram: @Mt.Vernon_MS

Facebook: MtVernonMiddleSchool