



**January 2, 2022**

**Parents,**

I hope you and your family enjoyed the holidays! Our second semester begins on January 3rd. Students will be taking our mid-year NWEA on Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday. Testing will take place in the morning, so please make sure students are rested!

**I hope you and your family have a Happy New Year!**

Brooke Tharp

*MVMS Principal*

### Health Protocols

Please see the information shared by MVCSC regarding changes to quarantine. As always, for the safety of students and staff, please keep students who are ill at home.

**Here is the message MVCSC shared this week:**

*Dear MVCSC staff & parents/guardians:*

*After receiving local guidance from the Indiana Department of Health and the Hancock County Health Department on December 31, 2021, MVCSC is revising our health and safety policy concerning the number of days to quarantine.*

*The [FAQ document](#) has been updated to reflect that when masks are not worn properly or during lunch and other indoor areas where masks cannot be worn, MVCSC is now only required to quarantine those individuals identified as a close contact for five (5) days. This new rule applies to grades Kindergarten through grade 12 and does not apply to the Mini-Marauder Preschool.*

*Those currently on quarantine will receive notice from the MVCSC Health Department with their new end-of-quarantine date by Sunday, January 2, 2022.*

*As always, please inform the MVCSC Health Department of any positive test results immediately after receiving them. Continue to monitor for symptoms and do not attend school if any symptoms are present.*

Thank you & have a safe, healthy & Happy New Year!

MVCSC

[mvcsc.k12.in.us/covid](http://mvcsc.k12.in.us/covid)

## Join the MVMS 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 assistant, food service employees, and permanent substitute teachers. Click on the link above to apply!

## 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).

## OUR FOOD SERVICE DEPARTMENT NEEDS YOU!



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



## Become a 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)

## 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/mvofpu>

Questions? Contact Amy Tucker: [amy.tucker@mvcsc.k12.in.us](mailto:amy.tucker@mvcsc.k12.in.us)



## Team Odyssey

Over the course of the semester, the class sizes on Team Odyssey (6th grade team) has become unbalanced. To keep our student-to-teacher ratio similar in all classes, some students' schedules may change slightly. Students will still have the same teachers, but the order of their morning classes may change slightly. Changes will not impact lunch, and students will not be changing teams. This will help our teachers to be able to provide the best instruction and support to all students and allow us to keep students as socially distanced as possible!

## Class Trips

### 6th Grade Trip to Louisville

Important information was sent to 6th grade families separately through ParentSquare. Please read the information and sign up for the trip using the included form. The first payment of \$82.50 is due on January 21st.

### 7th Grade Trip to Cincinnati

Important information was sent to 7th grade families separately through ParentSquare. Please read the information and sign up for the trip using the included form. The first payment of \$80.00 is due on February 4th.

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

Upcoming payment installments:

January 7th- 3rd Installment is due

\$250 Student

\$290 Chaperone

January 28th- 4th Installment is due

\$250 Student

\$290 Chaperone

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.

## 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](mailto:dean.falkenberg@mvcsc.k12.in.us) if you have any questions.

## News from the PTO

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.

### PTO NEWS:

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, this week 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!

### IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO SHARE YOUR TALENTS WITH US - PLEASE PLEASE LET US KNOW HOW 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

### SPIRIT WEAR STORE:

The PTO has launched a new spirit wear store called the FIDGETYFAN. Please check out their website for all your holiday shopping needs. <https://fidgetyfan.com/pages/mtvernonschools>.

MVMS Spirit Wear is now LIVE!  
This online store will run all year long. Check it out!

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

Brought to you by MVMS PTO



WWW.FIDGETYFAN.COM/MTVERNONSCHOOLS



MVHOLIDAY  
ENTER CODE AT CHECKOUT  
EXPIRES 12/5



## DINE TO DONATE - SAVE THE DATE

Wednesday, January 12; McCordsville NOBLE ROMAN'S; 5 - 9 pm

## PTO MEETINGS:

Our next meeting will be Wednesday, January 19, 6 PM in the Media Center.

## 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.

## 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](mailto: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](mailto:elizabeth.blunk@mvcsc.k12.in.us)

## Upcoming Events and Important Dates

January 3rd - School Resumes

January 4th, 6th, and 7th- NWEA Testing (AM)

January 12th- MVMS PTO Dine to Donate @ Noble Romans, McCordsville 5 - 9pm

## Daily News

Announcements can be found [HERE](#).

## Social Media

Twitter: @MtVernon\_MS

Instagram: @Mt.Vernon\_MS

Facebook: MtVernonMiddleSchool

## Elementary and Junior High Hitting League

### 2022 MT. VERNON MARAUDER BASEBALL

#### ELEMENTARY AND JUNIOR HIGH HITTING LEAGUE (GRADES 1-8)

##### **Registration Form for 2022 Mt. Vernon Marauder Hitting League**

Hitting League groups will consist of four assigned players per team. You can form your own team OR your player will be assigned a team. If you want to form your own team, please write the other teammates names on designated spot below. The goal of Hitting League is twofold: emphasizing the value of making good contact while hitting the ball up the middle/the other way and allowing players the opportunity to work on specific individual weaknesses. Hitting League will run for 5 Saturdays in January and February with each group being given a designated 40-minute time slot between 2pm to 4pm in the Performance Enhancement Center (PEC). The 40-minutes will consist of approximately 20 minutes of hitting drills outside the cage with the Mt. Vernon coaching staff and players as well as approximately 20 minutes of cage time. ***Hitting League is limited to the first 80 players.***

The registration fee for the Hitting League is \$60. Please do not register without preparing to commit to consistent attendance. **You must report 10 minutes before you are scheduled to hit, or you will be disqualified from participation that particular evening.** Your specific scheduled time will be announced via email following registration. The following are tentative dates for the Hitting League:

Saturday, January 8<sup>th</sup>  
Saturday, January 15<sup>th</sup>  
Saturday, January 22<sup>nd</sup>

Saturday, January 29<sup>th</sup>  
Saturday, February 5<sup>th</sup>

Fill out the attached application and return it along with \$60 to Coach King at the address below as soon as possible. Checks should be made out to **Mt. Vernon Marauder Baseball**. Fee and information sheets are **due by Monday, January 3<sup>rd</sup>**.

Detach and Remit to:  
Mt. Vernon Baseball  
c/o Coach King  
8112 N. 200 W.  
Forville, IN 46040

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|-------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| Name _____              | Primary/Secondary Positions _____ |
| Mailing Address _____   | School _____                      |
| City, State, Zip _____  | Grade _____                       |
| Email _____             | T-Shirt Size _____                |
| Parent's Name _____     | Emergency Phone Number _____      |
| Teammate Request: _____ |                                   |

The undersigned hereby acknowledges that participation in this camp and related activities involves an inherent risk of physical injury, and the undersigned, on behalf of the registrant, hereby assumes all such risk and does hereby release and forever discharge the Mt. Vernon Baseball Program, the Mt. Vernon Athletic Department, Mt. Vernon High School, and all employees and agents thereof from any and all liability of whatever kind of nature, arising from and by reason of any and all known and unknown, participation in or involvement with this hitting league, including failure of equipment or defect in the premise.

Signature of Participant \_\_\_\_\_

Signature of Parent \_\_\_\_\_

