2018-2019 Calendar & Parent Guide

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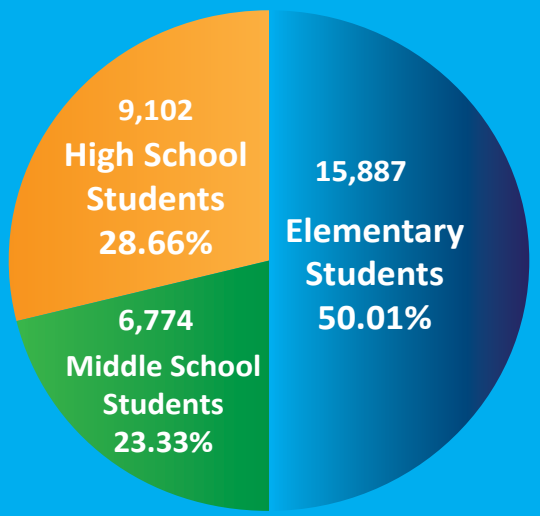
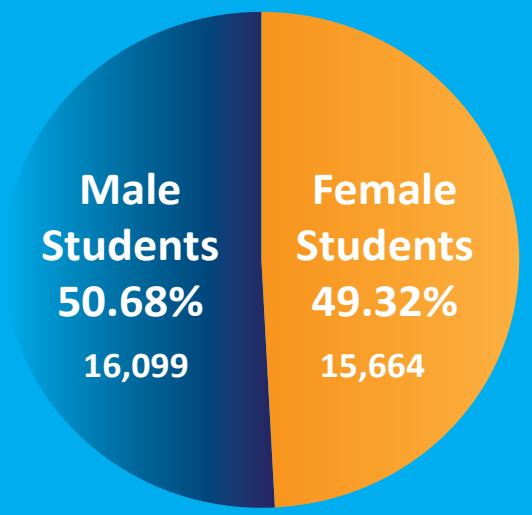
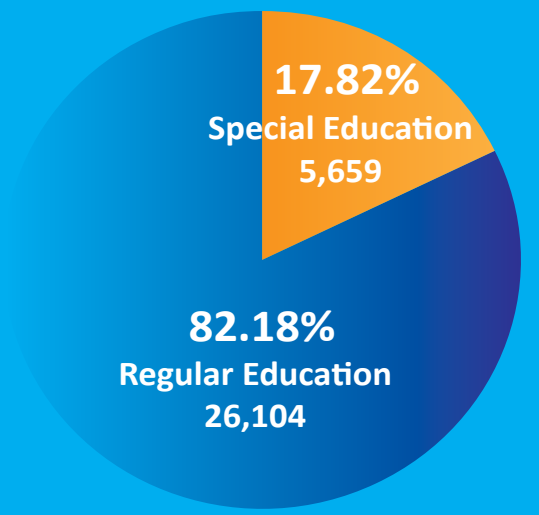
Mission: to inspire and equip all students to achieve unlimited potential.

Vision: The MCSD is a beacon of educational excellence where all are known, valued, and inspired.

MCSD BY THE NUMBERS





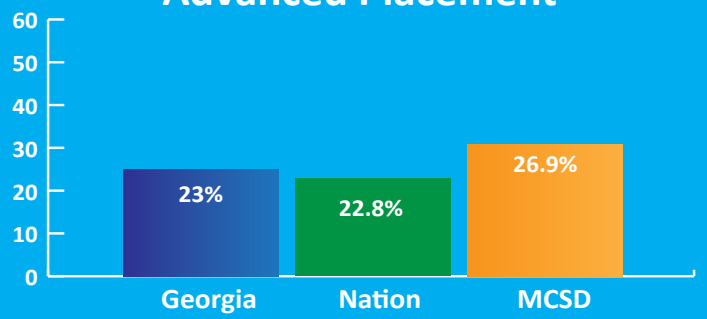


6,337,613
Annual number of daily meals served

31,763
Total number of students

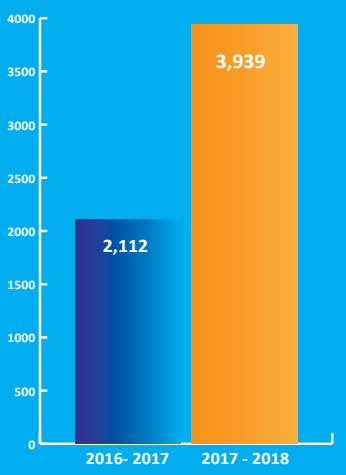
2,080
Number of 2018 graduates

Advanced Placement



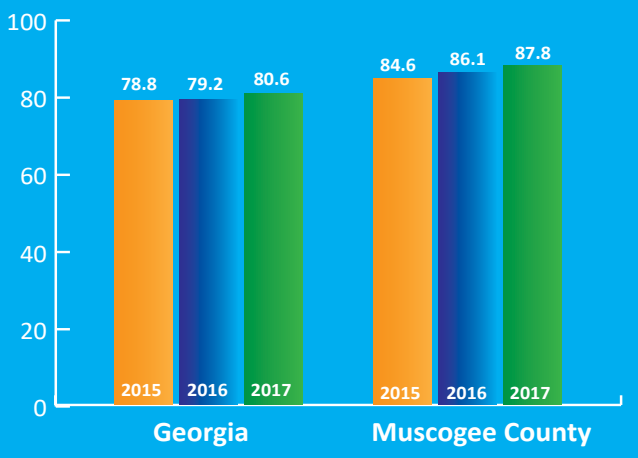
Percentage of students who scored a 3 or higher on AP exams in 2017

Dual Enrollment



MCSD Credit Hours Earned

Four-Year Cohort Graduation Rate



School Directory

A.I.M. Program (Marshall Success Center) 706-748-2900

Aaron Cohn Middle School
706-569-3801

Allen Elementary School
706-748-2418

Arnold Magnet Academy
706-748-2435
(Math, Science and Technology)

Baker Middle School
706-683-8721

Blackmon Road Middle School
706-565-2998

Blanchard Elementary School

706-748-2461

Brewer Elementary School
706-748-2479

Britt David Elementary Magnet Academy 706-748-2167
(Computers Unlimited)

Clubview Elementary Magnet Academy 706-565-3017
(International Baccalaureate World School And Georgia Charter School)

Columbus High School
706-748-2534 (Liberal Arts Academy)

Davis Elementary School
706-748-2638

Dawson Elementary School
706-683-8732

Dimon Elementary Magnet Academy
706-683-8772 (Science, Mathematics and Resources Technology)

Dorothy I. Height Elementary
706-683-8871

Double Churches Elementary School
706-748-2660

Double Churches Middle School
706-748-2678

Downtown Elementary Magnet
706-748-2702
(Core Knowledge and Computers)

Eagle Ridge Academy
706-569-3746

Early College Academy
706-748-2948

East Columbus Magnet Academy
706-565-3026
(Gifted and Talented)

Eddy Middle School
706-683-8782

Forrest Road Elementary School
706-565-3062

Fort Middle School
706-569-3740 (Service Learning)

Fox Elementary School
706-748-2723

G. W. Carver STEM High School
706-748-2499 (Science/Technology/ Engineering/Technology Magnet)

Gentian Elementary School
706-569-3625

Georgetown Elementary School
706-565-2980

Hannan Elementary Magnet Academy 706-748-2744
(Gifted, Resourceful, Enthusiastic, and Talented Students)

Hardaway High School
706-748-2766 (International Baccalaureate Programme)

Johnson Elementary School
706-748-2795

Jordan High School
706-748-2829
(Muscogee County Career Academy)

Kendrick High School
706-565-2960 (Academy of Communication Arts and Design)

Key Elementary School
706-683-8797

Lonnie Jackson Academy
706-565-3039

Martin Luther King, Jr. Elementary School
706-683-8815

Mathews Elementary School
706-569-3656

Midland Academy
706-569-3664

Midland Middle School
706-569-3673

North Columbus Elementary
706-748-3183

Northside High School
706-748-2920 (Engineering and Engineering Design Program)

Rainey McCullers School of Fine Arts
706-748-3360 (Temporary)

Reese Road Leadership Academy
706-569-3684 (Leadership: Franklin Covey Education–The Leader in Me)

Richards Middle School
706-569-3697 (International Baccalaureate Programme)

Rigdon Road Elementary School
706-565-2989

River Road Elementary School
706-748-3072

Rothschild Leadership Academy
706-569-3709

Shaw High School
706-569-3638
(Mass Communications Academy)

South Columbus Elementary School 706-683-8833

Spencer High School 706-683-8701
(Academy of Computer Science and Electronic Game Design)

St. Elmo Center for the Gifted
706-748-3115

St. Mary's Road Magnet Academy 706-683-8841 (Video and Communications Technology)

Veterans Memorial Middle School
706-748-3203

Waddell Elementary School
706-569-3722

Wesley Heights Elementary School
706-569-3733

Wynnton Arts Academy
706-748-3147 (Georgia Charter School with Arts Focus)

CENTERS & PROGRAMS

Marshall Success Center
706-748-2900

STEPS 706-683-8863

St. Elmo Center for the Gifted
706-748-3115

Woodall Center
706-748-3166

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*Disclaimer: At the time of print, information may be subject to change due to pending approvals.
Please refer to your child's official school handbook and the approved MCSD 2018-2019 behavior code and discipline policy handbook.

Back to School

FIRST DAY: AUGUST 8, 2018

Verification day: August 2, 2018
Registration occurs all year; enrollment is an ongoing process

SCHOOL START TIMES

Level / School Name	Doors Open	Start Time	End Time
Elementary Schools	7:15 AM	8:00 AM	2:30 PM
Middle Schools	8:20 AM	8:50 AM	3:50 PM
High Schools	7:40 AM	8:10 AM	3:25 PM
Eagle Ridge Academy	7:00 AM	7:45 AM	2:15 PM
North Columbus Elementary	7:00 AM	7:45 AM	2:15 PM

2018-2019 SCHOOL SUPPLIES LIST

Items listed below are suggested but not required or mandatory for registration or enrollment. Magnet schools and special programs may require additional items.

Grades K - 2
Index cards
3-ring binder (1-inch)
Composition book (primary preferred)
Glue sticks
No. 2 pencils (12)
Notebook paper (wide-ruled)
Markers
Scissors (safety)
Erasers
Crayons
Facial Tissue (1 box suggested)

Grades 6-8
3-ring binders (one or two-inch)
6 tab dividers for binders
Composition notebooks
3-prong pocket folders
3-hole notebook folders
College-ruled notebook paper
Graph paper
Note/index cards
Blue and black pens
No. 2 pencils
Colored pencils
Erasers
USB flash drive
Facial tissue (suggested)

Grades 3 - 5
3-ring binder (1-inch)
Erasers
3-prong pocket folders
1 pack of dividers with tabs
Composition book
Glue sticks
Markers
Crayons
Ruler
Index cards
No. 2 pencils (12)
Pens (black or blue ink)
Notebook paper (wide-ruled)
Facial Tissue (1 box suggested)

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August 2018

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 Teacher Planning Days: No School For Students	2 System-wide Verification Day Teacher Planning Days: No School For Students	3 Teacher Planning Days: No School For Students	4
5	6 Teacher Planning Days: No School For Students	7 Teacher Planning Days: No School For Students	8 First Day of School	9	10	11
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
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Health Services

IMMUNIZATIONS AND SCREENING:

All students entering or attending Pre-Kindergarten through 12th grades are required to have a valid Georgia Certificate of Immunization Form 3231, issued by a licensed Georgia physician, or qualified employee of the local Health Department or the State Immunization Office. The students must have been immunized against those diseases as so specified by the Georgia Department of Human Resources. Parents/ guardians are responsible for seeing that their children are properly immunized in accordance with Georgia law.

The only exemption for any vaccine is Medical Exemption or Religious Objection. The Medical Exemption must be renewed yearly and signed by a physician.

Immunization records are due on the first day of school and will not be accepted past August 31st.

For further immunization information, visit the Georgia Department of Human Resources website at http://dph.georgia.gov/immunization-section

CHRONIC ILLNESS/ HEALTH CONDITIONS:

If your child has a chronic illness or condition that requires medical attention or could become an emergency, please complete the health portion on the registration form/clinic card and contact the school immediately.

MEDICATION:

Please read the Medication Policy JGCD for detailed information regarding medication during the school day. If possible medication should be given at home, however if it is necessary for your child to receive medication at school, certain guidelines must be met:

1. The medication must be in the original container and labeled with the child's name, Physician's name, name of medication, and the dosage instructions for the child.
2. There must be a Medication Administration Permission Form signed for each medication, even over the counter medication.
3. Parents are responsible for bringing medication to school and turning it in to the clinic or office staff.

Emergency medication, such as a rescue inhaler, auto inject-able epinephrine, and insulin, can be carried on the student's person with physician's permission and completed paperwork. The appropriate form is located in the documents section. Contact your child's school if this applies to your child's health situation.

INFECTION CONTROL IN THE SCHOOL SETTING:

Schools, by their very nature, can be considered breeding ground for many viral and bacterial infections. There are things that everyone can do to help minimize the spread of viruses and bacteria:

1. Promote Regular Hand Washing
Hand washing decreases the spread of infections of all kinds. School Nurses promote good hand washing techniques in Muscogee County Schools through classes/demonstrations, videos, posters, and other educational materials.

2. Maintain Accurate Contact Information at School
If your child should becomes ill while at school, it is important that accurate phone numbers for the parent/guardian and emergency contacts be available in the school clinic. Should your phone number change, or the phone number of any emergency contacts, during the school year ensure that you notify both the school office staff and the school clinic.

PROTECT YOUR CHILD AGAINST THE FLU

Recommendations as provided by the Centers for Disease Control (CDC):

1. Make sure your child receives a flu vaccine.
2. Stay away from others who are sick.
3. If you don't have a tissue, cough or sneeze into your upper sleeve or elbow; not your hands.
4. Avoid touching your eyes, nose and mouth. Germs spread this way.
5. Clean and disinfect hard surfaces and objects that may become contaminated with germs.
6. If your child is sick with flu-like illness, try to keep him or her in a separate room from others in the household, if possible.
7. The Center for Disease Control (CDC) recommends that your sick child stay home for at least 24 hours after his or her fever is gone , except to get medical care or for other necessities. The fever should be gone without the use of a fever-reducing medication.

For more information, visit www.cdc.com/flu or call 1-800-CDC-INFO

TOO SICK FOR SCHOOL?

As a rule of thumb, a child should stay home if there is:

- A fever over 100.4 F
- Vomiting more than once
- Diarrhea
- A very frequent cough

September 2018

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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2	3 Labor Day Schools and District Offices Closed	4	5	6	7 Progress Reports	8
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
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23	24	25	26	27	28	29
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National Bullying Prevention Month

OCTOBER IS OBSERVED EACH YEAR AS NATIONAL BULLYING PREVENTION MONTH

Bullying, as the term is defined in Georgia law, of a student by another student is strictly prohibited. Bullying is defined as any intentional written, verbal, or physical act, which a reasonable person would perceive as being intended to threaten, harass, or intimidate that:

- Causes another person substantial physical harm or visible bodily harm is defined by Code Section 16-5-23.1 as bodily harm capable of being perceived by a person other than the victim,
- Has the effect of substantially interfering with a student's education;
- Is so severe, persistent, or pervasive that it creates an intimidating or threatening educational environment; or
- Has the effect of substantially disrupting the orderly operation of the school.

WAYS WE COMBAT BULLYING

1. Annual Bully Prevention Training facilitated by building-level administrators
2. Handbook and Code of Conduct Advisement Assemblies with Students
3. Confidentiality Box
4. Small Group Counseling
5. Peer Helpers/Peer Ambassadors
6. Classroom Guidance Lessons
7. Common Sense Media
8. MCSD Bully Prevention Advisement Plan
9. Georgia Health Survey

REPORT BULLYING:

MCSD Bully E-Mail: Bully.Free@muscogee.k12.ga.us

MCSD Bully Hotline: 706-748-2267

To report to the state of Georgia, call 1-877-729-7867 or 1-877-Say-Stop.

Columbus Youth Hockey Association

Check out the coolest game in town at the Columbus Ice Rink

Learn To Play Program

4-6 week Program Sessions • Saturdays from 9am-10am
Starting August 2018 and running until June 2019

EQUIPMENT RENTAL AVAILABLE

All boys and girls, ages 3 and up, who are interested in playing hockey can start by joining our Learn To Play sessions, no skating experience necessary. In these sessions, players will learn the fundamentals of hockey such as skating, passing and shooting, and will perform drills in order to prepare them for playing on a team in our house league. Players are divided up by age and ability and are taught by USA Hockey certified coaches.

Register at **columbushockey.org**
House and Recreation League begins October 1- March 9
USA HOCKEY TRY HOCKEY FOR FREE DATES
Nov. 10 and Feb. 23
Register at **tryhockeyforfree.com** or **columbushockey.org**

Follow us on Facebook @ **Columbus Hockey Association**
For more information or questions contact Hockey Director Orrin Hergott @ **orrinhergott@yahoo.com**

October 2018

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2	3	4	5	6
7	8 Staff Professional Development Day No School For Students	9	10	11 End of 1st nine weeks	12	13
14	15	16	17	18 Report Cards (All grade levels)	19	20
21	22	23 Red Ribbon Week	24 National Bullying Prevention Unity Day Red Ribbon Week	25 Red Ribbon Week	26 Red Ribbon Week	27
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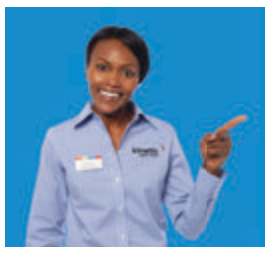

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School Nutrition

The MCSD School Nutrition Program (SNP) provides a healthy breakfast and lunch choice for students every day. Students may bring their own lunches from home.

Last school year, we served 6,337,613 meals to students.

PAYING FOR SCHOOL LUNCH

Acceptable forms of payment: cash, money order, cashier's check, traveler's check, or online via our online payment system, My School Bucks (credit or debit card)
NOTE: The Muscogee County SNP no longer accepts personal checks as payment for meals in our cafeterias.

PRE-PAY ONLINE

You can Pre-pay for your child's school breakfast, lunch and ala carte food items. Online payments include a transaction fee per school site. You must know your child's birthdate and/or PersonID Number from Infinite Campus (available at the school office). Allow 24 hours for payments to be posted to your child's account. From the Muscogee County School District website, on the home page, click on the Families tab, then click on the My School Bucks link to access our online payment system.

2018-2019 SCHOOL MEAL PRICES

Breakfast Prices
Elementary: $.95
Middle and High School: $1.20
Reduced: $.30
Adult: $1.50

Lunch Prices
Elementary: $2.35
Middle and High School: $2.60
Reduced: $.40
Adult, MCSD Staff: $3.75
Adult, Outside of MCSD: $4.50

FREE AND REDUCED LUNCH

If your student is not enrolled in a Community Eligibility Provision (CEP) school, a new application has to be completed and approved each school year before your child can qualify for free or reduced meals.

We must receive an original application. We cannot accept a faxed or copied application. ONLY ONE application needs to be completed for your entire household.

If someone receives SNAP (Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program) OR TANF, you must include the current CASE number on the application (NOT the EBT or food stamp card number) and indicate whether the program is SNAP or TANF.

Completed applications are processed within 10 days. A letter will be sent home from school with your child stating if you have been approved or denied. Applications CANNOT be approved if they are not completely filled out so please COMPLETE ALL REQUIRED FIELDS on the application.

Until your application is approved, please provide your child(ren) with money to purchase meals. If you have an approved MCSD 2017-2018 application on file, then benefits will be extended for the first 30 days of the 2018-2019 school year. After that, your child's status will change to PAID and they will be charged for meals until a new application is approved.

Applications can be submitted at anytime throughout the year, especially if your income goes down, you lose your job, your family qualifies for SNAP or TANF benefits, or there is a change in your family size. For quicker processing of meal benefit applications, the Family Meal Application is available online at https://www.MySchoolApps.com/.

If you prefer, you may complete a paper application at your child's school or at the School Nutrition Office located at the Muscogee County Public Education Center, 2960 Macon Road.

Please contact the Office of School Nutrition with any questions: (706)748-2389

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November 2018

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1 PAGE Bowl	2	3
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
11	12 Veterans Day Observed Schools and District Offices Closed	13 Progress Reports	14	15	16	17
18	19 Thanksgiving Break Schools and District Offices Closed	20 Thanksgiving Break Schools and District Offices Closed	21 Thanksgiving Break Schools and District Offices Closed	22 **Thanksgiving Day** Thanksgiving Break Schools and District Offices Closed	23 Thanksgiving Break Schools and District Offices Closed	24
25	26	27	28	29	30	

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Title I Schools

Title I operates as a part of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 (ESEA).

The Title I program funds additional academic supports to help economically disadvantaged children meet the same high level of academic proficiency as that which is expected of all children. The major areas of focus for Title I programs are the four core content areas:

Reading, Math, Science, and Social Studies. The needs of Title I schools are identified through comprehensive needs assessments which inform data-driven decisions about research-based instructional strategies and professional learning.

The following schools are Title I Schools:

Elementary Schools
Allen Elementary School
Brewer Elementary School
Davis Elementary School
Dawson Elementary School
Dimon Magnet Academy
Dorothy Height Elementary School
Downtown Elementary Magnet Academy
Forrest Road Elementary School
Fox Elementary School
Gentian Elementary School
Georgetown Elementary School
Hannan Elementary School
Johnson Elementary School
Key Elementary School
Lonnie Jackson Academy
MLK Jr. Elementary School
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High Schools
Carver High School
Early College Academy
Hardaway High School
Jordan Vocational High School
Kendrick High School
Spencer High School

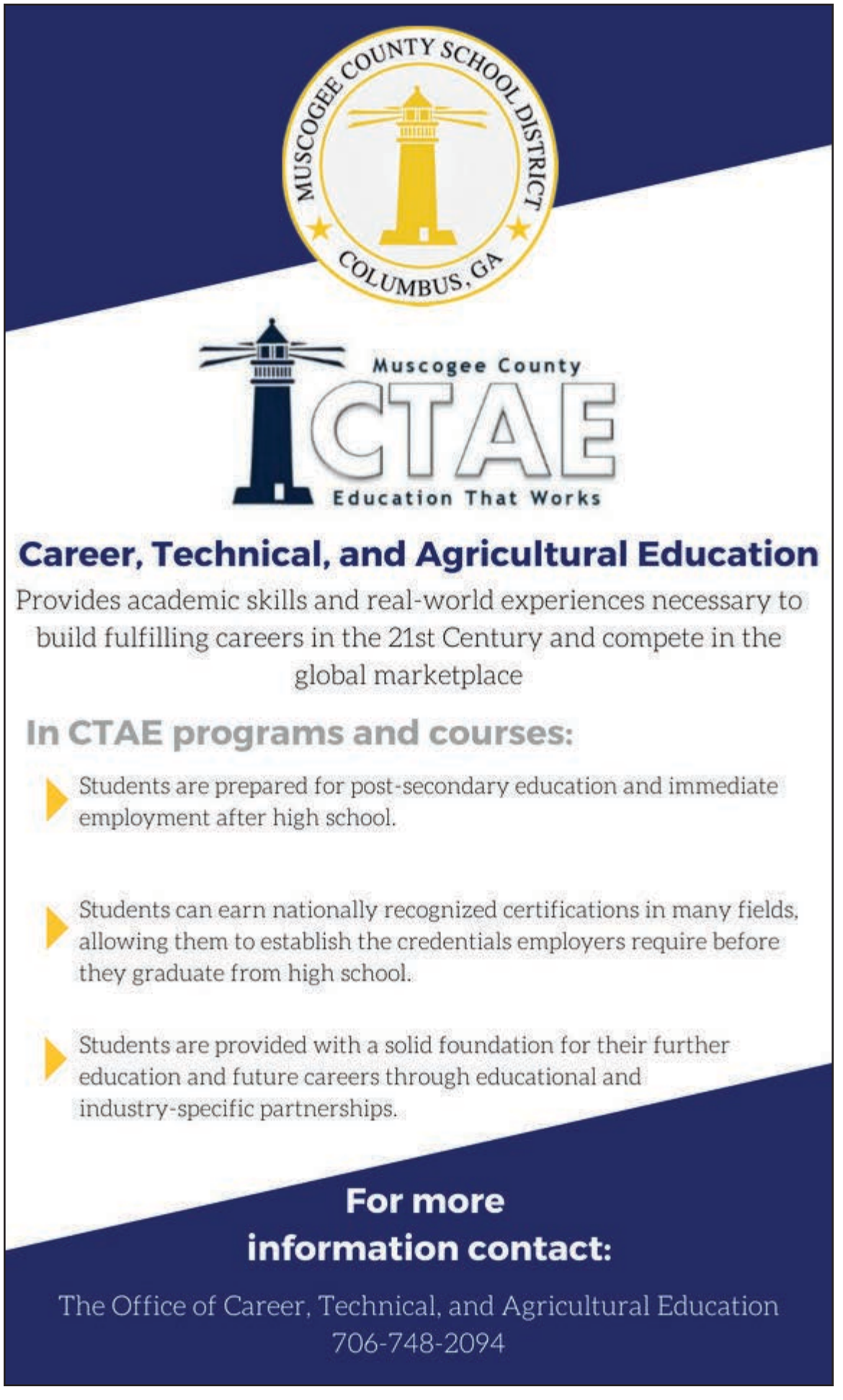
PARENTING AND FAMILY ENGAGEMENT

Parent involvement is an ongoing process that increases active participation, communication and collaboration between parents, schools and communities with the goal of increasing student academic achievement and success. Our Title I schools and MCSD strive to build capacity to involve parents and stakeholders in an effective partnership as well as share in and support high student academic achievement.

The term parental involvement means the participation of parents in ongoing, two-way, meaningful communication involving student learning and other school activities ensuring that:

- Parents play an integral role in assisting their child's learning.
- Parents are encouraged to be actively involved in their child's education at school.
- Parents are full partners in their child's education and are included, when appropriate, in decision making to assist in the education of their child.

For more information on ways to engage with parents, communities, and schools, contact us: 706-748-3609



December 2018

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16	17	18	19	20	21 End of 1st Semester Grading Period	22
23	24 Winter Break Schools and District Offices Closed	25 Winter Break Schools and District Offices Closed	26 Winter Break Schools and District Offices Closed	27 Winter Break Schools and District Offices Closed	28 Winter Break Schools and District Offices Closed	29
30	31 Winter Break Schools and District Offices Closed					

From our Kinetic Family to yours,
Happy Holidays!
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Guidance Services

SCHOOL COUNSELING

School counselors provide services to students, parents, school staff and the community in the following areas:

School Guidance Curriculum

The comprehensive school guidance curriculum is delivered throughout the school's overall curriculum and is systematically presented by professional school counselors in collaboration with other P-12 professional educators.

Individual Student Planning

Professional school counselors design and coordinate ongoing systemic activities to help students with academic, career, and personal/social goals.

Responsive Services

Responsive services are prevention and/or intervention activities that can be necessitated by events and conditions in students' lives.

DRUG PREVENTION AND AWARENESS

Alcohol and Drug Awareness Program (ADAP)

Teens under age 18 are required by law to show proof that they have completed ADAP in order to obtain their Class D driver's license.

Red Ribbon Week

Red Ribbon Week occurs October 23-31 each year. The goal is to present a visible commitment to living a safe, healthy, and drug-free life. The campaign is designed to create awareness concerning the problems related to the use of tobacco, alcohol, and other drugs and to support the decision to live a drug-free lifestyle.

Too Good For Drugs

Too Good for Drugs and Too Good for Violence - Social Perspectives promote positive social attitudes and behavior, while fostering healthy relationships, resistance to substance abuse and conflict, and resistance to negative peer pressure and influence.

D.A.R.E Program

D.A.R.E. (Drug Abuse Resistance Education) provides children with the information and skills they need to live drug-and-violence-free lives. It also establishes positive relationships between students and law enforcement, teachers, parents, and other community leaders.

Each D.A.R.E Deputy is a certified law enforcement officer and receives annual training in effective teaching methods, classroom management, and updates through D.A.R.E. America.

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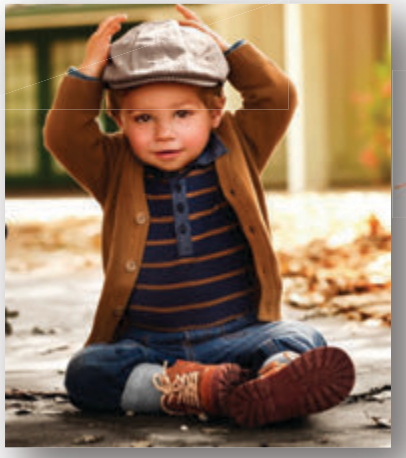

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January 2019

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 **New Year's Day** Winter Break Schools and District Offices Closed	2 Winter Break Schools and District Offices Closed	3 Winter Break Schools and District Offices Closed	4 Winter Break Schools Closed District Offices Open	5
6	7 Staff Professional Development Day No School For Students	8 Teacher Planning Day No School For Students	9 2nd Semester Begins	10	11	12
13	14	15 Report Cards (All grade levels)	16	17	18	19
20	21 Martin Luther King Jr. Day Observed Schools and District Offices Closed	22	23	24	25	26 Helen Ruffin Reading Bowl
27	28	29	30 District Spelling Bee	31		

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MCSD PRE-K PROGRAM
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Georgia's Pre-K Program is a state lottery-funded educational program for all age eligible four-year-old children in Georgia. The purpose of Georgia's Pre-K Program is to prepare children for success in Kindergarten and later school years.

MCSD Pre-K programs are offered at specific locations throughout the District. Each year, Pre-K students are randomly selected by a lottery process. The lottery drawing occurs after the application window closes in March. Applicants are assigned seats or placed on the waiting list in April.

What are the requirements for participation in the Pre-K Program?

To participate, children must be four years of age on or before September 1 of the school year and must be a resident of Georgia.

Proof that a child is age eligible and is a Georgia resident is required to register for Pre-K. Acceptable proof-of-age includes birth certificate, passport, hospital record of live birth, green card, pink card or Federal I-94 card. You may order a birth certificate online directly from Georgia's State Office of Vital Records using Official Vital Event Records (ROVER). Acceptable proof-of-residency includes a lease, utility bill or letter from a shelter or employer.

All children enrolled in Georgia's Pre-K Program must have hearing, vision, and dental examination certificates (DHR Form 3300) on file within 90 calendar days of program entry. Form 3300 must be signed by a private practitioner or representative of a local Department of Health.

Immunizations (DHR Form 3231) must be up-to-date or affidavits must be on file within 30 calendar days of program entry. Only health departments and physicians licensed in Georgia can obtain blank immunization certificates (Form 3231). Take your child's personal immunization record to a health department or Georgia physician and they can complete the form and give any required vaccines.

How much does it cost?

There is no fee to register or participate in the Pre-K Program.

When is registration?

March 1-15, 2019; The District will host parent meetings for anyone who would like more information about the Pre-K registration process.

February 5, 2019 | 6:00-7:00 p.m. Double Churches Elementary Cafeteria
February 13, 2019 | 6:00-7:00 p.m. Lonnie Jackson Academy Cafeteria
February 21, 2019 | 6:00-7:00 p.m. Rigdon Road Elementary Cafeteria

The Pre-K class I wanted is full. What are my options?

We maintain a waiting list of students who are interested in attending Pre-K. We will contact you directly if a slot becomes available for your child.

You may also search for additional Pre-K sites in your area by using the online Provider Search (instructions at families.decal.ga.gov/childcare provided on the search page or call 404-656-5957 (toll-free at 1-888-4GA-PREK) and asking for the Pre-K consultant of the day.

If you need additional assistance, please call the department (1-888-4GA-PREK) and ask to be connected with the Pre-K consultant assigned to your area.

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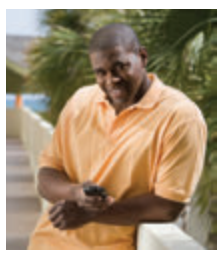
For more information or questions contact Hockey Director Orrin Hergott @ **orrinhergott@yahoo.com**

February 2019

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1	2
3	4 Pre-K Registration Process Parent Meeting/Tour	5	6	7	8 Progress Reports	9
10	11	12 Pre-K Registration Process Parent Meeting/Tour	13	14	15	16
17	18 President's Day Schools and District Offices Closed	19	20 Pre-K Registration Process Parent Meeting/Tour	21	22	23
24	25	26	27	28		



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Arts and Humanities

THE MONTH OF MARCH IS ...

YOUTH ART MONTH

Youth Art Month is an annual observation to emphasize the value of art education; it is a forum of acknowledging skillsets that may not be emphasized in other subjects. During the month of March, MCSD students showcase their creative art work.

MUSIC IN THE SCHOOLS MONTH

During the month of March, we also shed light on the importance of music education for all children and showcase the talents of our students.

THEATRE IN OUR SCHOOLS (TIOS) MONTH

The goal of TIOS month is to not only raise awareness inside the school walls, but beyond and into the community.

Magnet and Charter Schools

The Muscogee County School District offers magnet and charter programs within schools that offer a wide variety of concentrated studies. Each magnet/charter school hosts open house sessions in the Fall for parents interested in applying to the magnet programs listed. To remain in the magnet programs, students must meet expectations of good behavior and academic progress.

School	Magnet Program
Arnold Magnet Academy	Math, Science, and Technology
Britt David Elementary Magnet Academy	Computers Unlimited
Clubview Elementary School	International Baccalaureate World School and Georgia Charter School
Columbus High School	Liberal Arts Magnet
Dimon Elementary Magnet Academy	Science, Mathematics and Resources Technology
Downtown Elementary Magnet Academy	Core Knowledge and Computers
East Columbus Magnet Academy	Gifted and Talented
Fort Middle School	Service Learning
G.W. Carver High School	Science/Technology/Engineering/ Technology
Hannan Elementary Magnet Academy Students	Gifted, Resourceful, Enthusiastic, and Talented
Hardaway High School	International Baccalaureate Programme
Jordan High School	Muscogee County Career Academy
Kendrick High School	Academy of Communication Arts and Design
Northside High School	Engineering and Engineering Design
Reese Road Leadership Academy	Leadership: Franklin Covey Education - The Leader in Me
Richards Middle School	International Baccalaureate Programme
Shaw High School	Mass Communications
Spencer High School	Computer Science and Electronic Game Design
St. Mary's Road Magnet Academy	Video and Communications Technology
Wynnton Arts Academy	Georgia Charter School with Arts Focus

For more information contact:
Director of Advanced Learning and Gifted Programs, 706-748-3115

CORTA
Columbus Regional Tennis Association

USTA Spring Jr. Team Tennis:

Players ages 8-18 are introduced to competitive team tennis. Teams are grouped based on age and NTRP ability levels. The program focuses on fun, fitness and the social benefits of tennis. Matches will be played at Cooper Creek Tennis Center and at other area courts of the facilities which have USTA Junior Teams.

Summer Camps:

Beginner Camps (Ages 4-18)

This is a four-day camp to teach the fundamentals of tennis to juniors. A great way to prepare them for School Team Tennis. Emphasis will be on stroke production, technique, and general rules of play. Quick start tennis format for ages 10 and under. Standard size court for ages 11 and up.

Intermediate/Advanced Camp

This will be a week of intensive and competitive tennis training. There will be an emphasis on: stroke production, match play strategies, mental toughness, video analysis, strength and conditioning, and match simulation drills. All-day campers will receive a personal training session with a certified personal trainer, a daily nutritious lunch, and t-shirt. This is a great way to strengthen every junior's tennis game.

Please use code: **MCSD** at registration to receive a free gift!

Please visit **CORTA.ORG** for more information!

The CORTA office is located in the two-story building at the entrance of Cooper Creek Park.
Address: 5050 Cooper Creek Parkway, Columbus, GA 31907
Email address: corta@corta.org
Telephone: 706-317-4136

March 2019

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1 District Media Festival Pre-K Application Window	2
3	4 Pre-K Application Window	5 Pre-K Application Window	6 Pre-K Application Window	7 Pre-K Application Window	8 Pre-K Application Window	9
10	11 Pre-K Application Window	12 Pre-K Application Window	13 Pre-K Application Window	14 3rd Nine Weeks Ends Pre-K Application Window	15 Pre-K Application Window	16
17	18	19	20	21 Report Cards (All grade levels)	22	23
24	25 Spring Break Schools and District Offices Closed	26 Spring Break Schools and District Offices Closed	27 Spring Break Schools and District Offices Closed	28 Spring Break Schools and District Offices Closed	29 Spring Break Schools and District Offices Closed	30
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GEORGIA MILESTONE TESTING

What can parents do to help students prepare for the Georgia Milestones at home?

1. Help students by talking about what they have read. Guide them in discussing the main idea of what they read and how that may be similar or different from something else they have previously read.

2. Encourage students to continue to work even when they are stuck. Many times students will get partial credit, particularly in math, for attempting to answer a question.

3. Students should practice writing responses to things they have read. Be sure they write complete sentences and include details about what they have read.

4. Take advantage of any extra help offered at school. Many schools offer before or after school tutoring to help students with areas of need at a pace slower than that of the regular school day.

5. Have a routine and stick to it! The first day of testing is not the time to change up the morning routine.

6. Don't panic! This is one opportunity for your student to show what they know. It is a snapshot and does not capture all they are able to do.

Important Dates

4/8/2019-4/23/2019 GA Milestones End of Grade Main Administration Window

4/22/2019-5/7/2019 GA Milestones End of Course Spring Administration Window

Georgia Milestones and Lexiles

Reading standards are part of the English Language Arts (ELA) curriculum. The Georgia Standards of Excellence specify that students read and comprehend complex text at each grade level. For this reason, students in grades 3-8 and students taking high school courses in Ninth Grade Literature & Composition or American Literature & Composition receive a Lexile measure in addition to their scale score from the Georgia Milestones Assessment. The expected Lexile ranges for each grade level are depicted below:

College & Career Ready "Stretch" Lexile Bands

Grade 1: 190L to 530L
Grade 2: 420L to 650L
Grade 3: 520L to 820L
Grade 4: 740L to 940L
Grade 5: 830L to 1010L
Grade 6: 925L to 1070L
Grade 7: 970L to 1120L
Grade 8: 1010L to 1185L
Grade 9: 1050L to 1260L
Grade 10: 1080L to 1335L
Grade 11 and 12: 1185L to 1385L

For more information on how Lexile measures can help to improve your child's reading ability, visit: www.gadoe.org/lexile.aspx

ACT and SAT Information

More colleges use the Scholastic Aptitude Test (SAT) or the American College Test (ACT) as a portion of their undergraduate admissions decision process than any other exams. Muscogee County high schools offer weekend administrations of both these assessments throughout the year, with dates set by the College Board for the SAT and ACT, Inc for the ACT.

If you would like more information about the tests, upcoming testing dates, or how to prepare for the exams please contact the Guidance Department of your student's high school. Information may also be available on the following websites:

https://www.collegeboard.org/ for SAT and https://www.act.org/ for ACT

April 2019

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2 Autism Awareness Day	3 State Testing (Dates vary elementary, middle & high)	4 State Testing (Dates vary elementary, middle & high)	5 State Testing (Dates vary elementary, middle & high)	6
7	8 State Testing (Dates vary elementary, middle & high)	9 State Testing (Dates vary elementary, middle & high)	10 State Testing (Dates vary elementary, middle & high)	11 State Testing (Dates vary elementary, middle & high)	12 State Testing (Dates vary elementary, middle & high)	13
14	15 State Testing (Dates vary elementary, middle & high)	16 State Testing (Dates vary elementary, middle & high)	17 State Testing (Dates vary elementary, middle & high)	18 State Testing (Dates vary elementary, middle & high)	19 State Testing (Dates vary elementary, middle & high)	20
21	22 Progress Reports	23 State Testing (Dates vary elementary, middle & high)	24 State Testing (Dates vary elementary, middle & high)	25 State Testing (Dates vary elementary, middle & high)	26 State Testing (Dates vary elementary, middle & high)	27
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Teacher of the Year

The Muscogee Educational Excellence Foundation (MEEF) is a non-profit organization dedicated to fostering educational excellence by focusing on individual teachers who are innovative and exceptional in their profession.

MEEF selected Melanie Gouine of North Columbus Elementary as the 2018 MCSD Teacher of the Year at a gala honoring the 57 Teacher of the Year Honorees (TOTY). Gouine was chosen the most outstanding representative of the teaching faculty of MCSD.

Advanced Learning Opportunities

DUAL ENROLLMENT (FORMERLY MOVE ON WHEN READY):

-Introduces students to college-level coursework.

-Allows students to earn college credits while still in high school and may enable students to graduate early and/or possibly even earn an associate degree, diploma, or certificate.

-Helps students adjust to certain aspects of the college experience.

More details about the Dual Enrollment program may be found at **www.gafutures.org.**

ADVANCED PLACEMENT

AP courses can help students acquire the skills and habits needed to be successful in college. Students have the opportunity to improve writing skills, sharpen problem-solving abilities, and develop time management skills, discipline, and study habits. Research shows that students who take AP are much more likely than their peers to complete a college degree on time. The College Board offers 36 AP courses in six categories.

Eighty-five percent of selective colleges and universities report that a student's AP experience favorably impacts admission decisions.

GIFTED EDUCATION

Teachers certified in Gifted Education assist eligible students from throughout the district in grades one through five at St. Elmo one day a week. Students identified as gifted at Hannan are served on site. Identified middle and high school students are also served on site.

Students in kindergarten are automatically tested using the NNAT2. Parent permission must be obtained for testing for gifted eligibility. Teachers and parents of students in all grades may submit a referral for testing at any time during the school year.

For more information contact:
Director of Advanced Learning and Gifted Programs, 706-748-3115

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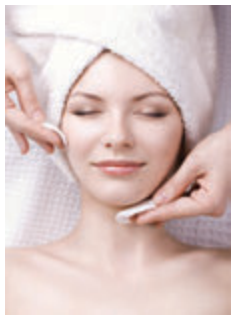

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May 2019

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 Last day to charge meals in cafeterias State & National Testing	2 State & National Testing	3 State & National Testing	4
5	6 National Teacher Appreciation Week State & National Testing	7 National Teacher Appreciation Week State & National Testing	8 National Teacher Appreciation Week State & National Testing	9 National Teacher Appreciation Week State & National Testing	10 National Teacher Appreciation Week State & National Testing	11
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
19	20	21	22	23 Report Cards (Elementary) Last Day of School Graduation Exercises	24 Teacher Post-Planning Graduation Exercises	25 Graduation Exercises
26	27 Memorial Day Holiday Schools closed for business	28 Report Cards Middle & High School) Teacher Post-Planning	29	30	31	

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Advancing Wellness and Resilience in Education (Project AWARE)

Georgia Project AWARE is a Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) funded youth mental health initiative.

Vision: School-aged youth in Georgia experience social and emotional wellness in educational settings through integrated systems of behavioral and mental health.

Mission: The mission of Project AWARE is to build and expand the capacity of school and community partnerships to coordinate and integrate systems of behavioral and mental health services for Georgia's school-aged youth.

Goals:

1. To increase awareness of mental health issues among school-aged youth.
2. To provide training for school personnel and other adults who interact with school-aged youth to detect and respond to mental health issues in children and young adults
3. To connect children, youth, and families who may have behavioral health issues with appropriate services.

Have questions about PBIS or Project AWARE?
Contact us: 706-748-3292

Helpful Resources Outside the MCSD:

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United Way of the Chattahoochee Valley, Dial 2-1-1 or 706-405-4775
Homeless Resource Network, 706-571-3399 or 1-800-341-9371
Columbus Housing Authority, 706-571-2873

Before and after school programs:
Girls, Inc., 706-683-0809
Boys and Girls Club, 706-323-1743

Help with suicidal thoughts or depression:
National Suicide Prevention Lifeline, 1-800-273-TALK
NAMI (National Alliance on Mental Illness)
Georgia Crisis Line: 1-800-715-4225 | Local: 706-320-3755
P.O. Box 8581, Columbus, Georgia 31908
Boystown National Hotline: 1-800-448-3000 | TDD: 1-800-448-1833

Medical Services:
Columbus Health Department, 706-321-6300
MercyMed of Columbus, Site A: 706-507-9209, Site B: 706-507-4687
Valley Healthcare System, 706-221-4433, 706-322-9599

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Health Services	706-748-2223
Hospital/Homebound	706-748-3217
Guidance/Counseling	706-748-2226
Military Families	706-748-2254
Special Education	706-748-2230
Teaching and Learning	
General Information	706-748-2109
Arts and Humanities	706-748-2122
P.E./Athletics	706-748-2595
Career, Technical, and Agricultural and Education	706-748-2094
Pre-K	706-748-2112
Dual Enrollment/AP/Gifted/Magnet and Charter	706-748-3115
Academic Competitions	706-748-2121
Records Management	**706-748-2382**

After Hours/Transportation Emergency Contacts:

If there is a bus delay or incident that occurs after or before official school hours, please use the contact list below as outlined. During normal operating hours, please first contact your student's school.

West Region
Transportation Supervisor: 706-748-6980
Transportation Clerk: 706-748-6981

Central Region
Transportation Supervisor: 706-748-6984
Transportation Clerk: 706-748-6979

East Region
Transportation Supervisor: 706-748-6993-office | 706-527-9668-cell
Coordinator: 706-748-6980-office | 706-681-8097-cell

Shuttle:
Transportation Supervisor: 706-748-6985
Transportation Clerk: 706-748-6986

Special Needs:
Transportation Supervisor: 706-748-3113
Transportation Clerk: 706-748-6983

Security After Hours **706-748-2860**

July 2019

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2	3	4 Independence Day	5	6
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The images, provided by former Assistant Superintendent, Dr. John P. Tucker, will be on display at the Muscogee County School District's Administration Building. The piece displays pictures from the late-1800s to the mid-1960s. Many of the buildings are gone with some no longer in use.

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