

THE RAPTOR CALL



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My Energy Kit Challenge

Sign up for your **FREE** kit by taking the My Energy Kit Challenge and credit our school. Go to MyEnergyKit.org or call **1-855-386-9548**. If 100 families at our school request the FREE kit, we will automatically win \$250! The school that requests the MOST kits wins \$2,500!

Best Buddies Programs

Everybody needs a friend. But not everybody has one. It can be very hard for people with intellectual and developmental disabilities to make connections on their own. So Best Buddies matches them with a peer volunteer to form a "buddy pair." New friends open up a whole new world of opportunities! And donations from people like you and me make local Best Buddies programs possible. Big, small, somewhere in between - your support will not go unnoticed. Join MICS Best Buddies chapter in giving the gift of friendship - [register](#) to walk with us at the Best Buddies Friendship Walk on April 21, 2018, or make a donation today!

Application For The SOAR Foundation

Deadline is January 31st

If you are interested in serving as a Board member for Mountain Island Charter School SOAR Foundation, Inc. please click [HERE](#).

Dear MICS Families,

2018-2019 Lottery Applications - Deadline is January 31st! Current students do not need to re-apply, but families wanting to bring in siblings must fill out the form and claim sibling priority. Employees bringing in their children for the first time need to register as well. Click [HERE](#) for the online application. Prospective parent meeting will be held on Monday, January, 29th at 6:00 pm.

Justin H. Matthews, *Executive Director*

PayPams

Families should check www.paypams.com to ensure your child's lunch account is current and includes money to cover future purchases. All negative balances should be paid by January 31st. Payment can be made online or a check/money order can be sent to MICS. Contact the school office for a free or reduced lunch application if your family is need of assistance.

Lunch Menu - Monday, January 29th

Breakfast - Golden grahams, cookie, and a mixed fruit cup with raisins.

Lunch (K-9): Turkey burger, fries, mixed veggies, and mixed fruit cup

(9-12): Chicken, fries, mixed veggies, mixed fruit cup, juice, and chips

Green Out T-Shirts



T-shirts will be sent home with the students on January 31st. Didn't get a chance to order? Wear green to show your support for our High School Athletes as they take on PLP in a conference match up. All students are free!

[LOWER SCHOOL](#) [MIDDLE SCHOOL](#) [HIGH SCHOOL](#) [ATHLETICS](#)

Coming Events

January

29: Prospective Parent Information Night, 6pm / Report Cards Sent Home

31: HS ONLY - Wake Forest Summer Immersion Program, 2:45 pm, C227

31: 2018-2019 [Student Lottery Applications](#) Due by 11:59:59 pm

LOWER SCHOOL (K-5)

Performance Videos

February 8th

You can [pre-order](#) this year's K/1 and 2/3 performance or by visiting [micsphotos.com](#).

\$15 - DVD

\$20 - Digital Download (480p) NEW for 2018!

Cash, Check, PayPal, Apple Pay or Credit will be available on-site for purchase as well.

All orders will be delivered back to the school by 2/22

Just an extra \$2 and we will mail to your address by 2/22

3rd Quarter Enrichments

[Sign Up Now!](#)



MICS is offering clubs such as Mad Science, Tumbling, Main Street Dance Works, Fencing, and Piano/Voice lessons

Benchmarks

Friday, January 26th

Dates for our Second Quarter benchmark exams will continue through February 9th for grades 2 - 5. Teachers will send home dates for individual grade levels.

K-3 Concert

February 8th (K/1 @6pm; 2/3 @7pm)

Feb 8, 2018 K-3 students will perform for parents and grand friends. 6PM K/1 "Hats!" and 7PM 2/3 "Off Their Rockers". More details to come. Learn more at the lower school music [website](#).

MICS Annual Grand friends Day -

Friday, February 9th (Please [RSVP HERE](#))

Classroom Visits:

12:00 - 12:30pm: 4th & 5th Grade

12:45 - 1:15pm: Kindergarten & 1st Grade

1:30 - 2:00pm: 2nd & 3rd Grade

Refreshments and photos with Mike Strauss Studios in the gym after classroom visits.

Box Tops For Education Contest

Last day is February 2nd



Submit your box tops in an envelope or baggie with the following information to be eligible:

- Child's Name
- Teacher's Name
- Grade Level

Top collecting class at each grade level will win a Pizza Party (date to be determined) and the classroom that turns in the most overall, will win the chance to welcome our BOXTOPS TRAVELING TROPHY to their classroom until the next contest!

Contest leaders by grade level so far:

K - Broome

1 - Nels

2 - Harris

3 - McCaffery

4 - Towner

5 - Moses

Keep those box tops coming!

Celebrating National School Choice Week

Mrs. Ewart and her class as well as the second grade team celebrated National School Choice week! Go Raptors!



What is National School Choice week? The week provides schools, individuals, and organizations with the opportunity to celebrate the benefits of all types of choice in education - from traditional public schools to public charter schools, magnet schools, online academies, private schools, and homeschooling.

MIDDLE SCHOOL (6-8)

IN THE KNOW...

Girls Who Code

Reminder! Girls Who Code will begin Monday, January 29th at 2:30 pm. Please meet in the MS/HS Building, room C132.



Winter Sports Photos

All Middle School Winter Sports photos are **NOW ONLINE** at micsphotos.com. If you like to purchase a package - please have your student bring in the [order form](#) or order online.

Reminder - action photos are planned as well:

1/29 MS W M Basketball

Middle School Dance

The middle school dance is tonight from 6-8 pm. See you then!

Benchmark Assessments

Will continue this week! Please contact your child's teacher with any questions regarding benchmark assessments.

- **Science- January 29-31**

Upcoming Field Studies

6th grade: Space Camp, 2/14-2/16

7th grade: Savannah, 4/19-4/20

8th grade: Washington, D.C., 3/7-3/9

American Citizenship Award

Eligible students should meet or exceed 50 verifiable hours of community service contributions, accumulated from July 1, 2017 to May 18, 2018. Directions for student nomination will be published in May 2018.

HIGH SCHOOL (9-12)

IN THE KNOW...

US Marine Corps Visit - February 1

Are you interested in learning more about the US Marine Corps? Staff Sergeant Benjamin Bailey of the US Marine Corps will be having an information table on campus on February 1st. The information table will be located in the gym foyer during high school lunch (12:20pm-12:45pm).

MICS Penny War

Week of Jan. 28th - Feb. 2nd

WANT TO RUIN YOUR OPPONENT'S CHANCES?

Put **SILVER COINS** in their jugs

(-NEGATIVE POINTS)



1 nickel = 5 points

1 dime = 10 points

1 quarter = 25 points

IS YOUR GRADE LEVEL THE BEST?

Prove it with **PENNIES** and **PAPER MONEY**

(+POSITIVE POINTS)

1 penny = 1 point

1 dollar = 100 points

5 dollars = 500 points



Grade Level Winner Receives DONUTS!!!

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Reminder - action photos are planned as well:

2/2 JV W M Basketball

ACADEMICS

Junior Class - College Tour

February 22nd-23rd, 2018 (Cost: \$150)

Colleges on tour will include: High Point University, NC A&T University, NC State, and Elon.

Students need to meet **one** of the following in order to participate:

- Cumulative weighted GPA (9th and 10th grade) of 3.0 or higher
1st semester junior grades equivalent to a weighted GPA 3.5 or higher (A's and B's).
- PreACT composite score of 21 or higher OR PSAT composite score of 1040 or higher
- Student is being recruited by one or more of the colleges on the tour.
- Students who have been suspended for more than 2 days this school year are not eligible to participate.

Online registration (with a deposit of \$50) will open 7:00am on **Tuesday, Jan. 30th**. Registration will be on a first come, first served basis for eligible students until all spaces have been filled. Click [HERE](#) to complete the registration. *More information to follow for registered students.*

Benchmark Assessments

Updated Schedule

Will continue over to next week. Please contact your child's teacher with any questions regarding benchmark assessments.

- **Science- January 29-31**

Wake Forest Summer Immersion Program

January 31, 2018 at 2:45 pm (Room C227)

Wake Forest will be on campus for a face to face presentation on January 31, 2018, at 2:45PM in room C227, regarding the Wake Forest Summer Immersion Program. This program is a hands-on learning experience and is open to rising sophomores, juniors and seniors. Participating students explore a specific field of study with access to world-class faculty, researchers, and industry professionals. This year, the program is offering 15 different institutes that will give

students a chance to not only experience college life but explore a potential academic or career path. The 1-week programs are offered at both the Wake Forest Campus in Winston-Salem, North Carolina and the Charlotte, North Carolina satellite campus. The program also offers full and partial need-based scholarships. **The application will go live November 1st.** For more information please visit go.wfu.edu/sip. Please contact Robert Washington for any questions rwashington@micharter.org regarding the presentation at MICS.

ACT

February 27th

the statewide administration of the ACT for North Carolina public school students in the 11th grade. It is highly encouraged for juniors to begin their test preparation now as their ACT scores can be submitted to colleges for admission. Download a [Free Study Guide](#) from ACT.

CIAA Education Day

February 28, 2018

Will be held at the Charlotte Convention Center from 9:30 to 3:00 pm. All attendees will have the opportunity to visit the various CIAA institutions' booths and event vendors. On-site admissions will take place for **seniors only**. Students seeking on-site admission are encouraged to have the institution's minimum application requirements on hand (i.e., completed application, official transcript, letters of recommendation, personal statement, etc.) **All juniors and seniors who plan to attend will need to see Ms. Wood (Room 216) for permission slips starting Monday, November 13, 2017.**

Apprenticeship 2000 Opportunity

The goal of Apprenticeship 2000 is to offer technical career opportunities and employment after graduation to motivated high school students. The Apprenticeship 2000 program provides the following opportunities to eligible student participants:

- Employment after graduation
- Starting graduate salary \$36,400.00 (+) Benefits

- AAS Mechatronics Degree
- 8000 hour Journeyman certificate in your occupation
- Additional College for advanced degrees (company dependent)

If you're interested please go to www.apprenticeship2000.com.

If you have any questions please contact College Career Counselor Robert Washington rwashington@micharter.org.

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UPCOMING COLLEGE EVENTS IN OUR REGION

Junior Night

March 1, 2018 at 7 PM in the Gymnasium

MICS Guidance Department is excited to announce the upcoming college panel planned for Junior Night on March 1st at 7 PM. There will be a representative from a NC Community College (CPCC), a NC Public University (East Carolina University), a NC Private Institution (Gardner-Webb) and an Out-of-State University (University of South Carolina). The panel will share their knowledge and insight on the college admission process and post-secondary success. The event is open to all high school students and their parents, but highly encouraged for our rising senior class.

National College Fair in Charlotte

March 18, 2018 12 PM-4 PM at the Park Expo and Conference Center

Free and open to the public, NACAC (National Association for College Admission Counseling) College fairs connect you to hundreds of colleges and universities in one location. Learn more and register at www.nacacfairs.org/charlotte [College Fair Checklist](#) - click on the checklist to help you get the most out of your visit.

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SUMMER OPPORTUNITIES

2018 Education Tour to Scotland, Ireland, & London

There are a few spots left for the Summer 2018 Educational Tour to Scotland, Ireland, & London. You can enroll online [here](#) Please contact Mrs. Arroyo at Karroyo@micharter.org with any questions!

ATHLETICS - MIDDLE SCHOOL

Winter Sports Photos

January 24th

If you like to Pre-Purchase a package - please have your student bring in the [order form](#). Photos will also be online at micsphotos.com by 1/25. Action Photos are planned as well:

1/29 MS W M Basketball

2/2 JV W M Basketball

Boys:	Raptors	49	Raptors	31
	Lincoln Charter	65	Langtree Charter	30

Raptors	41	Raptors	23
Pine Lake	29	St. Marks	44

Next Game: Monday Jan. 29 1st Round of Playoffs at 4:30 pm. Boys will travel with a Monday win at 5:00 pm. MICS hosts the PCAC Conference Championships, 4:00 pm for girls and boys will follow at 5:00 pm.

Spring Tryouts

All tryouts will be held on **February 5th-6th**. Practices will begin on February 7th. Click on the sport link for addresses, practice times and other detailed information.

Baseball: 2/5 (6th), 2/7 (7th & Uncut 6th); 2/8 (8th & Uncut 6/7th)

Golf (Coed): 3:00-4:30 pm, Sunset Hills Golf Course

Lacrosse: 6:00-8:00 pm, MICS Lacrosse Field

Soccer: 3:00-5:00 pm, MICS Soccer Field

Softball: 3:00-5:00 pm, Hills Chapel

Spring Athletics Parent Meeting

The mandatory parent meeting has been changed. The meeting will be held on **Tuesday, February 13th from 6:00-7:00 pm** in the MICS gym for those who have kids on a roster after tryouts are completed. Attendance is required for your child to be eligible to participate. Season information, transportation, schedule management, website, fees, policies, state-required forms, and information, etc. are all covered. ***NOTE*** If you attended a 2017-18 fall or winter parent meeting then you are exempt.

Scores of the Week!

Basketball

Girls:	Raptors	31	Raptors	37
	Lincoln Charter	23	Langtree Charter	16

Raptors	30	Raptors	32
Pine Lake	20	St. Marks	20

Next Game: Monday Jan. 29 1st Round of Playoffs at 3:30 pm. Girls will host with a Monday win at 4:00 pm. MICS hosts the PCAC Conference Championships, 4:00 pm for girls and boys will follow at 5:00 pm.

Swim

Rock Hill Invitational Overall of 17 teams: Boys, 3rd / Girls, 5th Place

2nd place 50 Free - **Ethan Jung** (8th)

2nd place 50 breast - **Jack Lazaroski** (6th)

2nd place 50 back - **Jack Lazaroski** (6th)

1st place 100 free relay - **Ella Barwick, Cailyn Oliverio, Sydney Strauss, Keara Wiley (All 8th)**

2nd place 100 free relay - **Ethan Jung (8th), Jack Lazaroski (6th), Austin Ashburn (8th), Nolan Berry (7th)**

Conference Meet Boys, 2nd / Girls, 3rd Overall

100 Yard Medley: 3rd Place - **Cailyn Oliverio**

50 Yard Freestyle: 3rd Place - **Sydney Strauss**

50 Yard Freestyle: 1st Place - **Nolan Berry**

50 Yard Butterfly: 2nd Place - **Cailyn Oliverio**

50 Yard Breaststroke: 2nd Place - **Nolan Berry**

50 Yard Butterfly: 2nd Place - **Ethan Jung**

100 Yard Freestyle: 2nd Place - **Ethan Jung**

100 Yard Freestyle: 2nd Place - **Keara Wiley**

50 Yard Backstroke: 2nd Place - **Keara Wiley**

200 Yard Medley Relay

Girls - 2nd: **Ella Barwick, Cailyn Oliverio, Sydney Strauss, Keara Wiley**

Boys - 3rd: **Ethan Jung, Nolan Berry, Jordan Gonzalez, Christopher Dunevant**

200 Yard Freestyle Relay

Girls - 3rd: **Ella Barwick, Cailyn Oliverio, Sydney Strauss, Keara Wiley**

Boys - 3rd: **Ethan Jung, Nolan Berry, Jordan Gonzalez, Christopher Dunevant**

Next Meet: Championships on Saturday, Jan. 27 at the Huntersville Aquatic Center at 8:00 am.

ATHLETICS - HIGH SCHOOL

Winter Sports Photos

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2/2 JV W M Basketball

Workouts

All participants must have a current [NCHSAA sports physical](#) and [MICS liability waiver](#) on file with Mr. Steger.

Soccer: Monday's and Wednesday's from 3:00-4:30 pm and on Saturday from 10:00-12:00 pm.

Baseball: Mon/Tues/Wed at 6:00 pm.

Softball: Are held every Monday and Thursday

Spring Tryouts

For **baseball, softball, girls soccer, coed golf, track & field** will be held **February 14th-16th**. Detailed times and locations will be added to the team pages and the Raptor Call as we get closer to the season.

Coaching Opportunities

The following coaching positions are available. Please contact Matt Steger at msteger@micharter.org for details.

Baseball:

- Varsity Men's Assistant Coach
- JV Men's Head Coach

Volleyball:

- JV Women's Head Coach
- Varsity Women's Assistant Coach

Swim:

- Varsity Assistant Coach

Scores of the Week!

Basketball

JV: Charlotte Learning 45

Raptors 71

Next Game: Monday, Jan. 29 @ Christ The King at 4:30 pm

Varsity Women: Raptors

Queen's Grant

Next Game: Monday, Jan. 29 @ Christ The King at 5:30 pm

Varsity Men: Charlotte Learning 70

Raptors 75

Next Game: Monday, Jan. 29 @ Christ The King at 7:00 pm

Cheer Competition Team

Congratulations to the Lady Raptors as they took 1st place at the AC Reynolds Invitational Asheville.

Wrestling

Raptors vs. Union Academy: Won 36-21

Raptors vs. Thomas Jefferson: Lost 42-24 (Sr. Isaiah Carr won both of his matches with one by a pin. Alec Padgitt and Max Novyski both had a win with pins.

Next Match: Conference Tournament at Cherryville, 7:30 am

Indoor Track

Congratulations to all of our first place finishers:

Girls 4x200 Relay Team

(Khalia Byers, Kynda Bichara, Zahra Bichara, Taylor Pearson)

Girls 500m - **Hannah Hattingh**

Girls 300m - **Khalia Byers**

Girls Triple Jump - **Kynda Bichara**

Boys 3200m - **Jacob Laughlin**