

THE RAPTOR CALL



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Spring Auction - Friday, March 16th

All proceeds will benefit Phase 3 which includes the Lower School Building and Playground, K-12 Baseball and Softball, Multi-sport fields and Track.

[Volunteer](#) [Auction Wish List](#) [Donation Form](#)

Lunch Accounts

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 are overdue should be paid by **February 15**. 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 in need of assistance.

Pasta for Pennies

The top 3 leading classes:

Lower school:

1. Cook, 5th grade- \$173.03
2. Towner, 4th grade- \$165.28
3. Wicks, 2nd grade- \$158.70

Middle/Upper school:

1. Smith- \$344.31
2. Maynor- \$107.16
3. Wylie- \$31.57

The NHS will pick up boxes again on Friday for the final count and announce the winners of the Olive Garden lunch early next week.

Thank you again for your generosity.

Dear MICS Families,

The Mountain Island Charter School lottery will take place on Wednesday, **February 14th at 4:00 pm** in the gym. Parents/students do not have to be present. You will be notified of the results by email. For the 2018-2019 school year, an additional 2 kindergarten classes will be added due to the completion of the Lower School building.

Justin H. Matthews, *Executive Director*

Intersection of Horseshoe Bend Beach Road and Highway 16

As part of our larger community, student and parent drivers are reminded to follow normal traffic patterns. In the event the left turn lane on 16 to Riverbend Highway is backed up, you may proceed straight on 16 and exit on 273. Please avoid turning right and performing illegal U-turns on Horseshoe Bend Beach Road. Several drivers have reported near collisions with cars making these turns. Stay safe!

K-8 Spirit Week

The Student Governments in the Lower and Middle Schools at MICS are pleased to announce the themes for our upcoming K-8 Spirit Week, **February 20-23**.

Tuesday, February 20 – Pajama Day

Wear your PJs all day - just be sure to stay awake!

Wednesday, February 21 – Wacky Tacky

Make a bold "fashion" statement in a silly-looking outfit!

Thursday, February 22 – Americana

Wear red, white and blue!

Friday, February 23 – Sport/Jersey Day

Show support of your favorite team or sport!

Please be reminded that dress code guidelines dealing with content, coverage and safety will continue to apply during Spirit Week. You may contact your child's teacher with any questions about appropriate attire for each day.

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

Coming Events

February

13: MS Spring Sport Meeting, 6:00 pm in the MICS Gym.

14: MICS Lottery, 4pm, MICS Gym

14: HS Spring Tryouts ([Baseball](#), [Golf](#), [Lacrosse](#) (Club), [Soccer](#), [Softball](#) , and [Track & Field](#))

15: Chick-Fil-A Spirit Night, 5-8pm, Mtn. Island Location

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

Thank you

With well over 400 grandfriends that came to visit, we thank you for a wonderful turnout.



3rd Quarter Enrichments

[Sign Up Now!](#)



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

MIDDLE SCHOOL (6-8)

IN THE KNOW...

High School Courses Taught in Middle School

Please be aware that Math I and Spanish IA/IB are high school courses in which eligible students may enroll while in middle school. These courses count toward meeting graduation requirements and the number of credits required to graduate, and will appear on the high school transcript once complete. These courses are not included in the calculation of students' high school Grade Point Average (GPA), which is computed only with courses taken during high school. Families may contact Elyse Kennedy, 6-9 School Counselor, with any questions.

February Unity Day

Unity Day for Middle School will be held on **Friday, February 23rd!** Wear your orange!

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 publicized in May 2018.

HIGH SCHOOL (9-12)

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.*

State Employees Credit Union Foundation (SECU) "People Helping People" Scholarship

Deadline is April 20, 2018

Since the SECU Foundation was established in August 2004, it has awarded annual \$10,000 "People Helping People" four-year scholarships – to graduating seniors attending North Carolina Charter Schools. These scholarships will be awarded to students attending one of the 16 constituent campuses of the University of North Carolina. These funds are made possible through the contributions to the Foundation by members of State Employees' Credit Union. Review the [Eligibility Criteria](#) set forth by SECU Foundation. Eligible students should complete [Scholarship Interest Form](#) to be considered for MICS's nomination. Interest forms

are due to Mrs. Honoré by 2:30PM on Wednesday, February 28th.

The North Carolina Child Support Council Scholarship

Deadline is April 20, 2018

The North Carolina Child Support Council will award (3) \$1,000.00 scholarships (\$500 per semester) to 3 seniors in the state of North Carolina. Criteria is as follows:

1. At least one parent must be a member of the North Carolina Child Support Council or a client of the Child Support Program (through either Child Support services or Clerk of Court services).
2. Applicant must be a resident of North Carolina and a graduating high school senior.
3. Applicant must have been accepted by a North Carolina school of higher learning: a College, University, Community College or Technical School. Applicant needs to attach a copy of the acceptance letter.
4. Applicant must have maintained an overall C average or above during his/her high school career.

The North Carolina Child Support Council Scholarship Application is attached for seniors who will enter a North Carolina school of higher learning in the fall of 2018. **All [applications](#) must be postmarked by April 20, 2018**

UNC Charlotte Passport Program

March 7th at 2:45 pm, Room C227

Join us on March 7th at 2:45pm in room C227 to learn more about the Passport Program. The UNC Charlotte Passport Coordinator, Jordan Bullington will share details about the program, the selection process, and what to expect as a Passport student.

The Passport Program is UNC Charlotte's distinctive transfer program for academically qualified freshman. Qualified appli-

cants are selected by UNC Charlotte for this competitive program based on their academic background including performance in high school coursework and competitive scores on either the SAT or ACT standardized tests. These students begin their college career at Central Piedmont Community College where they will receive targeted academic advising, student support services, and student life opportunities on both campuses to ensure a seamless and successful transition to UNC Charlotte.

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.**

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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

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.

Winter Sports Photos

All Middle School winter photos are online at micsphotos.com .

Scores of the Week!

No scores to report for Middle School.

ATHLETICS - HIGH SCHOOL

Spring Tryouts

For **baseball, softball, girls soccer, coed golf, track & field** will be held **February 14th-16th**.

Click on the sport link for addresses, practice times and other detailed information.

Baseball: 6:00-8:00 pm, Coulwood Middle School

Golf (Coed): 3:00-5:00 pm, Sunset Hills Golf Course

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

Softball: 4:30-6:00 pm, Hills Chapel

Track & Field: 3:00-4:30 pm, Coulwood Middle School

Lacrosse: MICS will be teaming up with Mountain Island Lacrosse again for High School club lacrosse. Tryouts will be as follow:

Gaston County Patriots HS Lacrosse

Starts Wed: 2/14 from 6:30-8:00 pm

Season runs: 2/14 to 5/13

North Belmont Park - [3110 Hickory Grove Road, Gastonia, NC 28056](#)

Full details and signup at www.milacrosse.org

State Qualifiers

Congratulations to these athletes as they qualify for states in their sport:

Swimming - **Jake Thakur** (10th)

Track & Field - **Jacob Laughlin** (9th) & **Mason King** (12th)

Winter Sports Photos

All High School Winter Sports photos are online at micsphotos.com.

Scores of the Week!

Basketball

JV: Pine Lake Prep 53

Raptors **64**

Raptors **59**

Carolina Int'l 52

Leading Scorers: Anthony Phillips (16); Jonah Tincher (11)
Najee Steward (8)

Varsity Women: Pine Lake Prep **58**

Raptors 53

Raptors **47**

Carolina Int'l 35

Raptors **58**

Bradford Prep 18

Freshman, Melissa Richie 14 points 16 rebounds and 2 blocks,
Freshman Zahra Bichara 13 points, 9 rebounds and 7 steals and
Sophomore Savanna Doyle 13 points 11 assists and 5 steals.

Varsity Men: Pine Lake Prep **82**

Raptors 64

Raptors **91**

Carolina Int'l 77

Raptors **116**

Bradford Prep 40

Leading scorers: CJ Stephens (21); Demetrius Washington (16);
Alandon Price (14); Jalen Thomas (14).

MICS: CJ Stephens 21, Jalen Thomas 22, Alandon Price 16, Demetrius Washington 13, Cameron McCravy 10pt 10assists

Wrestling

Congratulations to our Raptor Wrestlers who qualified for the 1a West regionals. They will be traveling to Avery County HS Friday Feb 9th to compete.

113lb - Sebastian Perna

120lb - Alec Padgitt

132lb - Max Novytskyy

138lb - Isaiah Carr

145lb - Julian Morel

160lb - Bumi Abudi

285lb - Jay Gardner