

THE RAPTOR CALL



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K-8 Spirit Week

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!

Thank you to **Maultsby Realty Group** for your donation to our classrooms and supporting our school. Contact Maultsby realty for more info on the cash for classrooms program and how you can help our teachers!



Pasta for Pennies: MICS raised **\$6350.86** in total donations. The winners are:

Lower school: Mrs. Glaser's, 4th, **\$660.21**

MS/US school: Mrs. Smiths', 6th, **\$657.91**

Congratulations to **Kenley Easter** and **Jackie Chavez-Cruz** each collected \$350! The Leukemia Lymphoma Society will write a college letter of recommendation for both of them.

Robotics Team: The robotics team is looking for help from a Java programmer. Student, parent, favorite uncle, or someone that is willing to share their experience. Competition season is coming up fast. Contact Z Fuentes at aglaeezahira@gmail.com or Janet Rielley at jrielley@micharter.org.

Dear MICS Families,

It's Cold and Flu season, so here are some helpful tips and information:

- Remind your child to wash their hands as often as possible, and to avoid touching their face (nose, mouth, eyes)
- Remind your child to sneeze and/or cough into their sleeve, not their hands
- Do not send your child to school if they have a temperature of 100 or higher, are vomiting or have diarrhea, and keep your child home until they are symptom free for 24 hours WITHOUT fever-reducing medication (Advil, Motrin or Tylenol)

Justin H. Matthews, *Executive Director*

Bus Driver Appreciation Week



This week we recognized our transportation department as they diligently and safely support our students and student athletes on their travels to and from school. We participated in the LoveTheBus.org campaign with NC School Bus Driver Appreciation Week. MICS bus drivers were presented with goodies of appreciation, thank-you cards and even a nice treat to lunch! We encourage you and your children to thank a bus driver for their dedication and service.



Spring Auction - Friday, March 16th

[Volunteer](#)

[Auction Wish List](#)

[Donation Form](#)

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Coming Events

February

19: No School: President's Day

20-23rd: K-8 Spirit Week

21: HS Spring Sports Parent Meeting, MICS Gym, 6pm

LOWER SCHOOL (K-5)

Pasta for Pennies Winners

Congratulations to Mrs. Glaser's 4th grade class for collecting the most for pasta for pennies with a total of **\$660.21**. Mrs. Glaser and her class will receive a lunch from Olive Garden!

Progress Reports

Will go home in Thursday folders on February 22nd.

2nd Grade Field Trip

The second grade will be attending Matthews Playhouse on Friday, February 23rd.

Band Tutoring

Mondays- 4th and 5th Grade Band Enrichment (must have signed up at the beginning of the school year and cannot have changed instruments)

Tuesdays- Middle and High School Tutoring (sign up in the band room before attending; limited space available)

Wednesdays- 4th/5th Grade Woodwind Tutoring (flutes, clarinets, saxophones)

Thursdays- 4th/5th Grade Brass Tutoring (trumpets and trombones)

Fridays- Middle and High School Tutoring (sign up in the band room; limited space available)

All days are 3:30-4:20. Students who are not picked up by 4:30 will be sent to After-School Care.

If Wednesdays and Thursdays become over-crowded, a weekly sign-up may be added; parents will be notified by email if this happens.

Other FAQs:

There is no cost to attend.

Students must be enrolled in an MICS Band class to attend.

With the exception of Monday Enrichment, students do not have to attend tutoring every week- they are encouraged to attend on an as needed/as wanted basis.

MIDDLE SCHOOL (6-8)

IN THE KNOW...

8th Grade Leadership Project

8th grade students are beginning their Leadership Projects, a multi-step project that allows each student to immerse themselves into a potential future career. The project will take place over the next few months and entails students researching, shadowing, creating a poster board, and presenting a career in which they are interested. We look forward to having our school community witness their hard work on Tuesday, May 1st, as students present their projects.

7th Grade Optimist Club Oratorical Contest

The 7th grade Annual Optimist Club Oratorical Contest at MICS will be held during the school day on Tuesday, February 20th. The 36 participants will deliver a student composed speech on this year's theme: "Where Are My Roots of Optimism?" The top three boys and top three girls will be awarded scholarships from the Optimist Club and will advance forward into the area competition that will be held on Sunday, March 18th at Cook's Presbyterian Church. Updates on winners will follow.

7th Grade National History Day at UNC Charlotte

The 7th grade National History Day competition continues with the regional competition at UNC Charlotte on Friday, March 2nd. 7th grade students have created individual and group research projects around the theme of Conflict and Compromise and will be representing MICS in all presentation areas: Paper, Exhibit, Documentary, Performance, and Website. The top three winners in each category for both individual and group projects will be competing at the state National History Day competition in Raleigh on Saturday, April 28th. Join us in wishing these students good luck and advancement in the state competition!

Upcoming Field Studies

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

ACT

February 27th

The statewide administration of the ACT for North Carolina public school students in the 11th grade will take place on Tuesday, February 27. It is highly encouraged for juniors be ready to do their best on this assessment, as ACT scores are submitted to colleges for admission. Download a free [StudyGuide](#) from ACT to assist with preparation. **It is imperative that juniors bring graphing calculators and arrive at 7:30am on this date.**

Sophomore College Trip - Wingate University

March 15, 2018

On Thursday, March 15th 2018, 10th grade students will have the opportunity to participate in a field trip to Wingate University. To participate students must have passed at least 5 of 6 classes 1st semester. If you have been suspended for more than 2 days this school year you are not eligible to participate. The cost of the trip is \$20. This covers the cost of transportation by charter bus.

Lunch is being provided by Wingate University. We will leave MICS at 7:45am and will return around 1:30pm.

Online registration (with payment of \$20 + 1.50 service charge) will open 7:00 am on Tuesday, February 20th. REGISTRATION WILL BE ON A FIRST COME, FIRST SERVED BASIS UNTIL ALL SPACES HAVE BEEN FILLED. Wingate will allow us to bring 80 students. Click [HERE](#) to complete the registration.

Please contact Ms. Honore at mhonore@micharter.org to be added to the waitlist once all spots have been filled.

PROM

April 21st, 2018

Attention Juniors and Seniors: Prom 2018 is coming and will be here before you know it! This year, it will be held on April 21st from 7 pm - 11 pm at the Birkdale Golf Club. The theme will be "A Magical Night" based off of Arabian Nights. Ticket sales will start

at \$65 on February 19th and may be purchased online by clicking [HERE](#). The price will go up to \$85 on April 2nd so don't delay! Lastly, the ticket sales will stop at 11:59 pm on April 16th. We really hope you are able to join us for this magical night. Underclassman are welcome by invitation only.

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.**

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 applicants 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.

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**

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UPCOMING COLLEGE EVENTS IN OUR REGION

Junior Night

March 1, 2018 at 7 PM in the MS/HS Building Atrium

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

2018 Spring Booster Passes

Prices reduced! Get your booster passes for all spring home game events! You may fill out this [form](#) or purchase your pass online at micsstore.com. Check out the [schedule](#) for all upcoming games.

MS Fall Tryouts

Tryouts for Fall sports will be held on Wednesday, August 1st AND Thursday, August 2nd. Practices will begin on Friday, August 3rd. Please mark your calendars and schedule your vacations appropriately.

Scores of the Week!

No scores to report for Middle School.

Varsity Cheerleading - Collecting Donations

The Hospice house in Huntersville relies on donations each month to help the families that are spending time there with loved ones. The Varsity cheerleaders will collect the items below and deliver them to the Hospice house on February 24th as a community service project. Please send in donations and students can place these items in the boxes that will be in each grade level hallway. Donations will be collected on a daily basis. We thank you in advance for your help and donations.

Snack items:

Granola/protein/cereal bars
Baked and regular potato chips
Items such as- goldfish, ritz-bitz, cheez its
100 calorie packs
Snack packs
Cookie packs
Lance crackers (particularly peanut butter)
Snack size bag of peanuts
Fruit snacks
Snack size apple sauce/fruit cups
Fun-size candy bars
Juice boxes
Mini muffin packs

Small food items:

Non perishable microwaveable meals:
Soups
Chef Boyardee
Pasta bowls

Things to avoid:

Gum
Hard candy
Microwave popcorn
Frozen meals

ATHLETICS - HIGH SCHOOL

Spring Athletics Parent Meeting

The meeting will be held on **Wednesday, February 21st 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

1st Round of Playoffs

Varsity Women: Carolina Int'l 13
Raptors **58**

Varsity Men: Bradford Prep 40
Raptors **99**

Semi-Finals

Varsity Women: Raptors 31
Union Academy **56**

Varsity Men: Raptors 50
CSD **58**

Swimming



A Raptor shout out to Jake Thakur, Sophomore Varsity Swimmer. Jake swam at the NCHSAA State Championships and finished 3rd in the 100 yard backstroke with a time of 53.13.

He also finished 6th in the 100 butterfly with a time of 52.45. Congratulations to Jake on your accomplishments!

Track & Field

Congratulations to Mason King, Senior Mason for making the 55 meter hurdles finals and finished 6th in the state.

Wrestling



Congratulations to the Varsity Wrestlers as they competed in the regionals. What a great season to these athletes: Alec Padgitt, Isaiah Carr, Jay Gardner, Julian Morel, Bunmi Abudi, and Sebastian Perna.



The wrestling team has had a great postseason and we will continue our momentum this weekend while competing in the State Championships this weekend at the Greensboro Coliseum. Sr. Isaiah Carr will be representing our Raptors at 138lbs. As one of the final 8 in the state. We are very excited for the team as a whole finishing in the top 15 in the region with only 5 competitors, but especially Isaiah being the first wrestler in MICS history to advance to the state finals.

Cheerleading

Your varsity cheer team had a very successful trip to their 1st National Championship. Raptor's finished out of the top 10 but earned a Superior award, one of a select few to receive zero deductions for their performance. These young ladies competed against some schools with double MICS enrollment and they absolutely rocked it! We're very proud of how they handled themselves on and off the mat, they were fantastic ambassadors for MICS. We want to thank our school community for all of your support.



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