

THE RAPTOR CALL



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Individual/Sibling Photos

Siblings (K-12) and MS/HS Individual Spring photos will be held on **Tuesday, March 20th** and K-5 Individual Spring photos will be held on **Wednesday, March 21st**.

17-18 Spring Season Pass

Prices Have Been Reduced

To purchase your Spring seasons pass at a reduced price please click [HERE](#).

Family: \$100

Adult: \$37.50

Sr. Adult: \$30

Student: \$25.00

Alumni: \$25.00

Best Buddies Programs

Everybody needs a friend. But not everybody has one. 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!

PTO

The PTO meeting that was scheduled for Thursday, March 1st has been cancelled.

COMMUNITY SPOTLIGHT



Wednesday, March 14th

Drop In: 4:00-8:00 pm

Bright Star Grill

Dear MICS Families,

Spring Auction - Friday, March 16th

New for this year, the Spring Auction is in lieu of the Gala and is scheduled for **Friday, March 16th** with doors opening up at 6:00 pm. This is open to the general public so invite your friends and neighbors to come have some fun and get some great deals! We'll have some **FREE** special activities for K-8 students during the auction so you can shop without interruption. Reserve your child's spot by using this [link](#). We're combining the items that were traditionally at the gala and the smaller on campus auction with many new items. Some items you can bid on are:

- Two Sets of Braces
- 3 Golden Carline Tickets
- A Week's Beach Front Vacation House at Atlantic Beach
- 2 Golden Ticket Spots
- BBQ Party for 30
- 2 Carowinds 2018 Gold Passes

We still have room for more auction items! Please return the [Auction Donation Form](#) and your item to Lisa McConnell as soon as possible to have your item included. **Donations must be received by Friday, March 9th** and all donations are tax deductible. Examples of some wish list items can be found [here](#)! If you would like to sign up to volunteer for the Spring Auction Event, please click [here](#)! Make sure to follow the [PTO Facebook page](#) for updates on items added to the auction! For questions, please contact the PTO at PTO@micssoar.org.

Justin H. Matthews, *Executive Director*

Bus Interest Survey - Denver Area

MICS is looking for families that are interested in bus transportation to and from MICS from please type in the comment section, your student's name (s), and grade. The bus will pick up and drop off Lower School, Middle and High School students at the Walmart parking lot located in Denver.

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Coming Events

March

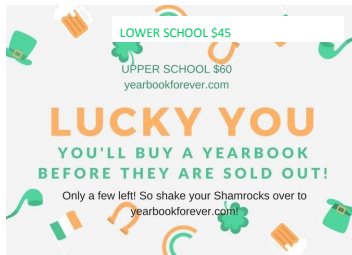
- 1: Junior Night, MS/HS Building, 7pm
- 8: Chick-Fil-A Spirit Night, 5-8pm
- 7-9: 8th Grade Field Study - Washington, DC

LOWER SCHOOL (K-5)

DID YOU KNOW

Last Call for Lower School Yearbooks!

We only have a limited supply left, so reserve yours today, before it's too late! Visit yearbookforever.com and select our Lower School Book for \$45.00.



Boxtops!

The results from our annual boxtops contest are in! Congratulations to the following classrooms for earning a pizza party by bringing in the most boxtops!!! Party dates are still to be determined.

K - Koester

1 - Johnston

2 - Liebert

3 - McCaffrey

4 - Towner

5 - Thomasson

And the classroom who gets to make a home for the Traveling Trophy until the next contest is...Ms. Thomasson's 5th grade for the second year in a row!! Congratulations to them!! Thank you to all who have participated!

Mrs. Thomasson's Class Adopts 2 Orcas

A student with some great research skills and a passionate and caring spirit, led the class on a project to adopt two orcas. **Elizabeth Ruble**, a student in Mrs. Thomasson's class, came across an opportunity to help save whales and dolphins, while doing some online research for a recent class project.

Elizabeth came across a website by the Whale and Dolphin Conservation (WDC). Here she learned how to adopt a whale to help whales and dolphins safe and free from captivity. Elizabeth made a

proposal to her class to join her in adopting a whale. The students were very receptive, and together raised enough funds to save 2 orcas, Holly and Fife. You can learn more at whales.org.

Congratulations to Elizabeth and the entire class for being such a positive example of service to the community, global awareness, and leadership! Together we can!

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 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)

SENIORS ONLY

Cap and Gown Photo Information

March 14th

Times - During School Hours (time will be given to student by school)

Cap and Gown Photos will not be in the yearbook

1. Pre-Order your Package and save \$10 on Gold, Silver, & Bronze Packages - [CLICK HERE](#)
2. Order online - www.micsphotos.com
3. Bring order form and payment on 3/14

DEADLINE TO PRE-ORDER is 3/13

Photo Order form for Cap and Gown Photos is attached.

Have student bring in form with check on day of photos or review the "5 Easy Ways to order" information on form

NOTES:

- All students will have the photos taken on the GRAY and BLUE backgrounds.
- Photos will be posted online at www.micsphotos.com by 3/20
- Orders ready within two weeks
- Online pricing will vary from order form
- No Make-up days will be provided at the school. Please contact us directly for Photo appointment
- A Group picture will be taken on 3/14
- MEN: Best to wear tie underneath cap and gown
- WOMEN: Try on your Cap and Gown with your selected under-shirt to ensure matching

*****OPEN CAP AND GOWN CONTENTS - STEAM AS NECESSARY BEFORE PHOTOS ARE TAKEN*****

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. Underclassmen are welcome by invitation only.

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ACADEMICS

Key Club Induction

Friday, March 2 at 9:00am

Families of students joining the Key Club are invited to join us on Friday morning, March 2, at 9:00am in the MICS Gym as we celebrate our first Key Club Induction. Key Club is a student-led, high school organization dedicated to making the world a better place through service. Please contact Ms. Tolson (ttolson@micharter.org) with any questions. We look forward to seeing you there!

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.

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.

NC State - Pack Preview

The Office of Undergraduate Admissions at NC State would like to officially invite prospective students to our upcoming Pack Preview event. Every year, NC State hosts Pack Preview Receptions with the purpose of sharing some of the services and majors that NC State has to offer to potential high school students. Students can register [HERE](#).

Sunday February 25, 2018

Charlotte Pack Preview

Sheraton Charlotte Airport Hotel

[3315 Scott Futrell Drive](#)

[Charlotte, NC](#)

3pm-5pm

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.

MICS Mini-College Fair

MICS will be hosting a mini-college fair on campus for current 9th, 10th and 11th grade students. College representatives will be available to meet one-on-one with students, answer questions and provide college brochures and business cards. The following colleges will be represented: East Carolina University, Johnson and Wales, The University of Alabama, The University of North Carolina-Asheville, and University of Georgia. Please review the [college fair checklist](#) prior to the event. See Ms. Honore' if you have any questions.

Wednesday April 11, 2018

2:30pm-3:30pm

MICS Auxiliary Gym

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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.

Spring Athletes

The Spring rosters are now up on the website. Congratulations to the athletes for making the team!

[Baseball](#)

[Golf](#)

[Lacrosse](#)

[Girls Soccer](#)

[Softball](#)

Check out and cheer on these athletes. Visit micharterathletics.org for a list of all schedules!

ATHLETICS - HIGH 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.

Scores of the Week!

Basketball

1st Round of State Playoffs

Varsity Men: Raptors **78**
Hayesville HS 72

2nd Round of State Playoffs

Raptors 77
Pine Lake Prep **82**

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[Baseball](#)

[Golf](#)

[Women's Soccer](#)

[Softball](#)

Track & Field

Coaching Opportunities

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

Volleyball:

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