

THE RAPTOR CALL

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Spring Photos

MARCH 20TH - SOLD OUT! SIBLINGS TUESDAY (All Grades)

March 20th - IND. (Middle/High Students)

March 21st - Added 5 More Sibling Spots

DEADLINE TO RESERVE is 5/18

March 21st - IND. (K-5 Students)

* Sibling photos by [appointment](#) only. **\$20** Reservation Required for Sibling Session

Individual photos - BY GRADE [Order Form](#)

Lower School Council - Food Drive

The week of March 26th. Our focus for this drive is in canned food (meat, beans, fruit, pasta, soup). Please no green beans as they always receive a lot and would like to have a variety to offer to their clients. Thank you for your support!

JDRF Kids Walk celebration

MICS Fifth Grade is proud to host the JDRF Kids Walk celebration on Thursday March 29th. Our goal is to raise \$6,000. On **Wednesday March 28th bring in \$1 to wear jeans** and support JDRF (no spirit shirts, please wear uniform top).

Pay for School Fees Using Square

The business office recently transitioned to Square to send electronic invoices for fees related to athletics, field studies, before/after care, and other charges. Please check your email Junk or Spam folder to ensure you are receiving and paying invoices in a timely manner. Contact the school office with any questions.

Dear MICS Families,

Join us tonight for our first annual MICS PTO Silent Auction tonight. Doors open at 6:00 pm and bidding starts at 6:30 pm. Click [HERE](#) for auction details! For your enjoyment, we will be broadcasting some of the basketball tournament on the TV located in the gym foyer. Bundt cakes from "Nothing Bundt Cakes" will be available for sale for \$5 per cake and pizza will also be available for \$2 a slice as well as other concession snack items!

Justin H. Matthews, *Executive Director*

Spring Musical

Tickets are on sale now! Come out and support the MICS cast and crew as they perform "[Emma, A Pop Musical](#)" on Friday, March, 23rd at 7:00 pm and Saturday, March 24th at 2:00 pm. Get your Spring Musical tickets on sale now at [mics-store.com](#)! General Admission Tickets will also be sold at the door starting at one hour before the performance. If you purchased online, please bring your receipt with you as this will be your "ticket" to get in.

"Job Shadowing" Volunteers Needed for 8th Grade Leadership Project

All students in the 8th grade at MICS complete the Leadership Project, a career exploration project including involves research, writing and hands-on experience. If you or your company would be willing to host an 8th grade student that indicates interest in your career field, we encourage you to sign up as a potential "job shadowing" site (click [HERE](#)). Students are to complete four hours of workplace observation, taking place between now and April 13th. The purpose of this time is to gain a real-life perspective of what a particular career looks like on a daily basis, and volunteer hosts should be prepared to answer student questions, provide supervision during the student visit and allow students to take photos (if permitted) of the work environment. All volunteers in this program must have satisfactorily completed MICS volunteer training. Please contact Lauren Whitley (lwhitley@micharter.org), 8th Grade Social Studies Teacher, if you have any questions.

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

Coming Events

March

16: Spring Auction, MICS Gym. 6:00 pm

20: Sibling Photos (All Grades); Individual MS/HS photos

21: Individual K-5 Student Photos

LOWER SCHOOL (K-5)

IN THE KNOW

Lacrosse Athletic Development Program - We are excited to announce that MI Lacrosse is interested in growing their partnership with the MICS Athletic Department by helping to offer Lacrosse within the Lower School Athletic Development Program. We would like to know if your child would be interested in participating next Spring, playing as a Raptor with their friends and classmates. Our LS Basketball program has had much success, with over 350 MICS students participating over the past 5 seasons.

We currently have a Middle School team that plays in the MCLC conference and would love to establish a feeder program for our MS and HS teams. We are also looking for parents who are interested in learning the game and becoming volunteer coaches for the LS program. There are coaching clinic/training programs available that would teach you everything you need to know for K-5 level lacrosse.

If you are interested in your child participating follow this [link](#) to the Google form below to answer a few questions.

Detailed information about the season, number of practices, games, and what's included will be posted on the MICS website, Athletics tab, [K-5 Athletic Development Program](#).

Check out MI Lacrosse and the great things they are doing in our community <http://www.milacrosse.org>.

Last Call for Lower School Yearbooks!



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2017-2018 End of Year Exam Schedule

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Boxtops Sweepstakes



Are you feeling lucky? Boxtops for Education is offering the Lucky Charms Lucky #7

Sweeps which will give 7 schools the chance to win 5000 bonus boxtops! This sweepstakes ends 4/1/18 so [enter daily](#) by following the link and may the luck of the Irish be with ya!

MIDDLE SCHOOL (6-8)

Middle School/High School Benchmarks - April 10-27

6th-12th grade students enrolled in EOG, EOC, and NCFE Math, ELA, Social Studies, and Science will be taking the final comprehensive benchmark assessment beginning April 10. Students attending 7th grade field study and senior trip will make up the exams when they return. Benchmark exams will be administered per the schedule below:

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MICS Robotics Team Competing at 2018 FIRST Power Up Regional Competition

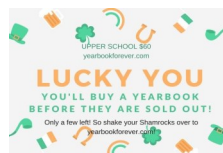
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High School Information Session

March 28, 6pm

MICS Gym Please be aware of an upcoming high school information session geared towards parents and students entering the high school at MICS in 2018-2019. The presentation will provide attendees with an overview of high school academic and extracurricular programs, including practical information for parents regarding course scheduling, academic credits, college preparation and more. We look forward to seeing you there!

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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.

Upcoming Field Studies

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

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

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ASVAB Testing - April 18

10th, 11th, and 12th grade students will be offered the opportunity to take the Armed Services Vocational Aptitude Battery (ASVAB) test at Mountain Island Charter School on April 18, 2018. This assessment determines qualifications for enlistment in the United States Armed Forces and will be administered by a representative from the United States Military Entrance Processing Command. Space is limited and students will be registered on a first-come, first-served basis. Students may sign up to participate in ASVAB testing by submitting the registration form ([click here](#)) to the C Building Office by end of day Friday, April 13, 2018.

Math III Field Test - April 24-27

Students enrolled in Math III will be administered a Math III field test on April 24-April 27. This test will provide NCDPI with feedback supporting the construction of future Math III assessments aligned to NC math standards.

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9th Grade Field Trip Opportunity

9th grade students may sign up to attend SciVisit at Gaston College on Friday, April 13th. SciVisit is an annual STEM event with a variety of activities planned for student participation. While there is no cost to attend, space is limited to 40 students. The bus will leave MICS at 8:15am and return around 1:00pm. Sign up [here](#). For questions, please contact Elyse Kennedy (ekennedy@micharter.org).

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Cap and Gown Photos

Photos NOW ONLINE! <https://straussstudios.pixieset.com/mics2018-capandgown/>. [Order form](#).

IF YOUR PREORDERED Downloads, they will be available by 3/20.

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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.

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***

UPCOMING COLLEGE EVENTS IN OUR REGION

Upcoming College Rep Visits

Wednesday, March 14th @ 2:45pm in Room 227 - UNC - Asheville

Friday, March 16th @ 2:45pm in Room 227- Elon University

Wednesday, March 21st @ 2:45pm in Room 227 - Grand Canyon University (Arizona)

High school students wishing to learn more about these colleges/universities are encouraged to attend. College representatives will share details about programs and majors they offer, their application process, and what to expect as an admitted student.

MICS College Fair

MICS will be hosting a 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. Parents are also welcome to attend with their student.

Please review the [college fair checklist](#) prior to the event. See Ms. Honore' if you have any questions.

Wednesday April 11th, 2018

2:30pm-3:30pm

MICS Auxiliary Gym

Participating Colleges:

Auburn University
CPCC (Career & College Promise)
East Carolina University
Gardner-Webb University
High Point University
Johnson and Wales University
UNC- Asheville
UNC- Charlotte
College of Engineering
University of Alabama
University of Georgia
Winthrop University
Wofford College
Wells Fargo - Financial Aid Information

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!

Summer Volunteer Opportunity for High School Students

Carolina Raptor Center is excited to announce a new summer volunteer opportunity for high school students. The program is called Students Organized to Advocate for Raptors (SOAR). The SOAR volunteers will interact with our visitors by teaching raptor conservation through activities and games on our education trail. They are looking to fill a few more positions for this summer. To learn more about the program visit <http://www.carolinaraptorcenter.org/volunteer/youth-volunteers/soar/>.

Applications will close on April 1, 2018.

ATHLETICS - MIDDLE SCHOOL

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.

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.

Scores of the Week!

Baseball

ARMS 0

Raptors 19

Golf

Raptors

Concordia Christian

Lacrosse

Gaston County Patriots 4

Raptors 6

⇒ Goals scored by Austin McConnell (2), Ryan Morton (2), Colin Corrigan (1) and Cooper Gay (1). With assists by Jack Johnston, Colin Corrigan, Cooper Gay and Austin McConnell.

Soccer

Pine Lake Prep 3

Raptors 0

ARMS 0

Raptors 8

Softball

Thomas Jefferson 0

Raptors 19

Calling all Coaches!

Come join the Mountain Island Charter School Basketball Coaching Staff for an informal gathering regarding the needs and plans for the future of our basketball program.

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Bring along your Coaching Resume if you have one, meet the Coaches on Staff and add your name to the list of potential candidates for several open

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HS Cheer Tryouts – Tryouts for the 2018-19 JV and Varsity Cheer teams, and the 2018-19 Varsity Competition Team will be held on May 14th, 15th and 16th 4:30-6:00 pm in the MICS gym. You must attend ALL 3 days in order to be considered for the teams, Monday and Tuesday are instructional days to prep for Wednesday with the judging panel. These tryouts are open to MICS students who will be in 9th-12th grade for the 2018-19 school year.

All MICS players **MUST** have an approved [NCHSAA SPORTS PHYSICALS](#) (to be completed by a physician) and a [MINOR LIABILITY WAIVER](#) in order to be eligible to try out for a Fall, Winter or Spring sport prior to the first day of tryouts, no exceptions. If a player has played a previous sport, the player must have an updated NCHSAA sports physical and minor liability waiver prior to the first day of tryouts.

Physicals and waivers are good for one full year (395 days). For example, if your player has had a physical completed on August 30, 2016, it is good until September 30, 2017. (Boy Scouts, Little League, or Well Check Exams are not accepted in place of an NCHSAA sports physical).

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Scores of the Week!

Baseball

Varsity: Raptors 4

Union Academy **10**

JV: Raptors 3

Langtree **7**

Varsity Golf

Women's Soccer

Varsity: Raptors **2**

North Gaston **1**

⇒ *Raptor goals scored by Laken Gallman. Congrats to Laken and Jacky Chavez-Cruz for being selected to the All Tournament Team!*

Varsity: Raptors **8**

Bradford Prep **0**

⇒ *Goals score by Laken Gallman (3), Gina Perna (1), Kylee Owens (1), Jacky Chavez-Cruz (1), Jayda Gresham (1) and Audrey Solarchik (1).*

Varsity Softball

Raptors **5**

Union Academy **6**

⇒ *Chloe Hatzopoulos and Hailee Klobchar each had two hits and Lauren Engel collected one to lead the team. One of Hatzopoulos hits was a solo home run.*

ATHLETICS - HIGH SCHOOL

Raptors 18

Langtree 5

⇒ *Chloe Hatzopoulos has three hits, Haliee Klobchar 2 and Savanna Doyle, Maddie Burch, Lawson Gerland, Lauren Engel, Arianna Brown, and Sara Winkler all had one hit to lead the offense. Lauren Engel and Chloe Hatzopoulos combined on the mound for the win.*

Track & Field

Our Track & Field team had a great meet on Thursday. The Raptors had 8 athletes qualify for regionals and so many that set their own personal records.

Shot Put

Taylor McClinton 3rd (season record)

Jaylen Wylie 6th (season record)

Discus

Taylor McClinton 2nd (season record)

James Gardner 6th (personal record)

Long Jump

CJ Stephens 1st (personal record)

Elijah Burris 3rd

CJ Stephens 5th

Triple Jump:

Kynda Bichara 1st (season record)

Mason King 2nd

High Jump:

Demetrius Washington 1st (personal record)

110 Meter Hurdles

Mason King 1st (qualified for regionals)

200 Meter Dash

Isaiah Chambers 4th (personal record)

400 Meter Dash

Christian Hunter 6th (personal record)

800 Meter Run

Hannah Hattingh 1st

Brooke Harris 6th

1600 Meter Run

Brooke Harris 4th (personal record)

Mario Stanisa 6th (personal record)

3200 meter run

Jacob Laughlin 2nd

Mario Stanisa 4th

300 Meter Hurdles

Bryson Howell 4th

4x100 Meter Relay

Boys (A) (Elijah Burris, Marcus Graham, Anthony Phillips, CJ Stephens) 1st

Girls (Zahra Bichara, Kynda Bichara, Taylor Pearson, Khalia Byers) 2nd

Boys (B) (Jadon Robinson, Levontae Kennedy, Will Owens, Antico Dalton Jr.) 4th

4x200 Meter Relay

Boys (A) (Bryson Howell, Marcus Graham, Anthony Phillips, CJ Stephens) 2nd

Girls (Zahra Bichara, Kynda Bichara, Taylor Pearson, Khalia Byers) 1st

Boys (B) (Jalen Thomas, Gabe Stephens, Will Owens, Antico Dalton Jr.) 3rd

4x800 Meter Relay

Boys (Jaishaun Boyd, Drew Clifton, Jacob Laughlin, Isaiah Bookhardt) 4th

4x400 Relay

Girls (Zahra Bichara, Hannah Hattingh, Khalia Byers, Kynda Bichara) 1st

Boys (A) (Bryson Howell, Anthony Phillips, Christian Hunter, CJ Stephens) 5th

Boys (B) (Isaiah Chambers, Nyzir Steward, Najee Steward, Jadon Robinson) 4th