

THE RAPTOR CALL

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Message from the MICS PTO

Our first MICS PTO Spring Auction was a huge success and brought in more than \$40,000 to help fund the new construction and improvements that we are watching take place on campus! Thank you to our PTO auction committee, our parents and students who provided awesome grade level baskets, our donors, volunteers, and the staff and administration who made it a great event.

And thank you to the bidders who showed up or logged in on auction night. We hope you got some great deals! Want to get involved with the 2019 auction? Email

PTO@MICSSoar.org. Thank you!

2017-2018 End of Year Exam Schedule

Please click [HERE](#) to view the 2017-2018 End of Year Exam Schedule.

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).

Dear MICS Families,

Spring Musical - Tonight is the first performance of "[Emma, A Pop Musical](#)" at 7:00 pm and the second performance is tomorrow, Saturday, March 24th at 2:00 pm. Purchase your at micsstore.com! Tickets for general admission will be sold at the door starting at one hour before the performance. Remember, if you purchased online, please bring your receipt with you as this will be your "ticket" to get in.

Justin H. Matthews, *Executive Director*

Menu Change

March 27th

K-5: pepperoni pizza

6-12: chef's choice of pizza

April 12th

K-5: Cheese Panini

6-8: Turkey Sandwiches

9-12: BBQ Chicken Sandwiches

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

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. Please contact Lauren Whitley (lwhitley@micharter.org), 8th Grade Social Studies Teacher, if you have any questions.

High School Robotics Team Competition

Congratulations to the Robotics team for being one of two teams to make it to the semi-finals and was awarded the Rookie All-Star Award as they beat out 7 other rookie teams. The team is ranked 18th in the state of North Carolina and will automatically advance to the FIRST State Championships next month at Campbell University. Job well done to the Robotics Team (Xavier Robinson-Fuentes, Kyle Burchett, Joey Rielley, Max Novytskyy, Andrew Hunter, Tariq Latta, Matthew Tanner, Connor Doedderlein, Bunmi Abudu and Myles Perry).

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

Coming Events

March

28: High School Information Sessions, MICS Gym, 6:00 pm

29: Spring Lower School Parties (3-5), 1:30 - 2:30 pm

30: Spring Lower School Parties (K-2), 1:30 - 2:30 pm

LOWER SCHOOL (K-5)

NEXT WEEK

Spring Parties

Spring parties will be held for **grades 3-5** on Wednesday, March 28th and for **grades K-2** on Thursday, March 29th from 1:30 - 2:30 pm.

MICS Summer Day Camp

Sign up for MICS summer camps [HERE!](#)

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!

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.

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MIDDLE SCHOOL (6-8)

7th Grade Oratorical Competition (Update)

Congratulations to Sophia Eaton and Christopher Dunevant who are the MICS first place winners in our third annual Mountain Island Optimist Club oratorical contest. These students will be competing in the regional competition in late April against other first place winners from around the Charlotte area. 2nd place winners are Emily Battle and Jeremiah Avinger; 3rd place winners are Jasmine Clarkson and Isaac Thompson.

Congratulations to all of our MICS students for representing the school so well in this contest.

High School Information Session

March 28, 6pm

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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:

ELA and Math III - April 10-12

SS - April 13, 16-17

Science - April 18-20

Math - April 23-April 25

Makeups - April 26-27

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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)

UPCOMING

High School Information Session

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Career and College Promise Student Meeting

MICS Guidance department will host a Career and College Promise informational lunch meeting on Thursday, March 29th in room C206 at 12:22pm. Interested students can sign up by clicking [HERE](#).

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TESTING

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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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EVENTS

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).

Girls Who Code Club

We have extended the deadline for our Summer Immersion Program until Tuesday, March 20th!

For all rising 11th and 12th graders, even if they have not participated in the Girls Who Code (GWC) club. If anyone has any questions please have them stop by GWC Club on Mondays

between 2:30-4 in Mrs. Thomas room, call or text me @ 215-432-6007, or email me jdunn11420@gmail.com.

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.

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SCHOLARSHIPS

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

Upcoming College Rep Visits

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

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/>.

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Applications will close on April 1, 2018.

For High School Juniors: NC State College of Textiles holds four one-week sessions of [Summer Textile Exploration Program](#) (STEP) each summer. Participants live on-campus, learn about their [degree programs](#), the admissions process, [scholarship opportunities](#) and work on a project related to one of their majors. The program cost is \$250 for each participant; limited financial aid is available. **Applications due May 1, 2018.** To learn more about STEP please visit the College of Textiles [website](#). If you have questions, please contact Shannon Tart - sdtart2@ncsu.edu

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

Langtree **9**

Raptors **7**

Golf

Raptors **218**

Lincoln Charter **201**

Lacrosse

Gaston County Patriots **3**

Raptors **5**

⇒ *Goals scored by Austin McConnell (3), Cooper Gay (1) and Nick Giacomini (1). With an assist by Ryan Morton (1).*

Bailey MD **13**

Raptors **2**

⇒ *Goals scored by Austin McConnell (1) and Colin Corrigan (1).*

Soccer

St. Mark's **4**

Raptors **2**

Langtree **1**

Raptors **2**

Softball

Langtree **0**

Raptors **22**

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.

Want to Coach at MICS? Want to join the Basketball Staff?

Come take the first step!

MICS Gym March 28th from 630pm to 7pm.

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

Coaching Positions for the 2018/19 Season.

There are Coaching vacancies in both the Men's and Ladies Basketball Programs.

Questions or if you are unable to attend please email:

Stidwell.basketball@micharter.org or Rprice.basketball@micharter.org

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.

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>.

ATHLETICS - HIGH SCHOOL

HS Cheer Tryouts – Tryouts for the 2018-19 MS Cheer team will be held on May 14th, 15th and 16th 4:30-6:00 pm in the MICS gym. You must attend BOTH days in order to be considered for the teams, These tryouts are open to MICS students who will be in 6th-8th 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 **14**

Bradford Prep 1

JV: Raptors **1**

Metrolina Christian 7

Varsity Golf

Raptors

Team: Jonah Tincher, Tyler Cobb, Gant Derrick, Jonathan Broome, Max Sudderth, and Ean Cooke.

Women's Soccer

Varsity: South Point HS **11**

Raptors **3**

⇒ *Raptor goals scored by Laken Gallman (3).*

Varsity: Queen's Grant **2**

Raptors **3**

Varsity: Union Academy **9**

Raptors **0**

Varsity Softball

Raptors **15**

Piedmont Charter **0**

⇒ *Chloe Hatzopoulos and Laren Engel each had three hits, Savanna Doyle and Lawson Gerland each had two hits and Maddi Burch, Niya Wylie, Brianna Worley and Arianna Brown all had one hit to lead the offense. Lauren Engel and Chloe Hatzopoulos combined on the mound for the shut out.*

Raptors **1**

Union Academy **7**

⇒ *Savanna Doyle, Hailee Klobchar and Lauren Engel had 2 hits each to lead the offense.*

Raptors **9**

Union Academy **0**

Natalie Kashino had two hits and Savanna Doyle, Maddie Burch, Lawson Gerland, Lauren Engel, and Nyia Wylie all had one hit to lead the offense. Lauren Engel was the winning pitcher.

ATHLETICS - HIGH SCHOOL

Track & Field

Shot Put

Taylor McClinton 1st
James Gardner 4th
Landon Reel 6th
Maurice Evans 8th

Discus

Taylor McClinton 1st
Maurice Evans 2nd
James Gardner 7th

Long Jump

Elijah Burris 1st
Gabe Stephens 5th
CJ Stephens 7th

Triple Jump:

Kynda Bichara 1st
Mason King 1st
Andrew Laughlin 4th
Demetrius Washington 6th

High Jump:

Demetrius Washington 2nd

100/110 Meter Hurdles

Mason King 1st
Gianna Hartman 2nd

100 Meter Dash

CJ Stephens 1st
Khalia Byers 3rd *qualified for regionals
Zahra Bichara 4th place *qualified for regionals

400 Meter Dash

Kynda Bichara 1st
Demetrius Washington 7th

800 Meter Run

Hannah Hattingh 1st *qualified for regionals
Jaishaun Boyd 6th
Drew Clifton 7th

1600 Meter Run

Harper Bond 5th
Mario Stanisa 3rd

300 Meter Hurdles

Gianna Hartman 1st
Mason King 4th
Bryson Howell 2nd
Gabe Stephens 3rd

4x100 Meter Relay

Boys (A) (Elijah Burris, Marcus Graham, Anthony Phillips, CJ Stephens) 1st *qualified for regionals

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

4x200 Meter Relay

Boys (A) (Bryson Howell, Marcus Graham, Anthony Phillips, CJ Stephens) 1st

Girls (Zahra Bichara, Kynda Bichara, Taylor Pearson, Khalia Byers) 2nd *qualified for regionals

4x800 Meter Relay

Boys (Jaishaun Boyd, Drew Clifton, Kyle Brunner, Isaiah Bookhardt) 1st