

THE RAPTOR CALL

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Movie Night Fundraiser

Support the Varsity Cheerleaders to offset the cost of competing at the National Cheerleading Competition! Sign up [HERE!](#)

When: Friday, April 20th

What: Movie Night "Sing"

Time: 6:00 - 9:00 pm (drop off from 6:00-6:15 pm). **(Drop off at the auxiliary gym)**

Cost: \$20 per student, add \$5 for each additional student sibling. Includes childcare for 3 hours, popcorn, pizza and drinks.

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

Amazon Smile Promotion

Ends March 31st! Amazon is tripling the **donation rate** on your first purchase! Go to smile.amazon.com/ch/80-0467949 and Amazon donates to MICS.

Menu Change

April 12th

K-5: Cheese Panini

6-8: Turkey Sandwiches

9-12: BBQ Chicken Sandwiches

Dear MICS Families,

On behalf of the faculty and staff at MICS, we wish you and your families a wonderful and hopefully warm spring break! Don't forget that spring break for our school begins this Friday, March 30th and finishing on Friday, April 6th. School will resume on Monday, April 9th.

Justin H. Matthews, *Executive Director*

Message from the Registrar:

If you do not plan on returning to MICS for the 2018-2019 school year, please email John Rielley at johnrielleym@micharter.org.



Congratulations to the winners of MICS's 3rd annual **Optimist Club Oratorical Contest**: 3rd place: Jasmine Clarkson, Isaac Thompson; 2nd place Emily Battle, Jeremiah Avinger, 1st place: Sophia Eaton, Christopher Dunevant. First place winners, Sophia and Christopher, will move on to the Optimist Club Regional Oratorical Contest held at Plaza Presbyterian Church on Saturday, April 14. Good luck to Sophia and Christopher!

Left to right: John Lawrence, Jeremiah Avinger, Christopher Dunevant, Issac Thompson, Miss Spivey's Corner pageant queen, Madison Bryant, Jasmine Clarkson, Emily Battle, Sophia Eaton and Mrs. Melanie Dalton, seventh grade teacher.

Volunteer Judges Needed for 8th Grade Leadership Project

8th grade students have been working hard on their Leadership Projects and will be presenting them to their classmates and school community on Tuesday, May 1st. In order to effectively assess our students' projects, we need approved parent and community volunteers to come in and assist our team as judges. If you would be available from 7:45-9:15 am on Tuesday, May 1st to grade student projects, please sign up by clicking [HERE](#).

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

Coming Events

*Spring Break: March 30th - April 6th (School resumes on **Monday, April 9th**)*

LOWER SCHOOL (K-5)

NEXT WEEK



Spring Break! School will resume on Monday, April 9th.

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!

Did you hear that Lower School has its **own** yearbook this year? If not, we have **VERY** limited stock left, so get yours today!!! Visit yearbookforever.com to get the last of our copies for Lower School for only \$45.00!

2017-2018 End of Year Exam Schedule

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

Lacrosse Athletic Development Program - 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>.

What are your kids doing after school?

Consider one of our after school offerings to finish out a great school year. This quarter we will have golf squad. Golf Squad is taught by a PGA professional and teaches kids the basics of the game.

We will also have archery. This is a great opportunity to learn an activity that isn't offered all the time. It is a great place to practice shooting with others in a safe environment.

Main Street Dance. A great class for the basics of ballet, jazz and hip hop dance. Taught by Amy Servian owner of Main Street Dance.

Volleyball athletic clinic taught by the MICS varsity volleyball coach, myself, Christine Christy. 5 sessions teaching all basic skills, including drill and on court time.

As always if you have any questions please let me know, hope to see you after school.

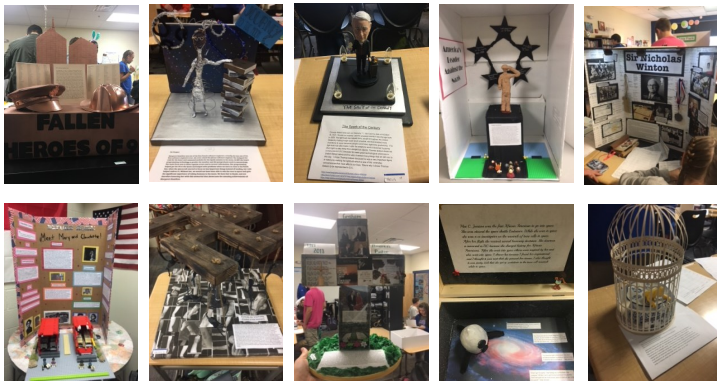
MIDDLE SCHOOL (6-8)

NEXT WEEK

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8th grade Field Study Project Showcase

8th grade students showcased their Field Study projects in which they created a monument, memorial, or museum exhibit on someone or something that deserved a spot of honor in Washington D.C. Students chose from one of four possible themes that were also the focus of our recent trip: the Holocaust, African American History, Science & Technology, or American Leadership. The ingenuity, creativity, and workmanship that went into these projects was incredible. If you happen to stop by the C-Building entrance, be sure to check out a few of the projects!



SAVE THE DATE!! Middle School Spring Dance – April 27

The Middle School Student Council is pleased to announce our annual Middle School Spring dance for grades 6-8 on Friday, April 27 from 6-8 PM in the MICS Gym. Students are encouraged to dress in black and white. Our theme is NEON and we'll add our color through our décor! A light meal of an entree, fruit, dessert and a drink will be served as well, with vegetarian options available. The meal is provided with the purchase of a ticket to the dance. Tickets will be sold online only and are available for purchase when we return from Spring Break. Tickets are \$5.00 each plus a small online processing fee and may be purchased until end of day Wednesday, April 25, 2018. **Tickets will not be sold at the door.** We are in need of school-approved volunteers for set up (2:30-4:00), sign-in/food/dance monitor (5:30-7:00) and food/dance monitor/clean up (7:00-8:30). The MS Student council will be grateful for your support, so click [here](#) for the signup genius to volunteer to help with any or all of these areas of need.

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

Middle School Unity Day - April 20

The Middle School will recognize Unity Day on Friday, April 20th. We encourage all staff and students to wear orange in recognition of spreading kindness. The challenge: show at least 5 random acts of kindness to someone at MICS. Remember, "If everyone had the COURAGE to be KIND, imagine the world we would live in."

Driver's Ed at MICS

We will be taking signups for Driver's Ed on **Monday, April 17th**. The North Carolina Driving School will provide this course June 11-14 and 18, 2018, from 7:45am-2:30pm. Space is limited to 50 participants. To be eligible for this class students must:

- have a birthdate (DOB) of 12/12/2003 or earlier
- be passing at least 5 of 6 classes for the year
- miss no more than 6 school days in 2nd semester upon registration

Registration begins on April 16 at 7:00am. To sign up, you may email Robert Washington at rwashington@micharter.org, using the subject line DRIVER EDUCATION with your students name. Be advised that emails received before 7:00 am on April 16th will not be accepted. Please include the following information in the email:

- *student name, grade, birthdate, phone number and email*

HIGH SCHOOL (9-12)

UPCOMING



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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).

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.**

Last Call for Upper School Yearbooks!

We only have a limited supply left, so reserve yours today, before it's too late! Visit yearbookforever.com and select our Upper School Book for \$65.00.

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

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:

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| Auburn University | College of Engineering |
| CPCC (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 |

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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.

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.

Scores of the Week!

Baseball

Lincoln Charter	18	Raptors	15	PLP	2
Raptors	0	Sugar Creek	0	Raptors	7

Lacrosse

Raptors 3
Southlake Christian 7

⇒ *Raptors goals score by Austin McConnell (2) with an assist from Jack Johnston and Cooper Gay (1) with an assist by Austin McConnell. Justin Cobb had 14 saves for the game.*

Soccer

Lincoln Charter 3
Raptors 1

Softball

Lincoln Charter	16	Raptors	15	PLP	16
Raptors	4	Sugar Creek	2	Raptors	9

Golf

Raptors shot a 189, 24 shot improvement over their last home match.

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*).

Varsity Golf

Place 3rd in the PAC-7 Tournament. Team members included, Jonathan Broome, Max Sudderth, Gant Derrick, Jake Hawkins and Jonah Tincher. Congratulations team!

Varsity Softball

Raptors 4 Queen's Grant 0

Gaston Christian 5 Raptors 15

⇒ *Lawson Gerland had two hits, Maddie Burch, Savanna Doyle, Chloe Hatzopoulos, Natalie Kashino, Niya Wylie and Harmony Bordner all had one hit to lead the offense. Savanna Doyle had a home run.*

⇒ *Sara Winkler had 3 hits to lead the offense. Savanna Doyle and Lawson Gerland each had two hits and each had a home run, Lauren Engel, Arianna Brown and Niya Wylie had one hit each. Lauren Engel pitched the shutout with a one hitter.*

Scores of the Week!

Baseball

Varsity: Raptors 26 Raptors 9
 Bradford Prep 2 Queen's Grant 13

JV: Carolina Stampede 11
 Raptors 0

Women's Soccer

Varsity: Carolina Int'l 0 CSD (OT) 7
 Raptors 12 Raptors 4

⇒ *Raptor goals scored in Carolina Int'l game by Laken Gallman (3), Kylee Owens (3), Jacky Chavez-Cruz (2), Carolyn Solarchik (2), Julia Mobley (1), and Cassidi Harris (1).*

⇒ *Raptor goals scored in CSD game by Laken Gallman (2), Alex Pompei (1) and Carolyn Solarchik (1).*