

THE RAPTOR CALL

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Spring Photos - Additional Day

Due to popular demand we have added an additional day for spring photos which will be held on Wednesday, April 18th. Siblings and Individuals: **ALL PHOTOS ARE TAKEN BY RESERVATION ONLY.** [Click Here](#) - \$20 Reservation is required.

Yearbooks (2012-2017)

Regret NOT purchasing a yearbook in the past? Have a sibling (s) feeling left out? Now is your chance to purchase a yearbook from prior years at a great price! **Order one [here!](#)** and send payment attention to Lisa McConnell. Don't wait – at this price they will go quick!

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.

One-7 Academy Supply Drive

One-7 Academy will be collecting items for their supply drive beginning the week of April 23rd.

Lower School: Clorox Wipes; **Middle School:** Paper Towels; **High School:** Copy Paper. LS please drop off your items to your classroom teachers, MS/HS drop off to your English teachers.

Dear MICS Families,

2018-2019 School Year

We are adding 2 additional kindergarten classes for this upcoming year. This will be the first year since 2010 we have added to the lower school enrollment. It will be a six year growth process as we add two additional homeroom classes for one additional grade level per year until our new building is full. The bell schedule for 2018-2019 will be adjusted so that first arrival and dismissal will be Grades 6-12 (7:30 am - 2:30 pm). Grades K-5 will remain the same (8:20 am - 3:20 pm).

Justin H. Matthews, Executive Director

Campus Updates

The bridge that connects to the playground has been completed! Also, the turf field has been installed and we are almost ready to begin installing equipment for the playground which ended up being about 3000 sqft. Larger than originally anticipated! Lastly, the sand volleyball courts will be installed. The curbing and road base has been installed for the new large parking lot at the end of campus. This will be a part of the new carline for next school year that will allow lower and upper carlines to operate independently of one another. Next to be completed will be the parking lot located in front of the C building and the baseball/softball complex.

4th Quarter Enrichments - Deadline is Monday, April 16th

Last chance to sign up for 4th quarter enrichments! Please fill out the registration form and send in with your child (or drop off in the front office). Please label all envelopes "Attn: Enrichment Programs", as well as your child's name and teacher. [Main Street Dance Works](#) - register [HERE!](#) [Archery](#) - register [HERE!](#) [Volleyball](#) - register [HERE!](#) [Golf Squad](#) - register [HERE!](#)

Spring Book Fair - Sign Up Volunteer [HERE!](#)



The book fair will be here Monday, April 23 – Friday, April 27th. Shopping hours will be 7:45a – 3:30p M-Th & 7:45a – Noon on Friday. It will be **Paws-itively Purr-fect!** Funds will benefit our new library and teacher classrooms. *Students will preview Friday, April 20th or Monday, April 23rd. **NEW digital payment option for students: eWallet!** Now you can send your child to shop the fair cash-free! Visit our [Book Fair Homepage](#) to learn more and to create an account. If you are unable to attend the Fair in person, we invite you to visit us online at our [Book Fair Homepage](#) or [scholastic.com/fair](#). Our Online Fair is available from April 11 to April 28.

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

Coming Events

April

20: Varsity Cheer hosts [Movie Night Fundraiser](#), 6:00-9:00 pm

21: HS Prom, 7:30-11:30 pm

23: Spring Book Fair Opens, 7:45-3:30 pm (M-Th); 7:45-Noon (Fri)

27: MS Dance, 6-8 pm

LOWER SCHOOL (K-5)

UPCOMING

On Thursday, April 19 students and staff are encouraged to wear blue shirts in celebration of **Autism Awareness Month**. Shirts must follow dress code requirements paired with dress code bottoms.



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[Archery](#) - register [HERE!](#)

[Volleyball](#) - register [HERE!](#)

[Golf Squad](#) - register [HERE!](#)

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. Please visit 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>.

MICS Summer Day Camp

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

MOUNTAIN ISLAND CHARTER SCHOOL SUMMER DAY CAMP 2018

SUMMER CAMP

Cost:
\$150 per week for the first child (10% discount for additional siblings). Price includes 4 field trips per week and supplies.

For Ages
K-8th

June 11-August 20
Daily
7:30 am to 6:00 pm

Camp Includes:
Crafts
Games
Free Play
Fun with their friends
Four (4) Field Trips Each Week
Splash Pad • Movies • Skating • Putt-Putt
Bowling • Lazy 5 • Pool • Dan Nichols Park
Island Ice / Fun Inflatables

Contact Caalan Sykes at csykes@micharter.org • www.micharter.org

MIDDLE SCHOOL (6-8)

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."

Middle School Spring Dance – April 27

The Middle School Spring dance for grades 6-8 will be on Friday, April 27 from 6-8 PM in the MICS Gym. Tickets are \$5.00 each plus a small online processing fee and may be purchased until end of day Wednesday, April 25, 2018. Please click [HERE!](#) **Tickets will not be sold at the door.** Strauss Studios will be on-site taking photos during this event. You can pre-purchase individual photos or a USB (that includes all the photos your child is in). **The photos and USB will be delivered back to school the following week.** Cash, check, or credit will be accepted on-site as well.

- 5x7 (\$10 each)
- USB (\$20 each; includes all photos of your child)
- USB + 5x7 (\$25 includes all photos of your child and a 5x7)

Pre-order link - <https://straussstudios.squarespace.com/>

**if you preorder prints your child will be able to select their favorite pose during the dance; otherwise photographer choice.*

Photos online about 48hrs after event for purchase -

www.micsphotos.com

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 continue taking the final comprehensive benchmark assessment. Benchmark exams will be administered per the schedule below:

SS - April 13, 16-17	Science - April 18-20
Math - April 23-April 25	Makeups - April 26-27

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 volun-

teers 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](#).

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.

Please be aware that top performing students on the 8th Grade Leadership Project are eligible to run as a pre-finalist for the Pledger Leadership award. This award recognizes 8th grade students that demonstrate positive leadership exemplified by our school's founding chairperson, Kelly Pledger. The student that receives this award for the 2017-2018 school year will serve as the 9th grade Freshman Student Representative in the 2018-2019 school year and will have a voting seat in the High School Student Government. Thank you for your support of this student initiative.

Driver's Ed at MICS

We will be taking signups for Driver's Ed on **Monday, April 16th at 7:00 am**. 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

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, birth date, phone number and email*

HIGH SCHOOL (9-12)

UPCOMING

PROM

April 21st, 2018

Deadline is 11:59 pm on April 16th. Prom will be held on April 21st from 7 pm - 11 pm at the Birkdale Golf Club. The theme 21st from 7 pm - 11 pm at the Birkdale Golf Club. The theme will be "A Magical Night" based off of Arabian Nights. Tickets are \$85 and may be purchased online by clicking [HERE](#). Underclassman are welcome by invitation only.

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 - grade
 - birth date
 - phone number
 - email
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TESTING

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

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.

2017-2018 End of Year Exam Schedule

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

EVENTS

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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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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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!

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

Raptors 6 Raptors 14

PLP 8 ARMS 0

Lacrosse

Raptors 3

St. Mark's 8

⇒ *Raptor goals scored by Cooper Gay (1), Austin McConnell (1) with an assist from Jack Johnston and Ryan Morton (1) with an assist from Austin McConnell.*

Davidson Day 15

Raptors 0

Raptors 0

Bailey 12

⇒ *Justin Cobb had 16 saves.*

Soccer

Raptors 0 Raptors 5

PLP 8 ARMS 0

⇒ *Raptor goals scored by Sandy Osterndorf (3), Hilary Schmitz (1), and Lydia Robinson (1).*

Softball

Raptors 2 Raptors 20

PLP 14 Gaston Christian 4

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>.

Coaching Opportunities

The following coaching positions are available. Please contact Leah Bennett at lbennett@micharter.org for details.

Basketball:

- Boys Basketball Head and Assistant Coach
- 6th Grade Boys Basketball Head and Assistant Coach

Co-Ed Swimming:

- Assistant Coach

Cheer (MS & JV):

- Assistant Coach

Wrestling:

- Head and Assistant Coach

Softball:

- Assistant Coach

Soccer:

- Girls Soccer Head and Assistant Coach

Lacrosse:

- Head and Assistant Coach

ATHLETICS - HIGH SCHOOL

SENIOR RECOGNITION NIGHT

It's time to celebrate our Seniors on the **Raptors Softball** Team! Our Seniors will be recognized in a ceremony 30 minutes prior to first pitch. Come out to applaud these ladies for being part of the foundation for Raptors Athletics.

Congratulations **Brianna Worley & Maddie Burch!**



Monday, April 16th

Senior Presentation: 3:30 / First Pitch: 4pm
Hills Chapel UMC Field

Mountain Island Charter's first Senior Class for **Varsity Baseball** will be honored Monday, April 16th prior to their game versus Langtree. Come out to the game to honor four of the young men that helped launch our school's baseball program! The recognition ceremony will begin at 7pm. Game time is 7:30pm.

Congratulations **Cameron Brown, Kyle Holcomb, Caleb Hornbuckle and Evan Zoldowski**



Field Address:

Coulwood Middle School
500 Kentberry Road
Charlotte, NC 28214

Scores of the Week!

Baseball

Raptors 12 Piedmont Charter 0
Carolina Int'l 2 Raptors 20

Women's Soccer

Raptors 1
PLP 4

Varsity Softball

Raptors 12 Raptors 2
Carolina Int'l 2 Highland Tech 4

- ⇒ Lawson Gerland had three hits to lead the offense, Chloe Hatzopoulos had 2 including a home run and Natalie Kashino had a double and triple. Savanna Doyle, Lauren Engel and Hailee Klobchar each had one hit. Lauren Engel was the winning pitcher with 15 strikeouts.
- ⇒ Chloe Hatzopoulos had three hits, Lauren Engel 2 and Harmony Bordner one to lead the offense.

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*).