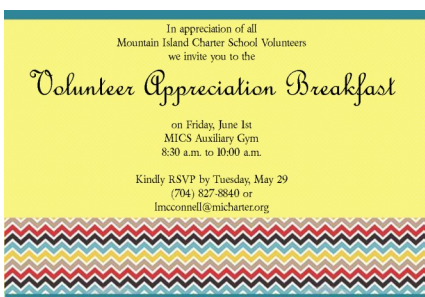


THE RAPTOR CALL

EDITION 39 | 5.25.18



Annual Family Survey

Please complete one survey for each child in the Lower School (K-5), Middle School (6-8) and the High School (9-12). As you complete the survey, if you feel that you cannot mark either "Always" or "Often" in a specific area, please call me at the school to arrange a time where we can sit down and discuss any concerns you may have. Thanks in advance for your thoughtful feedback as we continually work to improve our programs!

[Lower School](#)
[Middle School](#)
[High School](#)

MS Cheer Tryouts

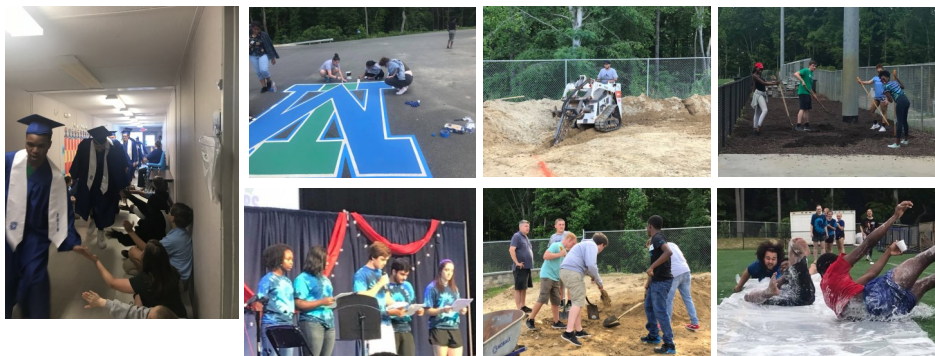
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2018-2019 School Year

- LS Schedule (K-5) - 8:20-3:20 pm
- MS/HS Bell Schedule (6-12) - click [HERE](#) (7:30-2:30 pm)
- 2018-19 School Calendar - click [HERE](#)
- Bus Transportation - sign up [HERE](#)
- 2018-19 (K-5) School Supply List - [HERE](#)

Dear MICS Families,

What a marvelous week here at Mountain Island Charter School, as our senior class enjoyed fun activities including the Senior walk through the Lower School buildings and provided service to their school with their Senior Class Project, all as part of an ongoing tradition enjoyed by our outstanding K-12 school program. Don't forget that graduation is Friday, June 8th at 7:30 pm here at Raptor Stadium. *Tickets are required for this event.*



Justin H. Matthews, Executive Director

Proctors Needed for EOY Testing

We are still looking for proctors, especially in the 3-5th grade. **May 25 through June 8**, we are in need of volunteers willing to spend a few hours each day to assist in monitoring exam administration. In order to proctor, you must be at least 18 years old and pass the volunteer background screening. To sign up and complete the **brief training online**, please [CLICK HERE](#) at your earliest convenience.

School Fees / Lunch Balances

All unpaid school fees and lunch balances must be paid in full no later than May 31st. If you need to check on your balance you may email Jodi Brady in the accounting department at jbrady@micharter.org.

Band 2018-2019

Any students who are planning to take Band for the first time next school year need to sign up for a time to do Mouthpiece Testing to determine which instrument they will play. Please complete the form [here](#). Any questions regarding Band can be directed to Mrs. Goolsby at sgoolsby@micharter.org.

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

May
 28: No School - Memorial Day
 June
 4: 6-8 Field Day
 5: K-5 Field Day

LOWER SCHOOL (K-5)

NEXT WEEK

MS Cheer Tryouts

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Lower School Field Day

All Lower School Field Day events will be held on the multi-purpose field this year so we are in need of shade tents for the water/rest stations. If you can let us borrow your pop up tent/awning for June 5th we would greatly appreciate it! Drop off date is no later than Monday, June 4th at front office or Ms. Bennett's office in the gym. You can sign up [HERE!](#) You can pick up your tent/awning at the conclusion of field day up at the field, or make arrangements with Ms. Bennett to pick up another day, lbennett@micharter.org.

MICS Events Photo/Video June 2018

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June 7th

- \$25 - 5th Grade Bridging Video + Photo CD
- \$25 - 8th Grade Bridging Video + Photo CD

June 8th

- \$25 - Kindergarten Soaring Video + Photo CD

NOTES:

- Photo CD will have photos of your child walking across stage
- Everything shipped by 6/21

Band

Attention 4th grade families! Rising 5th grade students need to select their music class for next school year. Please complete the form [here](#). Any questions regarding Band can be directed to Mrs. Goolsby at sgoolsby@micharter.org and questions regarding Chorus can be directed to Mrs. Clarkson at jclarkson@micharter.org.

First Day School Supplies

We have collaborated with [1st Day School Supplies](#) to help K- 5 parents purchase 2018 -19 school supplies without the hassle of back to school shopping. Use the link above to order a kit containing the school supply items for your child's grade. Kits purchased by June 15 will be delivered to your child's classroom in time for the first day of school. Don't forget to select your child's grade **next year** when placing your order!

MIDDLE SCHOOL (6-8)

NEXT WEEK

MS Cheer Tryouts

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8th Grade Students and Families,

You are invited to attend the 8th Grade Bridging Ceremony, taking place on **Thursday, June 7, at 7:00pm** in MICS Gymnasium. We look forward to seeing all 8th grade students rising into the 9th grade at this special event.

American Citizenship Award

Mountain Island Charter School would like to recognize students in grades 6-12 that have demonstrated exemplary citizenship in the 2017-2018 school year through the awarding of the American Citizenship Award. To celebrate their contributions, students that demonstrate positive character and have completed extensive community service are eligible for recognition by the awarding of this nationally recognized award at our end of year ceremonies on Thursday, June 7, 2018.

Per the National Association of Elementary School Principals (NAESP) and the National Association of Secondary School Principals (NASSP), eligible students consistently:

- Participate in school and/or community service.
- Show a positive attitude toward classmates, school, and community.
- Display an understanding and appreciation of civic responsibility.
- Possess strength of character and the courage to do what is right.
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Community service contributions should meet or exceed 50 verifiable hours, accumulated from July 1, 2017, to present. If your child meets these criteria, please complete the self nomination form by clicking [HERE](#). All nominations must be received by end of day Friday, May 18. Thank you for allowing us to recognize your child's accomplishments this year.

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HIGH SCHOOL (9-12)

UPCOMING

- **High School Honors Ceremony - Thursday, June 7, 11:00am-12:00pm (MICS Gym):** This event is a student assembly for grades 9-12. Students will be recognized for 4th quarter Honor Roll, American Citizenship Awards, and other school level awards.
- **Senior Awards Ceremony - Thursday, June 7, 8:00-9:30pm (MICS Gym):** This event will be exclusively for seniors and their invited guests. It will include recognition of academic achievement, college acceptance and scholarships earned. The program will also include the presentation of commendations such as honors medallions and Presidential Achievement/Excellence Awards, as well as the announcement of this year's Raptor Legends and Senior Hall of Fame.
- **Graduation rehearsal - Friday, June 8, 11:00am**
- **Class of 2018 Graduation - Friday, June 8, 7:30pm (Raptor Stadium):** Beginning this school year, in order to provide all participants with a safe and enjoyable experience, friends and family must present a ticket to attend this special event. Graduating seniors will be allowed to purchase up to 10 tickets per student at \$1 for each ticket. Seniors will be notified when tickets are ready for purchase, and tickets will be purchased directly from Ms. Stallings at that time. Thank you for your understanding and support of this recently updated procedure.

Student guidelines for graduation:

- Students are to wear professional dress under gown (Males: Shirt/tie/slacks; Females: Professional dress/slacks).
- Decorated mortarboards must meet all applicable school guidelines and be approved by Ms. Stallings or Mr. Byrum.
- Students should arrive no later than 6:30pm to the MICS Gym on Friday, June 8.
- Student technology is to be silent and away during the graduation ceremony.

In order to safely accommodate the needs of students that have more than ten family members and friends that they wish to attend graduation, we will conduct ticket purchasing in phases. The first phase of ticket purchases will conclude on May 31, during which time students must purchase their tickets (up to 10 per student). On June 1, any unclaimed tickets will be made available for purchase (up to five per student, first-come first-served) from June 1-June 4. Should additional tickets remain unclaimed as of June 4, they will be available while supplies last beginning at the start of day, June 5.

Band & Chorus Concert

The Spring Band & Chorus Concert will take place on **Tuesday, May 22nd in the MICS Gym**. The Lower School Concert (4th and 5th grades) will begin at 6:00pm, and the Middle and High School Concert will begin at 7:00pm. The performance is required for middle and high school Band and Chorus students and is strongly encouraged for Lower School students. Involved students should check with Mrs. Goolsby and Mrs. Clarkson for more details. We look forward to seeing you there!

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HIGH SCHOOL (9-12)

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June 8th

Senior Graduation

PRIOR to 6/8

\$35 DVD Video

\$50 DVD + Plus Photo Download of your Child

ON and AFTER 6/8

\$45 DVD Video

\$75 DVD + Plus Photo Download of your Child

NOTES

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SUMMER OPPORTUNITIES

Registration is now open - Summer 2020: Travel with MICS to Australia, New Zealand and The Cook Islands in the summer of 2020. Registration is now open through May 11 for students (and parents, if interested). If you were unable to attend the interest meeting, please view the tour website at: [EF Tours](#) (eftours.com/2134416EZ) or contact Mrs. Kristin Arroyo at Karroyo@micharter.org with further questions.

Summer 2019: Travel with MICS to Switzerland, France and Italy in the summer of 2019. There are a few spots remaining for students (and parents, if interested) to accompany us for 13 days as we are guided through these three magnificent countries. If you would like further information, please view the tour website at [EF Tours](#) (eftours.com/2008801mu) or contact Mrs. Monica Belus at mbelus@micharter.org with any questions.

ATHLETICS - MIDDLE SCHOOL

Athlete of the Year Nominees

A big congratulations to the following student-athletes for their nomination for 2017-18 Male or Female Athlete of the Year.

Female

Kaylan Brown

Emma Buck

Hannah Butlak

Emma Dunevant

McKenna Morrison

Male

AJ Ackeburg

Elijah Burnett

Jacob Correll

Ethan Jung

Grayson Keistler

Austin McConnell

MS Cheer Team Tryouts

2018-19 Season

Date: Tuesday, May 29th AND Wednesday, May 30th

Time: 3:30 pm-5:30 pm

Location: MICS Aux Gym

Tryouts are open to current 5th-7th graders (students who will be 6th-8th for the 2018-19 school year) It is mandatory that all players attend **BOTH** tryout dates. Each player must have an [NCHSAA SPORTS PHYSICAL](#) AND [MICS LIABILITY WAIVER](#) on file with Ms. Bennett before they participate. (NCHSAA physicals/waivers are good for 395 days). All paperwork must be turned in prior to the first day of tryouts via one of the following methods:

- At the front office
- Ms. Bennett's office
- Fax to 704-827-8675
- Hand deliver at tryouts upon checking in

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.

Fall MS Athletics Early Paperwork drop off – There will be an early paperwork drop off available on **Saturday, July 28th 9-10:30 am** in the main gym foyer for those of you who would

like to get this done before the August 1st tryouts. Required forms are on the MICS website.

Fall MS Tryout times: The following teams have firmed up tryout and practice times, information can also be found on the team pages on the MICS website, Athletic tab:

MS Volleyball: August 1st -3rd 9:00 am-11:00 am MICS main gym
August 6th-24th 9:00 am-11:00 am M-F
August 27th – end of season 2:45-4:15 pm or :30-5:00 pm depending upon main gym/LS gym

MS XC: August 1st-2nd 8:00am-9:30 am meet in Main gym foyer, then to XC course

August 3rd-24th 8:00am-9:30 am

August 27th end of season 3:30-5:00 pm XC study hall will be run by Mrs. Dalton

MS Football: August 1st-2nd 6:00-7:30 pm, meet at field
August 3rd-24th 5:30-7:30 or 6:00 -8:00 pm M-Th
(firm times will be on team page soon)
August 27th – end of season 4:30-6:30 pm

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

Athlete of the Year Nominees

A big congratulations to the following student-athletes for their nomination for 2017-18 Male or Female Athlete of the Year.

Female

Kynda Bichara
Ashley Hale
Hannah Hattingh
Chloe Hatzopoulos
Taylor McClinton
Toni Newton
Audrey Solarchik

Male

Isaiah Carr
Javeon Dunn
Marcus Graham
Mason Graham
Kyle Holcomb
Mason King
Michael Spivey
Mario Stanisa

Track & Field

Congratulations to our Track & Field team as the Raptors finished 1st to win the Championship. Their performance included 14 medalists, 14 podium/ all-state members and 19 members scoring points. Congratulations to **Mason King** for taking first place and winning the gold medal (podium finish) for the All-State team in the 110m hurdles.

4x100 Meter Relay

4th (Girls) **Zahra Bichara, Kynda Bichara, Taylor Peasons, Khalia Byers** *podium finish (All-State Team)

4th (Boys) **Antico Dalton Jr., Marcus Graham, Anthony Phillips, CJ Stephens** *podium finish (All-State Team)

4x200 Meter Relay

5th- Girls **Zahra Bichara, Kynda Bichara, Taylor Pearson, Khalia Byers**

2nd- **Boys Antico Dalton Jr., Marcus Graham, Anthony Phillips, CJ Stephens** Silver Medal *podium finish (All-State Team)

Long Jump

3rd- **CJ Stephens**- Bronze Medal *podium finish (All-State Team)

300 Meter Hurdles

5th- **Mason King**

HS Fall Tryouts

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Coaching Opportunities

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Football:

- Varsity Defensive Line Coach
- Varsity Safety's Coach
- Varsity Quarterback Coach

Volleyball:

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

Cheer:

- JV Assistant Coach

Swim:

- Varsity Assistant Coach

Track & Field:

- Varsity Assistant Coach