

Macomb Junior High School

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Dear Macomb Jr. High School Students and Parents,

Hot days have flipped to cool days. As Fall weather becomes cooler, your child may want to have a sweatshirt or jacket handy in their locker. Students like to go outside during lunch and many Advisories plan activities that may be out of the building, lunch, Physical Education teachers request students keep a sweatshirt and/or sweatpants in their PE locker if cooler days warrant a need. Our PTO sale of ButterBraids ended September 30, 2019. Thanks to each of you who sold a ButterBraid and/or cookies to support the Jr. High activities. Profits from this fundraiser go toward supporting the Jr. High needs like helping fund field trips, technology equipment, and more. Delivery date for students to pick up the orders they sold is Wednesday, October 16, 2019, in the Commons. Families may access grades online through Family Access. If you need information regarding how to sign in, please call the office. The first Quarter grading period ends October 18, 2019. Parent/Teacher conferences are October 23, 24, and 25, 2019. We conference in grade level teams. Special Education case managers may be inviting parents/guardians on their caseload to an individual conference. Parents/Guardians learn how their child is performing from all teachers at the team conference. Families may call Rita Dorethy, Jr. High secretary, to set up a conference beginning October 9, 2019. Conference times for each day are noted in this Newsletter. If all slots are filled, team leaders will contact parents to conference during teaming after October 25, 2019. The Jr. High School is among many schools in surrounding communities and throughout the State who were underperforming on the State assessment, IL Assessment of Readiness (IAR), for the Special Education student subgroup. We have formed a Leadership Team who is working with the Regional Office of Education to analyze data and develop a School Improvement Plan that implements interventions that address special education and all students' needs. You will be invited to complete a survey sometime in the upcoming months. The survey helps us know a parent's perspective related to the Jr. High program.

Enjoy October, a beautiful time of year!

Sincerely, Dana Isackson, Principal, Macomb Jr. High School

Director of Curriculum



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OFFICE HOURS & PHONE NUMBERS

**Macomb Junior High
School Office 833-2074
(Grades 7-8) 7:30 a.m. - 3:30
p.m.**



2019-2020 Daily Schedule

DAILY SCHEDULE

Announcements... . 8:00 - 8:05 a.m.

1st HOUR.....8:00-8:43

2nd HOUR..... 8:46-9:29

3rd HOUR.....9:32-10:15

4th HOUR..... 10:18-11:01

5th LUNCH..... 11:04-11:39

ADVISORY.... 11:42-11:57

6th HOUR.....12:00-12:42

7th HOUR.....12:45-1:27

8th HOUR.....1:30-2:12

9th HOUR..... 2:15-3:00

MJH SIP SCHEDULE

7th & 8th Grade

2018-2019 School Year

Announcements... . 8:00 - 8:05 a.m.

1st HOUR.....8:00-8:23

2nd HOUR..... 8:26-8:49

3rd HOUR.....8:52-9:15

4th HOUR..... 9:18-9:41

6th HOUR..... 9:44-10:07

7th HOUR.....10:10-10:33

8th HOUR.....10:36-10:59

5th LUNCH.....11:02-11:34

9th HOUR..... 11:37-12:00

TELEPHONE CALLS

We encourage parents and children to communicate before he/she arrives at school. This provides a sense of security for students throughout the day. They know what's going on with family.

Please limit phone messages to emergencies, if possible. If a student needs to make a call during the school day, they should report to the Jr. High Office. A phone log is maintained. The office phone is not for making plans with friends. The main office closes at 4:00 p.m.

CHANGE OF ADDRESS???

Please notify us of any changes regarding:

- Home address
- Employer information
- Home/work/cell phone numbers
- Emergency contacts E-mail address

Family access is available for you to view various students data such as attendance, grades, emergency contacts, food service summaries and other similar types of information. Please keep your account updated.



ATTENDANCE/PASSES/BUS PASS

If your child is absent from school any portion of the day, the parent/guardian must notify the school by 9:00 a.m. A parent may call the office anytime before 7:30 a.m. and leave a message on the answering machine. After 7:30 a.m., please call and speak with office personnel.

If a child is absent and no notification from the parent has been made, a reasonable effort by the school to notify the parent will be made. **A parental note is required on the next date of attendance. This is in addition to the contact made between the parent and school on the day of the absence.** The

note should be submitted to the Attendance office or Jr. High office before the student begins classes. The Attendance office or Jr. High office will issue a pass to reenter class.

If your child has an appointment during the school day, please send a note to school with the student. The student should bring the note to the Jr. High office and a pass to leave class will be written.

Bus drivers try to ensure safety for all students on the bus. Limiting numbers of riders is necessary to ensure safety. Therefore, if a student needs a bus pass, the student must have a signed note from the parent. We cannot accept phone calls. A written request with the parent/guardian signature is required for a bus pass.

STUDY HALL

Students have a study hall in their daily schedule, unless they are in band and chorus. Band and chorus students do not have a study hall in their schedule, however, they may utilize the daily lunch study hall held during the lunch period. All students are welcome.

Note: Public Act 94-99 requires all schools to notify parents that information about area sex offenders is available to the public. The following link will allow you to access that information.

<http://www.isp.state.il.us/sor/contactsor/cfm>

HANDBOOK/SAB/HALL PASS

All 7th and 8th graders received a student assignment book (SAB) that contains the MJH Student Handbook and Writing Manual. The Student Handbook section contains rules, regulations, and procedures that are followed on a daily basis. Board policies are referenced. The Writing Manual is used by Jr. High Language Arts teachers.

The SAB also serves as each student's hall pass. Students are responsible to keep their SAB with them at all times, except lunch and PE. Staff value the SAB as a useful organizational tool serving multiple purposes.

We encourage parents to review their child's SAB. The Handbook portion is comprehensive in providing details related to rules and procedures.

The SAB is provided COST FREE to each student. IF they lose it, however, replacement cost is \$10.00 each. Reminder... it is their hall pass. They need it August through May.

DETENTIONS

Detentions are issued to students when other strategies have failed to redirect inappropriate behavior.

After school detentions are served 3:10-4:00 p.m. Parents are notified. Students are required to be in the detention room, in their seat, and quiet by 3:10 p.m. The detention will not count as being served if they fail to follow these procedures. Students must bring school work and/or a book to read. They may not go back to their lockers or the restroom after 3:10 p.m.

It is our mission to communicate desired behaviors, not emphasize what NOT to do. Detentions are a tool to redirect behaviors when all other efforts fail.

Athletic Registration Online

Athletic registration is on line this school year. (no more athletic paperwork except for the physical form.) This is a program that quickly, easily and automatically displays athletic registration and athletic events. A completed current physical form is still required before the first day of practice. Turn the physical form into the MJSHS Athletic Office.

Go to www.macomb185.org
Click on Athletics Page
Click on Athletics 2000

Items Brought to School

Just a reminder that it is the student's responsibility to pick up items brought to school and dropped off at the office by parents/ guardians.

Thank you for helping your student remember to bring all items ie: homework, P.E. clothes, musical instruments, lunch money, etc. when they head out for school each morning.

GENERAL FEES

Registration Fee	
7th-8th.....	\$80.00*
Tech Fee	\$20.00
Lock Fees	\$5.00 each (x2) (one time fee)
Band Instrument Rental.....	\$80.00
Athletic Physicals.....	\$10.00
Participation Fee.....	\$40.00 per extracurricular activity (\$120 maximum Participation Fee per student)

Participation Fees are to be paid prior to the beginning of the extracurricular activity.

Registration Fees must be paid in full or an approved current payment plan in place before Participation Fees for any extracurricular activities will be accepted.

Registration Fees of \$80 + Tech Fees \$20 per student were due the first day of school. If you are making quarterly payments on the fee, the second payment is due on October 4th, 2019. Please send or bring payments to the MJSHS Office.

PARENT TEACHER CONFERENCES

Parent/Teacher Conferences will be held :

Wednesday, October 23 from 5:30 p.m.—8:00 p.m.
Thursday, October 24 from 12:00 p.m.—4:00 p.m.
5:30 p.m.—7:30 p.m.
Friday, October 25 8:00 a.m.—12:30 p.m.



Macomb Jr. High staff conduct parent/teacher conferences as a team. Conference appointments include all grade level teachers who have the child in class. Conference time slots are 15 minutes. If a parent/guardian wishes to schedule a conference, they may call the Jr. High Office @ 309-833-2074 beginning **October 8, from 9:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m.** Some parents may be called to schedule a conference due to their child's poor academic performance. We thank you for supporting the home/ school connection. Feel free to email any teacher or staff— last name first initial @mcusd185.org. E-mail, website and voice mail system is the best way to communicate with the teachers.

NO SCHOOL

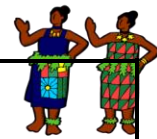
Monday, October 14, 2019
Columbus Day

Thursday, Oct. 24, 2019
Friday, Oct. 25, 2019
Parent/Teacher Conferences

Jr. High Halloween Dance

Friday, Oct. 4

7:00 p.m.— 9:00 p.m.



The week of October 28th-November 1st we will celebrate Red Ribbon Week.

Red Ribbon week is celebrated nation-wide to commemorate Kiki Camarena who was a DEA officer killed in the fight against drugs. We will also have the following spirit days to celebrate:

**RED RIBBON WEEK
“SPIRIT DAYS” 2019**

Monday: October 28

Neon Day

Tuesday: October 29

Advisory Day (Dress to represent your Advisory name)

Wednesday: October 30

Hawaiian Day

Thursday: October 31

Pajama Day

Friday: November 1

Wear Red Day



The students may use the money in their lunch account to purchase items from the snack shack. Free and Reduced accounts have been checked for all the correct paperwork. If your status was changed in error please contact Joyce @ 837-2335. In order to have registration fees waived your status must be approved for “free”.

Macomb School District #185 uses family accounts in their Food Service Department. This means each family has one single account. Every child in your family will use this same account. You can send one payment and it goes onto the family account for all of your children to use. We also have family access available to any family with a child in kindergarten or above. You need to pick up your family access password in the school office. You can get onto any computer with Internet access and see what your child/children have charged on the account. Anyone interested should contact the office for more information. If you have any questions or concerns please feel free to contact the Aramark staff at 837-2335. Office hours are Monday thru Friday- 8:30 am to 3:30 pm.

A BIG BOMBER THANK YOU TO:

A BIG, BIG, THANK YOU TO THE JUNIOR HIGH PTO
FOR THE CLASSROOM FUNDS TO THE
TEACHERS TO GET SUPPLIES/ INCENTIVES
FOR THEIR CLASSES!!!



IT IS GREATLY APPRECIATED!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

MACOMB JR. HIGH TEACHERS/ STAFF

JR. HIGH PTO/BOOSTER INFORMATION



BUTTER BRAID FUNDRAISER IS BACK!!

The Jr. High sold Butter Braids as a fundraiser September 16 thru September 30.

Pick-up date is Wednesday, October 16, 2019. Thank you for supporting MJH PTO.

The PTO held their monthly meeting on September 18, 2019 in the library. The butter braid fundraiser was the main topic discussed. Order forms went home with students on September 16th and the turn in date is September 30th. [New officers for the P.T.O. this year include Natalie Goc -President; Alisi Stone -Vice-President, Alysson Bernards -Secretary and Lori Stortzum– Treasurer.](#) We welcome any current seventh and eighth grade parents. Our next meeting will be October 16, 2019 at 4:30 p.m. in Library.

PARENT/TEACHER CONFERENCES

******Parents are welcome to bring treats for Parent Teacher Conferences on Oct. 23, 24 and 25th. Some parents signed up to help at the Back to School Night .**

ATHLETIC /ACTIVITY ELIGIBILITY

Eligibility is impacted by academic grades and citizenship. Students failing a class are ineligible to play sports, participate in the play, etc. Students participating in athletics/ activities will receive a weekly citizenship grade. Those receiving a "1" or two "2" will be ineligible to participate the next week. Please encourage your child to channel their energy in a positive way at school.

Skylert

Skylert is the school District's broadcast service that is integrated with Skyward Family Access. Skylert may also be used from time-to-time to communicate general announcements or reminders of food service balances of less than \$5.00 on Mondays at 6 p.m.

To make sure the contact information on file is accurate, please click on the Skylert tab in Skyward Family Access. Additional contact information can be added in the "Additional Contact Info for Family". Three fields are available: An additional Phone Number, Email Address, and Text Message field. Next to each of these fields are boxes that allow you to check which notification you would like sent to your phone, or email address. (A work phone number can be added in the additional Phone Number field. Please make sure it is a phone number that rings directly to you, as the notification will be a recorded message.)

If you would like to receive text messages, each family member with a Family Access account must sign into their account and enter the cell phone number in the Text Message field. You may see your Cell Phone number listed in the "My Skyward Contact Info", but this is only for phone calls, not text messages. Once you make changes in the "Additional Contact Info", click "Save".

If you have questions or need assistance, please contact your child's school office. For more details see the district webpage www.macomb185.com/skylert.

MJH Halloween Dance

Friday, October 4 in the Commons from 7 — 9p.m. Admission is \$5.00 without a costume and \$4.00 with a costume. Prizes will be given out for best costumes. Costumes must be school appropriate and may not include blood, weapons or a lot of gore. **NO CLOWNS please.** Student's need to have transportation home after the dance promptly at 9 p.m. to pick them up.



♪ Macomb Junior High School Choral Department ♪

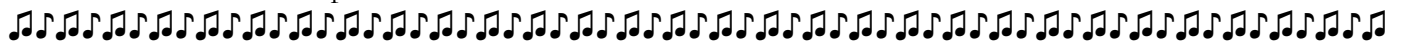
♪♪♪ OCTOBER NEWSLETTER ♪♪♪

♪ Macomb Choir Boosters

Please become a member of the Macomb Choir Boosters. (Membership forms can be found: <http://macombchoirs.org/boosters>) Membership dues can be mailed to Macomb Choir Boosters, P.O. Box 117, Macomb, IL, 61455. Levels of membership include “Soloist”-\$25, “Barbershop Quartet”-\$26-\$49, “Vocal Ensemble”-\$50-\$99, “Chamber Choir”-\$100-\$249 and “Choral Society”-\$250-up. Our next Choir Booster Meeting will be Thursday, October 3rd at 5:00 PM in the Choir Room. The East Doors will be unlocked. Hope to see you there and thank you for your support!

♪ IMEA District IV Choir Auditions

Good luck to those students who have signed up to audition for the Illinois Music Educator’s District IV Junior High Music Festival. Students will travel on Monday, October 14th (Columbus Day) to Quincy High School to audition for an all-area junior high honor band or chorus. Last year Macomb Junior High School had several students chosen for this honor. If your child is selected for this event, the Festival is Saturday, November 2nd on the campus of WIU.



♪ Upcoming Events: ♪

DATE	EVENT
Wednesday, Oct. 9, 2019	Sixth Grade Fall Choral Concert 6:00 pm Fellheimer Auditorium *Required of 6 th grade students
Wednesday, Oct. 9, 2019	Seventh and Eighth Grade Fall Choral Concert 7:30 pm Fellheimer Auditorium *Required of 7 th and 8 th grade students
Monday, Oct. 14, 2019	IMEA auditions (only select 7 th and 8 th grade students) PORTA (Petersburg, IL)
Oct. 22-Nov. 5, 2019	Annual Poinsettia Sale Grades 6 th – 12 th
Saturday, Nov. 2, 2019	IMEA District Festival Selected 6 th , 7 th and 8 th grade students
Thursday, Dec. 5, 2019	Poinsettia Distribution – MHS Fellheimer Auditorium 2:00 – 5:00 p.m.
Monday, Dec. 9, 2019	Sixth Grade Winter Choral Concert 6:00 pm Fellheimer Auditorium *Required of 6 th grade students
Monday, Dec. 9, 2019	Seventh and Eighth Grade Winter Choral Concert 7:30 pm Fellheimer Auditorium *Required of 7 th and 8 th grade students

For event information and a calendar of events, please visit: www.macombchoirs.org

6th Annual PBIS Glow Run was a Success

The 6th Annual Glow Run was held on Tuesday, September 10, 2019 at MJSHS, and it was a great success. Thank you to those who participated, volunteered, donated and attended. We had over 200 participants again this year! All money raised from the event goes toward our PBIS program. A huge thanks goes out to our sponsors: Matt Glaser American Family Insurance, Carey Calculations, Greg Butler, MJH PTO, Gelsosomo's Pizza; MJH Student Council, NTN Bower, and the Macomb Police Department. Thanks to all for your support!!

HOME OF THE BOMBERS

Educational Foundation Coupons: Good for \$2.50 OFF your purchase of \$25.00 or more. Two coupons may be used on purchase over \$50.... Maximum 2 coupons per visit at the following Macomb Merchants:

****BROWN'S SHOE FIT **FARM KING **HY-VEE****

****JACKSON STREET MARKET **NELSON'S CLOTHING****

****NO PLACE LIKE HOME **NOSTALGIA **PRINCESS SHOPPE****

****SHOE SENSATION****



Know Your Treatment Options

Health care is a choice. Making smart choices about where you access care decreases cost and increases satisfaction with the care you receive.

Illness/Injury	Primary Care	Walk-In Services	Emergency Services
Physicals, school and sports	•		
Chronic Illness Management	•		
Chronic Pain	•		
Reoccurring Illnesses	•		
Overall Health Management	•		
Foreign Object in Eye or Nose	•		
Cold Sores and Fever Blisters	•	•	
Coughs and Sore Throat	•	•	
Minor Allergic Reaction	•	•	
Eye Irritation (pink eye, stye)	•	•	
Ear/Sinus Infection (swimmer's ear)	•	•	
Burning with Urination/Infection	•	•	
Mild Rashes and Minor Burns/Sunburns	•	•	
Bumps, Cuts and Scrapes	•	•	
Allergies	•	•	
Minor Headaches	•	•	
Nausea, Vomiting, Diarrhea	•	•	
Sprains and Strains	•	•	
Cold or Flu Symptoms	•	•	
Fevers	•	•	•
Stitches for Minor Lacerations	•	•	•
Severe Lacerations			•
Abdominal Pain	•		•
Animal Bites	•		•
Minor Fracture			•
Broken Bones			•
Poisoning			•
Significant, Uncontrolled Bleeding			•
Severe Burns			•
Chest Pain, Shortness of Breath, Stroke			Call 911
Potentially Life Threatening Conditions			Call 911
Cost	Co-Pay, Most Insurance	Co-Pay, Most Insurance	Co-Pay, Most Insurance

You may still see the primary care provider of your choice. This chart does not contain a complete list of illnesses and injuries and should not be considered as medical advice.