



Director

Greetings MMLA Family!

I would like to thank each and every one of you that came out to Parent Teacher Conferences last week! I hope each and every meeting was productive and profitable toward strengthening the partnership between home and school! If you were not able to schedule a meeting but would still like to meet with your child's teachers please call us at any time.

The weather is getting chilly and students are now wearing coats, sweaters and hats. Please make sure you label all of their items with their name so if they lose them we can return them as quickly as possible.



Thanksgiving break is from November 23 - November 27. I hope everyone has a safe and happy holiday.

Create a great day!

Mr. Tim Tenneriello
School Director

Picture Retake Day!

Tuesday, November 22, is Picture Retake Day! Students may dress up out of uniform on this day. Please have students bring their original picture packets to school –or- if the missed picture day bring a new completed form and payment.



Uniform Drive – Dress Down Day

Have your students outgrown some of their uniforms? On Wednesday, December 7, please bring gently used, clean, uniform pieces for donation. Students who bring these with them to school can also be out of uniform on that day. Thank you for your donation to our clothing closet!



Academics

We would like to express a huge thank you to those who were able to attend Parent Teacher Conferences. It is always great to share the success of your student as well as to discuss possible ways to help them improve. If you were unable to attend, progress reports should have arrived in the mail (or will be getting to you soon).

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Of Student Success

F is for FAILURE.

Did you know that Abraham Lincoln weathered many failures before he became president? When a child experiences failure -- on a test, the ballfield, or anywhere else...

- acknowledge the child's feelings of frustration and disappointment. Those are natural feelings.
- don't try to minimize the situation because it *does* matter to your child.
- Help your child evaluate the cause for failure and use what he or she has learned to create a new strategy and try, try again!

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Although it seems completely impossible, we only have a few weeks left in the first term. The week following Thanksgiving is the final week of new instruction and will also include several last exams. We will then have one week of revision followed by a week of final exams. Please start discussing with your student the importance of finals as they count for 40-50% of their grade. Watch for review packets to be coming home soon!

Mrs. Barb Rooker
Academic Quality Controller

Family Night – Dec 15

December's Third Thursday Family Night will be full of exciting celebrations! Join us as we embrace diversity and learn about the Holidays around the World! We will have refreshments, activities, and a special presentation by our Board Treasurer, Dr. Bob Geake.

In addition to celebrating the holidays, we will be celebrating the final payment of our building loan. MMLA is blessed to be one of the few charter schools in the state to own its own building free and clear!

Food Distribution



Mobile Food Pantry offers distribution of FREE, fresh, non-perishable food items.

The next distribution is this Saturday, November 19 from 9-11:00AM at the South Church of the Nazarene located at 401 W. Holmes Rd. Lansing, MI 48910. All participants must bring a valid ID. For more information and eligibility requirements, call 517-483-4477.

Produce Distribution: 1st & 3rd Thursdays, noon–2pm
Bread Distribution: 2nd & 4th Thursdays, noon–2pm
Held at the Northwest Initiative located inside the Presbyterian Church on the corner of Pine & Ottawa St. Call 517-999-2894 for more information or visit www.nwlansing.org



Mid-Michigan Leadership Academy

Popcorn Fundraiser

Every Thursday in December Popcorn will be sold during lunch period for 50¢ per bag to raise funds for the 8th grade class. The 8th grade class is working on planning a Winter Dance in December and a Class Trip in the Spring.



Student Life Organization®

The Student Life Organization® is focused on supporting academics and promoting social justice on campus. The Student Life Organization® would like to thank all of the Veterans who came to campus to be honored at our annual MMLA Veterans Celebration. Much appreciation is given to Mr. Art and the MMLA Triple A Safety team for their awesome work and the amazing skit on military life. We would also like to thank Remi D of Power 96.5 and Dominique Devereaux-Rosewood of Dream World Studios for the Arts. All of the volunteers - and especially all the Veterans - that made our morning dance party last Friday very special.

The Student Life Organization® is eager to roll out exciting new ways to engage academics on campus. Prefects and students have already been introduced to SABIS® Preplist and are working on their individual student prelist. SABIS® Preplist compiles all academic gaps into a manageable document where students can work to fill gaps as well as track their progress. The Student Life Organization® Academic Prefects are also working to create engaging competition to drive prelist achievement and completion as the year progresses.



MMLA Boy Scouts, for male students in grades 1-5, will meet from 3:45pm – 4:45pm on Mondays starting November 21st, 2016 at the MMLA Boys and Girls Club. Students must be signed up and have completed permissions slips on file to attend. Student must have a valid

MMLA Boys and Girls Club membership to register for scouts at MMLA. Please see Mr. Caldwell or the main office for Boy Scouts permission slips.

For question or for more information on the Student Life Organization®, please contact Mr. Caldwell via email, ecaldwell@sabis.net or by phone (517) 827-1276.

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Student Life® Coordinator

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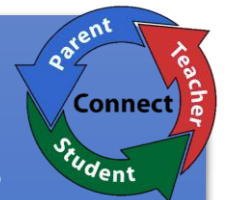
Upcoming Events & Important Dates

Monthly Board of Trustees Meetings - Meetings are held at 6:00 PM in room 2015 of the Mid-Michigan Leadership Academy on the 2nd Monday of each month. (unless otherwise posted on the MMLA website or Facebook page) You're welcome to attend.

- Nov 22 Picture Retake Day
- Nov 22 Free Non-Uniform Day
- Nov 23-27 Thanksgiving Break **NO SCHOOL FOR STUDENTS**
- Dec 1 Popcorn Fundraiser
- Dec 2 \$1 Dress Down Day
- Dec 7 Uniform Donation Drive Dress Down Day
- Dec 12-16 End of Term Exam Week
- Dec 15 Family Night, 4-6:00PM Celebrating *Holidays around the World & MMLA's Mortgage Retirement*
- Dec 16 \$1 Dress Down Day
- Dec 16 7th & 8th Grade Winter Dance, 6:30-9:30PM
- Dec 19 Winter Break Begins **NO SCHOOL FOR STUDENTS**
- Jan 3 Classes Resume (Tuesday)

View our Annual School Calendar at mmla.sabis.net

Parent Connection Corner



Parent Connection is a parent-run organization at Mid-Michigan Leadership Academy that connects our Parents to many aspects of the school. It's a great way to be involved! Parent Connection raises funds for special activities including field day and much more.

GET CONNECTED! Next Meeting: Thursday, Dec 8 from 4:00-5:00pm in the MMLA Computer Lab Meetings are typically held on the 2nd Thursday of every month.

Volunteers Needed – Dec 15 & 16

Holidays around the World Family Night will be held on Thursday, December 15 and the *Winter Dance* will be held Friday, December 16 from 6:30-9:30pm.

Parent Connection is helping to coordinate volunteers for set-up, clean-up, and during the event. If you're interested in volunteering please contact Ms. Taylor at ttrisha1971@aol.com

