

Menomonie Middle School Newsletter

April/May 2022



Mark Your Calendar

Thurs. April 14: 8th Grade Movie Trip
Fri. April 15: **NO SCHOOL!**
Mon. April 18: **NO SCHOOL!**
Fri. April 22: Earth Day Activities
Mon. April 25: Band-A-Rama @ High School
Fri. April 29: 7th & 8th Grade Large Group Choral Festival
Thurs. May 5: 8th Grade Career Venture
Thurs. May 5: Annie Jr. @ High School @ 7pm
Fri. May 6: Annie Jr. @ High School @ 7pm
Sat. May 7: Annie Jr. @ High School @ 7pm
Sat. May 7: State Solo and Ensemble
Tues. May 10: Parent Night
Wed. May 11: 8th Maroon to Environmental Site
Thurs. May 12: 8th White to Environmental Site
Fri. May 13: 7th Grade to Environmental Site
Sat. May 14: Spring Swing @ High School
Tues. May 17: Band Concert at MHS at 7pm
Fr. May 20: Orchestra Concert at MMS at 7pm
Thurs. May 26: Choir Concert at MHS at 7pm
Fri. May 30: **NO SCHOOL!**
Thurs. June 2: Last Day of School

Please note: Dates are subject to change.

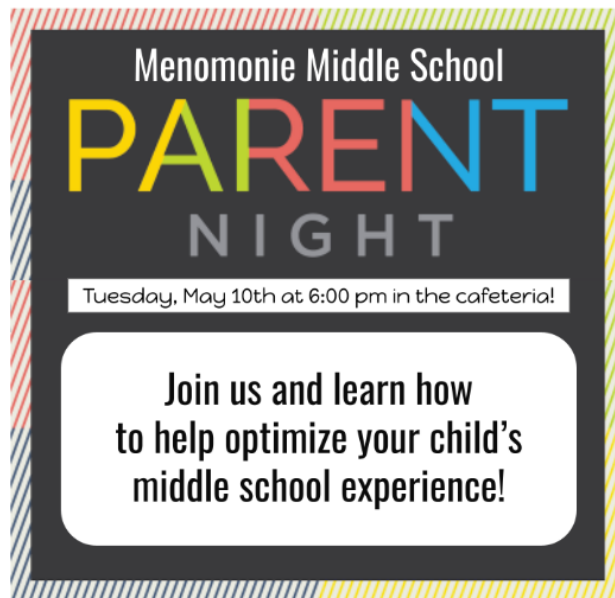
GREETINGS FROM PRINCIPAL BOETTCHER!

Finish Strong:

As we head into the last two months of school, it is essential for all students to embrace finishing strong. There is a lot of learning that will take place in these last two months of school which will propel us into next year. We have certainly faced our share of challenges this year. I am so proud of our students' attitude, effort, and resiliency this year. We appreciate the support and ability to work together with parents and guardians in the education journey.

Thank you,

Attitude + Effort = Success!
Principal Bart Boettcher



Parents,

Please join us on Tuesday, May 10th at 6:00pm in the Middle School cafeteria! We will share information and resources that will help your child succeed at the middle school. This evening is geared toward incoming 6-8 grade families. All parents are encouraged to attend. Some topics covered include Google classroom, progress reports, academic resources available, and Skyward Family Information.



Student Fees

All student fees must be paid in full by the end of the school year. Statements are sent out electronically or by mail if your email is not up to date. Please check your student's fee under fee management in Family Access. Fees not paid by the end of the school year will roll over to the next year. If you qualify for free/reduced meals some of your fees may be waived, but paperwork must be filled out. Only current year fees can be waived. Some fees do not apply to the waiver. Please contact

Tina at tina_potter@msd.k12.wi.us with questions.

WELCOME 5TH GRADE STUDENTS!

The transition has begun!

All 5th grade students have received a pink registration form. Each 5th grade student is to complete this form – choosing a music course for the 2022-23 school year. If you have not filled out the form and need one, please contact tina_potter@msd.k12. A parent/guardian signature is required on this form.

For entering 6th grade students planning to join band or orchestra, please sign your student up for summer school. More information on those classes can be found in the Summer 2022 booklet. This booklet is available online or in the schools. Please look up Beginning Band or Beginning Orchestra on pages 34 & 35 for class information.

6th Grade / New Student Summer Orientation

MARK YOUR CALENDAR!

6TH grade orientation and new student orientation will be held in August. This is an important informational event for parents/guardians and students. It is one of the first opportunities for families to meet teachers, staff, and administration and begin a partnership to strengthen the capacity for ALL students to learn and achieve at high levels. There is no need to register in advance, just select the date and time that works best for your family calendar and come!

- Monday, August 15 – 3:00 pm OR 6:00 pm
- Tuesday, August 16 – 9:00 am

All orientation sessions will be approximately 1 hour in duration with time to mingle, explore, and ask questions!

Schedules will be available for pick up on Wednesday, August 17th for all grade levels.

The office will be open from 8am – 4:00 pm.



Registration for the 2022-23 school year begins soon! Students will be receiving registration forms in CARES in the near future. The 7th grade forms are yellow. The 8th grade forms are green. All registration forms are due with parent/guardian signature by the date listed on the sheet. Registration forms should be returned to your CARES teacher. Students will be signing up online so it is very important to have your registration form done on time.



8TH GRADE CELEBRATION!

We will say a fond farewell to our 8th graders this year at our 8th grade celebration scheduled for the last day of school. Parents and guardians are invited to share the joy and respect of this transitional event! Please watch for more details on the date and time to come soon!



Music Notes



Thank you for wonderful year of music-making! As things begin to wrap up, please double check calendars for end of year concerts, and contact music teachers if you have any questions or concerns.

Tuesday, May 17 - 6-8 Band Concert in MHS at 7:00pm (6:30 call for students)

Friday, May 20 - 6-8 Orchestra Concert in MMS Gym at 7:00pm (6:30 call for students)

Thursday, May 26 - 6-8 Choir Concert in MHS Auditorium at 7:00pm (6:15 call for students)

MMS proudly presents:



Thursday, May 5th at 7:00pm

Friday, May 6th at 7:00pm

Saturday, May 7th 2:00pm

Held at the Menomonie High School Auditorium

Tickets: \$5, Children 4 and under are free (cash or check only)

Activity Passes will not be accepted.

Ticket sales start one hour before performance and end 10 minutes after start time.

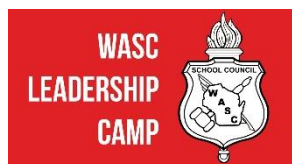
Doors open 30 minutes prior to start * No late admission



The Math Counts team had an extremely successful season this year! All of the students represented Menomonie very well at the local competitions. The top Math Counts students advanced on to a Regional competition, where they competed against other qualifying students from the entire northwest region of the state. This Regional team for Menomonie consisted of Aiden Anderson, Benjamin Seguin, Blake Behrens, Dustin Schumacher, Dylan Watkins, Eric Zydowsky, Kennady Nowlen, Logan Topper, Michael Mommsen, Miles Ogden, Oliver Lugo, and Tanner Husby. Individually in this competition, Tanner Husby finished in 4th place and Aiden Anderson took 15th. Both of their finishes qualified them for the state competition in Sheboygan on March 12th. Congratulations to both Aiden and Tanner for this outstanding achievement to compete as some of the top problem solvers in the state.



Dynamic Students Wanted. Outstanding Leaders Created.
Enhance Skills, Foster Citizenship, Celebrate Diversity, Develop Character



Middle School Leadership Camp
July 10-14, 2022
Ripon College

This camp is open to anyone. You do not need to be in a leadership role or part of a club or organization at the present time.
Come, Learn, and Play!

Sponsored by the WASC (Wisconsin Association of School Councils)

Questions? Check with Mr. Haas or go to wasc.org for more information.



Lost and Found

We accumulate many, many clothing items and lunch bags/boxes throughout the school year. Please take the time to check our "Lost and Found" table when you are in the building. The "Lost and Found" is located in the hallway by the main office. Or even better, encourage your student to look for their missing items.

MMS IS A BULLY FREE SCHOOL ZONE

Principals, teachers, counselors, and other staff members at Menomonie Middle School are always willing to listen to and consider the ideas, concerns, and needs of our students and parents/guardians. Several options for communication exist:

- **Talk to an adult you trust face to face**

Choose an adult staff member you trust and talk!

We like talking with students and parents/guardians! If the adult you trust seems busy, ask to set up an appointment to share later.

- **Call an Adult You Trust**

Using the telephone to communicate is perfectly OK!

- **Write to an Adult You Trust**

If talking face to face or on the telephone is too hard, write a message to an adult you trust.

Written messages can be delivered to an office or classroom. We will respond to you in a timely manner.

- **Use Our MMS Idea Box**

Written messages can be dropped off in our Idea Boxes located in the middle school hallways. Paper forms are available next to each box.

- **Send an Email to an Adult You Trust**

Sending an email to an adult you trust is a safe and easy way to share. We will respond in a timely manner.

**All students should feel safe at school! No concern is too small!
"Stand up" for yourself and "stand up" for your friends and peers.
Together, we can eliminate bullying in our school!**



Do You Have Questions About How to Use "Skyward Family Access"?

If you have questions about how to use our Skyward grading data base "Family Access", you are not alone. Parents/guardians often have questions or difficulty when navigating this site. Do not hesitate to contact our front office for guidance when this occurs. We are ready and willing to assist you. To login to Family Access, go to the Parents & Community tab, go to Parent Tools and a drop down menu will come up with Skyward Family Access on it. Click on this option to access Family Access.



We're here to help you! Sometimes it can be confusing to know who to talk to. Here are a few of the main phone numbers and people to talk to.

Main School Number: (715) 232-1673

**Attendance Secretary – Kelly Steinmeyer
ext. 30100**

Student will not be at school

Student is leaving school early—appointment

Student has a planned absence—vacation

Have a question about your student's
attendance.

Nurse's Office – Taylor Cobian - ext. 30103

Student is sick and would like to leave school

Questions regarding medications and plans

Food Service - (715) 232-2606 - ext. 42124

Food Service is located at the High School

Questions about lunch accounts

Dean of Students/Guidance Office –

Jason Mountin - ext. 30110

Questions regarding students in 6th grade.

Guidance Office - Nancy Horner - ext. 30112

Questions regarding students in 7th grade.

Guidance Office – Adrianna Harrison –

ext. 30108

Questions regarding students in 8th grade.

Main Office - Tina Potter—ext. 30111

Have a question about your student's fees—
device insurance, athletic/club fees, etc.

Email: tina_potter@msd.k12.wi.us

Attendance Reminder

Good school attendance is one predicator of academic success. All Menomonie Middle School students are required to be in attendance from 7:43 am to 3:05 pm. Additionally, students are reminded that they have a maximum of 10 school days that can be missed during the school year for personal illness, religious services, and family activities. If a student needs to attend an appointment during school hours, a note from a parent/guardian or that business office needs to be turned into the Attendance Office the morning of your appointment so we can get your student a pass and that it does not count against those 10 days. If your child is absent, please call the Attendance Office.



Parents



Sign up to receive daily announcements, newsletters, and other important updates. The link is available on the middle school website.

Go to Parents & Community, then to Parent Tools. You will see a drop down menu listing Daily Announcements. Click on that link. This will take you to the Middle School Announcements page. On the right side is a Subscribe button. Click on that and follow the prompts.

Please remember to update your information, emergency contacts, and fill out permission forms on Skyward Family Access for your student(s). This is important for field trip permission, student and bus code of conduct, video/photographing permission, computer network agreement, health services standing orders, and more. You can also pay online fees for the middle school and sports fees.

Free and Reduced Lunch



We proudly provide well-balanced, nutritious choices that contribute to lifelong eating habits.

Many of our menu options are made from scratch, incorporating local foods and food from our school gardens when possible. We feature fresh fruits and/or vegetables, included with every lunch at all grade levels.

Our menus are carefully planned, utilizing student preferences, to provide the calories and nutrients necessary for students to be successful during their school day.

For the 2021-22 school year, ALL students may receive breakfast and lunch free of charge.

Parent/Family Online Access

Online Family Access is available for all families in the district. To obtain a username and password, contact our district office at (715) 232-1642. Please, for security reasons, do NOT share your parent login with your child.

Go to www.sdmaonline.com and click on the **Family Access Login** link on the left side. You can access your child's attendance, grades, fees and lunch balance.