

Marcellus Middle School Messenger

News for Marcellus Middle School students and families

February 2025

Things to know . . .

- **Homework hour** is at the Middle School Monday-Thursday from 3-4 pm. Homework hour is available to all students and they do not need to sign up in advance.
- There will not be homework hour **February 5, February 6, or February 20**.
- **February 20** is a half day for students. **Parent/teacher conferences** are on this date from 12:00-3:00 p.m. and 4:30 - 7:30 p.m.
- **February 11** is Parents and Pizza at 6:00 p.m. - Please RSVP to the school at 269 646-3158
- **February 12** Count Day
- **February 12** Band Concert at 7:00 p.m. for grades 7-12 only.
- **February 21 and February 24** there is no school for students. Enjoy **Mid-Winter Break**.
- **Saturday School is February 15** from 8:30-11:00 a.m. Families will be notified on February 14 if their student needs to attend. Any student may attend Saturday School - it is available to all students.



Homecoming Dress Up Days!

February 10th-14th

Monday



Pajama Day!

Tuesday



Dress Like A Teacher Day!

Wednesday



Dress Like Your Favorite Movie Character!

Thursday



Wear Red or Pink or A Hat!

Friday



Show Your School Spirit! Wear Orange and Black!

Third Annual Career Day - Thank you to all of our presenters!

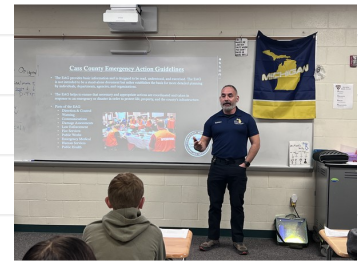


Julia Proshwitz - medical industry



Our fabulous presenters

Left to Right: *Ed Asmus, *Ed Reed, *Kay McAdams, John Phillips, *Julia (Rumsey) Proshwitz, Ryan Nichols, *Christina (Parrish) Gearhart, Bob Budner, and Manny DeLaRosa. * = Marcellus Alumni



Cass County Emergency Manager - Manny DeLaRosa

January Student of the Month



6th grade Student of the Month - Bristol Holt



7th grade Student of the Month - Bear Woodhouse



8th grade Student of the Month - Trent Allen

The link to order Middle School Memory Books is coming soon!

Marcellus Middle School ROAR Expectations

Marcellus Middle School uses **ROAR** as the foundation for our school expectations. These expectations are posted throughout the school and are recited during the daily announcements: "At Marcellus Middle School we **ROAR** by being **Respectful**, taking **Ownership**, having a positive **Attitude** and demonstrating **Responsibility**." Go Cats!

MMS School-Wide Expectation Matrix - **ROAR**

	Respect	Ownership	Attitude	Responsibility
Arrival	-voice level 2 or lower -walk -maintain & respect personal space -follow directions	-keep your area clean -be responsible for yourself	-respond with positive attitude -use kind words	-go to your destination in a timely manner -be prepared upon arrival to class
Bathroom	-voice level 2 or lower -allow privacy -wait your turn -allow personal space	-keep it clean -flush the toilet	-be kind & considerate	-go-flush-wash-leave -return promptly
Cafeteria	-wait patiently -maintain & respect personal space -voice level 2 or lower	-come prepared -clean up after yourself	-use table manners -use please & thank you -include others	-stay seated -follow traffic patterns -follow procedures
Hallway	-keep hallway clean -maintain & respect personal space	-close & lock lockers	-be helpful & kind -respond positively to adults	-travel safely -use your time for assigned purpose
Playground	-be respectful of classes in session -share equipment -respect personal space -listen to adults	-enter promptly after recess -if you take it out, bring it back in -what happens at recess stays at recess	-include others -use kind words -be a good sport	-use equipment properly -immediately & accurately report problems -stay in designated areas -keep food inside
Shuttle	-voice level 0 at railroad tracks -voice level limit is 2 -respond positively to adults	-keep hands, body and objects to yourself -keep hands, body and objects inside bus -leave the bus clean	-be kind -share seats -include others	-walk to shuttle in a timely manner -stay seated -keep phones put away

More to know . . .

March 22- Saturday School - just prior to Spring Break and the end of the marking period

March 27 - End of the 3rd marking period

March 27 - Middle School Olympics

March 28- April 4 - Spring Break

April - PSAT and MSTEP assessments begin - dates to be provided in March's Messenger newsletter

Michigan's Compulsory School Attendance Act: What Parents Need to Know

In Michigan, students between the ages of 6 and 18 are required by law to attend school.

This means that children must be in school for the full academic year unless they meet certain exceptions.

For example, students can be excused if they are attending a private school, are home-schooled, or have graduated early.

Students are considered chronically absent if they are absent 10% or more of the school year.

The law ensures that every child gets the education they need, but it also provides flexibility for unique circumstances. If you have any questions about this law or your child's attendance, don't hesitate to contact the school.

Letters will be sent home when a student has missed 4 days and 8 days in a given semester. Truancy occurs when they have missed 10 days in a semester.

Let's continue to work together to make sure all our students succeed!

Lined writing area for notes or questions.

These absences are excused:

- “Absent” shall mean the student missed 10 or more consecutive minutes in any class period
- Excused absences will include:
 - Doctor appointments - a doctor’s slip must be presented to the office no later than the following school day.
 - Illness that is excused by a doctor - a doctor’s slip must be presented to the office upon the student’s return to school
 - School field trips
 - School activities and meetings
 - Funeral
 - Family wedding
 - Pre-arranged absences approved by the principal
 - Required court appearances or subpoena
 - Religious observation
 - In-school suspension
 - Out-of-school suspension



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