

WELCOME TO THE MICDS MIDDLE SCHOOL

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FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS & INFORMATION

When do I get my advisor? Students will find out who their advisor is during MS Launch Day on Friday, August 10.

When do I get my locker? Students will receive a locker number at MS Launch Day. Lockers are school property and students will be held accountable for any damage to them. Students may use **magnetics only** to decorate and post appropriate pictures in their lockers. Students should not write or put decals or bumper stickers on the walls of their lockers. **It is highly recommended that students set up their locker during MS Launch Day.**

When do I get my schedule? Students will receive their schedules during orientation days the first week of school.

Can I have electronic devices? Students may not use cell phones, iwatches and/or other personal electronic devices during the school day (unless directed by a teacher for a specific assignment), specifically in any buildings between the hours of 7:30 am (half-hour before school) and 3:15 pm. The half-hour period in the morning before the start of first classes, in particular, is an important time for students to visit with classmates and/or prepare for the school day.

How do I join sports teams? 7th and 8th grade students have the opportunity to participate in the Middle School Athletic Program. Students sign up for a team simply by attending the first practice. For more information see schedule attached or contact Alison Todd at atodd@micds.org

MIDDLE SCHOOL CONTACTS...

5th gr. Dean- Christine Mayer cmayer@micds.org 995-7450 ext. 7554

6th gr. Dean- Mark Duvall mduvall@micds.org 995-7394

7th gr. Dean- Charlotte Dougherty cdougherty@micds.org 995-7450 ext. 7677

8th gr. Dean- Tim Storey tstorey@micds.org 995-7450 ext. 7622

7th & 8th gr. ASAP Director- Callie Bambenek cbambenek@micds.org

Change in your contact info.- Julie Winkeler jwinkeler@micds.org 314-995-7404

MICDS Book Store- Greg Greenwell ggreenwell@micds.org 314-995-7348 or 314-995-7349

MS Admission Coordinator- Peggy Laramie plaramie@micds.org 314-995-7368

MS Athletics Director (MS Sports)- Alison Todd atodd@micds.org 314-995-7473

MS Counselor- Kara Friedman kfriedman@micds.org 314-995-7325

MS/LS Extended Day Program- Matt Blair mblair@micds.org 314-995-7321

MS Learning Specialist- Mead Ploszay mploszay@micds.org 314-995-7439

MS/LS Nurse (Medical Forms)- Lise Olson lolson@micds.org 314-995-7437

MS Office/Attendance- Michelle Webster mwebster@micds.org 314-995-7397

MS Registrar (Your child's schedule)- Kelly Long klong@micds.org 314-995-7341

MS Fax Number- 314-995-7420

MS DAILY DRESS CODE (for 2017-18): Watch for updates in the 2018-19 All School Handbook

Daily Dress Code for All Students:

- Collared shirts, blouses, dress shirts, turtlenecks, sweaters, sweatshirts
 - Modest neckline/no visible cleavage
 - No athletic-type tees
 - No tight fitting tops
 - Shirts may not have writing (small logo or MICDS is acceptable)
 - Shoulders need to be covered
 - No sheer tops with visible camis or undergarments
- If sweater/sweatshirt is removed, the shirt underneath must be in dress code
- Undershirts must be shorter than the outside shirt or sweater
- Shirts may not have writing (small logo or MICDS is acceptable)
- Pants: khakis, corduroy, cargo, dress, capri
 - If looped waist, a belt is needed
 - Note: leggings are not considered pants. If you choose to wear leggings, a proper length dress or skirt must be worn.
- Shorts: Bermuda length or longer
 - If looped waist, a belt is needed
- Skirts, dresses to the top of the knee
- Shoes: Athletic shoes, dress shoes, and sandals with backs

What Not to Wear: The following are examples of dress or grooming that are not permitted – other examples may be added at a later date at the discretion of the Deans in consultation with Head of Middle School:

- Excessively tight or revealing clothing – tops and bottoms
- Yoga pants/athletic wear
- Bare midriffs
- Clothes which show visible cleavage
- Visible undergarments
- Clothing made of sheer fabrics
- Clothing with frays, holes, rips, or tears (even if it is designed to look that way)
- Attire with inappropriate or offensive writing
- Athletic-type t-shirts except for Spirit Wear on Fridays
- Military-themed/camouflage/hunting clothing
- Sweat pants, distressed pants, baggy pants
- Denim (except on Fridays or designated “Special Jeans Days”)
- Pajamas/slippers
- Facial hair, except for religious reasons
- Hats or headgear in the buildings, except for religious reasons

Friday Spirit Days: Every Friday (or last day of the school week) is designated as Spirit Day in the Middle School, when the Daily Dress Code for All Students can be modified by:

- MICDS Spirit Shirts or Logo Wear
- Nice blue denim jeans

Special Dress Days: To be determined by the Head of Middle School

For Males:

- Dress shirts, turtlenecks
 - Dress shirts must be tucked in
 - No polos
- Dress pants, khakis
 - If looped waist, a belt is needed
- Dress or athletic shoes with closed toe and heel, and socks

For Females:

- Nice shirts and sweaters with a modest neckline
 - Shoulders need to be covered
 - No visible cleavage
 - No tight fitting tops
- Dresses/Skirts to the knee (no denim)
- Dress pants, khakis (no corduroys, cargos)
 - If looped waist, a belt is needed
- Low heeled dress shoes/boots, athletic shoes with closed toe and closed heel

MS Launch Day 2018-19

(Book Store, School Picture, Class Social & Orientation Day)

Friday, August 10, 2018

	5th Grade	6th Grade	7th Grade	8th Grade
11:30-12:00			Orientation All Students/All Parents Parents (Room 52) Students (South Gym)	
12:00-12:30			Orientation cont'd All Students/All Parents (Room 52)	
12:30-1:00		Orientation New Students + New Parents (MS Entrance)	Class Social Student (MS Courtyard) Parent (MS Cafeteria)	
1:00-1:30		Orientation cont'd All Students + All Parents (MS Entrance/Advisory Locations)	Books/Pictures (Olson Hall)	Orientation New Students + Buddies (Harris)
1:30-2:00	Orientation All Students + All Parents (Start in South Gym to 52)	Class Social Students (MS Courtyard) Parents (Alumnae Room)	Books/Pictures (Olson Hall)	Orientation cont'd New Students + Buddies (Harris)
2:00-2:30	Orientation cont'd All Students (S. Gym) All Parents (Room 52)	Books/Pictures (Olson Hall)		Class Social Students (MS Courtyard) Parents (MS Cafeteria)
2:30-3:00	Class Social Students ((MS Courtyard) Parents (Alumnae Room)	Books/Pictures (Olson Hall)		Books/Pictures (Olson Hall)
3:00-3:30	Books/Pictures (Olson Hall)			Books/Pictures (Olson Hall)
3:30-4:00	Books/Pictures (Olson Hall)			

REMINDERS:

- Bring at least 1 large bag and/or box with you.
- Wear comfortable shoes. There will be A LOT of walking.
- Bring water.

MS Launch Day Details

BOOKS

- Books will be available for purchase and pick up in the Olson Presentation Room during the designated grade level time.
 - If you are unable to attend MS Launch Day there will be days the store is open between MS Launch Day and the first day of school. Please call 314-995-7348 for those hours.
 - You may have another parent pick up books and charge it to your account with prior notification to Greg Greenwell ggreenwell@micds.org or with a written note. The bookstore will not be available prior to August 10.
- Parents/Guardians must be present during book day.
- Check in at the entrance to the Presentation Room located in Olson Hall to pick up a book list. MICDS parents and staff will be there to help you.
- Bring large bags or a box for your purchases.
- Supplies and combination locks will be available in the MICDS Bookstore. Items can be purchased either through credit card, check, cash, or through your child's student account.
- Any questions regarding books, please contact Greg Greenwell at ggreenwell@micds.org or 995-7348.

LOCKERS

- Locker numbers, locations and advisories lists will be available in the grade level hallways in the Middle School. (5th gr. Upper Shoenberg, 6th & 7th gr. Ground Floor, 8th gr. 2nd Floor)
- NOTE: 6th & 7th gr. have lockers with built in shelving. ***New this year- 8th graders** if you have a locker number that is between 307-373 you will have lockers with built in shelving this year as well.
- NOTE: For 5th & some 8th graders there will be some repurposed wooden shelves available on a first come first serve basis. Wooden shelving can be purchased at Schnarr's Hardware 9800 Clayton Road. (8th gr. this is only needed if your locker number falls between 219-306)
- Please purchase **magnetics only** for locker decorating purposes. No adhesives allowed.

Please note: laser locks and/or key locks are not allowed.

SCHOOL PHOTOS

- School photos will be taken in front of Olson Hall, please wear appropriate attire.
- School photos must be taken for the yearbook and our computer system.
- To order online please see the section listed "Parents, It's Time to Fill Out & Update Information".

ORIENTATION

- You will hear from your grade level dean regarding the location and program details.

CLASS SOCIAL

- Students- please join your grade level during your scheduled time. Location of this event is listed on the Launch Day schedule.
- Parents- if you haven't done so already please use this time to turn in Medical Forms (Nurse's office or Olson Hall) and Early Dismissal Forms.

MS SUPPLY LIST

Please note that all items on the supply lists will be available and competitively priced at the MICDS Bookstore.

Contact your grade level dean or the bookstore if you have questions.

MICDS Bookstore- Greg Greenwell- ggreenwell@micds.org

Dean of Grade 5- Christine Mayer- cmayer@micds.org

Dean of Grade 6- Mark Duvall- mduvall@micds.org

Dean of Grade 7- Charlotte Dougherty- cdougherty@micds.org

Dean of Grade 8- Tim Storey- tstorey@micds.org

The Middle School Physical Education Department requires that students wear appropriate athletic clothes (t-shirts & shorts) to every class. These clothes must be appropriate for each student (no tight fitting clothes, no tank tops). You can purchase athletic clothes and additional required equipment at the bookstore or at another store of your choice.

Questions should be directed to PE Department Chair, Eric Lay at elay@micds.org

7th & 8th gr. ASAP

For reasons of safety and in compliance with insurance requirements, students in Fifth through Eighth Grade who remain after school must be involved in supervised after-school activities.

ASAP provides a structured time from 3:30-5:00 pm to support student academic growth and achievement. We will designate time and create optimal space for homework completion. Faculty members will actively assist students in developing organizational, time-management, and study skills that help students complete their homework and encourage their overall academic success. Please watch for the July newsletter for more information about sign up.

***NOTE-** If supervision is needed from 5:00-6:00 pm, students can join Extended Day. There will be a fee for Extended Day participation. Please see the Extended Day box for more information.

5th & 6th gr. EXTENDED DAY

For reasons of safety and in compliance with insurance requirements, students in Fifth through Eighth Grade who remain after school must be involved in supervised after-school activities.

Fifth and Sixth Graders are invited to participate in the Extended Day Program from 3:00-6:00 pm. Parents should note that attendance in the Extended Day Program is mandatory for those Fifth and Sixth grade students who remain on campus after 3:45 pm and who are not otherwise engaged in a teacher-supervised activity. These students may be enrolled in the program or may attend on a drop-in basis and the parent account will be billed accordingly.

For Fifth & Sixth grade Families: Information & Online Registration for Extended Day can be found at:

<http://www.micds.org/Page/Student-Life/Extended-Day>

Contact Matt Blair, Director of Extended Day, at mblair@micds.org or 314-995-7321 with any questions.

STUDENT SUMMER WORK

5th–8th gr. MATHEMATICS SUMMER WORK

We strongly encourage all of our students in fifth through eighth grades to spend a little time over the summer considering their role in creating a path to success in the next math course. Whether this is done through skills worksheets centered on recommended topics or through practice using the online math sites list below, the purpose is to refresh the understanding of concepts that are important in the next course.

The MICDS math program uses a mastery based approach that requires strong foundational knowledge of certain topics for success at each grade level. The concepts build over time, and it is important for a student to enter a course with a high level of understanding of particular topics. We have listed the most important concepts for success in the first few months of school by grade level and have included links to online practice problems for these **topics are attached**. *It is also important to note that the topics listed do not encompass all required material for that grade level. Also, the topics listed should be viewed as critical for success in all subsequent grade levels. For example, an entering 7th grader should be well versed in all topics leading up to 7th grade. If the student feels additional practice on a 6th grade topic would be helpful, he or she should absolutely review this material as well.*

If you have any questions about summer options, please contact Amy Scheer, at ascheer@micds.org

6th–8th gr. WORLD LANGUAGES

Hello new and current students! Our World Languages teachers have designed summer learning opportunities in each of our languages to help you maintain your ability level over the summer and begin the school year with confidence. You will find information on this page to help you practice fundamental skills and review familiar topics.

Please look for the course you are entering for the 2018-2019 school year and click on it to view the learning activities. **Complete this review to help you achieve success early in the year and feel comfortable in your new language classes. Your teachers will either collect what you have done and provide feedback on it during the first week of school OR provide an assessment related to this work.** The learning activities are designed to take approximately two hours total to complete.

Click on the link below that corresponds to the **level of the class you're entering** to access the review information for your class. Summer work is not required for 7th grade French, Latin, Mandarin, or Spanish 7, which are all level 100A courses.

5th-8th gr. SUMMER READING

The English department requires each grade level to read 3 summer reading books.

We strongly recommend that the paperback novels for summer reading and for the classes throughout the year be purchased through the MICDS Bookstore. If you choose to purchase from the bookstore, it is important that you purchase the same edition. Students need to regard these books as textbooks.

We will be teaching students to annotate, take notes in the margins, and cite textual evidence. Study guides created by the teachers contain page numbers that coordinate with the edition in the bookstore.

Summer Reading assignments are due the 1st week of school.

8th gr. COMMUNITY SERVICE

All eighth grade students are encouraged to devote a significant amount of time towards community service. Students are expected to complete at least twenty hours of service before the end of the school year.

Information regarding the specifics of this program, such as how students get credit for their **work and what is appropriate volunteer work, is attached.**
8th gr. Community Service Information sheet.

Eighth grade community service hours may begin no earlier than June 1. All questions may be directed to the 8th gr. Dean, Tim Storey
tstorey@micds.org

SCIENCE SUMMER WORK

[Please click here to visit the Science Summer Work Web page.](#) (CTRL + click mouse) Select the science course for the 2018-2019 school year from the **COURSES** drop-down menu near the top of the webpage to view more information about the REVIEW topics from the completed science course and PREVIEW science topics for the upcoming year. The Science Summer Work is required and should be completed before the first day of school. It is strongly recommended that students spend about an hour per week reviewing, practicing and experimenting with the variety of topics and vocabulary provided. There are approximately ten weeks of summer break. There will be roughly 6-8 hours of summer science work depending on the course and student pace. The Science Department recommends doing about an hour of the work each week throughout the summer, although some investigations may require some time each day over several days. Please look at the Science Summer Work assignment at the beginning of the summer to plan when the longer-term investigations and observations will fit into summer schedules.

Please follow the directions provided to receive full benefit and full credit for your work.

If your science course is not listed in the drop-down course list, there is no summer reading or work for that course. Any questions, please contact Bob Shaw at bshaw@micds.org

TIME TO FILL OUT & UPDATE INFORMATION

MEDICAL FORMS

The 2018-19 Student Health Forms for all new and returning students are available on the Portal to be completed. Please go to the Resources section on the Portal and find the Health Forms section, download the appropriate student packet, and complete the applicable pages. **Completed physicals and health forms should be mailed, faxed, or sent via email to the LS/MS Nurse.**

For new families who do not have access to the portal yet, the 2018-19 Health Forms were also provided by Admissions at the time of your child's admittance. Please reach out to Admissions if you do not have the forms to meet the deadline.

ALL students must have all assigned forms complete and submitted to be eligible for school entrance or athletic practice. Any student without complete forms will be sent home from school and not allowed to participate in August practices/games (and beyond) until the required information is completed. Immunizations must be up-to-date and comply with the 2018-19 Missouri school immunization requirements. Please read each section carefully and complete all required information. **Forms for ALL students are due no later than June 29, 2018.**

It is MSHSAA and MICDS policy that ALL students entering grades 7 through 12 submit a doctor's physical exam performed on or after February 1, 2018. We will accept physical forms from your doctor office, as well, as long as a complete medical health history is included.

In addition, all NEW students entering grades 7 through 12 AND ALL students entering 7th, 9th, and 11th grades will need a baseline concussion test. Instructions for returning students for this online test are included in the health form packet for 7th-12th graders.

Questions? Please contact the LS/MS Nurse, Lise Olson lolson@micds.org or [314-995-7437](tel:314-995-7437).

SCHOOL PHOTOS

The school photographer, Reby Stern, will be on campus to take Middle School student pictures on the front porch of Olson Hall on Friday, August 10 from 11:30 am-4:00 pm.

School pictures must be taken for the yearbook and portal.

PLEASE NOTE: Photo packages are only available for purchase online at www.rebysternphoto.com through Thursday, August 23.

Ordering Instructions:

Go to www.rebysternphoto.com

- Click enter (in the middle of the page)
- Click on school pre-order
- Click on MICDS
- ”Click on this Link” (in the middle of the page it’s underlined)
- Click on order form in the middle of the page
- Click ”add photo to cart” (upper left)
- Choose your package & quantity (right side)
- Put your child(ren)s name in box (bottom right)
- Click continue to check out
- Use Credit Card or Paypal

Please contact Diane Stern at rebysternphoto@aol.com or 314-994-9443 if you need further assistance.

7th gr. CAMP

This year, the 7th grade will travel to Camp Lakewood for a two day, one night adventure in early November (TBD). They will participate in small group activities that are designed to build community and foster team work. Each student will also be encouraged to reach outside of their comfort zone as they test their courage on the alpine tower and survival hike. We will spend the evening around a camp fire for skits and songs and then retire to cabins some down time and reflection. This experience is designed to nurture and build relationships in the Class of 2024.

EARLY DISMISSAL INFO.

We ask that you read through the attached Early Dismissal Letter so you familiarize yourself in the event of an unplanned dismissal.

Please watch this summer for more information regarding the Early Dismissal Form.

This form is due August 10.

AUGUST

10	11:30	MS Launch Day (Please see the schedule in the packet)
15	9:00	Opening Day of School (Late Start)
		1st Trimester Begins
30	6:30	MS Parents' Night

SEPTEMBER

3		Labor Day
10		Rosh Hashanah (School Closed)
17-21		Spirit Week
19		Yom Kippur (School Closed)
21	7:30	Homecoming Bonfire & Pep Rally (McDonnell Gym & near Lilly's Field)
22		Homecoming Carnival & BBQ (Outside of the MAC)

OCTOBER

3	4:00-8:00	JK-12 Student/Parent/Teacher Conferences
4	12:00-8:00	JK-12 Student/Parent/Teacher Conferences
5	7:30-12:30	JK-12 Student/Parent/Teacher Conferences

NOVEMBER

8		1st Trimester Ends
9		JK-12 Report Writing Day (Student Holiday)
12		2nd Trimester Begins
19		Turkey Train
21-23		Thanksgiving Holiday (School Closed)

DECEMBER

20		Last Full Day before Winter Break
21-Jan. 6		Winter Break
25		Christmas Holiday (School Closed)
31		New Year's Eve (School Closed)

JANUARY

1		New Year's Holiday (School Closed)
7		Students/Faculty Return
21		Martin Luther King Day (School Closed)

FEBRUARY

14		2nd Trimester Ends
15		JK-12 Report Writing Day (Student Holiday)
18		Presidents' Day (School Closed)
19		3rd Trimester Begins
28	4:00-8:00	JK-12 Student/Parent/Advisor Conferences

MARCH

1	7:30-3:30	JK-12 Student/Parent/Advisor Conferences
16-31		Spring Break (Student/Faculty Holiday)

APRIL

1		Students & Faculty Return
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MAY

3		Margaret Dawes Eliot Day (Student/ Faculty Holiday)
17		Recognition (Mary Eliot Chapel)
18	6:00	May Day (Lilly's Field)
20	6:00	Rain Date for May Day (Rain or Shine) (Lilly's Field)
23	6:30	8th gr. Celebration (Mary Eliot Chapel)
24	11:30	JK-11 Last Day of School
		3rd Trimester Ends