



The Bobcat Beat

SEPTEMBER 2023



MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Students, Parents, and Guardians,

Welcome to Maple Creek Middle School! Our school year is off to an amazing start, and I'm happy to share a few highlights with you.

Our students have come in eager to learn, and our teachers are dedicated to creating engaging lessons that spark creativity and curiosity, setting the tone for a year of growth.

Extracurricular groups and fall athletics seasons are off to a great start. Our students embrace teamwork and respect, helping to shape a positive team atmosphere.

As we move forward, I encourage our students to set goals and embrace challenges as opportunities. Together, we'll create lasting memories and a year of accomplishments and personal growth.

Thank you for being part of the Bobcat family. Here's to a fantastic year!

Best wishes,

Carter Jones, Principal

IMPORTANT dates and events

Picture Retakes
Tuesday Sept. 12

No School Sept. 20
Teacher Professional
Development Day

Tuesday Sept. 26
Nelson's Chicken
Fundraiser at CHS

School Book Fair
October 25-30

Parent/Teacher
Conferences
Friday Oct. 20
(teachers will set these up as
needed)

School Spelling Bee
Oct. 26 after school



7TH GRADE GPS

Students in Mrs. Etter and Mr. Michael's 7th grade Social Studies classes completed a fun GPS activity where classes hid toy frogs outside and created waypoints for the other class to locate using handheld GPS units.

6TH GRADE SCIENCE

Science Students completed a "Pendulum Lab" to help them with conducting a scientific experiment. They identified independent/dependent/controlled variables along with quantitative data collection. This lab allowed for great discussion among groups about what types of things caused the results of their lab, along with ways they could have made it more accurate.



FROM THE COUNSELOR'S CORNER

Marlene Knispel, school counselor

With all the changes that effect the developing bodies and minds of middle school children, it is no wonder that they often struggle with moodiness. Hormonal and other bodily changes can leave tweens feeling self-conscious and uncertain. As parents, we can help them learn to navigate these changes. First of all, we can let our children know we are available to listen. A simple statement such as, "I remember what it feels like to not be included," can encourage your child to open up and talk about what is bothering her. Also important at this stage of development is to respect your tween's need for privacy.

They may start shutting their bedroom door or taking phone calls in private. Respecting their need for privacy and giving them space to find that privacy will go a long way in helping your child through this stage of development. One of the biggest concerns for tweens is the need to "fit in" with their peers. Being a part of a healthy group with peers who have similar interests can help your child to focus on her strengths and develop self-confidence. At Maple Creek, we have many sports and other activities that are designed to help children find joy, friendship, and to develop confidence in themselves. Stop by the office to pick up an Activities list or find it on our website at nacs.k12.in.us, Maple Creek.



Nelson's Chicken Fundraiser

The NACS athletic departments are hosting a Nelson's Chicken fundraiser on Tuesday September 26th at Carroll High School. This will be in conjunction with the Maple Creek vs. Carroll Middle Football game at Charger Stadium. Rotisserie Half Chickens and Pit-Tatoes® are available for purchase.

***\$10 for a half chicken and \$4 for Pit-Tatoes® - (Mrs. Topp's favorite)**

Please pre-purchase your food to guarantee it for that night using the QR code below



All Money raised goes directly to the Middle School Athletics Departments for new equipment, jerseys, gear, etc...

Tweet a caption with hashtag #MCMSwhatisit



Nelson's BBQ
Middle School Athletics Fundraiser
Tuesday September 26th

ALL MONEY RAISED GOES DIRECTLY TO NACS MIDDLE SCHOOL ATHLETIC DEPARTMENTS

Presale 1/2 Chickens for \$10
Pit-Tatoes \$4

Pick up @ CHS Football Stadium Parking Lot
Carroll vs. Maple Creek Football
Pickup from 3 pm- 7 pm

*Presale orders must be picked up by 6 pm

SCAN

Contact scott.bushong@nacs.k12.in.us with questions

JOIN THE PTO - PARENT TEACHER ORGANIZATION

- Sponsor your Student Fundraiser
paypal.me/sponsoryourstudent



Maple Creek
Middle School

Frequently Asked Questions

Who do I call if my student is sick?

Please call the school (338-0802) by 9:00 am to report a student absence. You may also leave a message outside of office hours at 338-0802 ext. 7001. Be sure to leave your name, the student's name, and reason for absence. We encourage students to check Canvas and/or email their teachers for homework missed while absent. Official homework requests can be made to the office once the student has been absent three consecutive days.

What if I need to pick up my student during the school day for an appointment?

If your student needs to miss school for an appointment, please send a note to the main office with the following information: student's name, date, time to be released, and your signature. Students are allowed to sign themselves out, however, we do not allow students to leave the building until they see their ride. The carpool line at the end of the day makes this very difficult so if you will need to pick them up between 3:30 pm and 3:40 pm please call or come into the office to let us know you have arrived. Please provide official documentation from the doctor's office immediately upon returning to school.

What if we are going on vacation during the school year?

Please notify your student's teachers as well as the main office (in writing) at least one week prior to your scheduled vacation. Students should talk to each of their teachers regarding make-up work during their absence. Assignments are due the day they return to school.

Before/After school drop-off/pick-up procedures.



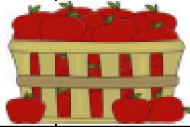
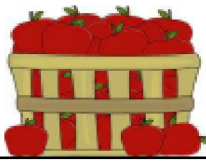
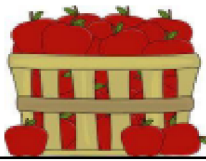
Please join the parent pick-up line that extends from the driveway to the parking lot closest to the football field (west lot). Students can load into cars at any point along the green line in front of the building; please continue to pull forward to the end of the sidewalk. For the safety of students, we ask that parents do not park in the lot as students are not to walk through the parking lot without an adult. If you need to pick your child up between 3:30 and dismissal, please call or come into the office to let them know you have arrived.

*Please see the student handbook for the official attendance policy.

M.S. LUNCH MENU

Lunch = \$2.35, Milk = \$.60, Adults = \$4.60

SEPTEMBER 2023

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
				September 1 Chili Con Carne W/ Cornbread Poppers OR Mozz Breadstick Bites (4) W/ Pizza Sauce Baked Potato W/Toppings Broccoli With Cheese Sauce Chilled Fruit Milk
4 	5 Pepperoni French Bread OR Chili Dog / Hot Dog Baked Beans Tater Tots Chilled Peaches Frozen Treat Milk	6 Pizza Crunchers OR Chicken Smackers W/ Slice of Bread Seasoned Green Beans Romaine & Tomato Salad With Dressing Chilled Fruit Milk	7 Potato Crusted Fish Sandwich OR Honey Sriracha Chicken Ginger Carrots Crinkle Fries Chilled Berries Milk	8 Deluxe Hamburger W/ Pickle Spear OR Chicken Queso Penne Fresh Steamed Broccoli Farm Fresh Honeycrisp Apple From Metzger's Orchard W/ Vanilla Yogurt Dip Milk
				
11 Cheese Pizza OR Italian Grilled Cheese W/ Warm Pizza Sauce Seasoned Green Beans Romaine Salad With Dressing Chilled Fruit Milk	12 Pepperoni French Bread OR BBQ Pulled Pork Sandwich Curly Fries Fresh Carrots & Red Pepper Strips W/ Hummus Dip Chilled Fruit Milk	13 Pizza Crunchers OR Pancakes W/ Syrup Sausage Links (4) Crispy Cube Potatoes Fresh Banana 100% Fruit Juice Milk	14 Pizza Stuffed Sandwich OR Italian Pasta Garlic Breadstick Caesar Salad California Blend Chilled Fruit Milk	15 BBQ Chicken Sandwich OR Bosco Sticks (2) With Pizza Sauce Baby Carrots & Grape Tomatoes W/ Dip Rosy Applesauce Wacky Cake Milk
				
18 Buffalo Chicken Pizza OR Homemade Mac & Cheese Seasoned Green Beans Red Pepper & Carrots W/ Veg Dip Chilled Fruit Milk	19 Pepperoni French Bread OR Beef Soft Taco Refried Beans Romaine Salad W/ Dressing Chilled Fruit Cocktail Milk	20 No School 	21 Roasted Chicken Wings OR Teriyaki Chicken Fried Rice Fresh Steamed Broccoli Chilled Mandarin Oranges Fortune Cookie Milk	22 Fiestada Pizza OR Chicken Drumstick Homemade Yeast Roll W/ Margarine & Jelly Mashed Potatoes W/ Chicken Gravy California Blend Vegetables Fresh Grapes Milk
				
25 Cheese Pizza OR Baja Fish Tacos Refried Beans Seasoned Corn Chilled Fruit Milk	26 Chicken Corn Dog OR Chick Filay Sandwich W/ Chick Filay Sauce Romaine Salad W/ Dressing Waffle Fries Chilled Peaches Milk	27 Pizza Crunchers OR Chicken & Noodles Mashed Potatoes Carrots & Cucumbers With Veggie Dip Chilled Pears Milk	28 Pepperoni Pizza Rippers OR Chicken Tenders Broccoli Salad Smiley Potatoes Sweetened Strawberries Angel Food Cake Milk	29 Breaded Pork Sandwich OR Bosco Sticks (2) With Pizza Sauce Fresh Veggies W/ Dip Cinnamon Applesauce Milk

Yogurt & Chef Salad offered daily as an additional choice to the main dish. Menu is subject to change when necessary.
This Institution is an equal opportunity provider.

DEPOSIT FORM

DATE OF DEPOSIT _____ TOTAL DEPOSIT \$ _____

STUDENT NAME _____ FAMILY DEPOSIT ☐ CHECK NUMBER _____ CASH ☐

THE MINIMUM DEPOSIT IS \$25.00. Checks will be accepted for the amount of deposit only. Please make checks payable to THE (Your child's school) FOOD SERVICE DEPT. Deposits also accepted online at: <https://nacs.familyportal.cloud>

SYNCHRONOUS LEARNING FAQS

1. Why are we moving from eLearning to synchronous learning during inclement weather?

In the event that inclement weather prevents onsite attendance, synchronous learning will provide real-time instruction and interaction between staff and students. This format will also better support the flow of learning for the content and concepts being discussed in the classroom within that specific window of time.

2. How will students access instruction during synchronous learning days?

Students will attend live class sessions through Google Meet. Teachers will post their Google Meet links on their Canvas pages along with all other applicable information for the day of virtual instruction.

3. Will the number of synchronous learning days be unlimited?

No. Should we experience severe inclement weather causing us to miss extended days of school, we will utilize traditional make-up days in conjunction with the synchronous learning days. For this reason, make-up dates have remained on our school calendar.

4. What about children whose parent(s) must attend work during the day or who have limited access to the internet?

Synchronous lessons/activities will be recorded and posted so that students who are unable to attend live sessions may access this information at a later time. Flexibility and extended time will be provided to students who are unable to access the live instruction.

5. What are the times for accessing live sessions?

Elementary School: 9:30 a.m. - Noon
Middle School: 9:00 a.m. - 12:55 p.m.
High School: 9:00 a.m. - 12:25 p.m.

(Middle and high school students will follow class schedules that mirror their normal daily schedules.)

6. How will students with IEPs and/or ILPs be supported?

Special education and ELL staff members will attend live sessions to support students much like they do during a day of onsite learning. Students will receive the support and services in their IEP/ILP as appropriate for the synchronous environment. Additionally, office hours will be provided in the afternoon of synchronous learning days to provide additional support to students. Students with more intensive services or modifications may be provided with alternative options for accessing services/support.

7. Will there be additional assignments outside of the live class session times?

It is possible that students will be assigned homework as they would during a normal day of onsite attendance. At the elementary level, instruction from missed related arts classes will be provided through short videos and/or activities.

8. What if my child faces technical difficulties during synchronous learning?

Parents can access technical support information through our website at <https://www.nacs.k12.in.us/parents>.

If the website does not provide the support that you need and/or you do not have an internet connection, then please call our tech office at 260-338-5320.

BASKETBALL

CARROLL BASKETBALL

JOIN OUR SKILL SESSIONS 3RD-6TH GRADE

*LED BY COACH ABBOTT AND THE HIGH
SCHOOL COACHING STAFF*


THESE SESSIONS ARE PRIMARILY DESIGNED TO ENHANCE SKILLS, BUT ALSO TO EVALUATE PLAYERS FOR THE
POSSIBILITY TO PLAY ON A CARROLL CLUB 1 TEAM.

SESSIONS


- Mon. Oct. 16th 6:00-7:30PM
- Mon. Oct. 23rd 6:00-7:30PM
- Thur. Oct. 26th 6:00-7:30PM
- Mon. Oct. 30th 6:00-7:30PM
- Thur. Nov. 2nd 6:00-7:30PM

DEADLINE
**SEPT
15TH**

 **\$65**

 LOCATION

CARROLL FIELDHOUSE

 REGISTRATION

[EVENTLINK.COM](https://eventlink.com)

QUESTIONS?

RYAN.ABBOTT@NACS.K12.IN.US



3510 E Dupont Rd
Fort Wayne, IN 46825
260-482-4466

MC Singers host a fundraiser at Culver's

Tuesday, September 12, 2023
5:00 - 8:00

A portion of each sale
(dine in, take out, and drive thru)
will be donated to the MC Singers

No coupon needed for the group to
gain profits

Help support a great cause!!
Come and join us for some great food



MAPLE CREEK MC SINGERS

FUND RAISER

AT PANDA EXPRESS

THURSDAY SEPTEMBER 21
10:30 A.M. - 9:00 P.M.

**20% of each sale
will be donated to
the MC Singers**

**4589 E. DUPONT RD.
FT. WAYNE, IN
260-766-6199**

**Dine-in,
Take out, or
Drive Thru**

**Help support a great
cause, and join us for
some great food!**



**MUST SHOW THIS FLYER AT TIME OF PURCHASE FOR THE
GROUP TO GAIN PROFITS (app use NOT INCLUDED)**