



Maple Creek Middle School Parent Teacher Organization

Faculty & Staff Appreciation



In November, teachers enjoyed pies catered by Carroll High School's Blue Flame culinary program. Watch for sign-ups for these faculty appreciation events:

- Dec. 20 - Soup & Salad Bar
- Jan. 31 - Super Bowl Foods



8th Grade Semiformal News



We've seen lots of questions on social media regarding this year's 8th-grade semiformal. This year's dance, sponsored by the Maple Creek Student Council, will be on March 1, 2024. The PTO will help if needed.



Sarah & John Lauck

What are your roles at MCMS and how long have you been doing them?

Sarah: I am the 7th grade girls' basketball coach – this is my first year with MC and my fourth year coaching.

John: I am the 8th grade girls' basketball coach. Last year I was the 7th grade coach. I've been coaching at MC for two years.

Who or what inspires you?

Sarah: Pat Summit, the former Tennessee Vols' women's basketball coach is my coaching inspiration. She will always be the best women's coach of all time. Hard work and perseverance also inspire me – people who face adversity and somehow power through.

John: Matthew West. He is a Christian artist who creates songs based on people's life stories. He takes some of the most broken moments in people's lives and creates music to help and change the path forward while helping others in similar situations. I have met him and my daughter sang with him at his concert. He is a very positive Christian man and father that is inspiring to me.



What is one thing you've learned recently?

Sarah: I work with internal medicine residents, so I am always learning new medical terminology and different things in the medical field – although most of the time I don't understand it!

John: I have come to realize that coaching the same girls for multiple years can be challenging. On the one hand, it's very positive because you build a relationship and know them very well. On the other hand, they tend to be too comfortable and not as attentive sometimes.



What is something about you that not many people know?

Sarah: I am extremely afraid of heights – elevators with windows are the worst!

John: I played saxophone and drums in my high school marching band.

What is your favorite hobby?

Sarah: I love watching true-crime documentaries and listening to podcasts. Lately my main hobby is chasing our 18-month-old daughter, Aubrey, around

John: I love to play golf and travel with my kids to all of their sporting events.

What's the next place on your travel bucket list?

Sarah: I would love to travel to Italy and see where my grandfather grew up.

John: I have been trying to get a ticket to the Masters Tournament for golf for at least 15 years straight. I never get picked, but I will not give up!

Are you currently binge-watching any shows?

We are watching *Designated Survivor*.

If you had to eat one meal every day for the rest of your life, what would it be?

Sarah: Pizza! There are so many different ways to mix up the flavor!

John: Velveeta shells and cheese, prime rib, and mashed potatoes!

What's one item you cannot live without?

Sarah: A comfortable pair of shoes and a good pair of sweatpants.

John: Lawnmower and headphones. There's something peaceful about laying down stripes and listening to music.

Would you like to share anything about your family?

Sarah: John and I have been married for 5 years. I have 2 stepchildren, Paityn and Parker, and our daughter Aubrey. We lost both our dogs this year, both were 16 years old!



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PTO Fundraisers

Thanks to everyone who participated in the Salvatori's Dine & Donate on Dec. 5.

We have a lot more fundraisers planned for this school year! Watch for information on these events and more:



Jan. 16-18	Well Grounded Cafe 6-10 a.m.
Jan. 24	Rollerdome 5:30-7:30 p.m.
Feb. 15	Panda Express on Lima Rd. All Day
March 6	Rollerdome 5:30-7:30 p.m.
March 25	Culver's on Washington Ctr. Rd. 4-9 p.m.
Apr. 10.	Salsa Grille North All Day
Apr. 18.	Handel's Ice Cream on Lima Rd. TBD

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