



# Maple Creek Middle School

Parent Teacher Organization

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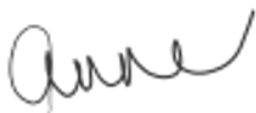
Welcome back Maple Creek, the PTO is looking forward to another great year! My name is Anne Melchi and I will serve as the PTO president this year. This is a role I have done before along with Brooke Miller, treasurer. Our first meeting was on August 22 and it was productive. We were able to approve the budget and increase support for MC Singers as well as approve some new classroom furniture. This is going to be a busy year and the PTO hopes to support our students and staff as much as possible.



Each month the PTO organizes a staff appreciation lunch or breakfast. Be on the lookout for an email with a link to Sign Up Genius to participate. This is always a fun, inexpensive way to get involved and show some gratitude to the staff.

Maple Creek has its largest enrollment ever this year! We look forward to supporting our students and staff as opportunities to replace, supplement, create new programs, or add new supplies arise. Our goal is to help each student's school environment to be the quality they deserve however we can. Thank you to those who have donated to our "Sponsor Your Student Campaign." This is our main source of yearly income. Although our community has grown, our donations are down. You can still donate by sending a check (SYS in the memo) or using the QR code on the next page. We appreciate your consideration so very much. Reach out to me with questions at 260-450-9959 or [advantageanne@gmail.com](mailto:advantageanne@gmail.com). It is going to be a great year!!

Best,



# Support the PTO



If you still would like to contribute to the "Sponsor Your Student" campaign, you can send a check (SYS in the memo) to the MCMS office in an envelope marked "MCMS PTO" or use our Paypal account with this QR code.



<https://www.kroger.com/account/communityrewards/>

We are **MAPLE CREEK MIDDLE SCHOOL - PTO** **SCRIP**, organization number **BK086**. After you set Maple Creek PTO as your Community Rewards Organization, we get a donation whenever you use your Kroger Plus card.



<https://www.boxtops4education.com/>

We are **MAPLE CREEK MIDDLE SCHOOL**, School ID: **589787**. When purchasing qualifying products, you can scan your receipt with the Box Tops app and we'll get money. There are instructions on their website for how to submit receipts for online grocery purchases.





## Matt Ousley

**What is your role at MCMS, and how long have you been doing this?**

I am a 7th-grade math teacher, and this is my 20th year teaching in the district. I began my teaching career at Perry Hill as a 5th grade teacher for 2 years, before transitioning to Maple Creek where I taught 6th grade for many years before making the move to 7th grade. I am also the head 8th-grade football coach again, after taking the last 5 years off to spend more time with my family. I believe this is my 12th or 13th season in that role.

**Who or what inspires you?**

At this point in my life, I am inspired by my own children, my students, and my players more than anything. I feel blessed to be a part of such a great district, with great support, but the interactions with both past and present players and students are what means the most.

**What is one thing, either work-related or not, you learned in the last month?**

The most obvious thing I've learned... or just realized is I'm getting older and my memory is getting worse (or student's names are just getting harder to remember)! With approximately 160 students a year, plus 110 football players as well as many baseball players I coach, remembering names each year gets more difficult and takes longer and longer.



## **What is something about you that not many people know?**

I would say my wife and life experiences taught me how to be a suburbanite, but that's not how I was raised. I grew up on a family farm, helping the family with daily chores where we raised hogs, steers, and sometimes chickens, as well as farmed over 100 acres of crops. Every day after school, my brother and I fed all the livestock and scraped hog pens. In elementary school, my regular response to "What did you do over the weekend?" was always focused on spending Saturday cleaning manure out of hog pens and going to church on Sunday. Hard work was learned at a young age and something I try to pass on to my kids and students.



## **What is your favorite hobby?**

Sports would probably be considered my top hobby in some shape or form, especially anything to do with the Cincinnati Reds, Cincinnati Bengals, or the University of Kentucky, but spending time at the lake or hanging out with friends and family is also my favorite ways to spend my time.

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

My wife turned me into a cruiser and world traveler, so I'm pretty open, but it has to be warm. I'm told I have to visit Costa Rica and Turks and Caicos, so those are definitely a couple of places I want to see.

## **Are you currently binge-watching any shows?**

I never really got into binge-watching shows. I'll watch sports if I have a chance, but watching HGTV shows a few times a week is about as close to binge-watching as I get. I do like to watch movies, but find myself watching the same ones multiple times.

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

My first thought was pizza, but I think I could eat some type of buffalo chicken every day... wings, pizza, wraps, sandwiches, and salads...just the right amount of spice.



## **What's one item you cannot live without?**

Ketchup and ranch! I can put ketchup on many, many things and ranch to cool down the buffalo sauce.

## **Would you like to share anything about your family?**

As many around Maple Creek know, I lost the love of my life, Connie, to a battle with cancer coming up on 2 years this fall. Life is different, to say the least, but my kids, teaching, and coaching keep me busy. I've gotten really involved with the Fellowship of Christian Athletes as a coach for the FCA Indiana FINS baseball team, where I have the chance to coach baseball, spend time with Ryker and other great boys, and help them and myself grow in our faith. My daughter Savannah is a junior at Ball State and is a joy to watch mature, as she learns that adulting isn't as fun as it may look. She's learning that bills can quickly add up and even when you have insurance, medical bills are expensive. My son Ryker is a 7th grader at Maple Creek with me and has done well in this new life we've been dealt. We obviously spend a lot of time together at school and through the multiple teams I coach.

As for me, we'll see what God has planned... maybe I'll be the next Bachelor 😊



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# Supporting Our School

The PTO recently purchased a  
DreamGYM Hammock Swing Chair  
for Maple Creek's RISE students.



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