

FEBRUARY 2020

MACOMB JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL

www.macomb185.org 1525 South Johnson Macomb, IL 61455

Dana Isackson, Principal

Dear Macomb Jr. High Students and Parents,

Things are buzzing in the Jr. High School! Third Quarter started January 13, and will end on March 20, 2020. Mid-term of the third quarter is February 13, 2020. Students are working hard in classes with teachers challenging students at their performance level. It is a busy time of year with most of our extra-curricular and activities in season: Boys basketball, Volleyball, Wrestling, Scholastic Bowl, Science Olympiad, Band and Choir Contests, Newspaper, and more. Track will be starting soon.

Students in middle level grades are at an exciting time in their life. Some are in transition going from being a older child to a young adult. They experience changes socially, emotionally, and academically. Our PBIS (Positive Behavioral Interventions & Supports) is one of the supports we have in place for our students. PBIS recognizes and rewards students for making good choices and meeting expectations. Expectations are identified in our SOAR posters. S = Safe, O = Organized, A = Academic, and R = Respectful. Our SOAR poster defines expectation and is printed in this Newsletter. Take a look!

Thanks to parents who completed the State's 5Essential Survey that was pushed out to you by my secretary, Mrs. Rita Dorethy. Your child received a prize if you filled out the Survey. We are eager to read the results of the Survey completed by students, parents, and staff. Survey results will help us fine tune our School Improvement Plans.

Students were recognized at our Awards Assembly on February 3, for seventh grade and on February 5, for eighth grade. We hold two Awards Assemblies during the year at the end of first semester and end of second semester. We recognize students for their successes and accomplishments. Awards Assemblies are held during the day, except for the second semester eighth grade Awards Assembly. It is held in the evening, so families and friends can attend to see Promotion Certificates given out to eighth graders who will advance to high school. Eighth grade Promotion is scheduled for Wednesday, May 20, at 6:00 p.m. Congratulations to Quintin Danner and Corda Atkins-Covert who were the winners of this year's Jr. High Spelling Bee. Eliza Bernards was the alternate winner. Quintin and Corda will advance to the Regional Spelling Bee held in Bushnell-Prairie City on February 13, 2020. Eliza will take their place if for some reason one of them cannot participate on February 13. Eighth grade.....second semester of students' eighth grade year can impact a student's Driver's Education class. In the Jr. High Student Handbook on p. 19-20, requirements are listed. Points relate to grades in previous semesters (for some, it is 8th grade), truancy, and discipline. The Jr. High and High School Handbooks are on our District website. If your child is scheduled to have Driver's Education in their Freshman year, it is advised parents review the requirements.

The second semester is busy with field trips, testing, and PBIS incentives. We encourage students to meet expectations, so they can participate in the incentives and field trips.

Stay warm during the winter weeks ahead!

Sincerely,
Dana Isackson, Macomb Junior High Principal

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MESSAGE FROM PRINCIPAL

SCHEDULES

GENERAL INFORMATION

SPECIAL EVENTS

INFORMATION

OFFICE HOURS & PHONE NUMBERS

**Macomb Junior High
School Office 833-
2074 (Grades 7-8) 7:30
a.m. - 3:30 p.m.**

**Attendance Office 833-
2484 (Grades 7-12) 7:30
a.m. - 3:30 p.m.**

SAFE—

Classroom

- Keep hands and feet to yourself
- Keep aisle clear

Hallways

- Completely close your locker and keep it locked
- Keep your combination to yourself
- Keep all purses and bags in locker

ORGANIZED—

Classroom

- Keep your property close and take it with you
- Bring materials to class (Text, pencil, homework)
- Devices must be out of sight unless needed for instruction

Hallways

- Have things put away neatly so you can access them
- Devices should be out of sight

ACADEMIC—

Classroom

- Be seated when class starts
- Turn in homework on time
- Follow handbook procedures
- Do your own work

Hallways

- Take care of your books and materials
- Keep only your books in your locker

RESPECTFUL—

Classroom

- Use polite words
- Participate appropriately
- Noise level 0 during instruction

Hallways

- Treat your locker with care
- Close lockers quietly

2019-2020 Daily Schedule

DAILY SCHEDULE

Announcements... . 8:00 - 8:05 a.m.

1st HOUR.....8:00-8:43

2nd HOUR..... 8:46-9:29

3rd HOUR.....9:32-10:15

4th HOUR..... 10:18-11:01

5th LUNCH..... 11:04-11:39

ADVISORY.... 11:42-11:57

6th HOUR.....12:00-12:42

7th HOUR.....12:45-1:27

8th HOUR.....1:30-2:12

9th HOUR..... 2:15-3:00

MJH SIP SCHEDULE

7th & 8th Grade

2017-2018 School Year

Announcements... . 8:00 - 8:05 a.m.

1st HOUR.....8:00-8:23

2nd HOUR..... 8:26-8:49

3rd HOUR.....8:52-9:15

4th HOUR..... 9:18-9:41

6th HOUR..... 9:44-10:07

7th HOUR.....10:10-10:33

8th HOUR.....10:36-10:59

5th LUNCH.....11:02-11:34

9th HOUR..... 11:37-12:00

WINTER WEATHER INFORMATION

Please listen to the following radio/tv stations for a school cancellation report:

WJEQ-FM 102.7, WKAI FM 100.0, WIUM FM 91.3, KHQA-TV AND

WGEM-TV. If the weather becomes questionable during the day, please listen to your radio for cancellation of school, games or practices.

Please do not call the school. Please have a plan in place for your child in case of early dismissal. Skylert will also notify you by phone. Please keep your phone number updated.



Athletic Registration Online

Athletic registration is on line this school year. (no more athletic paperwork except for the physical form.) This is a program that quickly, easily and automatically displays athletic registration and athletic events. A completed current physical form is still required before the first day of practice. Turn the physical form into the MJH/SR high school athletic office.

Go to www.macomb185.org

Click on Athletics Page

Click on Athletics 2000

Note: Public Act 94-99 requires all schools to notify parents that information about area sex offenders is available to the public. The following link will allow you to access that information.

<http://www.isp.state.il.us/sor/contactsor/cfm>

HANDBOOK/SAB/HALL PASS

All 7th and 8th graders received a student assignment book (SAB) that contains the MJH Student Handbook and Writing Manual. The Student Handbook section contains rules, regulations, and procedures that are followed on a daily basis. Board policies are referenced. The Writing Manual is used by Jr. High Language Arts teachers.

The SAB also serves as each student's hall pass. Students are responsible to keep their SAB with them at all times, except lunch and PE. Staff value the SAB as a useful organizational tool serving multiple purposes.

We encourage parents to review their child's SAB. The Handbook portion is comprehensive in providing details related to rules and procedures.

The SAB is provided COST FREE to each student. IF they lose it, however, replacement cost is \$10.00 each. Reminder... it is their hall pass. They need their SAB's all year long.

ELIGIBILITY

Eligibility is impacted by academic grades and citizenship. Students failing a class are ineligible to play sports, participate in the play, etc. Students participating in athletics/activities will receive a weekly citizenship grade. Those receiving a "1" or two "2"s will be ineligible to participate the next week. Please encourage your child to channel their energy in a positive way at school.

TELEPHONE CALLS

We encourage parents and children to communicate before he/she arrives at school. This provides a sense of security for students throughout the day. They know what's going on with family.

Please limit phone messages to emergencies, if possible. If a student needs to make a call during the school day, they should report to the Jr. High Office. A phone log is maintained. The office phone is not for making plans with friends. The main office closes at 4:00 p.m.

CHANGE OF ADDRESS???

Please notify us of any changes regarding:

- Home address
- Employer information
- Home/work/cell phone numbers ☐
Emergency contacts

Family Access is available for you to view various students data such as attendance, grades, emergency contacts, food service summaries and other similar types of information.

Please keep your account updated.

ATTENDANCE/PASSES/BUS PASS

If your child is absent from school any portion of the day, the parent/guardian must notify the school by 9:00 a.m. A parent may call the office any time before 7:30 a.m. and leave a message on the answering machine. After 7:30 a.m., please call and speak with office personnel.

If a child is absent and no notification from the parent has been made, a reasonable effort by the school to notify the parent will be made. **A parental note is required on the next date of attendance. This is in addition to the contact made between the parent and school on the day of the absence.** The note should be submitted to the Attendance office or Jr. High office before the student begins classes. The Attendance office or Jr. High office will issue a pass to reenter class.

If your child has an appointment during the school day, please send a note to school with the student. The student should bring the note to the Jr. High office and a pass to leave class will be written.

Bus drivers try to ensure safety for all students on the bus. Limiting numbers of riders is necessary to ensure safety. Therefore, if a student needs a bus pass, the student must have a signed note from the parent. We cannot accept phone calls. A written request with the parent/guardian signature is required for a bus pass.

Phone Calls/ Items Brought to School

The office is receiving many NON-EMERGENCY phone calls from parents/guardians requesting that a message be taken to their child during the school day. This is causing instruction to be interrupted in the classroom. Please make arrangements with your child **before** or **after** school.

Regarding items brought to the school during the school day – the students are responsible to check in the Office for these items. The items will not be taken to the students, because instruction is interrupted in the classroom.

8th Grade — Driver Education Information

Macomb Senior High School recognizes that operating a motor vehicle correctly is a major responsibility, which should not be taken lightly. In light of the maturity and wisdom required to safely operate a motor vehicle and in light of the fact that the state mandates a high rate of attendance when a student is enrolled in Driver Education classes (30 clock hours in classroom instruction-normally completed in one quarter), Macomb Senior High School will adhere to the following guidelines when assigning its students into Driver Education classes:

When a high school student meets the legal age requirements as identified in the Illinois School Code 27-24.2, he/she will be scheduled into driver education by age (oldest first) if:

1. The student has passed at least eight academic classes the previous two semesters and four academic classes the semester prior to enrolling in a Driver Education course.
2. The student has not been truant more than one time for the two quarters prior to Driver Education.
3. The student has not been disciplined for more than a total of two Level I and II infractions for the two quarters prior to Driver Education.
4. The student has not been disciplined for any Level III infraction for the two quarters prior to Driver Education.
5. The attendance and behavior expectations must be maintained during enrollment in Driver Education courses.

(Refer to page 19/20 of the Jr. High handbook)

Medication Reminder

All medications must be kept in the original container and kept in the infirmary. The student is not to have medication in their possession. Please send Tylenol; ibuprofen; cold or allergy medicine with your child to be taken to the infirmary along with the medication approval form.

**PLEASE REMIND YOUR CHILD TO CHECK THE LOST AND FOUND IN THE COMMONS.
THERE IS A GROWING NUMBER OF ITEMS EACH DAY**

Kindergarten Registration

Tuesday, March 17 or Wednesday, March 18

6:00 p.m.

(You only need to attend one evening)

LINCOLN SCHOOL CAFETERIA

315 North Bonham Street

Macomb, IL

Who should attend?? *Parents/Guardians* of children who will be 5 years old on or before September 1, 2020. Children need not attend the registration.

Please bring the following to register your child:

☐ \$60.00 Registration fee + \$20.00 Technology Fee

(Fees may be paid at registration, at a later date, or set up on a payment plan.)

☐ Required Documents:

- Certified or registered birth certificate for each child
- Custodial Guardianship papers (copy, if applicable)
- Photo ID of registrant

☐ Proof of Residency: (Only students who are new to the district must provide proof of residency)

One of the following documents is required for proof of residency

- Mortgage papers (homeowners)
- Signed and dated lease and proof of last month's payment

One of the following documents showing proper address is required

- Current public aid card/insurance card
- Current homeowners/renters' insurance and premium payment receipt
- Most recent cable, internet, gas, electric or water bill
- Vehicle/Voter Registration

Call Lincoln Elementary School with any questions, at 309-833-2095

Monday, March 9—Friday, March 13, No School, Spring Vacation
Friday, April 10 & Monday, April 13, No School, Spring Break

♪ Macomb Junior High School Choral Department ♪

♪♪♪ FEBRUARY NEWSLETTER ♪♪♪

♪ Dessert Auction/Pops Concert Information- Tuesday, February 11, 2020

The Dessert Auction/Pops concert is Tuesday, February 11th in the MHS Commons from 5:30 – 8:00 p.m. This is the required concert grade for the third quarter for the 6-12th grade choral students. This is the only concert where students are dismissed after they perform, though they are welcome to sit with an adult and enjoy the rest of the evening when they are done singing. Admission for the event is free; however, we hope that you are generous in your bidding for these prized pies and desserts.

Refreshments

We will be selling a variety of refreshments at the event so that you have the opportunity to eat dinner at the auction.

Dessert Auction Performing Order and Call Times
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Choir	Call time	Performance Time
7th grade Choir	5:50pm (near risers in Commons)	6:00-6:30pm
8th grade Choir	6:20pm (near risers in Commons)	6:30-7:00pm

Uniform for the Auction

Dress for the concert performers is as follows:

Junior High School Students – Macomb Music Shirts and jeans.

Parking

We are asking all 7th and 8th grade parents to park in the West Lot and enter through the commons.

We hope to see you all at the Macomb High School Commons on Tuesday, February 11th for the auction!



♪ Upcoming Events: ♪

DATE	EVENT
Tuesday, Feb. 11, 2020	6-12 Grade Pops Concert/Dessert Auction *REQUIRED 5:30-8:00 pm MJSHS Commons
Saturday, Feb. 22, 2020	IGSMA Solo/Ensemble Contest Optional for 7 th and 8 th grade choir and band students Place: Quincy/Time: All Day
Saturday, March 21, 2020	Optional Choir Trip to St. Louis to see “Charlie and the Chocolate Factory” Place: St. Louis Fox Theatre/ Time: All Day
Friday, March 27, 2020	WIU Junior High Honor Choir Festival (9:00-4:00 pm WIU) Selected students in 7 th and 8 th grade
Friday, May 1, 2020	IESA Organization Contest *Required of all 7th and 8th grade choir and band students Hosted by Macomb- afternoon/early evening
Monday, May 4, 2020	Seventh and Eighth Grade Spring Choral Concert 7:00 pm Fellheimer Auditorium *Required of 7 th and 8 th grade students

For event information and a calendar of events, please visit: www.macombchoirs.org

*IT'S TIME TO ORDER YOUR
COPY OF THE MACOMB JUNIOR
HIGH
YEARBOOK 2018
COST--- \$30.00*

*You can order your yearbook through the Josten's website. Shop the Macomb Junior High School and select yearbook. The yearbook is \$30.00. If you want to use a debit or credit card, you must order from the Josten's website. **Optional** other features are available only on the website for an additional charge.*

The students may use the money in their lunch account to purchase items from the snack shack. Free and Reduced accounts have been checked for all the correct paperwork. If your status was changed in error please call **837-2335**. In order to have registration fees waived your status must be approved for "free" and a waiver for registration fees must be completed.

Macomb School District #185 uses family accounts in their Food Service Department. This means each family has one single account. Every child in your family will use this same account. You can send one payment and it goes onto the family account for all of your children to use. We also have family access available to any family with a child in kindergarten or above. You need to pick up your family access password in the school office. You can get onto any computer with Internet access and see what your child/children have charged on the account. Anyone interested should contact the office for more information. If you have any questions or concerns please feel free to contact the Aramark staff at 837-2335. Office hours are Monday thru Friday- 8:30 am to 3:30 pm.

HOME OF THE BOMBERS

Educational Foundation Coupon: Good for \$2.50 OFF your purchase of \$25.00 or more. Two coupons may be used on purchases over \$50.... Maximum 2 coupons per visit at the following Macomb Merchants:

****HY-VEE** FARM KING** JACKSON STREET MARKET****

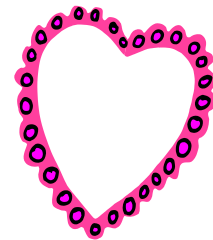
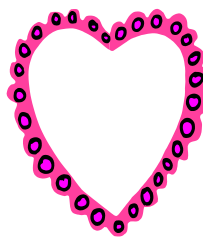
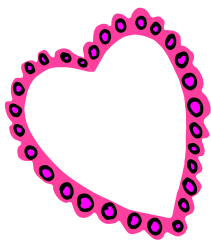
****BROWN'S SHOE FIT** NELSON'S CLOTHING****

****NO PLACE LIKE HOME** NOSTALGIA ON THE SQUARE****

****PRINCESS SHOPPE** SHOE SENSATION****

\$30.00 Value for only a \$20.00 Donation

COUPON GOOD... AUGUST 1, 2019 THROUGH JULY 31, 2020



Skyward Email Notifications

Skyward Family Access allows parents/guardians to receive attendance, grade, progress reports and food service balance notifications. To subscribe to Email notifications:

- Go to www.macomb185.org and click on the Skyward Icon.
- Click on the **My Account** link in the top right corner.
- Your **Account Settings** page will appear.
- Under **Email Notifications**, you can check or uncheck the notifications you would like to receive and set the frequency.
- Click **Save** when done.
- **Please Note:** Notifications that you can subscribe to are dependent upon which school the student attends. Example: MacArthur and Lincoln only have the option to receive attendance and food service balance notifications

The screenshot shows the Skyward Family Access interface. At the top, there is a navigation bar with the Skyward logo, the text "Family Access", a student name placeholder "STUDENT NAME HERE", and a "My Account" link. Below the navigation bar is a sidebar menu on the left with options like Home, Calendar, Dashboard, Attendance, Student Info, Schedule, Discipline, Test Scores, Graduation Requirements, Academic Profile, Report Cards / Assignments, and Audit Info. The main content area is titled "Account Settings" and contains various input fields for contact information, including Home Email, School Email, Phone, Cell, Fax, Family Access Login, Password, Street Number, Street Dir, Street Name, Address (waiting Address), Address 2, Zip Code, P.O. Box, City/State (pre-filled with "SPRINGVILLE, AL"), and County. A red box highlights the "Email Notifications" section, which includes the following options:
 Receive Daily Attendance Notifications for my student(s) by:
 Email Text Message Email and Text Message
 Receive Progress Report Emails for my student(s) by:
 Daily Weekly (every 5 business days) Monthly (at the end of each month)