

# IMPORTANT DATES

Please find below a list of some important events coming up for the 2017-18 school year at Mt. Zion Middle School.

May 25<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup> ---Art Camp 9-11 (See Flyer)

June 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> ----STEM Camp 9:30-3:00 pm (See Flyer)

June 8<sup>th</sup>---MZMS Leadership Team School Improvement and Title I Planning Meeting (Anyone is welcome to come help with planning for next year)

August 1<sup>st</sup> --- Annual Title I Parent Engagement/Involvement Meeting 10:00 am- 11:00 am

August 1<sup>st</sup> ----Annual Title I School Improvement Meeting 11:00-12:00

August 1<sup>st</sup>---Business Day at MZMS 1:00-5:00

August 1<sup>st</sup>—Softball and Football Practice Starts (See Coaches)

August 2<sup>nd</sup>---- First Day of School

August 10<sup>th</sup>---Meet and Greet at MZMS 6:00 pm (Open House)

August 15<sup>th</sup>---Mt. Zion Cluster Celebration Night 7:00 pm at Mt. Zion Elementary School

# STAY CONNECTED

For the most up to date information, please visit our website and/or Social Media pages:

[www.mzm.carrollcountyschools.com](http://www.mzm.carrollcountyschools.com)

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/MZMSEagles>

Twitter: @mtzionmiddleschool

*A link to all of these pages will be on our school website should you need them.*

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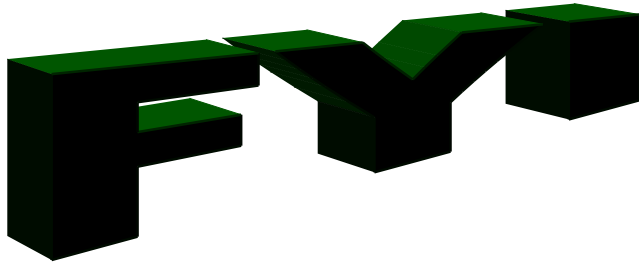
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# Volunteers

**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!!!** We love community and parent volunteers at MZMS. Please sign up with Mrs. Nikki Purvis by emailing her at [mzmppe@gmail.com](mailto:mzmppe@gmail.com) . Visit the Mt. Zion Parent Partners in Education Facebook page for information and opportunities.

We appreciate what our current business partners do for our school, however, we are in need of more. If you own a business or if you work for a business that would like to donate money, goods, or volunteer time to work at the school, please contact Connie Robison at [connie.robison@carrollcountyschools.com](mailto:connie.robison@carrollcountyschools.com). Business partners provide valuable resources to our students.



**ATHLETICS:** There is no fee associated with playing middle school sports. All students in grades 6-8 are encouraged to try out for middle school teams. Playing time is not guaranteed in any middle school sport but the experience of practicing and playing at the middle school level is invaluable. **All students must have a physical before trying out or participating in middle school athletics.**

**NEED ACADEMIC HELP?? JOIN THE MZMS BREAKFAST CLUB**

**What is Breakfast Club?** A tutoring program for all students

**What time does it start and end?** 7:30-8:05 am

**Who should attend?** Any student who is struggling academically or who would like to extend their learning. It may be used for short periods of time or longer periods of time based on student needs as determined by teachers, parents, and students.

**DAYS?** Monday=Science BC Tuesday: Math BC Wednesday=ELA BC Thursday: Social Studies BC

**What about breakfast?** Your student can still go to the cafeteria and get a grab and go breakfast to take to Breakfast Club.

**STEM Opportunities:**

MZMS is in the process of exploring ways to incorporate a STEM certified program within our school. Currently, we plan to offer several different STEM opportunities for students:

Afterschool Robotics Competition (Application Only See Mrs. Heather Morse)

Design and Critical Thinking Class for 6<sup>th</sup> graders during connections

Programming and App Design (7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup>)

Introduction into Computer Science (8<sup>th</sup> grade only for High School Credit) (Proposed for 2017-18)

Summer STEM camp

# School begins.....

***School start time is 8:10. Dismissal time is 3:20. Students may sign themselves in at the front office if they arrive after 8:10.***

**Students may be dropped off at 7:30 am. Pick up time is 3:20 pm. Parent drop off and pick up is in the bottom parking lot. Please be patient and wait in line. Please do not park and have your student come to the car. We want to make sure we ensure your child as well as other children's safety.**

This Bell Schedule may be adjusted to meet class needs. Please check our website closer to the beginning of school for the finalized Bell Schedule.

<b>TENATIVE MZMS BELL SCHEDULE 2017-18</b>	
7:30-8:10	Breakfast Club—Tutoring Monday-Science Tuesday-Math Wednesday-ELA Thursday-Social Studies
1 <sup>st</sup>	8:10-9:10
2 <sup>nd</sup>	9:10-10:10
3 <sup>rd</sup>	10:10-11:05
4 <sup>th</sup> Lunch	11:05-12:25 Lunch Times TBD
5 <sup>th</sup>	12:25-1:20
6 <sup>th</sup>	1:20-2:20
7 <sup>th</sup>	2:20-3:20

# CONNECTIONS

Middle School Students are scheduled into Connections which are similar to electives. Schedules are based on student interest, class space, and student need. During the first week of school, students will have opportunities to adjust their connections classes unless they have been assigned to a Math or Reading Connections which are designed to help students meet grade level academic standards. Below is a list of possible Connection Classes for the 2017-18 school year:

Band (Full Year)

Art (Semester)

PE (Semester)

Math/Reading Connections (Full Year)

Business and Computer (Semester)

Inventions and Innovations (TBD)

Beginning Weight Training (Athletes only Full Year)

Chorus/Garage Band (Possible depending on Band Numbers)

# BYOT

Bring Your Own Technology—Mt. Zion Middle School is a one to one school in regards to technology. While we recognize that students may need personal devices for afterschool activities, they do not need them during instructional time. All cell phones should be turned off and placed in book bags, pocketbooks, or lockers. At no time should a student have them out during the instructional day unless specifically instructed to do so by an adult in the building. Any student who has an electronic device out or is using them during the day will have that device taken up. On the first offense it will be returned at the end of the day. Offenses after that will require a parent or guardian to come to the school to pick the device up. Continued disregard of the rules will result in more severe discipline consequences.

Social Media creates quite a bit of drama for middle school students. Students are not allowed on any social media during the school day. We are not able to control what students put on social media after school hours, however, if it affects the orderly operation of school, it may be handled with a school punishment. Otherwise, we encourage parents to monitor this at home and take appropriate actions.