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# LION'S DEN

## A note from Mrs. Sturgill

Welcome back Lions!

I am excited to begin the 2025-2026 school year and that you are a part of MCCS! Our theme for the year is **He is worthy of our praise** and our verses for the year are

*Psalm 86:11-12*

*Teach me thy way, O LORD; I will walk in thy truth: unite my heart to fear thy name. I will praise thee, O Lord my God, with all my heart: and I will glorify thy name for evermore.*

Last year our focus was on the importance of scripture and the focus this year is a direct result of that - as we learn more about God, we see that He is truly worthy of our praise!!! I love how the Lord orchestrates things and uses each of us to accomplish His will so that He can be glorified. As we begin a new school year, the staff is excited to work with your children and families as we provide a biblical education at MCCS!!!

### How to stay updated:

- join our Remind App class
- read the weekly email from Mrs. Regina
- watch the Mane Minutes videos
- read the Lion's Den enewsletter
- check out the **MCCS YouTube channel**

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### Back to School Info

- **Open House** will be held on Monday, August 11th from 3:30 to 6:30 pm. **All parents will be required to attend one of the welcome meetings with administration that will be held at 4pm, 5pm, and 6pm.**
- Wednesday, August 13th is the **1st Day of School!!!** Please follow the designated carline pattern and share it with friends/family who will pick up/drop off your child.
- Please contact the office if you have questions about your child's schedule or cannot access your PraxiSchool portal.



## Welcome New Families!

Please join us for Coffee at the Creek on **Wednesday, August 20th at 8 am in the cafeteria**. We will have coffee, pastries, and time to meet the school administration team.

## 2025–2026 Staff Updates

**Sarah Ellis** - PK2 Teacher

**Megan Myers** - PK2 Teacher's Assistant

**Cindy Holloway** - PK3 Teacher

**Stockton Richardson** - 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade Assistant

**Will Huffman** - 3<sup>rd</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> Assistant

**Ray Welborn** - MS Sci/SS/Bible Teacher

**Meah Jones** - MS Assistant

**Kaylene Burcham** - Educational Therapy Teacher

## School Administration Team

**Joey Ortiz**

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## Important Dates in August

- **August 19 (Tuesday)**
  - **Senior Pictures**
  - **School Pictures**
- **August 20 (Wednesday)**
  - **Fall Sports Pictures** (after school)
- **August 21 (Thursday)**
  - **Back to School Bash** during the school day
  - concession available for purchase and field games



- **August 27-28 (Wednesday & Thursday)**
  - **snack cart begins**
  - K5-5th weekly on Wednesdays
  - 6th-8<sup>th</sup> weekly on Thursdays

## Upcoming Events

- **Catered School Lunches** begin Tuesday. September 2<sup>nd</sup> (pre-order the final week of August via your Praxi School account)
- **Clubs** begin Friday, September 5th for 3rd-12th grades (final hour of school)
- **Muffins with Grands** will be held September 8th-11th (sign up info will be sent via email) \*limited seating\*
- **Veteran's Day Program**, November 7th
- **Christmas Concerts**, December 12th (during the school day)

## Why do we have fundraisers?

MCCS is a ministry of Millers Creek Baptist Church and is a non-profit religious educational institute. MCBC provides the current educational facility and utilities but our annual budget (operational costs, salaries, and instructional materials) are financed solely through tuition and fees. Your participation in fundraisers (buying or selling) throughout the year provides additional funds that are used to enhance our facilities, athletic, and academic programs. This year, the board has designated these funds to the following improvements:

- resurfacing the elementary outdoor picnic area
- PK playground surfacing maintenance
- updating cabinetry in the middle and high school classrooms
- math instructional materials for PK-HS

## Gym Building Project

MCCS purchased the Methodist Church property on Boone Trail in May 2024. This property will be the future site of our regulation size gymnasium and auditorium (short-term) and K5-8th grade educational building (long-term). Additional information will be shared at Open House and throughout the year concerning fundraising for this project.

[\\*check out the renderings\\*](#)

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## 2025-2026 Fundraisers

- **Wednesday Snack Cart**
  - students can purchase one snack and one drink
  - each item is \$1
- **Quarterly Bingo Nights** in the cafeteria will kick off on September 27th
- **Monthly Boxed Lunches** (prepared by PTF) will begin on September 18<sup>th</sup> with 3 soft tacos and Mexican style rice
- **Pickleball Tournament** will be held on March 28th (sign up info will be sent via email)

## Upcoming Athletic Events



### Volleyball Games

- **August**
  - **25th vs. Statesville Christian (MS, V)**
  - 28<sup>th</sup> @ Judah Christian Academy (MS, V)
- **September**
  - **2nd vs. Asheboro Hybrid (MS, V)**
  - 4<sup>th</sup> @ Sheets Memorial (MS, V)
  - **5th vs. Triad Baptist (V)**
  - 9<sup>th</sup> @ Heritage Christian (V)
  - 11<sup>th</sup> @ Cornerstone (MS, V)
  - 16<sup>th</sup> @ Statesville Christian (MS, V)
  - **18th vs. University Christian (V)**
  - 26<sup>th</sup> @ Asheboro Hybrid (MS, V)
  - **30th vs. Judah Christian Academy (MS, V)**