

Mount Carmel Junior High School

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School Board Report

April 16, 2018

PARCC Testing

PARCC testing for the 7th and 8th grade students went well during the week of March 26th. Technology worked well, so thanks to Kevin Smith and Tim Wachs for all of their work leading up to testing. MCJHS expects to have preliminary results back this summer and final results in the fall.

School Improvement

Peer Study groups will be finishing their work on their selected topics and will be presenting this information during the April Teacher Institute Day.

Parent/Teacher Conferences

Parent/Teacher Conferences were held on March 20th and 22nd. This year, we gave the parents the option of having a student led conference or a traditional parent/teacher conference. While there are many benefits to student led conferences, we felt it would be nice to allow parents the option. If parents were unable to attend either day, they can schedule an alternate conference with the grade level team. In addition, teachers also sent home the student led conference forms if parents were unable to attend. In total, 45 conferences (20%) were held, which is a decrease from last year at this time.

Crisis Drill - Active Shooter Drill

MCJHS and MCHS will participate in an active shooter training drill on April 27th. For this year's training, students will not be included due to some revisions in our plan.

Spring Concert

Our music department has been working very hard to prepare for our annual spring concert on Thursday, May 10th. The concert will feature our 5th – 8th grade bands as well as our 6th – 8th grade chorus groups. Feel free to attend to hear some great musical performances.

Staff Appreciation Week

The junior high school will be celebrating Staff Appreciation Week during the week of May 7th – 11th. Every staff member pours their heart out for kids and this is just one simple way we can thank them for all they do. I encourage all of our community members during this week to thank at least one special teacher who touched their lives.

Annual Awards Ceremony

MCJHS will be holding their annual Awards Ceremony on Thursday, May 31st in the morning. This is a great way to finish out the school year by recognizing the outstanding accomplishments of our students. Parents, school board members, and community members are invited to help us celebrate those accomplishments.

Extra & Co-curricular

Our Scholastic Bowl team has been doing well and will conclude their season at the end of April. Track is in full swing and had their first meet on April 3rd. For a complete listing of meets, visit the MCJHS website at

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Upcoming Dates:

4/16	School Board Meeting
4/17	ISA Testing
4/20	4 th Quarter Mid Term
4/25	Administrative Professional Luncheon
4/26	School Improvement - 3 Hour Early Dismissal
4/26	WCTA & WCEA Retirement Tea
4/27	Teacher Institute Day – No School for Students
4/30	Admin Meeting
5/7-5/11	Staff Appreciation Week
5/10	Spring Music Concert
5/11	End of the Year Dance
5/14	School Board Meeting