

# MACINTYRE PARK MIDDLE SCHOOL

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## A Message From the Principal

A review of the current grading weight categories has led us to inform parents of the upcoming changes to take place beginning in the 2<sup>nd</sup> semester, January 2018. The current weight categories are as follows:

- Tests/Assessments = 30%
- Projects/Assignments = 20%
- Quizzes = 20%
- Benchmarks = 20%
- Homework/Class Participation = 10%

Beginning January 2018, the **new grading weight categories** will be as follows:

- Daily Assignments/Homework = 40%
- Tests, Quizzes, Projects, Essays = 40%
- Benchmarks = 20%

The rationale for changing the grading weight categories is for grading practices to be more reflective of the instruction and students' work during the 9 weeks. The staff at MPMS believes the new weight categories will allow assignments to be more equally balanced in the average of the final grade for students.

If you have any questions or concerns regarding the new grading weight categories, please feel free to contact Mrs. Tina McBride, Principal, at (229)225-2628 or [mcbridet@tcitys.org](mailto:mcbridet@tcitys.org).

## WHAT'S HAPPENING THIS MONTH

- NOW ~ Coat Drive
- Dec. 11<sup>th</sup> @ 7 PM ~ Strings Winter Concert
- Dec. 15<sup>th</sup> ~ Spelling Bee Competition
- Dec. 16<sup>th</sup> @ 6:30-9:00 PM – Winter Social Dance
- Dec. 18<sup>th</sup> ~ Reading/ELA Benchmark Exams
- Dec. 19<sup>th</sup> ~ Math Benchmark Exams
- Dec. 20<sup>th</sup> – Science Benchmark Exams
- Dec. 21<sup>st</sup> ~ Social Studies Benchmark Exams
- Dec. 22<sup>nd</sup>-Jan. 4<sup>th</sup> ~ Winter Holidays
- Jan. 5<sup>th</sup> ~ Teacher Workday/Student Holiday



Mark  
Your  
Calendar  
UPCOMING EVENTS

### School Spotlight



## COAT DRIVE



*Your spare coats can provide vital warmth for someone in need in our local community.* MPMS is sponsoring a coat drive from now until December 21<sup>st</sup>. All contributions will be donated to our local Rescue Mission. Donations may be dropped off at the front desk.

**Chandler's**  
Teacher & Student of the Month

**Teacher of the Month**

Mrs. Kristen Strausser

**Student of the Month**

Annah Brinson



## Academic Bowl Teams

Thomas University Pre-College Programs (TUPCP) middle school students attended the Georgia Association of Special Programs Personnel (GASPP) 17th Annual Student Initiative Leadership at Savannah State University, Savannah, Ga. The

students participated in both the Academic Bowl and the Essay writing competitions. TUPCP featured 2 Academic Bowl Teams (1 & 2) that competed against UGA and Alpha Phi Alpha TRIO programs. TU Team 1 took 1st place overall which included a sweep of all 3 components of the event (Spelling, Written Exam and Super Quiz Bowl) and had individual awards in Spelling and Written Exam. MPMS students that were a part of Team 1 were *Amani Curry, Oxzavier Rivers, Luther Marable, Gabriel Duncan, and Shania Anderson.*

Team 2 took 3 place overall and 2nd place spelling with an individual award in Spelling 3rd place. TU also represented well in the Essay competition taking 1st place. TUPCP will represent Georgia in the Southeastern Association of Educational Opportunity Program Personnel (SAEOPP) Regional Academic Bowl Competition in early spring 2018. MPMS students that were a part of Team 2 were *La'Tiya Crumbry, Chyna Scott, Erykah Baker, and Gabrielle Kerbo.*

## PRE-COLLEGE PROGRAM



Some of the services for middle school students consist of, but not limited to:

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Afterschool tutorials</li> <li>• Academic advisement</li> <li>• Computerized career exploration</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Cultural enrichment activities</li> <li>• Introduction to area colleges</li> </ul> |
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## ATHLETIC EVENTS

- Dec. 4<sup>th</sup> @ 4:30 PM – 7<sup>th</sup> grade basketball @ Bainbridge
- Dec. 5<sup>th</sup> @ 4:30 PM – 7<sup>th</sup> grade basketball vs Berrien
- Dec. 7<sup>th</sup> @ 4:30 PM – 8<sup>th</sup> grade basketball vs. Pelham
- Dec. 8<sup>th</sup> – MPMS Dive Team @ Marist
- Dec. 11<sup>th</sup> @ 4:00 PM – 7<sup>th</sup> grade basketball vs. TCMS
- Dec. 13<sup>th</sup> @ 4:30 PM – 8<sup>th</sup> grade basketball @ Bainbridge
- Dec. 16<sup>th</sup> @ 11:00 AM – 7<sup>th</sup> grade basketball vs. Colquitt Co.
- Dec. 18<sup>th</sup> @ 4:30 PM – 7<sup>th</sup> grade basketball vs. Bainbridge
- Dec. 19<sup>th</sup> @ 4:30 PM – 8<sup>th</sup> grade basketball @ Berrien

### MPMS BULLDOG PARTNERS

The Gift Shop

Senator Ellis Black

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ALLEN & ALLEN  
Funeral Home and Crematory

