

R. Max Abbott Middle School Student Handbook ~ 2021-2022



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WELCOME

Welcome to R. Max Abbott Middle School. Our students and staff have established standards of excellence in academic and co-curricular accomplishments. We have high expectations of our students, and we challenge you to set high standards for yourself. **Our Motto this school year: #PantherStrong**

Your success depends on the choices you make and is directly related to your efforts. Invest your time and energy wisely each day, and you will be successful in all you do.

We would like to help each student become an effective, responsible, and productive citizens in our society. Education is a team responsibility, which begins with your family, extends to the school, and encompasses the entire community. Please feel free to contact your child's teacher(s) throughout the year so that together, we are doing all we can to help your child be successful.

The R. Max Abbott Middle School Handbook is prepared to help you develop and accept the responsibilities and obligations of good citizenship in our school and community. Each student and parent is responsible for knowing and understanding this handbook, as well as the Cumberland County Schools Code of Conduct.

Set goals and challenge yourself to excel in academics by completing assignments, homework and by participating in class; in attendance by being here each and every day; in behavior by making good choices and decisions and by treating others with respect; and in co-curricular activities by being involved in your school through the arts, athletics, and academic clubs.

Remember at R. Max Abbott Middle School: ***Teachers teach, students learn, and we are respectful to each other and to our surroundings!***

Make it a GREAT Year!

Naomi Pyle, Principal

Kristen Kelton, Assistant Principal; and Scott Witherow, Assistant Principal

MAMS Vision: Our school is committed to providing a safe and caring environment where teachers will inspire students to be self-driven life-long learners, appreciate diversity, display good character, and become responsible citizens.

MAMS Mission Statement: The mission of R. Max Abbott Middle School is to inspire our students to improve their lives and the world around them.

ASSEMBLIES/AWARDS

Celebrations are held at the end of each grading period to recognize students who have achieved perfect attendance, A and A/B Honor Rolls, and special honors for academics, conduct, and good character. Students are expected to be attentive, respectful of presenters and performers, and to sit in designated sections with their teachers and class. You may show appreciation only through clapping hands. Only students receiving awards will attend the program, students not receiving awards will report to their regularly scheduled elective class during that time.

2021-2022 Scheduled Awards Programs:

1st 9 weeks Awards: Friday, October 29, 2021 in the Gymnasium

2nd 9 weeks Awards: Thursday, January 13, 2022 in the Gymnasium

3rd 9 weeks Awards: Friday, March 25, 2022 in the Gymnasium

4th 9 weeks Awards: Wednesday, May 18, 2022 in the Gymnasium

The 6th grade programs will take place from 10:37-11:22am; the 7th grade programs will take place from 7:37-8:22am; and the 8th grade programs will take place from 1:08-1:53pm.

ACADEMIC ACTIVITIES AND COACHES

Battle of the Books ~ Mr. Craig Wilson, coach

Chess Club ~ Keith Pitchford, advisor

Civic Oration ~ Mrs. Kelli Guyot, advisor

Forensics ~ Ms. Leslie Craig and Mrs. Jennifer Mullen, lead coaches

Yearbook ~ Mrs. Marisa Owen, advisor

Math Counts ~ Mrs. Kim McCullen and Mrs. Jennifer Shaw, coaches

National Junior Honor Society ~ Mrs. Janet Tartaglia, advisor

Spanish Quiz Bowl ~ Mrs. Zelma Lopez, coach

Quiz Bowl Team ~ Mr. Craig Wilson

Science Club ~ Mrs. Dawn Gobrick and Mr. Lance Andrus, advisors

Spelling Bee ~ Mrs. Kelli Guyot, advisor

ATHLETIC REQUIREMENTS

Our athletic program consists of football, baseball, basketball, soccer, track, wrestling, softball, and volleyball. In order to participate in the athletic program students must meet the following guidelines and requirements:

- A student must be in attendance at least 85% of the previous semester or miss no more than 13.5 days of school in one semester to be eligible to participate in athletics the following semester.
- A student must reside in the school district or meet local BOE policy.
- A student must pass at least one less than the number of required core courses each semester.
- Must have a weighted 2.0 GPA or a 70% average or better for the previous semester.
- A physical must be completed and received by the athletic director PRIOR to the first practice-forms are available in the office.
- A student may not turn 15 on or before August 31st of the current school year.
- Voluntary transfer students may not participate in sports for 365 days from the first approved date of the first year of eligibility.
- Student athletes may not attend practice or games on days they are marked absent for the day.
- Any student athlete who is in ISS or suspended from school may not attend practice, play, or attend any school functions on the school campus on those given days. Students with discipline issues are subject to removal from any athletic team.

- All student athletes are to be picked up within 15 minutes after the practice or contest ends or they may be in jeopardy of forfeiting their right to be on the team.

ATTENDANCE POLICY

State law and board policy requires students attend school daily and be present for all classes. Regular and punctual attendance is critical to student success in school. In order to be counted present, all students must be checked in before 10:40 am or checked out after 10:40 am.

In order to be considered in attendance, a student must be present in the school for the school day, or at a place other than the school with the approval of the appropriate school official for the purpose of attending a school activity, which has been officially authorized under the policies of the Board of Education. Such activities may include: field trips, student conventions, musical festivals, or any similarly approved activity. The Cumberland County Board of Education authorizes school principals to record as present those pupils attending school related activities as designated by the Superintendent, providing the pupil's attendance at a school-related activity has prior approval of the principal or the appropriate school official.

Please check for special restrictions under each lawful reason. Documentation will be required for any of the foregoing to be considered lawful. Acceptable documentation can be a doctor's note with the doctor's signature, date, and time of appointment, subpoena, or parent's/guardian's note with student name, date, days of absences, reason for absence and parent's/guardian's signature. Documentation should be given to the homeroom teacher the day the student returns to school after an absence. If the note is not received explaining the absence within 5 days after the student returns to school, the absence will be coded as an **"unlawful"** absence. All other absences not defined above as "lawful" are coded unlawful.

MAMS Attendance Policy Brochure below:

COMPULSORY ATTENDANCE

This brochure includes what every parent should know about school attendance and the law. North Carolina law requires all children who are enrolled in Kindergarten through 12th grade to attend school on a regular basis. When a child misses a day of school the parent/guardian must notify the homeroom teacher in writing within three days of the absence. **TYPES OF ABSENCES**

There are two types of absences: **excused (lawful) and unexcused (unlawful, 2A)**. An absence must fall into one of the following eight categories to be excused:

1. **Illness or Injury (1A):** The student is physically unable to attend school due to an illness or injury.
2. **Quarantine (1D):** The isolation of the student ordered by the health department/board of health or medical physician.
3. **Death in the Family (1C):** The death of an immediate family member such as parents, siblings or grandparents.
4. **Medical/Dental Appointment (1B):** Not for routine hour-long appointments, but for extensive appointments involving medical procedures.
5. **Court (1E):** The *child* must be present for court proceedings or an administrative hearing.
6. **Religious Observation (1F):** The tenets of a religion to which a student and their parents adhere, require or suggest observance of a religious event.
7. **Educational Opportunity (1G):** The purpose of the absence is to take advantage of a valid educational opportunity such as travel by the student. *An educational opportunity form is required for prior approval by the principal. A student report must be turned in within five days of the last absence.*
8. **Military Deployment or Reunification (1N):** The child's parent/guardian is deploying, redeploying or home on leave. Not to exceed five (5) days of absences.

FROM THE SCHOOL SOCIAL WORKER

The school social worker will contact you by letter, phone or home visit when your child has reached at least three (3) unexcused absences or ten (10) excused absences.

REQUIRED BY LAW

The social worker will send out three contact letters for unexcused absences.

1. The first letter is for **three unexcused absences**. These absences received a code of unexcused because a note was not received from the parent stating one of the eight valid absence reasons.
2. The second letter is sent home for **six unexcused absences**. These absences have accumulated from the

beginning of the student's school year. This letter is signed by the principal.
3. The third letter is for **10 unexcused absences**. This letter notifies the parent of a conference with school personnel. This meeting is an effort to resolve the attendance concerns before punitive action.

AFTER THE TEN DAY LETTER

If attendance concerns continue after the 10 day meeting, then the social worker may proceed to the following actions:

1. Truancy Mediation Council. The social worker will request a formal mediation at the Cumberland County court house. The parent/guardian will meet with school personnel, social services, court representatives, juvenile services, mental health counselors and any agencies involved with the student. This will give all parties a chance to discuss the situation and come to a mutually satisfactory solution.

2. District Court. The social worker may elect to proceed with court action. This action brings all parties in front of a judge to discuss the noncompliance with the compulsory attendance law. This could result in jail time as well as fines.

EXCESSIVE EXCUSED ABSENCES

Students accumulating 10 excused absences are sent a letter of Excessive Excused Absences. A physician's note will be required for all future absences. Failure to provide a physician's note will result in the absence being coded unexcused. Parents/guardians may submit a letter from a physician stating that the student has a chronic illness that will cause the student to be absent more than 10 days in a school year.

MAKE-UP ASSIGNMENTS

It is the student's responsibility to make up missed classroom assignments within five days of returning to school. Please contact your teachers immediately.

ATHLETIC ELIGIBILITY

To be eligible for MAMS sports, you must be in attendance for 85% of the previous semester. Student-athletes may not attend practice or games on days they are absent.

CONTACT YOUR SCHOOL SOCIAL WORKER

Your school social worker will assist your family in overcoming any barriers that may be keeping your child from coming to school. Address issues early, so the school year will be successful for your child and family!

MORNING TARDY POLICY

Please refer to the student handbook for full details of the morning tardy policy. Students are tardy starting at 7:30 a.m. and must sign in at the front office with a parent before reporting to class.

PARENT PORTAL

Keep track of your child's attendance by accessing the parent portal at <http://www.homebaseportal.ccs.k12.nc.us/>. You will receive sign-in information from your child's homeroom teacher.

BULLYING/CYBERBULLYING

Students and teachers at R. Max Abbott Middle School should be able to attend school and function in a bully-free zone. For an act to be considered bullying it must meet certain criteria.

This includes hostile intent, imbalance of power, repetition, distress, and provocation. Bullying will not be tolerated and will be handled by the teacher and/or administrator at the occurrence.

A computer or electronic device used to intimidate or torment a student or school employee is considered cyber-bullying. If someone repeatedly posts (through social media, chat, or text) information or photos of or about someone else, makes statements, whether true or false, intended to provoke or harass an individual, they are participating in cyber-bullying. If the acts happen at school or affect another student's performance in school, our school resource office will be called in to assist with the incident.

CAFETERIA - SCHOOL MEALS

Everyone at MAMS has the right to eat lunch in a clean, safe environment. Students will be encouraged to use and demonstrate acceptable social manners while using the café facilities. Lunch should be conducted at a Level 1 (whisper talk) to Level 2 (normal talk).

Breakfast and lunch are served daily. Lunch menus will be posted at the beginning of each

month. R. Max Abbott Middle School is a Title I/CPS school -therefore, all students will receive FREE school breakfast and FREE school lunch.

All food items brought to school must be consumed during breakfast or lunch. After eating, students are asked to leave tables clean and carry lunch trays and plastic ware to the trash area. Trash must be placed in proper receptacles. Food and lunch trays may not be taken out of the cafeteria. **Water bottles may be brought to school. No outside food or drink will be allowed during instructional time.**

Lunch items may be dropped off at the front desk for your child. The student will be called to the office to pick it up prior to their lunch time. Parents/Guardians may only drop off meals for their own children (not for friends). Parents/Guardians who would like to eat lunch with their children are invited to do so, and will be able to eat together in the office conference room during the child's scheduled lunch time.

CELL PHONES/EAR BUDS

Many students have cell phones/electronic devices for communication with parents after school or during emergencies. Student cell phones/electronic devices are not allowed to be used for recreational calls from 7:00 am - 2:40 pm. **Cell phones may be used in the classroom, at the teacher's discretion, as an educational device for class.** Any cell phone, electronic devices, or any other non-educational item that is seen by school personnel, other than during use as an educational device with the teacher's permission, will be confiscated and turned in to the office.

Any student who refuses to give up their cell phone, electronic device or other prohibited item to school personnel will automatically be referred to a school administrator.

Earbuds and headphones are NOT to be used or seen during the school day and will also be confiscated.

After a device is taken from a student the first time, the student may sign for the device at the end of the school day at the front desk. After a device is taken from a student the second time and thereafter, a parent/guardian must pick up the device in the office the following school day.

After a device is taken from a student more than two times, a disciplinary referral will be added for each instance following.

CHANGES IN STUDENT INFORMATION

It is imperative that the school office be notified immediately of a change of address, home or office telephone number, or of a change in emergency information during the academic school year. Please request a change of address form from the data manager to assure the change is made in PowerSchool.

COMPUTER USE POLICY

At MAMS, students who have turned in an Internet Use Agreement will be allowed to access the Internet. When you use the computers, you have a responsibility to use them correctly. This means that they should not be used to access or create materials that doesn't belong at school. This includes, but is not limited to, images and messages that are sexually explicit, grotesquely violent or seek to demean or harass others. Please be aware that the privilege of computer use depends on your ability to use them correctly. You may lose that privilege if you are unable to act responsibly.

All laptop computers are the property of R. Max Abbott Middle School and Cumberland County Schools. Laptops are for students' academic use during the school year. Students are held

responsible for damages to laptops assigned to them by the school. These laptops are to be handled carefully. Satisfactory settlement will be required for damage to laptops. **Students who visit gaming sites or inappropriate sites at school will have their school technology privileges taken for up to 45 school days per incident. Disciplinary action may be taken for each incident.**

R. Max Abbott Middle School uses the Impero workstation monitoring system to assist teachers in monitoring student computer use. **Any student found tampering with, disconnecting from, or altering the system will have disciplinary action taken.**

DISCIPLINE PLAN

Positive Student Behavior is the goal at R. Max Abbott Middle School. The grade levels have different reward systems in place for students. Students may earn privileges or rewards for positive behavior, to include team day celebrations, free seating at lunch, tech-time, etc. However, occasionally students do not respond to positive incentives and a disciplinary action is required.

Each time a student moves through this process, they will begin again after Step 4 has been completed. Each step must be recorded on the Interventions and Referrals Form.

Step 1: The teacher will give the student a verbal warning and contact parent(s) if needed.

Step 2: The teacher(s) will conference with the student. They will discuss what is happening, how to fix the issue, how to avoid the issue, and any next steps. The teacher will refer the student to the guidance department, as needed. Contact with a parent is suggested at this level.

Step 3: The teacher may use other interventions including moving the student's seat, or a change in the rotation on the team, or silent lunch, if needed. The teacher may issue a team time-out to the student. *During this step, the teacher or team will contact the parent(s) and set up a parent-teacher conference with the teacher or team.* A student should have had team time-out at least two times before an administrative referral is made (for minor infractions).

Step 4: A referral will be made to the grade-level administrator to issue a disciplinary action. At this time an administrative hearing will be held to determine the appropriate consequences. (Team time-out, in-school suspension, out of school suspension, or referral to an alternate placement setting)

**** Severe actions will result in an immediate referral to an administrator.**

DRESS CODE

High standards of dress promote good citizenship and a positive, wholesome, and safe learning environment. The appearance of our student body reflects upon the climate of our school. Students are expected to adhere to standards of dress and grooming that are acceptable in a positive learning environment. Teachers and administrators have discretion in making judgments relating to the appropriateness of dress.

DRESS CODE GUIDELINES

• **Hoodies - WILL BE ALLOWED.** However, any student found in violation of wearing the hood portion in the building will **immediately lose their privilege of being able to wear a hoodie in the school building** for the remainder of the school day. Persistent violations

may result in an administrative referral.

- Coats may be worn to and from school, but may not be worn in the building or from class to class, please store these items in the student's locker. Students may wear light jackets, sweater or sweatshirts in class.
- BOOKBAGS – Book bags may not be worn or carried during the school day, they must be left in the lockers until needed. No rolling book bags allowed, unless a doctor's note is provided. All PE clothes may be kept in a small drawstring bag – but must be left in lockers until elective time.
- No oversized purses or book-bag type purses are allowed.
- No clothing will be worn that is offensive to any race or sex, or which displays profanity, weapons, alcohol, or drugs in any form. Also, no clothing that advertises inappropriate movies, cartoons, or activities will be permitted.
- Hats, hoods, bandanas (all colors), head wraps, headbands with ornaments such as ears, puff balls, stars, or other decorations will not be worn for any reason during the school day. Slide on headbands, plain or patterned, are permitted. Note: Head coverings for religious purposes are permitted.
- Sunglasses or non-prescription glasses may not be worn during the school day.
- “Sagging” pants are not permitted, this also includes low-rise pants. Boxers or gym shorts should not be seen below waistbands.
- No clothing is to be worn that will allow a student's undergarments to be visible.
- Any form of gang evidence is prohibited. This includes bandanas, rolled up pant legs, and specific markings on clothing or body.
- Pants with rips or holes above fingertip length may be worn ONLY if leggings are worn under the pants. Rips or holes below fingertip length are permitted.
- Leggings, stretch pants, and yoga pants will be allowed when they are covered by long shorts, a dress, or a skirt of appropriate school length.
- Skirts, dresses, and shorts must pass the fingertip test and meet administrative approval. Long t-shirts are not allowed in place of a dress. They may however be worn with shorts that pass the finger-tip test.
- Sheer, see-through, or lace shirts are not permitted, the body's midsection/torso should be covered at all times. Strapless/spaghetti straps, shirts with cutouts on the body, or that show the midriff are not permitted.
- For males-no tank-tops or sleeveless shirts will be allowed. All female tops without sleeves must be at least 2” wide at the shoulder to be allowed without a cover-up.
- Bedroom clothes, pajamas, lounging pants, or slippers may not be worn.
- All new fashion trends or fads will be reviewed at the administrator's discretion

All dress code violation consequences are at the discretion of the administration, students who break the dress code repeatedly may receive disciplinary action.

All Cumberland County Schools will make any necessary religious accommodations for any type of headgear or head coverings otherwise restricted or prohibited under existing individual school dress codes. No student shall be suspended out of school based solely upon violation of an existing individual school dress code.

If a student is thought to be out of dress code, they will be asked to report to the office where they may call home to get an appropriate change of clothing. If a parent/guardian cannot provide more clothing, the student will have the option to borrow items from the school clothes closet OR spend the rest of the day in ISS. After September 25th, all dress code violations will be put in writing and documented.

EARLY DISMISSAL

If a student needs to leave during the school day, a parent/guardian must pick the student up and sign him/her out in the main office. **Students will not be allowed to check out of school after 2:30 pm.** R. Max Abbott Middle School maintains a 100% ID check when students are checked out. All persons checking out students must be listed on the student's information form.

EIGHTH GRADE DANCE

Depending on parent volunteer and participation numbers, an eighth grade dance may be scheduled for the end of the school year. This activity will be for eighth grade Max Abbott Middle School students only. All current eighth grade students will have the opportunity to purchase a dance ticket and attend the end of year dance. All participating students must meet the attendance and behavioral requirements listed below.

Attendance/Behavioral requirements:

- Attending students must have fewer than 10 absences for the current school year (If there are too many absences due to unusual circumstances, these may be reviewed by the administrative team on a case by case basis)
- Attending students must have fewer than two (zero or one) discipline incidents for the current school year. Discipline incidents include bus suspensions, ISS, or OSS
- Students who have been assigned to the alternative school during the school year may not attend the dance

Dress Code requirements for eighth grade dance:

- Dresses with spaghetti straps will be permitted, no strapless dresses, no shorts or shorts outfits, no exposed midriffs, no fully exposed backs, dresses must meet the fingertip length requirement
- No jeans, no shorts, a collared or polo shirt is appropriate. Ties and/or suits are optional

EMERGENCY SCHOOL CLOSING

In the event of inclement weather, school may be closed or may require a delayed starting time or an early dismissal. Local radio and television stations will announce these conditions. This information is also available at the Cumberland County Schools website.

FIDGET SPINNERS / OTHER FIDGET DEVICES

Fidget spinners and other fidget devices are not permitted during class times. These devices may help some students, but cause distractions to others. Fidget spinners, fidget cubes, and other twirling fidget devices will be taken if they are out during the class time. Students will be able to retrieve the item at the end of class. If the item is brought continually, it will be taken and a parent may come to the school to collect it.

FUND-RAISING ACTIVITIES

Only school-approved clubs and organizations are entitled to have fundraising activities. All fund-raising activities must be pre-approved by the R. Max Abbott Middle School Administration. Students may not sell unauthorized items at school for profit.

FIRE AND TORNADO DRILLS

Fire drills are conducted each month throughout the school year. Check the posted instructions in each classroom indicating how to exit the building in case of fire or where to report for safety during a tornado. Remember to walk silently (at a Level 0) and quickly to the designated area. The fire alarm sounds like a bell. A three-tone bell signals a tornado drill. Students assume a

curled position and cover their heads during a tornado drill.

GOOD CONDUCT

One of the most important lessons education should teach is discipline. It is the training that develops self-control, character, orderliness, and efficiency. It is the key to good conduct and proper respect for self, other people, and property. All R. Max Abbott Middle School students and staff have the right to expect to be able to learn and teach in an atmosphere free from unreasonable and unwarranted disruptions. We value our class time and our activity time.

Each student is required to enter class prepared with pencils, pens, paper, textbooks, and all class-related materials necessary for each class. Non-instructional items are not permitted at school unless directed by a staff member.

Assignments, both class work and homework, are necessary components of the curriculum at MAMS. Students must complete and turn in these assignments in a timely manner. Assignments should be the work of the individual, copying another student's work or plagiarisms are honor code violations and may result in an office referral. Students should utilize their handbooks for all assignments.

In order to maintain a positive academic environment conducive to high standards in teaching and learning, students will be accountable for responsible, respectful behavior. Students must adhere to the rules contained in the Cumberland County Schools Student Code of Conduct, and the R. Max Abbott Middle School student handbook.

If changes or additions to the rules occur, all concerned parties will be notified through announcements and/or written handouts and will be held responsible for knowledge and compliance thereof.

R. Max Abbott Middle School will participate in the Positivity Project this school year to encourage students to build positive relationships. Each week we will have a different character strength to build upon.

GUIDANCE DEPARTMENT

Comprehensive school counseling programs promote students' academic careers, as well as their personal-social development. Our counselors are available to assist students in attaining maximum benefit from their school experiences. Ms. Morgan serves the 6th grade team and the 7th grade Tropics team, Ms. Widman serves the 7th grade Islanders and Explorers team and 8th grade. Please ask your teacher to call your guidance counselor to see if they are available. The guidance counselors will see students as quickly as possible to assist with the needs of our students.

GRADING SCALE

R. Max Abbott Middle School and the Cumberland County Schools follow a 10-point grading scale.

A = 100 - 90% B= 89 - 80% C= 79 - 70% D = 69 - 60% F = 59 <

HALL ETIQUETTE/ HALL PASSES

Students should be in the halls at the beginning and end of the school day and while moving from one class to another. It is the student's responsibility to ask for and secure a hall pass from their assigned teacher before leaving the classroom to visit the restroom, office, etc. Students are asked to be courteous at all times and to keep to the right when walking in the halls. The expectation in the hallway is a Level 0 (No talking) to Level 1 (Whisper voice), since during

some class changes other grade levels will be in core class instruction.

INJURY AT SCHOOL/ILLNESS/SICK PHONE

Any student injured at school must immediately notify school personnel. In case of injury, an accident report will be completed by the supervising teacher and the parents will be notified. If a student is sick, they will be sent to the main office where the reception will ask them to sign the sick log and call their parent(s), they will then return to class until a parent can pick them up. If the student is vomiting, they will wait in the side office for a parent to pick them up.

INSURANCE

Student accident insurance plans selected by the School Board are made available on an optional basis to all students. At the beginning of the school year printed information and application forms will be given to each student. The completed application forms must be mailed directly to the insurance company.

LOCKERS

Lockers are provided for students' convenience to keep books and other property needed at school. All students must provide their own lock to use with their assigned locker. All books and personal items, when not in use, including heavy coats, are to be kept in your locker. Please adhere to the locker schedule assigned by each individual team. Students who are continuously late for class may lose the right to have a locker for their use.

All students must store all of their school items in their assigned locker.

1. Use only the locker assigned to you, and do not share lockers with others.
2. You may use any lock that you would like to provide. The lock combination must be provided to the homeroom teacher.
3. Do not give your locker combination to other students.
4. Lockers must be kept clean at all times. Writing or adding stickers to the outside or inside of lockers is prohibited.
5. Lockers must be kept in good condition. If a locker is knowingly abused, you will lose the use of the locker and pay for damages.
6. Do not leave valuable personal property in lockers.
7. Lockers remain the property of MAMS and may be subject to inspection by the school administration at any time.
8. Storage of inappropriate or illegal items is not allowed and is subject to disciplinary action.

LOST AND FOUND

Personal belongings found on school grounds should be turned in to the front office. Lost and found items may be claimed in the designated area. The school cannot be responsible for any lost items. Items not claimed by the last day of each 9 weeks will be donated to a charitable organization.

MEDIA CENTER

The media center is open to students from 7:00 am to 2:55 pm daily. Students can either visit with their class or individually before or after school, or during a class with permission from their teacher.

- Each student may checkout three books at one time.
- Books are checked out for two school weeks, and can be renewed once.

- A replacement fee will be charged to cover the cost of any lost or damaged books.
- Students with an overdue book must turn it in or renew it before checking out other materials.
- All overdue fines and lost book fees must be paid by the end of the school year in order for students to participate in end-of-year celebrations, field days, etc.
- Destiny, the online library catalog, can be accessed at <http://destiny.ccs.k12.nc.us>
- NCWiseOwl is a group of subscription online databases for student research and includes full-text journal articles, newspaper articles, and reference materials. Access for free at www.ncwiseowl.org.

MEDICINE

Students required to take oral medications during school hours must have an official physician’s medication form properly completed and on file in our office. This medication form requires written instructions, student’s name, name of drug, dosage, time of day medication is to be given, and signatures of the physician and parent. Parents are responsible for transporting to and from school all medicines to be administered by school personnel in a container properly labeled by the pharmacy or physician. The pharmacy label on the bottle must match the physician medication form exactly. All medication must be kept in the office. No student is to have any medication(s), whether prescription, or over-the-counter drugs in his/her possession at any time during the school day.

However, if a student has an emergency self-medication authorization form on file with the office to self-carry an asthma inhaler or an EpiPen, then that student may have that item in their possession at all times.

MESSAGES

In order to preserve valuable instructional time and to promote the safety of our students, personal calls and messages to students will be allowed only in an emergency. Pre-planning is essential. Students need to make appointments, bus plans, alternate car rides, etc. before leaving home for school. Students will not be dismissed from class to make a phone call. School phones are used for sickness and emergencies only. Student cell phones and pagers are not permitted at school or during any school functions occurring during school hours.

OUTSTANDING SCHOOL OBLIGATIONS

Students with outstanding obligations (lost or damaged books, fundraising money owed, etc.) will be restricted from participating in co- or extra-curricular activities (i.e. field trips, special programs, field day activities, celebration day events, dances, etc).

PARENT PORTAL

Keep track of your child’s attendance and grades by accessing the parent portal at <http://www.homebaseportal.ccs.k12.nc.us/>. You will receive sign-in information from your child’s homeroom teacher or may ask for a copy of this information at the front desk.

PERSONAL PROPERTY

Personal items are the responsibility of the students. Please leave valuables (cell phones, jewelry, electronic equipment, cameras, large sums of money, etc.) at home. Books and personal items should be safeguarded. Special care must be given to securing band and orchestra instruments. Never leave these instruments unattended. Never leave books, pocketbooks, etc. unattended on bleachers, steps, or in desks. Please ensure your name is on all your property.

PHYSICAL EDUCATION

Physical Education is a required class. Students are required to dress out for participation. “**Dressing out**” means changing from your school clothes into appropriate clothing for physical activity and changing back into your school clothes after class. To be successful in

physical education class it is imperative that you dress out and participate in each class. The items that you need are as follows:

T-Shirt – A clean, plain white or light colored pullover shirt. Tank tops and half shirts will not be permitted.

Shorts – A clean pair of athletic shorts that are acceptable in length and fullness for freedom of movement, but will stay in place without being held by the hand or a belt. Shorts made of denim or other heavy material with zippers or belts are not appropriate. **Pants** – Sweat pants or jogging suits may be worn during cold weather days at the teacher's discretion. Coats, hoodies, and heavy jackets are not be acceptable.

Socks – Clean athletic socks.

Shoes - Rubber-soled tennis shoes. No open-toed shoes, boots, or other casual shoes will be allowed.

Students may purchase a MAMS P.E. uniform for \$20.00, but they are NOT required.

We will not allow any student to dress in a manner that distracts others from learning, is offensive to others, or violates health or safety requirements.

PROGRESS REPORTS/REPORT CARDS

Progress Reports and Report Cards will be given to students once during each nine-week period. Parents should sign and return the brown Progress Report/Report Card envelope to school the following day. Parents may indicate conference requests on the brown envelope at any time.

Progress Report will go out on the following schedule:

1st 9-weeks - Monday, September 20, 2021; 2nd 9-weeks - Wednesday, November 17, 2021; 3rd 9-weeks – Friday, February 4, 2022; and 4th 9-weeks – Tuesday, April 12, 2022

Report Cards will go out on the following schedule:

1st 9-weeks – Friday, October 22, 2021; 2nd 9-weeks – Friday, January 7, 2022; 3rd 9-weeks - Thursday, March 17, 2022; and 4th 9-weeks - will be mailed on Friday, June 3, 2022

PROMOTION AND RETENTION POLICY

(CC Board Policy IHE)

In order to be promoted from grade 6 to grade 7 and from grade 7 to grade 8, each student must earn a passing grade of 70 in:

- ◆ Reading
- ◆ Communication Skills
- ◆ Math
- ◆ Science and Social Studies
- ◆ One other course

In order to be promoted from grade 8 to grade 9, each student must demonstrate Mastery \geq Level III on the North Carolina Reading and Mathematics End-of-Grade Tests and must earn a passing grade of 60 in:

- ◆ Communication Skills
- ◆ Math
- ◆ Science and Social Studies
- ◆ Two other courses

PUNCTUALITY

Promptness to school and class is very important! Students are to be in their seats and ready to work at the beginning bell for class. **Students who arrive at school after classes are in session must report to the school office with a parent/guardian to sign in and secure an admittance pass to class.**

A student is tardy to class if they are 5 minutes or more late for class and do not have a note from the previous teacher or from the office. Students who do not report to class and are more than 10 minutes late to class may be reported as skipping. Skipping classes will be an automatic office referral.

QUESTIONS – WHO TO ASK

Ms. Naomi Pyle serves as our Principal. She will visit classrooms regularly and meet with students both individually and in groups about data and student progress. She will have a principal's round-table meeting quarterly to gain input about the school from the students' perspective. She is always available to meet with students regarding concerns or needs.

Ms. Kristen Kelton serves as an Assistant Principal. She handles all of the 6th grade and the seventh grade Tropics team discipline. She also serves as our school's testing coordinator, bus transportation supervisor, handles bus drivers, field trips for her teams and accident reports. She is always available to meet with students regarding concerns or needs.

Mr. Scott Witherow serves as an Assistant Principal. He handles the seventh grade Explorers and Islander team and all of the 8th grade discipline. He also serves as our athletic director and oversees the building and grounds maintenance, custodial supervisor and field trips on his teams. He is always available to meet with students regarding concerns or needs.

Ms. Sara Falcon will serve as our Safe Schools Coordinator. She will assist the administrative team as needed in disciplinary concerns. She will monitor lunches and be available for student issues.

Students who have questions or concerns may speak with any of their teachers at any time. We also have a wonderful Student Support Team made up of our three school counselors, Ms. Angela Morgan, and Ms. Lola Widman, and Ms. Brandi Bragg who serves as our school social worker. They are available to all of the students at Max Abbott Middle School each and every day. Our counselors and social worker assist with peer mediation, problem solving, attendance issues, assist students and their families in gaining community resources, work with families who are homeless, and look out for the general needs of the students.

Front Office Staff you may need to know: The receptionist is Ms. Leslie Smith; the bookkeeper is Ms. Letricia McBride; the data manager is Ms. Cherrell Ray, the discipline clerk is Ms. Yelitza Hayes; and the medicine clerk and principal's secretary is Eileen Bell.

REPORTING INFORMATION-RED LOCKERS

If you have information you would like to report, please speak with any of your teachers, any staff member, your assistant principals, or your principal. However, if you would like to report anonymously, you may do so by writing a note and placing it in the RED LOCKER on your grade level. These lockers will be checked daily. The locker in A Commons is #29; the locker in C Commons is #734; and the locker in the 8th grade is #120.

SEARCH AND SEIZURE

A. AUTHORITY TO CONDUCT SEARCHES AND SEIZURES

School officials have the authority to conduct reasonable searches and seizures in accordance with this policy for the purposes of maintaining a safe, orderly environment and of upholding standards of conduct established by the board or school. Any school official carrying out a search or seizure is expected to be knowledgeable about the constitutional rights of students and the appropriate procedures for conducting the search or seizure. Searches shall not be conducted to deliberately embarrass, harass or intimidate a student. A search of a student is

lawful if there are reasonable grounds for suspecting that the search will turn up evidence that the student has violated or is violating a specific law or school rule. A search of a student is permissible in scope when measures adopted are reasonably related to the objectives of the search and not excessively intrusive in light of the age and sex of the student and the nature of the infraction. Reasonable suspicion is not required if a student freely, voluntarily and knowingly consents and agrees to the search of his or her person or personal effects.

Reasonable suspicion must be based upon specific and articulable facts, which may be garnered through information from faculty members, reliable students, law enforcement officers or other credible sources, or upon visual or other evidence (e.g. the smell of alcohol or marijuana, an alert from a metal detector or drug dog).

If a lawful search yields illegal contraband, such materials will be seized and turned over to the proper law enforcement authorities.

A student's failure to permit reasonable searches and seizures as provided in this policy will be considered a violation of the expected standard of behavior, and appropriate consequences may be imposed.

B. SEARCHES OF PERSONAL EFFECTS

Any of a student's personal effects, including purses, book bags, outer clothing and wireless communication devices may be searched whenever a school authority has reasonable grounds for suspecting that the search will turn up evidence that the student has violated or is violating a specific law or school rule. The scope of the search must be reasonably related to the objectives of the search and not excessively intrusive in light of the nature of the infraction.

C. DESK/LOCKER SEARCHES

Student desks, lockers and other school-owned tangible property and equipment are school property and remain at all times under the control of the school. However, students are expected to assume full responsibility for the security of their desks and lockers. School owned property and any other items or equipment issued to the student may not be used to store illegal, unauthorized or contraband materials. Periodic general (suspicion-less) inspections of desks, lockers and other school-owned equipment may be conducted by school authorities for maintenance or health/sanitation reasons or for any other reason consistent with board policies or school rules at any time, without notice, or consent, so long as such searches are conducted pursuant to established procedures and in a nondiscriminatory manner.

D. SCHOOL COMPUTERS AND OTHER ELECTRONIC DEVICES

School-owned computers and electronic devices and any data they contain remain under the control of the school and are subject to inspection at any time. Computers are time stamped through the student login process. Any damage to computers (broken screens or keys) will be the financial responsibility of the student assigned and using that computer. Students will be assigned one computer to use in all of their core classes. They will be the only person assigned to that computer and will be responsible for the care and safety of their assigned computer at all times.

SCHOOL EQUIPMENT AND PROPERTY

Extreme care should be taken in the use of all school equipment and property. Microscopes, band and orchestra instruments, physical education equipment, textbooks, computers, lockers, and even chairs and desks should be used with proper care. You may be held responsible to pay for damages to school property assigned to you which has been negligently abused.

SCHOOL HOURS

School hours are from 7:30 am until 2:40 pm each day. Students should **NOT** arrive earlier

than 7:00 am or remain on the campus later than 2:55 pm unless they are participating in a supervised activity.

THE SCHOOL DOORS WILL NOT OPEN UNTIL 7:00 am EACH SCHOOL DAY.

Supervision WILL NOT be provided for students prior to 7:00 am or after 2:55 pm. Parents who continuously do not abide by these guidelines, and allow their students to be at school long before and/or after school, may be referred to a child protective agency.

ORGANIZATION OF THE SCHOOL DAY

Prior to 7:00 a.m. – Teachers and assistants sign in and report to classroom or duty assignment

7:00 a.m. - Bell rings - School opens for students

Immediately upon the student's arrival to their homeroom class, all book bags, athletic bags, or similar items **MUST** be deposited in the student's locker.

7:00-7:27 a.m. – Breakfast served/All Staff should be on duty at 7:00 a.m.

7:00-7:30 a.m. - Students get breakfast, go to locker, and then report to their homeroom

7:30 a.m.– School Day Starts and morning announcements are made

7:35 a.m. - 2:35 p.m. – Core and Elective classes

2:40-2:55 p.m. - Bell rings - Students dismissed to cars and buses

2:55-3:00 p.m. – Teacher planning

3:30 p.m. - Office closes

The office PA system will be used on the following schedule:

7:30 a.m.- Morning announcements and 2:30 p.m. - Afternoon announcements

SICK STUDENT

If a student is sick, the classroom teacher will give them a hall pass to visit the main office. Students will speak to the receptionist and ask to use the sick phone to call their parent(s). The student will sign-in on the sick log and then call their parent(s), the student will then return to class until a parent can pick them up.

COVID related symptoms: If students have a fever or are throwing up or if they display any other COVID-like symptoms, the student will be placed in the isolation room until the parent/guardian can pick them up. They will not be able to return to school without a doctor's note.

STUDENT DROP-OFF AND PICK-UP

Students who are car riders will be dropped off/picked up each day at the sidewalk area in front of the school. At no time may students be dropped off/picked up from a vehicle parked in the parking lot. However, an adult may park and walk to the sidewalk to get their child and walk them back to the parked vehicle. Students are not to be dropped off/picked up at the bottom of the entrance hill on Winding Creek or on the roadway on Executive Place. The safety of all of our students is very important and enforcing these drop-off and pick-up routines will help make the drop-off and pick-up times safer for all of our students.

The School doors will not open until 7:00 am each school day. Supervision **WILL NOT** be provided for students prior to 7:00 am or after 2:55 pm. Parents who continuously do not abide by these guidelines, and allow their students to be at school long before and/or after school, may be referred to a child protective agency.

STUDENT WORK - GRADING POLICY

Student progress is evaluated in a number of ways including projects, homework, daily assignments, and tests both teacher-made and standardized. Failure to do projects,

presentations, and performances will result in a reduction of one letter grade from the original grade for each day late. After five days, no credit will be given for these assignments. All student work is expected to be completed in a timely manner.

No homework assignments can be worth more than **15%** of a student's grade for each marking period nor can homework determine a student's status of passing/failing of a class.

CCS grading categories:

Social Studies, English, Math Science

CCS-Tests/Projects CCS-Tests

CCS-Quizzes CCS-Labs/Projects

CCS-Classwork/Homework CCS-Quizzes

CCS-Classwork/Homework

The use of these categories is required and these are the only categories that should be used. Same courses within the building will have the same weights for categories (i.e all 7th grade ELA uses the same weights for each category).

MATH & ELA should have a minimum of 20 grades by the end of each grading period. SCIENCE & SOCIAL STUDIES should have a minimum of 15 grades by the end of each grading period. ELECTIVES - ARTS/COMPUTERS/PE should have a minimum of 10 grades by the end of each grading period.

STUDENT WORK - HOMEWORK

Students will have approximately 10-15 minutes of practice work (per teacher) per day. Projects and long-term assignments are not included in this time frame. Students should utilize the 30 minutes before school to complete practice work. Students who are unable to complete their practice work during these times will need to take it home as homework.

STUDENT WORK - MAKE-UP ASSIGNMENTS

Students are responsible for securing make-up assignments for absences on the day they return to school. All work missed due to a lawful absence must be made up within five school days upon the student's return to school. Assignments that are not made up will be reflected in the student's grade. A student who is present when a test is announced is expected to take the test as scheduled or upon returning to school.

In laboratory classes such as cultural arts, physical education, computer technology, and science, which do not lend themselves to make-up work, the teacher will determine the make-up procedure. It is anticipated that make-up work (including tests) will be completed outside the normal class time.

STUDENT WORK - LATE WORK

Students will be responsible for submitting all assignments, to include performances, presentations, and projects, on the due date determined by the teacher. Failure to do so will result in a reduction of **one letter grade** from the original grade for each day late. This does not apply to homework or daily class work assignments. These assignments must be turned in on the due date. Work submitted more than five school days after the due date will receive no credit.

TARDY POLICY PROCEDURES

Hall passes are located at the back of this student handbook. If a student arrives to class late without a hall pass, the consequences will be as follows:

1st offense – Warning

2nd offense – Silent lunch (1 day) and parent contact

NOTE: This Policy does not include Late Check-Ins: Please refer to the attendance section of this handbook.

MAMS Definition of Skipping: Any student who is not in class for more than 10 minutes after the class start time and returns to class without a pass is considered skipping. A student in an unauthorized area of the school without a pass or permission is considered skipping class.

TRANSPORTATION

SCHOOL BUSES

School bus transportation is only available to R. Max Abbott Middle School students residing in our attendance areas. To ensure the safety of all passengers, students must adhere to the following while riding the bus:

- Students shall stay in their seats and face forward.
- Students shall refrain from throwing waste paper on the floor of the bus.
- Students shall not consume food or drinks on the bus.
- No part of the body shall be extended through the bus window at any time.
- Students must be quiet while the bus is stopped for railroad crossing.
- Students shall not open the emergency door unless an emergency exists.
- Students must sit in assigned seats at the discretion of driver or administrator.
- Students are liable for all damages to school property.

Students may not ride a bus not assigned to them unless prior approval is received from the administration. Non-bus students may not ride a bus at any time.

School bus transportation is a privilege. Students who do not follow the above rules, may be suspended from riding the school bus. Bus suspensions may vary from 1-5 days, 10-15 days, or for the remainder of the year, depending upon the type of violation and the number of prior violations. Questions about bus transportation, safety questions, or bus suspensions should be directed to Kristen Kelton, Assistant Principal.

PRIVATE VEHICLE

To provide for the safety and proper supervision on campus, students **should not arrive before 7:00 am and must be picked up by 2:45 pm** each school day. If an emergency should cause a delay in pick up, parents/guardians should telephone the school so that supervision can be arranged. Students remaining after school for scheduled supervised activities **must have pre-arranged transportation** for departure at the announced ending time.

VISITORS

Our school policy is to welcome only visitors who have legitimate business at school. Guests and visitors must report to the main office and sign in for authorization before proceeding through the school to volunteer or attend events or conferences. All volunteers must complete the CCS volunteer form, found on the CCS website, before they will be permitted to volunteer in classrooms or on field trips.

Students may not bring visitors to school to attend class.

Parents are also encouraged to make appointments to see their child's teacher(s) during

his/her planning time so that all teachers will be given the opportunity to attend.

VOICE LEVELS

Students and teachers at R. Max Abbott Middle School should be respectful of the events of the school and demonstrate appropriate voice levels as they move about the building. Voice Levels: Level 4 – Outside Voice (appropriate outside and/or during PE activities in the gym); Level 3 – Presentation Voice (appropriate when speaking in front of the class, during a presentation, or when asked to read aloud in class); Level 2 – Normal Voice (this is the voice level that is used the most. It is appropriate during group activities, during lunch, or interacting within the classroom with the teacher/students); Level 1 – Whisper Voice (appropriate when doing partner work or when asking questions when others are engaged in quiet activities); Level 0 – Silent Voice (at this level there should be no talking or whispering, it should be silent). We are at Level 0 when changing classes in the main building, as we enter and exit assemblies and awards programs.

Examples of voice levels:

Entering and exiting the school building: Level 0 or Level 1; Working in a classroom, while completing a test/quiz: Level 0; Working in a classroom, while conducting a science experiment (2-3 people): Level 2 or Level 1; Classroom discussion or lesson interaction: Level 2 or Level 1; Working on a project with a group of students: Level 2 or Level 1; Entering and exiting elective classes: Level 0; Moving through the building with class or individually: Level 0; Visiting the restroom: Level 0 or Level 1; Presenting a project to the class: Level 3; Standing in a line: Level 0; Participating in a school pep rally: Level 4

CUMBERLAND COUNTY SCHOOLS

CHARACTER EDUCATION

MISSION STATEMENT

“Cumberland County Schools acknowledges that its role is to reinforce traditional values and positive character that originate and are fostered in the home.

We will, through collaborative community efforts, teach and model fundamentals of good character to include respect, responsibility, and integrity to all students.”

CODE OF GOOD CHARACTER

Respect – I will act with courtesy, tolerance, and dignity.

Responsibility – I will be dependable and accountable for my actions.

Integrity – I will have the inner strength to adhere to high ethical standards. **Caring** – I will demonstrate kindness, consideration, and compassion. **Self-Discipline** – I will exercise positive self-control.

Trustworthiness – I will be worthy of confidence.

Fairness – I will be impartial and equitable.

Citizenship – I will honor and contribute to the laws, policies, and human rights of the land.

NON-DISCRIMINATION STATEMENT

No otherwise qualified individual with a disability shall, solely by reason of his or her disability, be excluded from participation in, be denied the benefits of, or be subject to discrimination from any program or activity of the school. Qualified students with a disability are entitled to a free appropriate public education. Schools actively seek to locate and identify disabled persons ages three through twenty. Compliance with the requirements of Section 504/ADA is coordinated by the Director of the Exceptional Children’s Program of Cumberland County Schools.

Max Abbott Middle School Shared Responsibilities

Student expectations:

- Showing respect and cooperating with all adults in the school;
- Coming to class appropriately and prepared to work and completing all assignments to the best of my ability;
- Following the school dress code;
- Monitoring PowerSchool weekly and personal goals;
- Respecting the rights of others to learn without distraction and disruption;
- Showing respect for people and property by not using profanity, stealing, or vandalizing;
- Practicing safety by not running, pushing, or fighting on campus;
- Asking my teachers questions when I don't understand something;
- Discussing with my parent(s) what I am learning in school;
- Following the Code of Student Conduct.

Teacher expectations:

- Providing a safe and pleasant atmosphere for learning;
- Explaining assignments to students clearly;
- Providing continuous feedback of student progress and achievement to students and parents;
- Providing students with goal setting opportunities;
- Providing motivating, interesting, and rigorous learning experiences in my classroom;
- Utilizing scientifically research based techniques and methods that work best for the students;
- Explaining the Code of Student Conduct to my students;
- Communicating and cooperating with each parent to enable the best education possible;
- Explaining my expectations, instructional goals, and grading system to students and parents.

Parents expectations:

- Getting my child to school on time and avoiding unnecessary absences;
- Providing a time and place each evening for quiet study or reading at home;
- Helping my child in any way possible to meet his or her responsibilities;
- Finding out how my child is progressing by attending conferences, PTO meetings, calling the school, and monitoring my child's progress in PowerSchool.
- Encouraging my child to read for assignments and as well as for enjoyment;
- Talking with my child about his/her school work and activities every day;
- Reinforcing the Student Code of Conduct;
- Keeping my child's teachers abreast of unique circumstances;
- Contacting my student/teacher through school phone systems;
- Supporting the school and my child's teacher in its efforts to maintain proper discipline.

Administrators/counselors expectations:

- Creating a welcoming environment for students and parents;
- Communicating to students and parents the school mission and goals;
- Ensuring a safe and orderly environment;
- Reinforcing the partnership between parent, student, staff and community;
- Acting as the instructional leader by supporting teachers in their classroom;
- Setting high standards and implementing effective programs;
- Allocating resources to ensure that high standards are met for all students;
- Providing a variety of opportunities for involving parents in decision making, providing input, and volunteering at the school;
- Providing the appropriate growth opportunities for students and teachers.

AUGUST 23-27, 2021

#PantherStrong

MONDAY
AUGUST 23 – FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL
C1
C2
C3
C4
WEDNESDAY
C1
C2
C3
C4
FRIDAY
C1
C2
C3
C4

TUESDAY
C1
C2
C3
C4
THURSDAY
C1
C2
C3
C4
<i>TO DO THIS WEEK:</i>
✓
✓
✓
✓
✓

AUGUST 30 -SEPTEMBER 3, 2021

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MONDAY
FIRST DAY FALL SPORTS PRACTICE
C1
C2
C3
C4
WEDNESDAY
C1
C2
C3
C4
FRIDAY
C1
C2
C3
C4

TUESDAY
C1
C2
C3
C4
THURSDAY
C1
C2
C3
C4
<i>TO DO THIS WEEK:</i>
✓
✓
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✓

SEPTEMBER 6-10, 2021

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MONDAY
LABOR DAY – STUDENT HOLIDAY
C1
C2
C3
C4
WEDNESDAY
C1
C2
C3
C4
FRIDAY
C1
C2
C3
C4

TUESDAY
C1
C2
C3
C4
THURSDAY
C1
C2
C3
C4
<i>TO DO THIS WEEK:</i>
✓
✓
✓
✓
✓

SEPTEMBER 13-17, 2021

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MONDAY
C1
C2
C3
C4
WEDNESDAY
VB/Soccer AWAY vs Nick Jeralds
C1
C2
C3
C4
FRIDAY
C1
C2
C3
C4

TUESDAY
TRACK Division I @ Reid Ross
C1
C2
C3
C4
THURSDAY
Football HOME vs Anne Chesnutt MS
C1
C2
C3
C4
<i>TO DO THIS WEEK:</i>
✓
✓
✓
✓
✓

SEPTEMBER 20-24, 2021

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MONDAY	
PROGRESS REPORTS GO HOME	
C1	
C2	
C3	
C4	
WEDNESDAY	
VB/Soccer AWAY vs Spring Lake	
C1	
C2	
C3	
C4	
FRIDAY	
C1	
C2	
C3	
C4	

TUESDAY	
TRACK - @ Reid Ross	
C1	
C2	
C3	
C4	
THURSDAY	
Football AWAY vs Albritton	
C1	
C2	
C3	
C4	
TO DO THIS WEEK:	
✓	
✓	
✓	
✓	
✓	

SEPTEMBER 27- OCTOBER 1, 2021

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MONDAY
C1
C2
C3
C4
WEDNESDAY
C1
C2
C3
C4
FRIDAY
C1
C2
C3
C4

TUESDAY
TRACK - @ Pine Forest HS
C1
C2
C3
C4
THURSDAY
C1
C2
C3
C4
<i>TO DO THIS WEEK:</i>
✓
✓
✓
✓
✓

OCTOBER 4-8, 2021

#PantherStrong

MONDAY
C1
C2
C3
C4
WEDNESDAY
VB/Soccer HOME vs John Griffin
C1
C2
C3
C4
FRIDAY
C1
C2
C3
C4

TUESDAY
TRACK - @ New Century
C1
C2
C3
C4
THURSDAY
Football AWAY vs John Griffin
C1
C2
C3
C4
<i>TO DO THIS WEEK:</i>
✓
✓
✓
✓
✓

OCTOBER 11-15, 2021

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MONDAY
C1
C2
C3
C4
WEDNESDAY
VB/Soccer AWAY vs Gray's Creek
C1
C2
C3
C4
FRIDAY
End of 1st 9-week grading period
C1
C2
C3
C4

TUESDAY
TRACK - @ Reid Ross
C1
C2
C3
C4
THURSDAY
Football HOME vs Gray's Creek
C1
C2
C3
C4
<i>TO DO THIS WEEK:</i>
✓
✓
✓
✓
✓

OCTOBER 18-22, 2021

#PantherStrong

MONDAY
C1
C2
C3
C4
WEDNESDAY
VB/Soccer HOME vs Pine Forest
C1
C2
C3
C4
FRIDAY
REPORT CARDS GO HOME
C1
C2
C3
C4

TUESDAY
DIVISION MEETS (Division III host) @Reid Ross
C1
C2
C3
C4
THURSDAY
Football AWAY vs Pine Forest
C1
C2
C3
C4
<i>TO DO THIS WEEK:</i>
✓
✓
✓
✓
✓

OCTOBER 25-29, 2021

#PantherStrong

MONDAY
C1
C2
C3
C4
WEDNESDAY
VB /Soccer HOME vs Mac Williams
C1
C2
C3
C4
FRIDAY
1st 9weeks Awards Programs
C1
C2
C3
C4

TUESDAY
C1
C2
C3
C4
THURSDAY
Football HOME vs Mac Williams
C1
C2
C3
C4
<i>TO DO THIS WEEK:</i>
✓
✓
✓
✓
✓

November 1-5 , 2021

#PantherStrong

MONDAY
Parent Teacher Conferences
C1
C2
C3
C4
WEDNESDAY
VB Strength Game TBA
C1
C2
C3
C4
FRIDAY
C1
C2
C3
C4

TUESDAY
Student Holiday
C1
C2
C3
C4
THURSDAY
Football Strength Game TBA
C1
C2
C3
C4
<i>TO DO THIS WEEK:</i>
✓
✓
✓
✓
✓

November 8-12, 2021

#PantherStrong

MONDAY
C1
C2
C3
C4
WEDNESDAY
C1
C2
C3
C4
FRIDAY
C1
C2
C3
C4

TUESDAY
C1
C2
C3
C4
THURSDAY
Student/All Staff Holiday - Veteran's Day
C1
C2
C3
C4
<i>TO DO THIS WEEK:</i>
✓
✓
✓
✓
✓

November 15-19, 2021

#PantherStrong

MONDAY
Winter Sports Practice Begins
C1
C2
C3
C4
WEDNESDAY
PROGRESS REPORTS GO HOME
C1
C2
C3
C4
FRIDAY
C1
C2
C3
C4

TUESDAY
C1
C2
C3
C4
THURSDAY
C1
C2
C3
C4
<i>TO DO THIS WEEK:</i>
✓
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✓
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November 22-26, 2021

#PantherStrong

MONDAY
C1
C2
C3
C4
WEDNESDAY
Student Holiday
C1
C2
C3
C4
FRIDAY
Thanksgiving - Student Holiday
C1
C2
C3
C4

TUESDAY
C1
C2
C3
C4
THURSDAY
Thanksgiving - Student Holiday
C1
C2
C3
C4
<i>TO DO THIS WEEK:</i>
✓
✓
✓
✓
✓

Nov 29- Dec 3, 2021

#PantherStrong

MONDAY
C1
C2
C3
C4
WEDNESDAY
C1
C2
C3
C4
FRIDAY
C1
C2
C3
C4

TUESDAY
C1
C2
C3
C4
THURSDAY
Basketball AWAY vs Nick Jeralds Wrestling HOME vs Nick Jeralds
C1
C2
C3
C4
<i>TO DO THIS WEEK:</i>
✓
✓
✓
✓
✓

December 6-10, 2021

#PantherStrong

MONDAY
C1
C2
C3
C4
WEDNESDAY
C1
C2
C3
C4
FRIDAY
C1
C2
C3
C4

TUESDAY
Basketball HOME vs Louis Chapel Wrestling AWAY vs Louis Chapel
C1
C2
C3
C4
THURSDAY
Basketball AWAY vs Albritton Wrestling HOME vs Albritton
C1
C2
C3
C4
<i>TO DO THIS WEEK:</i>
✓
✓
✓
✓
✓

December 13-17, 2021

#PantherStrong

MONDAY
C1
C2
C3
C4
WEDNESDAY
C1
C2
C3
C4
FRIDAY
End of 2nd 9-weeks Student Two Hour Early Release- at 12:40pm
C1
C2
C3
C4

TUESDAY
C1
C2
C3
C4
THURSDAY
Basketball AWAY vs John Griffin Wrestling HOME vs John Griffin
C1
C2
C3
C4
<i>TO DO THIS WEEK:</i>
✓
✓
✓
✓
✓

January 5-7, 2021

#PantherStrong

MONDAY
Student Holiday
C1
C2
C3
C4
WEDNESDAY
C1
C2
C3
C4
FRIDAY
REPORT CARDS GO HOME
C1
C2
C3
C4

TUESDAY
Student Holiday
C1
C2
C3
C4
THURSDAY
C1
C2
C3
C4
<i>TO DO THIS WEEK:</i>
✓
✓
✓
✓
✓

January 10-14, 2021

#PantherStrong

MONDAY
C1
C2
C3
C4
WEDNESDAY
C1
C2
C3
C4
FRIDAY
C1
C2
C3
C4

TUESDAY
Basketball HOME vs Gray's Creek Wrestling AWAY vs Gray's Creek
C1
C2
C3
C4
THURSDAY
2nd 9-weeks Awards Programs Basketball AWAY vs Pine Forest Wrestling HOME vs Pine Forest
C1
C2
C3
C4
<i>TO DO THIS WEEK:</i>
✓
✓
✓
✓
✓

January 18- 21, 2021

#PantherStrong

MONDAY
MLK Holiday - Student Holiday
C1
C2
C3
C4
WEDNESDAY
C1
C2
C3
C4
FRIDAY
C1
C2
C3
C4

TUESDAY
Basketball HOME vs Mac Williams Wrestling AWAY vs Mac Williams
C1
C2
C3
C4
THURSDAY
C1
C2
C3
C4
<i>TO DO THIS WEEK:</i>
✓
✓
✓
✓
✓

January 24-28, 2021

#PantherStrong

MONDAY
C1
C2
C3
C4
WEDNESDAY
C1
C2
C3
C4
FRIDAY
C1
C2
C3
C4

TUESDAY
Basketball HOME vs John Griffin Wrestling AWAY vs John Griffin
C1
C2
C3
C4
THURSDAY
Basketball AWAY vs Gray's Creek Wrestling HOME vs Gray's Creek
C1
C2
C3
C4
<i>TO DO THIS WEEK:</i>
✓
✓
✓
✓
✓

Jan 31 – Feb 4, 2021
#PantherStrong

MONDAY
Basketball HOME vs Pine Forest Wrestling AWAY vs Pine Forest
C1
C2
C3
C4
WEDNESDAY
C1
C2
C3
C4
FRIDAY
PROGRESS REPORTS GO HOME
C1
C2
C3
C4

TUESDAY
C1
C2
C3
C4
THURSDAY
Basketball AWAY vs Mac Williams Wrestling HOME vs Mac Williams
C1
C2
C3
C4
<i>TO DO THIS WEEK:</i>
✓
✓
✓
✓
✓

February 7-11, 2021

#PantherStrong

MONDAY
Basketball Girls Strength Game TBA
C1
C2
C3
C4
WEDNESDAY
Basketball Boys Strength Game TBA
C1
C2
C3
C4
FRIDAY
C1
C2
C3
C4

TUESDAY
Wrestling Strength Match TBA
C1
C2
C3
C4
THURSDAY
C1
C2
C3
C4
<i>TO DO THIS WEEK:</i>
✓
✓
✓
✓
✓

February 16-18, 2021

#PantherStrong

MONDAY
Student Holiday
C1
C2
C3
C4
WEDNESDAY
First day of Spring Sports Practice
C1
C2
C3
C4
FRIDAY
C1
C2
C3
C4

TUESDAY
Student Holiday
C1
C2
C3
C4
THURSDAY
C1
C2
C3
C4
<i>TO DO THIS WEEK:</i>
✓
✓
✓
✓
✓

February 21-25 , 2021

#PantherStrong

MONDAY
C1
C2
C3
C4
WEDNESDAY
C1
C2
C3
C4
FRIDAY
C1
C2
C3
C4

TUESDAY
C1
C2
C3
C4
THURSDAY
C1
C2
C3
C4
<i>TO DO THIS WEEK:</i>
✓
✓
✓
✓
✓

February 28- Mar 4, 2021

#PantherStrong

MONDAY
C1
C2
C3
C4
WEDNESDAY
Soccer HOME vs Louis Chapel
C1
C2
C3
C4
FRIDAY
C1
C2
C3
C4

TUESDAY
C1
C2
C3
C4
THURSDAY
C1
C2
C3
C4
<i>TO DO THIS WEEK:</i>
✓
✓
✓
✓
✓

March 7-11, 2021

#PantherStrong

MONDAY	
Baseball/Softball AWAY vs Nick Jeralds	
C1	
C2	
C3	
C4	
WEDNESDAY	
Soccer AWAY vs Westover	
C1	
C2	
C3	
C4	
FRIDAY	
Student Holiday	
C1	
C2	
C3	
C4	

TUESDAY	
C1	
C2	
C3	
C4	
THURSDAY	
Baseball/Softball HOME vs LCMS End of 3rd 9-weeks	
C1	
C2	
C3	
C4	
TO DO THIS WEEK:	
✓	
✓	
✓	
✓	
✓	

March 14-18, 2021

#PantherStrong

MONDAY
Baseball/Softball HOME vs New Century
C1
C2
C3
C4
WEDNESDAY
Soccer HOME vs Albritton
C1
C2
C3
C4
FRIDAY
C1
C2
C3
C4

TUESDAY
TRACK - Division I @ Reid Ross
C1
C2
C3
C4
THURSDAY
REPORT CARDS GO HOME
C1
C2
C3
C4
<i>TO DO THIS WEEK:</i>
✓
✓
✓
✓
✓

March 21-25, 2021

#PantherStrong

MONDAY
Baseball/Softball AWAY vs John Griffin
C1
C2
C3
C4
WEDNESDAY
C1
C2
C3
C4
FRIDAY
3rd 9-weeks Awards Programs
C1
C2
C3
C4

TUESDAY
TRACK -@ Reid Ross
C1
C2
C3
C4
THURSDAY
Baseball/Softball HOME vs Gray's Creek
C1
C2
C3
C4
TO DO THIS WEEK:
✓
✓
✓
✓
✓

Mar 28 – Apr 1, 2021

#PantherStrong

MONDAY
Baseball/Softball AWAY vs Pine Forest
C1
C2
C3
C4
WEDNESDAY
Soccer AWAY vs John Griffin
C1
C2
C3
C4
FRIDAY
C1
C2
C3
C4

TUESDAY
TRACK - @ Reid Ross
C1
C2
C3
C4
THURSDAY
Baseball/Softball HOME vs Mac Williams
C1
C2
C3
C4
<i>TO DO THIS WEEK:</i>
✓
✓
✓
✓
✓

April 4-8, 2021

#PantherStrong

MONDAY
C1
C2
C3
C4
WEDNESDAY
Soccer HOME vs Gray's Creek
C1
C2
C3
C4
FRIDAY
C1
C2
C3
C4

TUESDAY
TRACK - @ New Century
C1
C2
C3
C4
THURSDAY
Baseball/Softball HOME vs John Griffin
C1
C2
C3
C4
<i>TO DO THIS WEEK:</i>
✓
✓
✓
✓
✓

April 11-14, 2021

#PantherStrong

MONDAY
Baseball/Softball AWAY vs Gray's Creek
C1
C2
C3
C4
WEDNESDAY
Soccer AWAY vs Pine Forest
C1
C2
C3
C4
FRIDAY
All Students and Staff - Holiday (No School)
C1
C2
C3
C4

TUESDAY
PROGRESS REPORTS GO HOME
C1
C2
C3
C4
THURSDAY
Baseball/Softball HOME vs Pine Forest
C1
C2
C3
C4
TO DO THIS WEEK:
✓
✓
✓
✓
✓

April 25-29, 2021

#PantherStrong

MONDAY
C1
C2
C3
C4
WEDNESDAY
Soccer HOME vs Mac Williams
C1
C2
C3
C4
FRIDAY
C1
C2
C3
C4

TUESDAY
TRACK - Division meet @ Reid Ross
C1
C2
C3
C4
THURSDAY
Baseball/Softball AWAY vs Mac Williams
C1
C2
C3
C4
<i>TO DO THIS WEEK:</i>
✓
✓
✓
✓
✓

May 2-6, 2021

#PantherStrong

MONDAY
Soccer Strength Game TBA
C1
C2
C3
C4
WEDNESDAY
Baseball Strength Game
C1
C2
C3
C4
FRIDAY
C1
C2
C3
C4

TUESDAY
Softball Strength Game TBA
C1
C2
C3
C4
THURSDAY
C1
C2
C3
C4
<i>TO DO THIS WEEK:</i>
✓
✓
✓
✓
✓

May 9-13, 2021
#PantherStrong

MONDAY
C1
C2
C3
C4
WEDNESDAY
EOG Reading
C1
C2
C3
C4
FRIDAY
C1
C2
C3
C4

TUESDAY
EOG Science (8 th grade Only)
C1
C2
C3
C4
THURSDAY
EOG Math, EOC Math 1 (select 8 th graders)
C1
C2
C3
C4
<i>TO DO THIS WEEK:</i>
✓
✓
✓
✓
✓

May 16-20, 2021

#PantherStrong

MONDAY
C1
C2
C3
C4
WEDNESDAY
4th 9-weeks Awards Programs
C1
C2
C3
C4
FRIDAY
MAY 20 LAST DAY FOR STUDENTS Students Two Hour Early Release at 12:40pm
C1
C2
C3
C4

TUESDAY
C1
C2
C3
C4
THURSDAY
Celebration Day
C1
C2
C3
C4
TO DO THIS WEEK:
✓ REPORT CARDS MAILED HOME JUNE 3, 2022
✓
✓
✓
✓

Fall Sports 2021 - Fall sports practice begins August 30th

Football/Boys Soccer/Volleyball/Girls Track

Games begin at 4pm – gates open at 3:20pm

Date	Sports	Opponent
Tues. Sept 14	Girls Track	@RRHS
Wed. Sept 15	Volleyball	@LNJMS
Wed. Sept 15	Boys Soccer	@LNJMS
Thur. Sept 16	Football	vs ACMS
Tues. Sept 21	Girls Track	@RRHS
Wed. Sept 22	Volleyball	AWAY@SLMS
Wed. Sept 22	Boys Soccer	AWAY@SLMS
Thur. Sept 23	Football	AWAY@Albritton
Tues. Sept 28	Girls Track	@PFHS
Tues. Oct 5	Girls Track	@NCMS
Wed. Oct 6	Volleyball	vs JGMS
Wed. Oct 6	Boys Soccer	vs JGMS
Thur. Oct 7	Football	AWAY@JGMS
Tues. Oct 12	Girls Track	@RRHS
Wed. Oct 13	Volleyball	AWAY@GCMS
Wed. Oct 13	Boys Soccer	AWAY@GCMS
Thur. Oct 14	Football	vs GCMS
Tues. Oct 19	Girls Track	@RRCMS
Wed. Oct 20	Volleyball	vs PFMS
Wed. Oct 20	Boys Soccer	vs PFMS
Thur. Oct 21	Football	AWAY@PFMS
Wed. Oct 27	Volleyball	vs MWMS
Wed. Oct 27	Boys Soccer	vs MWMS
Thur. Oct 28	Football	vs MWMS
Monday Nov 1	Boys Soccer	Strength - TBA
Wednesday Nov 3	Volleyball	Strength - TBA
Thursday Nov 4	Football	Strength - TBA

Winter Sports - Winter sports practice begins November 15th

Boys' basketball/Girls' basketball/Wrestling

Games begin at 4pm – gates open at 3:20pm

Date	Sports	Opponent
Thur. Dec 2	Wrestling	vs LNJMS
Thur. Dec 2	Basketball	AWAY @LNJMS
Tues. Dec 7	Basketball	vs LCMS
Tues. Dec 7	Wrestling	AWAY @LCMS
Thur. Dec 9	Wrestling	vs Albritton
Thur. Dec 9	Basketball	AWAY @Albritton
Thur. Dec 16	Basketball	AWAY @JGMS
Thur. Dec 16	Wrestling	vs JGMS
Tues. Jan 11	Wrestling	AWAY @GCMS
Tues. Jan 11	Basketball	vs GCMS
Thur. Jan 13	Basketball	AWAY @PFMS
Thur. Jan 13	Wrestling	vs PFMS
Tues. Jan 18	Wrestling	AWAY @MWMS
Tues. Jan 18	Basketball	vs MWMS
Tues. Jan 25	Wrestling	AWAY @JGMS
Tues. Jan 25	Basketball	vs JGMS
Thurs. Jan 27	Basketball	AWAY @GCMS
Thurs. Jan 27	Wrestling	vs GCMS
Mon. Jan 31	Wrestling	AWAY @PFMS
Mon. Jan 31	Basketball	vs PFMS
Thurs. Feb 3	Basketball	AWAY @MWMS
Thurs. Feb 3	Wrestling	vs MWMS
Mon. Feb 7	Girls Basketball	Strength - TBA
Tues. Feb 8	Wrestling	Strength - TBA
Wed. Feb 9	Boys Basketball	Strength - TBA

Spring Sports - Spring sports practice begins February 16th

Girls' Soccer/Softball/Baseball/Boys' Track

Games begin at 4pm – gates open at 3:20pm

Date	Sports	Opponent
Wed. Mar 2	Girls Soccer	vs LCMS
Mon. Mar 7	BBall/SBall	AWAY@LNJMS
Wed. Mar 9	Girls Soccer	AWAY vs WOMS
Thur. Mar 10	BBall/SBall	vs. LCMS
Mon. Mar 14	BBall/SBall	vs NCMS
Tues. Mar 15	Boys Track	@RRCMS
Wed. Mar 16	Girls Soccer	vs Albritton
Mon. Mar 21	BBall/SBall	AWAY@JGMS
Tues. Mar 22	Boys Track	@RRCMS
Thur. Mar 24	BBall/SBall	vs GCMS
Mon. Mar 28	BBall/SBall	AWAY@PFMS
Tues. Mar 29	Boys Track	@NCMS
Wed. Mar 30	Girls Soccer	AWAY vs JGMS
Thur. Mar 31	BBall/SBall	vs MWMS
Tues. Apr 5	Boys Track	@NCMS
Wed. Apr 6	Girls Soccer	vs. GCMS
Thur. Apr 7	BBall/SBall	vs JGMS
Mon. Apr 11	BBall/SBall	AWAY@GCMS
Wed. Apr 13	Girls Soccer	AWAY @PFMS
Thur. Apr 14	BBall/SBall	vs PFMS
Tues. Apr 12	Boys Track	@PFHS
Tues. Apr 26	Boys Track	Division meet @RRCMS
Wed. Apr 27	Girls Soccer	vs MWMS
Thur. Apr 28	BBall/SBall	AWAY @MWMS
Mon. May 2	Girls Soccer	Strength - TBA
Tues. May 3	Softball	Strength - TBA
Wed. May 4	Baseball	Strength - TBA

