

# The Mariner Memo

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## Important Dates:

April 1st: VGs receipts due for Washington, D.C. Trip.

April 2nd-9th: Spring Break

April 19th: 1/2 day for Elementary and Middle Schools—students dismissed at 11:43

May 6th: 1/2 day for Elementary and Middle - students dismissed at 11:43

May 14th: 2nd payment due to Corporate Travel for Washington, D.C. Trip. (Do not turn in to the school office.)

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## Girl's Basketball Schedule:

March 15 vs. Marysville  
March 18 vs. Cros-Lex  
March 22 @ St. Clair  
March 23 @ Cros-Lex



## Principal's Page

Parents,

With two-thirds of the school year completed, it is time to begin thinking about the future. For our current 8th graders, they will begin making the transition to the high school. This transition can be a difficult period for both students and parents, but it can be less difficult with the right planning and preparation. In the coming weeks, the staff at Marine City Middle will be working with the staff at Marine City High to help your student make the best choices possible. During the scheduling process, please take the time to go over your student's choices and ask questions. If

necessary, contact your child's teacher or counselor for more information. Again, please invest the time in this process to get your child off to a great start.

### Updates:

MEAP: In the next few weeks, we should be receiving our Fall 2009 MEAP scores from the State of Michigan. As soon as we receive the scores, we will be mailing out a copy of your student's results, along with a guide on how to interpret the scores.

Track: If your 7th or 8th grader is interested in running track this spring, please check out the following information:

The following paperwork needs to be turned in by March 26, 2010:

- Pay to Participate Contract (signed by parent & student).
- Check made payable to ECSD for \$50.
- Physical Card (completely filled out and signed by a parent/guardian and signed and dated by a physician). Students may not participate if all the proper paperwork is not turned in. If a student was on a team during the Fall or Winter seasons, then no further paperwork is required. Please call the Athletic Office at 810-676-1204, if you have any questions.

## Mulan Jr.

On March 11th and 12th the MCMS PTO will be sponsoring a performance of *Mulan, Jr.* at the East China School District Performing Arts Center. Students in grades K-8 from all over the East China School District will be performing in this production. Elementary students from each of the District's five elementary

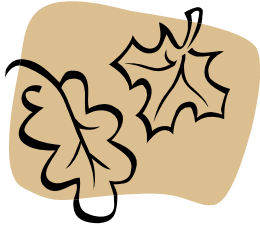
buildings will be attending the morning performances, while two evening shows will be open to the public. The evening performances on Thursday and Friday are scheduled to begin at 7:00 p.m. The cost of admission is \$8.00 for adults and \$6.00 for students, with all proceeds benefiting the MCMS PTO.

## Science Olympiad

The Marine City Middle School Science Olympiad Team had an outstanding performance at the Annual Macomb Science Olympiad Competition on Saturday, February 27th. The team placed in the Top Ten overall, as well as earning individual medals in 8 events. The team also won the Region 7 Division B Team Spirit Award. This is the highest placement to date of any St. Clair County teams in the competition. Congratulations on all of the hard work!

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## ***After School Activities***



The Marine City Middle School PTO is proud to provide numerous after school activities for our students. This fall we are proud to offer students a variety of choices that allow them to develop their skills and abilities in a number of areas. Activities such as Lego Robotics, Horticulture, Crafts, Art, Board Games, Keeping Fit, Science Olympiad and Math Club are being offered to your students. All of these activities

are staffed by Marine City Middle School teachers and staff. We are extremely fortunate to have such a dedicated PTO that provides opportunities for our students to shine. Just in case you have forgotten or are new to our after school activities, let me share a few reminders with everyone. First, there is no charge for these activities. All school rules apply to these activities and a student can be removed from the activity if

necessary. Transportation home from the activity is the responsibility of the student & parents. This past week, we sent home a schedule of the activities with the students. Students were allowed to pick more than one activity, but space was limited. Finally, the activities begin the week of November 5th and end on December 20th. Thanks to everyone involved for supporting these valuable activities.

## ***National Junior Honor Society News***

The Marine City Middle School National Junior Honor Society is off to a great start this school year. Led by Mrs. Amy Walton and Mrs. Hollie Muldermans, the NJHS students have made a significant impact in and out of Marine City Middle School. Currently, the NJHS is offering after school tutoring to students on Tuesdays and Thursdays. This service is open to all Ma-

rine City Middle School students from 3:20-4:15 p.m. Students attending the after school tutoring need to bring all of the necessary materials (textbooks, folders, assignments, papers, writing utensil, etc) to the tutoring session. There is no charge for the tutoring sessions, but transportation home from the sessions is the responsibility of the student & parents. Again,

these free tutoring sessions are a great opportunity for our students. I would like to extend my sincere thanks to all those who sacrifice their time to help students succeed.



## ***Second Chance Club***

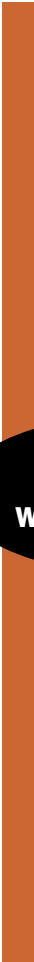


The Second Chance Club is a program designed to help 6th grade students regain lost credit in their classes. Here is how it works: When a student is missing an assignment or has completed less than half of the assignment the student will fill out a Second Chance form. The form will state the assignment, the date and the teacher. Half of this form will be stapled to their planner while the other

half, that contains the same information, will be turned in to their classroom teacher. An assignment not completed by Monday will be assigned a Tuesday Second Chance Club, an assignment not completed on Tuesday will be assigned a Wednesday Second Chance Club, etc. If the student finishes the assignment before their scheduled Second Chance Club and they turn it in, they'll be

taken off the list for that night. The bottom line is that this is not meant to be a punishment; it's meant to help the student complete the material and receive the highest possible grade. Second Chance Club meets on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays, so please make sure to check your students planner. Let's work together to help students succeed!





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