



MCC SCHOOLS

November/December 2021 Newsletter

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School Year Update - End of 2021 Calendar Year

COVID-19 is keeping a grip on us as we approach the end of 2021. On behalf of the school district I want to thank everyone who works here at the school and our families for doing their best to handle and work through all the ways we have been affected by COVID. Even though individuals have felt different opinions about restrictions and how things are handled, our families and staff have been respectful and have worked with us to make the most of the situation to help us provide quality education to our students. All of it has come at a cost. COVID has had direct impacts on our school families and staff causing absences due to quarantines, worry when a loved one has serious complications from the illness, fatigue from all the adjustments, and weariness with the ups and downs as things go from difficult to better back to difficult. Please know we are appreciative for our school community for remaining flexible, and working with us as we move forward. We ask for continued patience and understanding as things start returning to a new normal.

That being said, there are many exciting things planned for this winter season. Robotics team is holding meets. We have a drone team that will fly drones in competition as well. Basketball season is upon us for our elementary and high school students. In December we will hold our music concerts and are excited to allow general admission to all these events.

In spite of all the challenges we surely have done our very best through all this to provide opportunities for our students. We will continue our efforts and hopefully see a brighter 2022 half of the school year!!

FOOD SERVICE

Last newsletter we informed families that we were in search of a food vendor due to CashWa foods ending its contract with the cooperative we purchase through. We were able to secure a new food vendor and transition has gone well. Occasionally, we may have menu changes as all suppliers are affected by product availability. We will use our alert/notification system and post changes on our website and Facebook page when we need to change the menu.

COMMUNITY WORKING GROUP for BUILDING/FUTURE NEEDS

The school board is forming a special working group consisting of the superintendent, three board members, a teacher from each school site, and 4-6 community members to serve on a working group that will assess and prioritize the school district's building needs and future planning needs. This committee will review previous survey data, visit buildings, visit with staff, visit with students meeting approximately 2 times a month. The end goal for this committee is to share with the board a plan to move forward to address our space needs and other needs. If you have interest in serving on this committee please contact the school district office. The board will review the number of people interested and approve the committee to begin work at the December 20, 2021 school board meeting.

HOLIDAY PROGRAM/CONCERTS

Viking Elementary: We are hosting grade level programs this year on December 3 at Viking School. Kindergarten Program is 11:30 a.m., First Grade Program is at 12:30 p.m. and Second Grade Program is at 1:45 p.m.

Newfolden Elementary: The Newfolden Elementary Program will be on Thursday, December 9 at 7 pm at the High School.

MCC High School: The MCC High School Program will be on Friday, December 17 at 7 pm at the High School.

Senior Citizen Tea: We will host a short program with treats for our community seniors on Tuesday, December 21 at 1:30 pm.

HAPPY HOLIDAYS & MERRY CHRISTMAS!

Superintendent

Jeffrey Lund #mccstrong

Superintendent/Elementary Principal: Jeffrey Lund - High School Principal Brian Longerbone - Dean of Students Matt Nelson
www.newfolden.k12.mn.us - District Office: (218) 874-8530 - Office Hours: M-F 7:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

STUDENT HEALTH CONCERNS

We are asking for strict adherence to the rule if you are sick please stay home. This is for the safety of all students and staff. For any health related questions, please call the school and ask for Nurse Julie or you can e-mail her at jdahlman@mccfreeze.org.

SCHOOL CALENDAR

Each month we will issue a monthly calendar for our families. We will include a copy in the monthly newsletter. We have found there are just too many changes that happen to the calendars we used to issue and send home. Printing by month will help ensure calendar is up-to-date.

CALENDAR NOTES:

December 6 - No School - In-service Day

December 22 the last day before holiday break is a full day of school this year.

BOARD MEETING DATE CHANGES

Monthly board meetings during winter months had some date changes. Here are the new dates for monthly board meetings this Fall and Winter:
Mon. December 20, 6:30 p.m.
Wed. January 19, 6:30 p.m.
Wed. February 16, 6:30 p.m.
Mon. March 14, 6:30 p.m.

PARKING RESTRICTIONS

There is no overnight parking permitted in the school lots without administrator approval. This is very important during winter season because we need to clean parking lots after each snow fall. Cars in the lot make snow removal very difficult and time consuming. Parked cars are subject to being towed at the owner's expense.

SNOWMOBILES ON SCHOOL GROUNDS

Students, properly endorsed of driving age, may drive snowmobiles to school. We ask that they park in the student parking lot or in the school yard near the school parking lot. We ask that students and community members stay on designated snow trails and along roads where permitted. Please refrain from driving snowmobiles on school grounds. Snowmobiles can damage property and our athletic fields if driven improperly or driven in poor snow conditions.

WINTER CLOTHING

Parents, cold winter weather is here. Please be sure to send your children to school with hats, boots, gloves, and a warm winter coat. Snowpants are required for Viking Elementary students and advised for Newfolden Elementary students. Elementary students go outside each day for 20 to 25 minutes. It is important that their hands, feet, head, and body are kept warm. Students may leave an extra set of clothing in their lockers, but they should bring home any clothing that gets wet. We also expect high school students to come properly dressed for weather. Classes sometimes go outside and we want all students prepared with warm clothing in the event of a bus breakdown.

Reminder: Shorts are not permissible in school with the exception of gym class and sports after Education Minnesota Break through the end of April.

WEATHER RELATED ANNOUNCEMENTS

The school district utilizes an automatic messaging program tied to our website and the District App. Parents are automatically enrolled and will be called to your telephones, sent a text to your cell phone, and sent a notification if you downloaded the app and set up your notifications. For weather emergency closings, delays, or early releases, we call and message all numbers in our files. We know this may seem excessive, but it is important to us that you get the message. If you have changed your phone number please contact the office and we will update the information in our files.

Mr. Lund keeps a careful watch of the weather throughout the winter season. We try to announce delays or closings the night before but sometimes there is not enough information in the forecast to make an early decision.

SCHOOL BOARD BRIEF/MINUTES:

If you are interested in what happens at our school board meetings, we post a briefing of the nights action the day following our meeting here:
Board Brief: <https://bit.ly/3b0777x>

We also post meeting minutes on our website once they are approved. Those are located here:
Minutes: <https://bit.ly/3FwCVgv>

ECFE Schedule

Marshall County Central schools offers early childhood educational opportunities for families with infant children to age 4.

Our classes return to Thursdays twice a month most months throughout the school year. There are two session times. The first session is held from 4:30 to 5:30 p.m. and the second session is held from 6:00 to 7:30 p.m.

Amie Buck is our Preschool/ECFE Teacher. Paraprofessional Melissa Hestekind will assist. Programming includes free play time, activity time, story time, and snack. Information is also provided to parents to support their child's education.

We are excited to bring back this opportunity for our youngest learners and families.

For questions about ECFE please contact Viking Elementary School (218) 523-4425 or e-mail Amie Buck: abuck@mccfreeze.org

December 2 - Teddy Bear Clinic
December 16 - Holiday Splendor
Jan. 6 - Field Trip to Sanford Kid Zone
Jan. 20 - Winter Wonderland
February 3 - TRF Library Field Trip
February 17 - Happy Hearts
March 10 - Colors are all Around
March 24 - Spring has Sprung
April 7 - Baby Animals
April 21 - Touch a Truck
May 5 - Mommy, Grandma, and me
May 19 - Year End Picnic at the Park



Important COVID Related Information:

Adjustments were made to the district's COVID Decision Tree at the 11/1/2021 Special School Board meeting. Please review the following document to view changes and to see other resources available to our students and families. For larger print full page go here: <https://bit.ly/3GBeNum>

**Marshall County Central Schools - Updated 11/1/2021
COVID - 19 Decision Tree (2021-2022)**

Please understand this is subject to change based on situation in school regarding COVID-19

Positive Test Results:

Any individual who tests positive for COVID-19 is expected to isolate for 10 days from symptom onset.

Close Contact Situations:

Our school will contact trace all school based close contact situations. We utilized seating charts, video, and interviews with staff to determine who is a close contact. Students/Staff within 6 feet of positive COVID cases in school will be named close contact and parent/student notified. If you are named a close contact through school or public health the following protocols are expected to be followed:

Vaccinated persons	School/Non-Household Close Contract	Household Close Contacts
<p>All individuals who have received a COVID - 19 vaccination are exempt from quarantine status, regardless of household or non-household close contact, unless experiencing symptoms.</p> <p>If county breakthrough case percentage is above 10%, vaccinated persons will need to wear a mask properly in school for 7 full days from last contact.</p>	<p>Unvaccinated persons:</p> <p>Two options are available:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Students/Staff may remain in school if they wear a mask properly in school for 7 full days from last contact. 2) Quarantine for 7 full days from last contact. 	<p>Unvaccinated persons:</p> <p>An individual who is a close contact of someone within the household is expected to quarantine for 10 full days from symptom onset in the household. Nurse Julie will work with families on establishing return to school dates.</p>

24-Hour Symptom Improvement Screening:

All students and staff are asked to screen daily and stay home if symptoms are present. It is important that if your child is ill that you keep him/her home until 24 hours after his/her symptoms have improved. This includes being fever free without the use of medication, no vomiting or diarrhea, improvement of cough, congestion or runny nose, etc. for a minimum of 24 hours.

School Covid - Test Kits Available:

We have Vault test kits available for students if they need a test. Call office staff and one will be provided. Test is taken at home, and can be shipped via UPS or returned to school with the enclosed biohazard bag and we will ship. Processing usually takes 2 to 3 days.

Self quarantine upon return from travel:

No self-quarantine is required to return to school from travel

May a person test out of quarantine or provide antibody test results?

A person may not test out of quarantine. We cannot accept antibody test results.

Vaccine Clinics:

Public Health will periodically provide vaccine clinics in school. The next clinic is December 8 from 4:30 to 6:00 p.m. @ Newfolden Elementary.

It is encouraged to check with your primary health provider and follow Minnesota Department of Health guidelines for quarantine.

DECEMBER 2021

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1	2 ECFE 4:30 & 6:00 pm BBB vs Warroad @ TC GBB @ Sacred Heart	3 Kind. Program VE 11:30 1st Gr. Program VE 12:30 2nd Gr. Program VE 1:45	4 Robotics @ TRF
5	6 No School Teacher In-Service GBB @ WAO	7 Youth Dance (3-5) 5:45 Youth Dance (K-2) 6:15 GBB vs. KCC @ TC	8 Vaccine Clinic 4:30 - 6:00 NE Cafeteria	9 N. Elem. Program 7 pm GBB @ RLCC	10 BBB vs. SH EGF @ MCC	11 Freeze Hoops 3-6 Scrimmage @ EGF
12	13 Youth Dance (K-2) 5:45 Youth Dance (3-5) 6:15 BBB vs. WAO @ MCC 1st Grade @ JV Halftime	14 GBB vs. Roseau @ TC	15	16 ECFE 4:30 & 6:00 pm GBB vs. BGMR @ TC	17 MCC HS Concert 7 pm	18 GBB & BBB @ TRF
19	20 School Board Mtg 6:30 pm GBB @ RLF	21 Senior Tea 1:30 pm Youth Dance (3-5) 5:45 Youth Dance (K-2) 6:15 BBB @ Fertile-Beltrami	22	23 No School Winter Holiday	24 Christmas Eve No School Winter Holiday	25 Christmas Day
26	27 No School Winter Holiday	28 No School Winter Holiday	29 No School Winter Holiday	30 No School Winter Holiday	31 New Year's Eve No School Winter Holiday	



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MCC PARENT & STUDENT UPDATE
2021

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Girls Basketball Schedule

November 30 - vs. Fosston @ MCC
December 2 @ Sacred Heart
December 6 @ WAO
December 9 @ RLCC
December 14 vs. Roseau @ TC
December 16 vs. BGMR @ TC
December 18 @ TRF REA
December 20 @ RLF
January 3 vs Fertile-Beltrami @ MCC
January 6 vs. Stephen-Argyle @ MCC

Boys Basketball Schedule

December 2 vs. Warroad @ TC
December 7 vs. KCC @ TC
December 10 vs. Sacred Heart @ MCC
December 13 vs. WAO @ MCC
December 18 @ TRF REA
December 21 @ Fertile-Beltrami
January 4 @ Sacred Heart
January 6 vs. RLC @ Red Lake Falls
January 7 vs. Stephen-Argyle @ MCC

FREEZE HOOPS INFO:

Website: <https://bit.ly/3cxTXhX>

December Calendar: <https://bit.ly/3cw39Df>



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