



# The Maverick Minute

Parent Edition – 1/16/23

## Principal's Note

McClure Families,

I hope that everyone had a great long weekend! Beginning this week we have a good long stretch of instructional time leading up to our next break in February. During this time, it will be business as usual every day at McClure, with bell-to-bell teaching and learning occurring every day. This is that stretch of the year where students know what to expect, they are used to each teacher's routines and procedures, and will therefore be ready to be challenged with growing rigor.

As much as we talk about our DARE expectations and student behavior, our priority at McClure is instruction. We appreciate all you do to make sure students are at school every day prepared to learn. We also appreciate the extra effort that each of our families puts forth to assure that students who need additional assistance can get it through the [McClure Tutoring Program](#). Over the coming weeks, if there is anything that you feel is needed to support your student at McClure, please do not hesitate to reach out to us for support. Working together as one community, we are a really tough team to beat!

Sincerely,  
Cory Stanley

## Shout Outs

**Career Day** – Shout out to all our parents and community members who joined us on Friday for the annual [McClure Career Day](#). The experience was awesome for our 8<sup>th</sup> graders and gave them a glimpse at some of the choices they will have to make on the road ahead. Also, a big thank you to 8<sup>th</sup> grade counselor Wendy Sherer and 8<sup>th</sup> grade teacher Paul Gandolfo for coordinating the event!

**All State Band** – Congratulations to the following Mavericks who were accepted into the All State Band after the rigorous audition process!

Edie Sanders                      Josiah Weaver                      Austin McClain

**Student of the Month** – Congratulations to the following students who were selected by our Performing Arts Team as the January Students of the Month. We will be celebrating in the McClure LLC next Thursday morning, 1/26, at 8:00!

Elliana O'Dell (6 <sup>th</sup> )	Leah Walters (6 <sup>th</sup> )	Miles Evans (6 <sup>th</sup> )
Nathalia Castillo (6 <sup>th</sup> )	Jake Daniels (7 <sup>th</sup> )	Macie McKee (7 <sup>th</sup> )
Luke Bruner (7 <sup>th</sup> )	Miriam Sich (7 <sup>th</sup> )	Libby Daniell (8 <sup>th</sup> )
Anna Morales (8 <sup>th</sup> )	Audrey Maddox (8 <sup>th</sup> )	Josiah Weaver (8 <sup>th</sup> )

### Mission:

*One Team, One Goal,  
Student Success*

### Vision:

*A school of excellence  
where all students  
succeed*

### McClure Motto:

*DARE to Be a Maverick!*

### 2022-23 Theme:

*We're not just lucky...  
We're good!*

### Maverick - noun /'mav(ə)rik/

*A trendsetter who is not  
afraid to walk a new  
path. A Maverick leads  
others by encouraging  
excellence, enthusiasm,  
and ingenuity.*



Career Day was a hit!

# DARE to Be a Maverick!

## Instructional (Cont.)

**Milestones Assessments** – Each year our students participate in Milestones End of Grade and End of Course Assessments. In case you are curious as to why it is important for all students to participate in these tests, Principal Stanley created [This Video](#) to explain.

**Mock Milestones** – This Wednesday, January 18<sup>th</sup>, we will be conducting a Mock Milestones assessment at McClure. This will give both students and teachers feedback on where we are successful and what we need to continue to work on throughout the spring. It is important for every student to have their laptop charged and their power cord ready on this day. Thank you for helping us make sure this happens!

## Operational

**Student Laptop Safety** – When at school, the CCSD network does a great job of filtering out content that may not be appropriate for middle school students. However, this is not always the case on your home network. The student laptops are set up to filter out content that is obviously inappropriate, but our students are sometimes very good at finding content that slips through the cracks. For this reason, we recommend treating the CCSD student laptop like you would any other technology in your household and monitor its use closely. Students should not have hours and hours of homework every night. So, if they are spending a significant amount of time on their school laptop outside of school, it is a good idea to monitor what they are doing. We also recommend, just like all technology, that each household have a time in the evening where it gets put away in a supervised location. The student laptops are a fantastic tool for learning, but it takes all of us to make sure they are used effectively for just that.

**8<sup>th</sup> Grade Registration** – Please see [This Updated List](#) of important dates for your 8<sup>th</sup> grade student when it comes to high school registration.

**January Update** – Keep up to date with events at McClure by checking the [Updated January Calendar](#).

**Graduation Schedules** – CCSD announced this year's graduation schedule recently. As you plan ahead for end-of-the year events [This Schedule](#) is good to have on hand!

**Volunteer/Student Check Out Update** – We have a new system in place for signing in and checking out students. These systems require that all visitors to school have a valid form of identification. So, don't forget your ID when you come in!

## PTSA

**Staff Treat** – We are treating the staff to a hot cocoa bar on January 19th! Please consider donating an item using [This Link](#).

**Spirit Night** – Cluck-n-Mooh spirit night this Wednesday from 5:00 till 8:00!

## Foundation

**Birthday Wishes** – Send a happy birthday message to your Maverick! Birthday messages are just \$25 and they're a great way to make your student or favorite faculty member feel special. Each message is displayed on McClure's digital marquee on the school's sign on the school day of your choice. Plus, each message fuels the mission of the McClure Foundation.

Pro tip: If your Maverick's birthday is during the summer, schedule a message in December!  
Purchase your message at the [Foundation Store](#).



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## Community Events

**GA Pistols Tryouts** – The Ga. Pistols are a well-established basketball club for the Spring and Summer and our primary focus is player development and fundamentals. This focus has led to many AAU and YBOA State Championships and a few AAU National Championships. Over 350 of our players have gone on to play college basketball and some onto professional basketball. We work in harmony and in supports of high school basketball programs. See [This Flyer](#) for tryout details.

### Upcoming Dates

- 1/18 – Mock Milestones Assessment (All Grades)
- 1/18 – Cluck-n-Mooh Spirit Night (5:00-8:00)
- 1/20 – DARE Day
- 1/26 – Student of the Month Celebration @ 8:00 in the McClure LLC
- 1/26 – Allatoona Rising 9<sup>th</sup> Grade Parent Night @ 6:30 in the Allatoona Theater
- 1/27 – Honor Roll Celebration

