



Mt. Airy Middle School

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Welcome back to the students, parents, and guardians who have been with us for the past year or two; we are excited for our new 6th grade families to join us and experience the Mt. Airy Middle School Tradition of Excellence!

The past few years have challenged all of us in many ways, testing our grit and desire to overcome various forms of adversity. We have made lemonade out of lemons, we have demonstrated we are better together, and now it is time to raise the bar and "Level Up!" Our vision not only encompasses academic excellence, but also character and citizenship. The theme "Level Up" serves as our motto as we all continue our pursuit to improve ourselves from the version we were yesterday. For our students, Leveling Up could be dedicating time to study for assessments to boost their grade, sitting with a peer at lunch who is sitting alone, or getting involved to benefit the community. The opportunities to Level Up are frequent, and quite frankly help shape who we are as individuals. Over the course of middle school and beyond, there will be times that your student fails. When this happens, we will work together to ensure our students have the skills to pick their head up and cut down on the excuses so they can keep moving forward to find a solution!

We look forward to working together with you to make a difference for each one of our students. We will strive to help them achieve, grow, and develop skills to succeed and make a difference for others! Communication is key for school and families to work together and support students.

Please take time to review the following pages, which will highlight information that you need to revisit every year and any changes for the upcoming year. Homeroom postcards will not be sent this year, but student schedules will be available in Home Access (HAC) August 15th. Teachers will use HAC to update you on student progress. We will also use weekly updates, email, monthly team news, and additional newsletters to share information. Please follow us on social media this year to get more frequent reminders, updates, and glimpses of the amazing things happening at MAMS during the school day!

Enjoy the remainder of your summer, and we'll see you soon! If you have any questions, comments, or concerns, please feel free to contact us.

Sincerely,

Chris Hynes
Principal

You can "like" Mt. Airy Middle School on Facebook, follow us on Twitter @MtAiryMiddle or Instagram at Mt.Airy.Middle for more updates and information!

WELCOME BACK 2022

UPCOMING EVENTS

August

- 15 Student schedules posted on Home Access Center
- 30 6th Grade Back to School Night/Laptop pick up; 6:00pm
- 31 Laptop pick up; New 7th/8th Grade Students

September

- 1 8th Grade Back to School Night; 5:30pm
- 1 7th Grade Back to School Night; 6:45pm
- 6 First Day for Students
- 7 PTO Meeting; 7:00pm

October

- 21 Schools Closed for Students

November

- 8 Schools/Offices Closed - Election Day
- 9 Outdoor School Parent Meeting; 7:00pm
- 11 Marking Period Ends - 2 Hour 45 Minutes Early Dismissal System-wide
- 16 PTO Meeting; 7:00pm
- 17 Parent/Teacher Conferences
- 23 2 Hour 45 Minute Early Dismissal System-wide
- 24-25 Schools/Offices Closed - Thanksgiving Holiday
- 28 Schools/Offices Reopen



School Day

- 7:55am School opens for students
- 8:15am Homeroom begins; Attendance taken
- 3:00pm Dismissal starts

****Students are marked tardy after 8:15am**

The instructional school day is from 8:15am until 3:00pm. Afternoon announcements begin at 3:00pm followed by dismissal.

Please be sure to send an email to mamattendance@carrollk12.org or call the office by 8:30am if your student will be absent or late. This will prevent you from receiving the absence phone call.



Mt. Airy Middle Vision

The Mt. Airy Middle School community will continue our established Tradition of Excellence through character, academics, and citizenship.

Character

- Acknowledge responsibility for personal choices while maintaining self-control
- Interact with others while recognizing boundaries, rights, and rules
- Respect and appreciate diversity

Academics

- Utilize problem solving, time management and goal setting skills, to become independent lifelong learners
- Persevere through challenges and recognize making mistakes as part of the learning process
- Establish the connection between academic achievement and future career success

Citizenship

- Cultivate the virtues of honesty, integrity, and commitment to the well-being of society
- Create experiences which provide perspective to help gain a global outlook
- Participate in service and leadership opportunities within the school and community



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School Hours

Building Open to Students: 7:55am
Late Bell/Attendance Taken: 8:15am
Dismissal Starts: 3:00pm

Office Hours

7:30am - 4:00pm

School Counselors

Mrs. Bohle

A - K

Mrs. McDermott

L - Z

Home Access Center

This is a resource for parents to view information pertinent to their student including student grades and attendance information. Link below:

[Home Access Center](#)

Attendance

If your student is absent, please call the school or email at mamattendance@carrollk12.org by 8:30am. If your student is late or leaving early, please send in a note.

Service Learning Hours

Click on the link below to complete the online form for Service Learning hours.

[Online Service Learning Hours Entry \(carrollk12.org\)](#)

Parent/Teacher Conferences

November 17 December 14 January 12

Sign-up will be online through Sign-Up Genius.

Information will be sent through School Messenger.

Lunch Times

Grade 6: 10:50am - 11:20am
Grade 7: 11:30am - 12:00pm
Grade 8: 12:20pm - 12:50pm

Meal Prices

Breakfast \$1.75
Lunch \$2.75
Milk \$0.60
Ice Cream vary in cost
Snacks vary in cost

Picture Day

September 12
November 10 (Retakes)

State Assessments

March 6 - March 24 Science MISA (8th Gr.)
April 3 - May 26 MCAP (ELA & Math)
May 1 - May 26 MCAP (SS, 8th Gr.)

Drama Programs

March 31 - 7:00pm
April 1 - 3:30pm, 7:00pm

Back to School Nights

6th Grade

August 30 - 6:00pm

8th Grade

September 1 - 5:30pm

7th Grade

September 1 - 6:45pm

Music Programs

Winter Concerts - 7:00pm

December 7 - 7th & 8th Chorus
December 8 - 6th Chorus/Band/Orch
December 9 - 7th & 8th Band & Orch

Spring Concerts - 7:00pm

May 18 - 7th & 8th Chorus
May 23 - 6th Chorus/Band/Orch
May 24 - 7th & 8th Band & Orch

PTO Meetings

September 7 7:00pm
November 16 7:00pm
February 8 7:00pm
May 10 7:00pm

Meetings are held in the Media Center.

8th Grade Dance

June 9

8th Grade Farewell

June 14 or last full school day

6th Grade Outdoor School

Parent Information Night:

November 9 - 7:00pm

Weeks of attendance:

January 9 - January 13
January 17 - January 20
January 23 - January 27
January 31 - February 3

Actual teams attending a particular week will be determined at a later date.

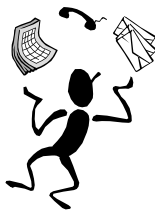
Volunteer Training

Training must be completed at least 7 days prior to volunteering. Click on the following link: [Volunteer Program - Carroll County Public School District \(carrollk12.org\)](#)

All dates are subject to change. School Messenger alerts will provide updates as needed.

Communication Methods

- School office hours are 7:30am - 4:00pm.
- We will continue to send out Weekly Updates with all the latest MAMS news by SchoolMessenger.
- Please make sure your most up-to-date contact information is on your student's emergency card.
- If there are any changes to your phone number or email address, please contact the MAMS office as soon as possible so you will continue to receive important information.
- Don't forget to "like" Mt. Airy Middle School on Facebook, follow us on Twitter @MtAiryMiddle or Instagram at mt.airy.middle



Encrypted Emails



You will have the opportunity to opt out of receiving Secure Emails via the Parent Permission Form that you complete each year. This will be an option on both the electronic and paper versions. When you opt out, you agree to allow us to send unencrypted emails to both parents. If you do not check the box, you will be opted in for secure emails. You will need to reselect this every year as part of the annual Parent Permission process. Look for this selection when you receive the Parent Permission email from CCPS in August.



Emergency Cards

Each student will receive only one (1) copy of their emergency card. It is critical the preprinted information is carefully reviewed by a parent/guardian. If the card reflects incorrect information, you are asked to make note of the revisions on the card. Also, please make sure to complete the Transportation Information section, stating your student's bus number. All emergency cards must be signed by a parent/guardian and returned to the school as soon as possible.

Hello MAMS families!

HOMEROOM INFORMATION

Grade 6 Blue

B202 - Mrs. Haddad, ELA
B204 - Mr. Hagy, Social Studies
B206 - Mrs. Gulati, Math
B208 - Mrs. Weisman, Science (Team Leader)

Grade 6 Gold

B209 - Mrs. Krouse, Science
B212 - Mr. Nave, Math
B214 - Ms. DiLeone, Social Studies
B216 - Mrs. Whitten, ELA (Team Leader)
B218 - Mrs. Snader, Humanities

Grade 7 Blue

A207 - Mrs. Starkey, STEM
A209 - Ms. Gooding, ELA
A210 - Mrs. Curley, Social Studies
A213 - Mrs. Hastings, Math (Team Leader)
A215 - Ms. Walls, Science

Grade 7 Gold

A216 - Mrs. McNally, Science (Team Leader)
A219 - Mrs. Orlosky, Math
A221 - Mr. Hull, Social Studies
A223 - Mrs. Bruce, ELA

Grade 8 Blue

A134 - Mr. Payne, Science
A136 - Ms. Chenoweth, Math (Team Leader)
A138 - Mr. Cooper, Social Studies
A140 - Mrs. Barth, ELA
A142 - Mrs. Knauth, Humanities

Grade 8 Gold

A126 - Mrs. Mohlhenrich, ELA
A127 - Mr. Fugate, Social Studies
A130 - Mrs. Schuller, Math
A132 - Mrs. Merwitz, Science (Team Leader)

B118 - Mrs. Bevans, LFI



MT. AIRY MIDDLE SCHOOL

2022-2023 SCHOOL SUPPLY LIST



GENERAL SUPPLIES FOR ALL GRADES

- ☐ **Wired Earbuds/Headphones**
- ☐ **No Wireless Devices: Airpods/Earbuds/Headphones**
- ☐ Blue or black pens
- ☐ Pencils
- ☐ Highlighters
- ☐ 1 Pack of 10 Colored Pencils & Sharpener
- ☐ Erasers
- ☐ 2 Packs of Loose Leaf Paper
- ☐ Tape
- ☐ Glue sticks
- ☐ Scissors
- ☐ 1 Pack of 3"x3" Sticky Notes
- ☐ Pencil Pouch
- ☐ Sharpener
- ☐ Anti-bacterial Wipes
- ☐ Tissues

GRADE 6 BLUE

- ☐ General Supplies
- ☐ 3 1 inch 3-ring Binders
- ☐ 3 Packs of 5-tab Binder Dividers
- ☐ 1 Five-Subject Spiral notebook, preferably Plastic Cover
- ☐ 1 Marble Composition Book
- ☐ 1 2-Pocket Folder
- ☐ Highlighters (4 pack assorted colors)

GRADE 6 GOLD

- ☐ General Supplies
- ☐ 3 1 inch 3-ring Binders
- ☐ 3 Packs of 5-tab Binder Dividers
- ☐ 1 Single-Subject Spiral Notebook
- ☐ 1 Marble Composition Book
- ☐ 3 2-Pocket Folders
- ☐ 1 Editing Pen (not blue or black)
- ☐ 1 Pack of 24 Colored Pencils
- ☐ 1 12" Ruler

GRADE 7 BLUE

- ☐ General Supplies
- ☐ 2 1½ inch 3-ring Binders
- ☐ 2 Packs of 5-tab Binder Dividers
- ☐ 2 Large Spiral Notebooks
- ☐ 2 Red Pens
- ☐ 1 Fine Tip Permanent Black Marker
- ☐ 2 Ultra Fine Tip Permanent Black Markers
- ☐ Extra Loose Leaf Paper

GRADE 7 GOLD

- ☐ General Supplies
- ☐ 2 1-1½ inch 3-ring Binders
- ☐ 2 Packs of 5-tab Binder Dividers
- ☐ 2 Large Spiral Notebooks
- ☐ 2 Packs of Loose Leaf Notebook Paper
- ☐ 2 2-Pocket Folder with prongs
- ☐ 1 Pack of Colored Pens (variety)
- ☐ 1 Fine Tip Permanent Black Marker
- ☐ Highlighters (4 pack assorted colors)

RELATED ARTS

Students will need a binder, paper, and dividers for their related arts classes. Some related arts classes may require additional materials

PE: MAMS PE Uniform (Information in newsletter)

If you could provide 2 boxes of tissues, it would be greatly appreciated.

GRADE 8 BLUE

- ☐ General Supplies
- ☐ 5 1 inch 3-ring Binders
- ☐ 5 Packs of 5-tab Binder Dividers
- ☐ 2 Red Pens
- ☐ 1 Fine Tip Permanent Black Marker
- ☐ 1 Pack Washable Fine Tip Markers (ie: Crayola)
- ☐ Highlighters (at least 2 colors)
- ☐ 1 Pack of 100 3"x5" Index Cards (ruled)
- ☐ 1 12" Ruler

GRADE 8 GOLD

- ☐ General Supplies
- ☐ 4 1 inch 3-ring Binders
- ☐ 2 Packs of 5-tab Binder Dividers
- ☐ 1 Marble Composition Book
- ☐ Highlighters (4 pack assorted colors)
- ☐ Extra Loose Leaf Paper
- ☐ Extra Glue Sticks or Tape

Please be sure to check Home Access mid-August to find your student's homeroom and schedule. Our Back to School Newsletter will be on the MAMS website mid-August which will include more information on teams.



Retirement... a new chapter

Mrs. Pusateri - 23 years of service
Mrs. Sipes - 25 years of service
Mrs. True - 20 years of service
Mrs. Trumpler - 26 years of service



Moving on... best of luck!

Ms. Poisal
Mrs. Radford
Mrs. Trout
Mrs. Varkus

Same Face... New Place

Mrs. Ferguson - Math Resource
Mrs. Knauth - 8 Blue Humanities
Ms. McDonough - Intervention Teacher
Mrs. Starkey - 7 Blue STEM



Welcome to MAMS!

Mrs. Barth - 8 Blue ELA
Ms. Belcourt - 7 Gold Resource Teacher
Mr. Cooper - 8 Blue Social Studies
Ms. Donovan - Adapted PE Teacher
Mr. Fugate - 8 Gold Social Studies
Mr. Hull - 7 Gold Social Studies
Mrs. Krouse - 6 Gold Science

Mrs. Kurland - School Nurse
Ms. Maslin - Special Ed Clerical
Mrs. McDermott - School Counselor
Mrs. Orlosky - 7 Gold Math
Mr. Pruett - 6 Blue Resource Teacher
Mr. Shoup - PPW

Starting this year, we will be encouraging all families to pay online through MySchoolBucks. You can get a jump start by...

1. Go to myschoolbucks.com or download the mobile app
2. Create your free account and add your students using their school name/student ID
3. Add school items or invoices to your cart
4. Check out using your credit/debit card or electronic check. *A program fee may apply.*



We'll be using MySchoolBucks for PE uniforms, field trips, outdoor school and so much more!

If you need assistance with your account, you can find helpful how-to videos and answers to commonly asked questions by visiting myschoolbucks.com. Or, you can contact MySchoolBucks directly by logging into your account to start a chat conversation or give them a call at (855) 832-5226.

MAMS PTO...welcome to a new school year!

How to stay informed...

- Mt. Airy Middle School PTO Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/MAMSPTO>. Ask to join and see information about PTO sponsored events, important dates, and news you need to know.
- Mt. Airy Middle School PTO link on the MAMS website: [Parent Resources - Mt. Airy Middle \(carrollk12.org\)](http://ParentResources-Mt.AiryMiddle.carrollk12.org).
- Look for emails from MAMS containing event announcements and volunteer requests.

What does the PTO sponsor?

- Agenda books (the first few pages contain school information for you to review).
- Curriculum based cultural arts programs
- Field trip assistance to each student
- Teacher support year-round (conferences, teacher appreciation, etc.)
- Community interest events
- 8th grade dance
- School enhancements and new technology

PTO fundraisers...

- Student Investment Drive - We say NO to traditional fundraisers at MAMS. 100% goes to the PTO! More details to follow!
- Restaurant Nights - Each month we feature a local eatery. By visiting (or getting to-go), the restaurant will donate a portion of the sales back to the PTO. It's a win-win!
- Amazon Smile - Each time you purchase through Amazon Smile, our school gets a portion. So easy! <https://smile.amazon.com/ch/52-1684305>
- Spring Fundraisers include Hershey Park Tickets and our MAMS Bulldog Bash

2022-2023 PTO General Meeting dates...

September 7	7:00pm
November 16	7:00pm
February 8	7:00pm
May 10	7:00pm

PTO Officers can be reached at mamsptoinfo@gmail.com

President:	Vicky Amoriell
1 st VP:	Beth Herdman
2 nd VP:	Erin Eckert
Treasurer:	Kerry Duvall
Clerk:	Erika Winters

Member@Large: Chris Berry



Helpful tips...

Student Drop off Time: Students may be dropped off at school beginning at 7:55am. No supervision will be provided prior to 7:55am. Any student arriving after 8:15am will be considered tardy and should report to the office for a Tardy Slip. Students who are tardy must enter at the main entrance (by the three flagpoles).

Reporting Absences: If your student will be absent or late to school in the morning, please call or send an email by 8:30am to avoid getting an automated absence call. Emails must be addressed to mamattendance@carrollk12.org. When reporting in this manner, please include; student's full name, grade, homeroom teacher, date, reason for absence, and parent's name and contact information. *If you do not report a student absent by email or phone*, the students are required to present a note signed by a parent or legal guardian substantiating a reason for the absence. Notes should be brought in on the day the student returns to school.

Early Dismissals: Parents wishing to pick up their student may do so with permission from the parent and approval from the school. Requests should be in writing and should be brought by the student to the sign-in desk upstairs by 8:15am. Parents must sign-out students in the office. If parents wish for someone else to pick up their son or daughter, there must be a written request. Anyone picking up a student should be prepared to present a photo ID.

Change of address: if you move or change your work or home phone numbers, please send the changes, in writing, to the school office. In the event of a move, we will also require proof of residency in the form of a recent utility bill.

Bus Transportation: Students are permitted to have one am and one pm bus stop. **In case of an emergency**, students may request to ride a different bus or to get off at a different stop. Notes must be provided from the receiving and sending parents stating the reason for the request and must be given to the school office for approval. If a request is denied, parents of the student requesting the change will be notified.

Legal Custody of Children: It is extremely important to keep the school informed of any custody agreements concerning your child. An official court order or court document is required to establish guidelines for custody and/or restrictions. Please contact the school immediately if there is any change in the custody situation of your child.

Visitors to the building: In order to make our school the safest environment possible for both students and staff, we require that all volunteers and visitors wear an ID badge while in the school. As always, everyone must check into the main office upon entering the building. Parents are not permitted to go back to the classrooms without an administrator's approval.

Service Learning Information

Carroll County students must have a minimum of 75 service learning hours in order to graduate from high school. Students can start accumulating service hours beginning the summer after the completion of 5th grade through 12th grade. Students must complete a minimum of 55 Service Learning hours by the end of 11th grade in order to be promoted to senior status. For more information regarding service learning, please use this link; [CCPS Service Learning](#). Service learning forms can now be filled out online using this link; [Online Service Learning Hours Entry \(carrollk12.org\)](#). If you have any questions, please contact Ms. Shortt, MAMS Service Learning Coordinator at BrookeShortt@carrollk12.org.

Middle School Scholarship Opportunity

Veterans of Foreign Wars, Post 10076 in Mt. Airy has the following scholarship opportunity for middle school students:

- "Patriot's Pen Essay Contest" for 6th – 8th graders with an entry
- deadline of October 31. The 2022-23 theme is:
"My Pledge to Our Veterans"



For more information and how to apply, check out their website at vfw10076.org.

GREAT FUTURES START **HERE.**



BOYS & GIRLS CLUB
OF MT. AIRY MIDDLE

Be a Leader!

Join the Boys & Girls Club at Mt. Airy Middle School!

Are you looking to get the most out of your middle school experience – then Boys & Girls Club at Mt Airy Middle is the place for you! This new club will meet at Mt Airy Middle on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 3-6 PM. Boys & Girls Club is the perfect place to make new friends, get help with homework, earn service hours and engage in fun activities. Boys & Girls Club believes that kids are at their best when they are inspired so the Club has programs for all interests! We understand how to address the unique needs of middle school students and inspire them to become their best selves! The program includes homework help so that students are more successful in school and a nationally recognized leadership program, which provides opportunities for kids to make a difference in their community and in the world around them. Most of all, Boys & Girls Club is a fun, safe place for kids to hang out with their friends and make connections with adult mentors. The membership fee for the Boys & Girls Club's Mt. Airy Middle School program is only \$30 for the entire school year! Members who are 13 and older can even attend Friday teen nights at the Westminster Club (transportation not provided). Contact BGC at middleschool@bgcwestminster.org for more information or visit the Boys & Girls Club information table at back to school night! The exciting program is only for Mt Airy Middle students only and spaces are limited!

PORTABLE ELECTRONIC DEVICES

CCPS has established guidelines for the use of Portable Electronic Devices. In addition to CCPS guidelines, below you will find Mt. Airy Middle's procedures for use of portable electronic devices:

- Students will only be allowed to use their cell phones in emergency situations during the school day if permission is given by a staff member.
- If permission is not provided by a staff member to a student, and the student is using their phone, the student will be instructed to walk their phone to the office to store in the office safe. The phone will not go home with the student and must be picked up by the parent/guardian. Our office staff will notify the parent/guardian to schedule a time to pick the phone up.
- The audible notification of portable electronic devices must be turned off during the school day to reduce disruption.
- Portable electronic devices should be placed out of view unless students have approval from staff to use their device. Permission would only be given in emergency situations. However, students are always welcome to call home using a phone in the main office.
- Portable electronic devices may not be used in bathrooms or locker rooms.
- In the event a student's continued use or possession of an electronic device becomes a disruption to the school, the student may lose the privilege to possess an electronic device. Continued violations will be subject to disciplinary action.
- If you need to contact your student during the school day, please call the main office instead of texting/calling your student directly.

SOCIAL MEDIA SAFETY LINKS

With the onslaught of new "Social Media" outlets it's never too late for tips on how to keep your kids safe online. Take the time to review this site for guidelines and information; and have a conversation with your children about social media etiquette and safety.

[Connect Safely](#)

Social media posts fall into the school's scope of authority if they threaten school safety or cause a school disruption. If parents or students see posts on social media that they find offensive and that they believe are posted by a MAMS student, they can contact the company (TikTok, Instagram, etc.) to report it. If they feel threatened, they should also contact the police. Parents are encouraged to monitor their students' social media use.

STUDENT TRANSPORTATION

Bus Routes/Schedules will be posted online by the middle of August and can be found by clicking on this link: [Infofinder i](#). Type in your address, then click on your child's school to see the bus number and approximate pick-up/drop-off times. If you have any questions regarding your child's bus stop, call Transportation Services at 410-751-3229.

In an effort to make the transportation of your child as safe as possible, listed below you will find rules regarding student transportation:

Authorized Bus Passengers: Students may not ride buses other than the one that regularly transports them to school. Students are allowed one am and one pm stop. Exceptions to this policy will be granted only on an emergency basis by the school administration.

School Bus Vandalism: A student who damages a school bus in any manner is to be denied the privilege of riding the bus unless repairs have been paid. Riding privileges may be restored to the student after payment has been made or may be withheld by the principal or assistant principal for an indefinite period.

Transporting Musical Instruments and Projects: Only those musical instruments or projects that can be held on the lap of students along with the school textbooks may be brought on the bus. Larger instruments or projects that create a safety hazard and occupy a lot of space shall not be permitted on the school bus.

Bus Referrals: Parents will be notified if a student receives a bus referral. Inappropriate behavior may result in loss of bus riding privileges.

School Bus Regulations:

- Be at the bus 5 minutes before pick-up time.
- Take your seat promptly and remain seated for your ride to/from school.
- Sit in the seat facing front; keep your feet, books and other articles out of the aisle.
- Always keep your hands and head inside the bus.
- Report any damage that you see to the driver.
- Eating, smoking or using profanity or vulgar language is not permitted.
- Conduct should be quiet and orderly so the driver is not distracted from the important job of driving. Listen to the driver's instructions.
- Wait until the bus has come to a stop before leaving your seat.
- Cross 10 feet in front of the bus with the warning lights when crossing in front of the bus. Always look left, right, left to check for traffic before crossing any street, even when crossing in front of the bus with its red warning lights on.

Students should arrive at their bus stop at least 10 minutes prior to the listed pick up time for the first week of school.



BACKPACKS

Students may use backpacks to transport books to and from school; **however, students must leave their backpacks in their lockers during the school day.** Students will still be given sufficient opportunities to visit their lockers throughout the day so that they will not need to carry all of their books. These locker visit times will be determined by each individual team. Students can carry gym bags or small plastic bags for their gym clothes.

PHYSICAL EDUCATION UNIFORM

We highly encourage students to change for physical education. A Mt. Airy Middle P.E. uniform, T-shirt and shorts, may be purchased (\$10.00 for the shirt, \$12.00 for the shorts) from their physical education teacher or they can bring dark shorts and a light-colored shirt. County policy requires each student to have a change of clothes which is clean, decent and appropriate for this class. We can accept cash or checks. There will also be an online option (myschoolbucks.com) available this year.

STUDENT DRESS CODE

The Board of Education recognizes the value of allowing individual student expression as well as the necessity of protecting student health and safety and maintaining an atmosphere conducive to education. Student dress code procedures must be designed with the goal of balancing these competing interests.

All dress code procedures will adhere to health and safety codes and comply with applicable law. Student attire that can be reasonably forecasted to either materially disrupt the educational environment or infringe upon the rights of other students to access and participate in a safe and welcoming educational environment will be prohibited. No procedure will impose dress and grooming rules based on gender in violation of Title IX. Procedures will specifically define ambiguous terms, and examples will be provided when practical.

DEFINITIONS:

- Cleavage Area: An area between the breasts exposed by a low-cut neckline
- Midriff Area: An area between the chest and the abdomen
- Undergarments: Clothing designed to be worn under other pieces of clothing. These include, but are not limited to, undershirts, tank-top undershirts, underpants, boxers, compression shorts or shirts, and bras, including bralettes and sport bras
- Head Coverings: Include, but are not limited to, hats, sunglasses, visors, hoods, beanies, scarves, and bandanas

PROCEDURE:

Students of Carroll County Public Schools are required to groom themselves in a manner that is not disruptive to the educational process and is reflective of a learning environment. Students are expected to abide by this dress code from their arrival to the school building to the defined ending of the school day as well as at any school-sponsored or school-sanctioned event. The requirements include, but are not limited to:

Head Coverings:

- Be removed upon entering the school building, unless approved for religious or medical reasons.
- Certain headbands, scrunchies, and folded bandanas, which are used to hold hair in place and do not cover the entire head, are permitted.
- One's face must be visible at all times.

Shirts:

- Shall reasonably cover the back, the cleavage area, and the entire midriff area.
- See-through or mesh shirts are not permitted, unless worn in conjunction with an appropriate top.

Dresses/Shorts/Skirts/Skorts/Pants:

- Shall cover the entire buttocks and private areas while the student is sitting, standing, and bending over.
- Pants shall cover undergarments at all times; that is, the waistline of the pants shall be on the upper hips.

Other:

- Appropriate shoes shall be worn.
- No bedroom slippers or pajamas shall be worn.
- Clothing that may endanger health or safety, that may be used as a weapon, or that may cause damage to property shall not be worn.
- Undergarments shall not be worn as outerwear or be visible through outer garments.
- Clothing shall not be worn that would lead school officials to reasonably believe that such attire will materially disrupt, interfere with, disturb, or distract from school activities, the safe operation of the school, or the rights of other students to access and participate in a safe and welcoming educational environment.
- Clothing shall not convey advertisements for or promote the use of condoms or other birth control devices, tobacco, alcohol, drugs, or the unlawful use of weapons, stated or implied.
- Clothing shall not convey profanity or symbols/messages depicting, implying, or which are reasonably perceived as promoting intolerance, hatred, and/or a hostile educational environment or harassment/bullying on the basis of age, color, genetic information, marital status, mental or physical disability, ancestry or national origin, race, religion, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity or gender expression. This prohibition includes, but is not limited to, Confederate Battle Flags and swastikas.
- Clothing and accessories shall not depict symbols/messages of groups which are generally recognized as promoting intolerance, hatred, and harassment/bullying, such as the Ku Klux Klan or Aryan nation.
- Clothing shall not convey establishments or products whose names can be directly interpreted or construed as carrying a "double meaning" involving sexual innuendo, gang symbols, or sexual activity.
- Body art, whether permanent or temporary, which would otherwise violate this policy if depicted on attire, must be completely covered during the school day or at any school-sponsored or school-sanctioned event.

VIOLATIONS:

All student dress code violations shall be addressed in a respectful manner. When possible, a student's dress code concerns shall be addressed by a staff member of the student's gender identity.

A student found wearing inappropriate clothing will be asked to change or remove the item, and will be given an opportunity to do so. Should the student not be able to change or remove the item, clothing may be provided by the individual school. Student failure to cooperate will be referred to an administrator. Any student not complying with the direction of the administrator may be considered insubordinate and subject to appropriate disciplinary action. The Superintendent/designee may enforce additional restrictions in order to maintain a safe and orderly environment.

EXCEPTIONS:

Exceptions to the dress code for the purpose of school activities (i.e., spirit weeks, athletic game days, dances) are up to the discretion of the school administration.



CARROLL COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS HEALTH SERVICES

Immunization Requirements

Who: Incoming 7th Grade students (2022-2023 school year) will need these required immunizations

What: Documentation of updated immunizations:
MCV4 (Meningococcal Vaccine)
Tdap (Tetanus, Diphtheria, Pertussis [Whooping Cough])

If immunizations are unable to be administered prior to the start of the 2022-2023 school year, you will need to provide a Health care provider note with proof of appt. that falls within 20 calendar days of the first day of school, September 6, 2022.
(Specifically an appointment on or before September 26, 2022)

What we need from you:

After students have received the required immunizations, please provide documentation to the school nurse. We will need documentation from your health care provider or a completed immunization form. **If documentation includes immunizations from a "Patient Portal", the documentation must include: Students name, Date of Birth, Provider Name and Provider contact information.** This can be faxed, scanned, emailed, dropped off by parent, or delivered by the student. The information needs to be submitted to the school nurse.

Any student not in compliance by September 6, 2022 will be excluded from school. Students may return to school when documentation of the required immunizations are provided to the school nurse.

Questions:

Thank you for your assistance in ensuring that your child's immunizations are up to date. If you have any questions you may contact your health care provider or the school nurse. The phone number for the school is **410-751-3554**. The Fax number is **410-549-6475**. Questions may also be sent via e-mail to the school nurse at ErinKurland@carrollk12.org.

Medication Procedure

**Students may not transport medication of any kind.
Medication must be brought to school by a parent.**

All medication, for student use during the school day, must be brought in by an adult in its original container with a completed medication form. The CCPS Medication form - front & back - can be found here: [Medication Form](#). All **over-the-counter** and **prescription** medication must have a parent and doctor's signature on the medication form, including Ibuprofen, Acetaminophen, Tums, Essential Oils, etc.

The following items are not considered to be medications and therefore students may carry them without being in violation of our drug and alcohol procedure:

- Non-medicated cough drops **Any cough drops that indicate a limit per day require a health care provider's order.**
- Saline eye drops, wetting/lubricating eye drops, or contact solution.
- Individually sized waterless hand cleanser
- Chapstick/lip balms
- Hand cream/lotions
- Saline nose spray
- Sunscreen, no sprays
- Glucose tablets
- Salt tablets

VOLUNTEERS - CARROLL COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS 2022-2023

Making a Difference Together

The Carroll County Public School System encourages and welcomes volunteers. Volunteers strengthen ties with families, community members, and business partners. Volunteers are those who offer their time, effort and/or talents without receipt of monetary compensation or service learning hours to benefit students in the school system. The invaluable contributions of volunteers are recognized and appreciated by the staff and students of the Carroll County School System.

To access the online training, please click on the link below:

[Volunteer Training](#)

[2022-2023 Volunteer Handbook](#)

The information from your Volunteer Information Form will be screened and entered into the Volunteer Database at the school selected. Once this process is complete, you will receive an email notification at the email address provided on the Volunteer Information Form.

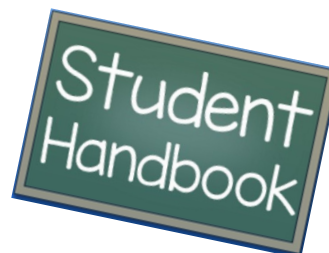
MAMS Green Club

Calling all environmentalists! The MAMS Green Team club will be participating in the Trex plastic film recycling challenge again this year and we need your help! MAMS came in 4th place among schools with our population in the nationwide competition, collecting 882 pounds of plastic last school year! The winners receive a bench from Trex made out of recycled plastic. Help us win this year! The challenge begins each year on America Recycles Day, November 15 and lasts until April 15. Winners are announced on Earth Day. You can help by starting to collect your plastic bags to bring in when our competition begins! Each room will have a bag where you can put your plastic film and the Green Team members will collect the bags each week throughout the competition to be brought to a local retailer that partners with NexTrex. Clean plastic grocery bags, plastic shipping envelopes, bread bags, dry cleaning bags, case overwrap, and bubble wrap are all accepted. For a complete list and more information on the competition, visit <https://recycle.trex.com/view/programs>. To get in on the action, consider being a part of the Green Team when clubs begin! If you have an older sibling who drives who is looking for service hours, we would love help in transporting the bags to our local grocery stores that participate in the program! Please reach out to Mrs. Gulati at MichelleGulati@carrollk12.org or Mrs. Snader at PennySnader@carrollk12.org if interested!

CARROLL COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS STUDENT HANDBOOK

CCPS Student Handbook for the 2022-2023 school year will be available electronically through the CCPS website. This handbook contains numerous policies and procedures that your child is responsible for understanding. Please review the handbook with your child and pay particular attention to the following policies:

- Electronic Devices
- Search and Seizure
- Substance Abuse
- Violent Acts
- Weapons
- Staff and Student Relationships
- Dress Code



How to Check Grades on Home Access Center

August 15: Student schedules and new passwords will be posted in Home Access Center.

Home Access Center is Carroll County Public School's parent and student portal. It provides you, as a parent/guardian with the ability to access a variety of information about your student(s).

- View student's attendance for the year, as well as their demographic and emergency contact information.
- Register to receive an email anytime your student is absent.
- At the middle school and high school levels, you can view your student's report cards, schedule, service learning hours and classwork.
- You can also register to receive a weekly email containing your middle or high school student's classwork and grades.

If you have not yet registered, we encourage you to do so by clicking on [Home Access Center](#).

- Click the **"Request Password"** link and follow the directions on-screen.
- If you have questions or problems, please review the FAQs/User Guide. You will find a link to this .pdf on the Home Access Center login page, as well as the bottom of every screen within the application.

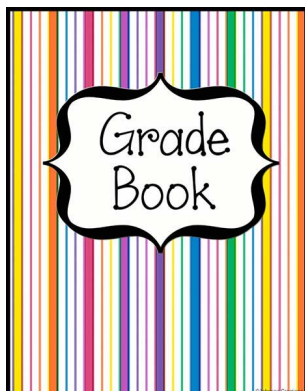
The Home Access Center is also available as a mobile app for both Apple and Android devices. It can be found in their respective stores, search keyword: **eSchoolPLUS Family**. The app will not replace Home Access Center, it is merely an additional way to access your student's information.

Receive Attendance and Gradebook Email Alert

Home Access Center allows parents/guardians of middle and high school students to **receive gradebook email alerts every Thursday evening**. If you would like to receive an email containing your child's gradebook information for the current marking period, then you will need to take the following steps for each of your children:

- Go to the [Home Access Center](#).
- Login to Home Access Center (NOTE: if you have never logged in before, click on **"Request Password"** and follow the directions on the screen. If you have forgotten your password, click the **"Forget Password"** link.)
- If you have more than one student in Carroll County schools, then you will be prompted to select a student.
- After you select the student, let the cursor hover over your name on the top right corner of the screen.
- Click on **My Alerts**.
- Check the box for **"Classwork Alerts"**. You can also check the box for **"Receive Attendance Alerts"** - those emails are sent every day, **ONLY** if your child is marked tardy, absent or early dismissal that day.

If you have any other middle or high school students, then you will need to follow these same steps for each child. **Parents who subscribed to receive these alerts last year will need to subscribe again this year.** This information does not carry over each school year.



Grading Dates

Marking Period 1: September 6 - November 11

Marking Period 2: November 12 - January 26

Marking Period 3: January 27 - April 5

Marking Period 4: April 6 - June 15

Marking period dates may be adjusted depending on the use of emergency closing days

Meet the Teams

Grade 6 Blue

Mrs. Weisman teaches Science and is the 6 Blue Team Leader. She enjoys spending time with her three children, husband and their two yellow labs, Bunker and Bubba! She enjoys watching her children play lacrosse and golf. She also loves traveling as well as spending time with family and friends. She's looking forward to meeting all of her new students!

Mrs. Gulati is our 6 Blue math teacher. She is married with three children and has lived in Mt Airy for 8 years. She grew up outside of Rochester, NY and has lived in Maryland for the past 16 years. She has three girls ages 10, 8, and 7. She taught for 3 years in Anne Arundel County and was lucky enough to stay home with her girls for 4 years prior to coming to Mt. Airy Middle in 2018. She loves running and reading in her spare time and will enjoy vacations in Vermont, Fenwick Island and the Outer Banks with her family and friends this summer. She looks forward to the excitement a new school year brings and loves teaching in the community where she lives!

Mrs. Haddad, ELA, will be spending her seventh year at Mt. Airy Middle School teaching 6th grade ELA. When not in school, she enjoys reading, shopping, and spending time with her family. This summer she got a Kindle and has read so many books that she lost count! She will enjoy a two week vacation to California, beginning with a soccer tournament in San Diego and ending in Los Angeles with a trip to Disneyland and California Adventure. Additionally, she is helping her daughters prepare to return to college; Jamie attends Frostburg State University, is studying to be a nurse, and Jorja attends Salisbury and is majoring in business communications. Finally, Mrs. Haddad is most excited about devoting time to helping her oldest daughter, Jessa, prepare for her fifth year of teaching 2nd grade in Somerset County.

Mr. Hagy teaches 6th Grade Blue social studies. He has been teaching middle school for 16 years. He greatly enjoys getting to know his students and exploring the stories of history with them. Mr. Hagy grew up in Carroll County and has two children in CCPS. To relax, he enjoys hiking, going to the beach, listening to live music and watching the hometown Orioles and Ravens with family and friends. He is excited to begin the school year and is looking forward to welcoming the new 6th graders to the Mt Airy Middle School community!

Grade 6 Gold

Mrs. Whitten teaches English Language Arts and is the team leader for 6 Gold. She grew up in Mt. Airy and loves teaching in the same community where she grew up. Her hobbies include traveling, cooking new recipes, reading books, watching movies and cheering on the Orioles! She is looking forward to getting to know each of you in the fall.

Ms. DiLeone is our 6th Grade Gold social studies teacher. She is originally from Long Island (New York) and came down to Maryland for college. She loved it so much that she decided to stick around! She loves to cook, binge watch tv shows, and travel to different countries when not in school. Can't wait to see all of you!

Mrs. Krouse teaches Science. She is originally from Delaware and moved to Maryland with her husband after they graduated from the University of Delaware. She loves to spend time outside walking, jogging and swimming. She also enjoys spending time with her family including her husband, daughter, two sons, and their dog, Charlie. She looks forward to meeting her students in the fall!

Mr. Nave teaches Math. He is married with five children. One son graduated from Towson University and is employed as an accountant, a daughter who graduated from East Carolina University and is a labor & delivery nurse at Carroll Hospital, a daughter who graduated from West Virginia University and is a dental hygienist, a son who attends University of Maryland and a daughter who will be a senior at Westminster High in the fall. He graduated from James Madison University and Western Maryland College. He enjoys golf, exercising and summer vacations spent at the beach (and math).

Mrs. Snader is our Humanities teacher in 6th grade. She is originally from Richmond, VA and has lived and worked in Carroll County for over 20 years. She has 2 beautiful girls that keep her busy with college visits and trips to visit extended family. Mrs. Snader enjoys reading and spending time at the beach, where she feeds the turtles leftover snacks. She is very much looking forward to continuing to contribute to the Mt. Airy community and meeting her new students.

Grade 7 Blue

Mrs. Hastings, Team Leader, teaches Math and is looking forward to another great year at Mt. Airy Middle! Her summer will be spent enjoying time with her family. She and her husband have a 1-year-old daughter and another daughter who will turn 3 in August. She also plans to be outside as much as possible which will include a lake vacation with her family. She is excited to be back teaching 7th grade this year!

Mrs. Curley teaches Social Studies for 7 Blue. She graduated from Frostburg State University and she is a Carroll County native. She enjoys watching football, going on trips and anything outdoors with her husband and her dog. She's excited to meet all of her new students!

Ms. Gooding is our 7th grade ELA teacher. She graduated from Towson University in 2020 with a master's degree in Teaching. In her spare time, Ms. Gooding loves to read, visit the beach, and spend time with her Mini Australian Shepherds, Tyrion & Floki. She is excited to enter her third year at Mt. Airy Middle School and meet all her new students!

Mrs. Starkey, STEM, is excited for her second year at Mt. Airy Middle School. She was born and raised in Carroll County, where she is now raising her two daughters. Mrs. Starkey enjoys spending time reading, playing board games and discovering new adventures with her kids, husband, cats and dogs.

Ms. Walls, Science, is a Carroll County native who grew up in Sykesville and still lives in Carroll County. She is an alumni of Shippensburg University with a degree in Mid-Level Education with concentrations in Language Arts and Science and recently earned her Master's degree in STEM Leadership. She's excited to continue to foster Mt. Airy students' curiosity about Life Science.

Grade 7 Gold

Mrs. McNally, Team Leader, teaches 7th Grade Science for Team Gold. This summer she looks forward to adding a new baby to her family. In her free time, she likes going on walks with her husband and daughter Finley, watching sports and traveling.

Mrs. Bruce is our 7 Gold ELA teacher. She is a native Marylander, from Hereford in Baltimore County. In her spare time, she loves to travel, kayak, hike and go camping with her husband. She's looking forward to meeting all her new students!

Mr. Hull, teaches 7th grade Social Studies. Mr. Hull is a North Carroll High School graduate. He served in the United States Military Police Corps. from 2005-2010 where he deployed to both Afghanistan and Iraq. He has degrees in Criminal Justice and International Studies. In his spare time, he enjoys going to Orioles games with his family, going to the beach, and kayaking.

Mrs. Orlosky, is our 7 Gold Math teacher. When she is not in the classroom, she loves to bake, read and go on family trips to the beach with her husband and her two boys, Connor and Logan. She also loves to take family walks with their puppy, Daisy. She cannot wait to meet all of her new students in September!

Grade 8 Blue

Ms. Chenoweth, Math/Team Leader, is a graduate of Liberty HS and Towson University, and is entering her 14th year teaching Math at Mt. Airy Middle. She loves to travel whenever possible, and has been to quite a few countries outside the US. She loves spending time at the beach, reading by the pool, and attending Orioles games. She is also frequently involved in musical activities, including choral and solo performances at church events.

Mrs. Barth, a graduate of Mount Saint Mary's University, is really looking forward to teaching 8th grade ELA at MAMS. She will begin her 29th year of teaching at MAMS. She previously taught 10 years in Frederick County, 9 years at Northwest Middle in Taneytown and 9 years at North Carroll Middle in Hampstead. She and her husband have been married for 27 years and have 2 sons. Her oldest is a junior at York College in PA and her youngest is a senior in high school. This past year has been quite a whirlwind taking the Barths from Vancouver, WA to Westfield, IN and back to Maryland. Mrs. Barth loves spending time with her family, walking her dog, Oreo, going to the movies and reading. She is looking forward to being part of the Mount Airy Middle School community!

Mr. Cooper, Social Studies, is entering his 26th year of teaching, and is excited to be teaching his first year at MAMS. A graduate of Bloomsburg University, he previously has taught at Bangor Area High School for 10 years and Southern Lehigh High School for 15 years. Also for the past 25 years, he has enjoyed coaching varsity girls basketball and leading over 900 students in traveling to almost 20 different countries all over the world. He also loves to travel with family and friends as often as possible. This summer he moved from Pennsylvania to Maryland with his fiancé, has two sons and a daughter and is looking forward to getting married next summer.

Mrs. Knauth, a graduate of Westminster High School, and Western Maryland/McDaniel College, is excited for a change! She will begin her 16th year teaching for CCPS by continuing her career at MAMS with a switch from ELA to Humanities for 2022-23. She and her husband, who's a PE teacher at East Middle, have been married for 17 years and have 3 young children. Outside of teaching, being a mom is what keeps her busiest, but she also enjoys photography and traveling. This summer she will be busy hanging out with her husband and their kiddos at the pool, attending her 9-year-old daughter's swim meets, training her 1-year-old Australian labradoodle, Millie, reading all the great books her students recommended for her, and traveling a bit, including spending a week in Ocean City, MD.

Mr. Payne teaches Science. Prior to MAMS, Mr. Payne taught Earth Science at New Windsor Middle School for 10 years, North Carroll Middle School for 6 years and James Wood High School in Winchester, VA for 8 years. He has also worked with CCPS in Staff Development and spent six years as the President of CCEA. He's excited about starting his 8th year at Mt. Airy Middle School!

Grade 8 Gold

Mrs. Merwitz, Earth Science Teacher and 8 Gold Team Leader. She has a Bachelor's in Industrial Design from Auburn University (War Eagle!) and her Master's in Education from Towson University. Some of her favorite pastimes are watching SEC football, hiking, stargazing, and chasing her 6-year-old son around. Mrs. Merwitz's husband loves her passion for science but refuses to allow another 'cool looking rock' to join their household. He also refuses to pull over for any more cloud pictures. Mrs. Merwitz thinks the Monday after the Super Bowl should be a national holiday and believes her dreams of Auburn having a winning season will never be achieved.

Mr. Fugate, Social Studies 8 Gold, is very excited to be starting his first year at Mt. Airy Middle School. He's looking forward to meeting all of his new students!

Mrs. Mohlhenrich, English Language Arts Teacher, and member of 8 Gold. She has a Bachelor's in English Literature from Seton Hill University and is looking forward to starting a master's program soon. Mrs. Mohlhenrich enjoys watching the Orioles and the Ravens, even though she is originally from Pittsburgh, PA. Some of Mrs. Mohlhenrich's favorite things are traveling, exercising, reading, good TV shows, and cooking. On weekends, she looks forward to hanging out with her husband, family, dogs, and coordinating weddings at Montagu Meadows. She is looking forward to cooler weather, Raven's football, and an awesome school year at MAMS!

Ms. Schuller, Math teacher on 8 Gold. She has a Bachelor of Arts from Rider University and Masters in Education from Towson University. She enjoys spending time with her husband and their 2-year-old son while exploring their new hometown of Frederick. Mrs. Schuller also enjoys visiting her family in New Jersey and listening to books and podcasts. She is excited to be at MAMS for another excellent year and her 10th year of teaching.

Media

Mrs. McGurk, is the Media Specialist at Mt. Airy Middle. She grew up in Michigan and has traveled the world courtesy of the U.S. Army. She enjoys traveling in her RV, reading books and relaxing with her family and dogs, Archie and Harper. In her free time, she reads numerous books about and searches for the Loch Ness Monster, Bigfoot, and UFO's. She also wrestles alligators and reads books about how to care for them. You might want to ask her about riding unicorns and all the different books that you can find in the school library!

Mrs. Potito, Media Clerk, will spend the summer relaxing, traveling and reading. She is looking forward to what the new school year brings!

Related Arts

Mr. Mihalko, physical education teacher and Co-Team Leader, is beginning his 19th year teaching for CCPS. Mr. Mihalko grew up in Sykesville, MD and graduated from Towson University. During the summer, Mr. Mihalko enjoys spending time with his children and vacationing at the beach. He is looking forward to another great year at Mt. Airy Middle!

Mr. Woytowich, Technology Education Teacher and Co-Team Leader, is beginning his 11th year of teaching. He previously taught at West Middle where he began his career in 2012. He is a Millersville University graduate, originally from central Pennsylvania where he still visits frequently to see his family and friends. He's a huge Philly sports fan, avid beach goer and hiker. He also enjoys photography, woodworking and traveling to new places. He is looking forward to another great year at Mt. Airy Middle!

Mrs. Breckenridge, Art teacher, is beginning her 13th year of teaching Art. Originally from Arizona, she is a proud graduate from the University of Arizona and she just completed her second Masters of Education. Mrs. Breckenridge is married and has 3 children who attend school in CCPS. This summer she will be spending a lot of time exploring local areas and traveling with her family.

Ms. Fleming has been teaching physical education at Mt. Airy Middle School for 34 years. She attended Mt. Airy Middle School and South Carroll HS. She is a graduate of Towson State University where she played volleyball and then went on to earn her Master's Degree from McDaniel College. In her spare time, she enjoys gardening and traveling.

Mrs. Howard, Music teacher, has been teaching music for over 20 years and is excited to continue her journey at Mt. Airy Middle School. Originally from NJ, she moved to Maryland as a young girl. She went to Morgan State University and majored in piano and music education, and recently entered the graduate program at Goucher College. She resides in York Co., Pennsylvania, where she proudly wears her purple and black to support the Baltimore Ravens.

Mrs. Hunt is looking forward to starting her second year at MAMS and her 12th year teaching Physical Education in CCPS. She has a B.S. in Exercise Science from Eastern University and an M.S. in Education from McDaniel College. She grew up in Damascus and lives in Mount Airy with her husband, daughter Stevie, and 2 cats, Clemson and Pippa. In the summer, you can find Mrs. Hunt outside with her daughter by the pool, in her vegetable garden, or exercising.

Mrs. Kolupanowich, Spanish teacher, is beginning her 17th year at Mt. Airy Middle. Mrs. K. grew up near Philadelphia. She graduated from Shippensburg University with a BA in Spanish, and later earned a Master's degree from McDaniel. When she's not in school, Mrs. K. is a quilter! She and her husband will travel to Florida this summer to spend time with family.

Mr. Schulz, Health education teacher, is beginning his 2nd year at MAMS. Mr. Schulz is a graduate of Bloomsburg University where he was a member of the Men's swim team and then went on to earn his teaching certification from Eastern University. Mr. Schulz enjoys spending time watching Philadelphia sports, exercising, coaching, and spending time with family and friends. He is looking forward to another great year at Mount Airy Middle School!

Miss Shortt, Family and Consumer Science Teacher, is beginning her 3rd year of teaching at Mt. Airy Middle School. She graduated from Towson University with a B.S. in Physical Education and is attending American College of Education to earn her M.Ed. in Educational Leadership. During her free time, Miss Shortt enjoys spending time with her family, attending country concerts and eating tacos. She is looking forward to another fabulous year at Mt. Airy Middle School!

Mr. Summers is our Instrumental Music teacher. He is looking forward to returning to MAMS in the fall. He will be keeping busy this summer by playing several gigs, doing some home projects and working on his YouTube channel. He wishes everyone a fantastic summer ... see you in September!

Resource & Support

Mrs. Apellaniz is our 8 Blue resource teacher and Team Leader. She has been at Mt. Airy Middle for over 20 years. She is originally from New Jersey and graduated from Georgian Court College. During her summer break, she enjoys reading, the beach, and spending time with her husband and two sons. This summer she is looking forward to some much needed beach time and spending time with family and friends. She is also looking forward to the new school year!

Ms. Belcourt is our 7 Gold resource teacher. She formerly worked at Montgomery County schools. She is excited to join the Mt. Airy Middle School staff and meet all of her new students!

Mr. Pruett is our 6 Blue resource teacher and is joining Mt. Airy Middle this year. He just retired from Howard County Schools where he taught middle school for thirty-six years. He is married, has two grown children, and one grandson. During the summer, he likes relaxing in the pool, working in his vegetable garden, doing crossword puzzles, and spending time with his grandson. He is so excited to join the Mt. Airy Middle School staff, and can't wait to get this school year started.

Mrs. Schaeffer is our 6 Gold resource teacher. She is in her 22nd year of teaching special education in Carroll County. She has also spent time teaching English in Africa. She graduated from Frostburg State University and McDaniel College. She and her family enjoy road trips, hiking, and camping together.

Mrs. Tissue is our 7 Blue/8 Gold resource teacher. She graduated from UMBC and worked in the field of genetics before entering the education field. She is married and has three children, including a set of twins. She likes to read, play board games, solve puzzles, go hiking and relax at the beach with her family. She is looking forward to an exciting new school year!

Mrs. Bevans, LFI, has been working as a special education teacher in Carroll County Public Schools for 17 years. This summer, she will enjoy spending time with her husband and children. They will have many adventures throughout the summer break. She looks forward to another great year at MAMS!

Mrs. Taddei, Speech/Language Pathologist. She is a Pennsylvania native and a Bloomsburg University alumnus. She is the mother of three former MAMS students. In her spare time, she enjoys reading, biking, hiking, painting, and running.

Mrs. Fraser, Speech/Language Pathologist is married with two children. She grew up in Carroll County and graduated from Towson University. She now lives in Frederick. She is enjoying her summer spending time with her family and visiting her favorite vacation spot, the Outer Banks. She is looking forward to returning to MAMS this year.

Mrs. Barnes loves being the ELA Specialist at MAMS because she works with students and teachers from all grade levels! She enjoys spending time with her family and her sweet Bassett Hound, Winnie...and plans to do a lot of that this summer!

Mrs. Ferguson, Math Resource. She is eager to get back in the classroom with her math students in all three grades. She is certain it will be a year of growth and learning!

Ms. McDonough, Math Intervention, went to elementary school in New Jersey, middle school in Alabama, and high school in California. She got her undergraduate degree in Psychology at the University of California, Los Angeles. She got her teaching certificate in New Jersey while working as a Flight Attendant. Finally, she earned her Masters in Forensic Studies at Stevenson University. She is excited to be beginning her 22nd year of teaching in Carroll County. Her son is starting his Senior year at Virginia Tech this fall. She and her cats will be holding down the fort in Westminster. She loves to travel, garden and hang out with family and friends.

Ms. Bruce-Maskeroni, ESOL Resource Teacher, will start her 15th year in Carroll County Public Schools and her 8th year teaching ESOL at Mt. Airy Middle. This summer, she will again be torturing her husband and kids with camping in Assateague and Point Lookout and hunting for shark teeth in Matoaka. She also plans to finish hiking the MD section of the Appalachian Trail (for real this time!), do lots of hiking in and around Shenandoah National Park, and possibly spend a quiet morning or two hiding from her children so she can read and watch birds.

Mrs. Leader is our advanced academics teacher. In between summer adventures with her husband and her little one, she is getting ready for what she knows will be a great new school year at Mt. Airy!

Mrs. Aponte-Rivera is an Instructional Assistant. She is married and has four children and seven grandchildren. She loves racing, music, reading good books, gardening, and most of all spending time with her seven grandchildren.

Mrs. Gilman, Instructional Assistant, has worked at Mt. Airy Middle School since 2005. She is married and has four children and a West Highland Terrier. All four of her children attended MAMS. She loves music, reading, and boating on the Chesapeake Bay.

Mrs. Plummer, Instructional Assistant, is from Dayton, Ohio. She is married to David, and her three kids, Brian, Michael and Megan, have gone through MAMS and South Carroll. Brian and Michael graduated from the University of Maryland, and Megan attends Appalachian State and participates on the women's track team as a thrower. She has two rescue dogs, Cooper and Callie.

Ms. Strayton, Instructional Assistant, has two wonderful kids who went to MAMS. Adam works for Astra Zeneca. Laura is an ICU nurse at University of Maryland Hospital. She enjoys reading, cooking, gardening, traveling and talking about her kids and pets!

Counseling Office

Mrs. Bohle, school counselor, is beginning her fourth year at Mt. Airy Middle. After being a teacher for a few years, she knew counseling was her true calling as helping students is her passion. She studied at Salisbury University for her undergraduate degree in social work, and then proceeded to McDaniel College for her masters in school counseling. Mrs. Bohle and her husband have a son named Cullison and a daughter named Kennedy who always keep them entertained. They enjoy going to the beach and visiting family out in Kansas every summer. Mrs. Bohle is a huge Baltimore Ravens fan and also enjoys cheering on the Kansas Jayhawks during March Madness.

Mrs. McDermott, school counselor, is beginning her first year at Mount Airy Middle School after spending the last thirteen years as a counselor in Washington County at Boonsboro Middle School. She received her masters degree in School Counseling from McDaniel College after attending Washington College in Chestertown, MD for her undergrad degree where she enjoyed playing college volleyball. Mrs. McDermott and her husband spend a lot of time on the sidelines of the football and baseball fields these days, cheering on their three sons; Luke, Will and Owen. She also enjoys cheering on the Baltimore Ravens and Orioles but originally being from Michigan, Mrs. McDermott always cheers for the Michigan teams as well. She is thrilled to be joining the team at MAMS and is looking forward to a great school year!

Mrs. Mason, Registrar, has worked at Mt. Airy Middle for 23 years. She will spend the summer enjoying time with her family and doing a lot of reading.

Administrative Team

Mr. Hynes, Principal, is excited to start his 6th year at Mt. Airy Middle School. He is looking forward to closely working with students, staff, and community members to provide a safe and fun environment that is conducive to learning. Mr. Hynes has been working hard with Ms. Becker, office staff, leadership team and the custodial team to ensure MAMS is ready for when students return for the 2022-2023 school year. Although there has been much preparation for the upcoming school year, it is important to unplug and relax from time to time. Mr. Hynes practices relaxation the best when he is with his family in the Outer Banks, North Carolina. He can't wait to see you all!

Ms. Becker, Assistant Principal, is looking forward to beginning her second year at MAMS! Prior to becoming an Assistant Principal in 2017, she taught PE in Carroll County for a culminating 10 years. She is no stranger to Carroll County and attended Winfield, MAMS, and South Carroll. Over the last two and a half years, she and her husband and have enjoyed raising their son who loves just about everything.

Mrs. Kurland, School Nurse, is very excited to start her first year at Mt. Airy Middle School!. Mrs. Kurland and her family will spend sometime at the beach this summer. She is looking forward to a great new school year!

Mrs. Obrenski, Office Manager, has been a member of the Mt. Airy community for 21 years. She & her husband Chris have been married for 33 years! They have two sons. Stephen (29) is a computer programmer, loves to play golf and shares her love for everything Marvel. Jason (15) is a sophomore this year and plays basketball for St. John's Catholic. She enjoys spending time with family and friends. She also loves to watch the Baltimore Orioles and the Washington Commanders play! During the summer, she plans on vacationing in Hilton Head, SC and traveling to Myrtle Beach to watch Jason play basketball!

Mrs. Hood, Secretary, has been with Mount Airy Middle since November 2019. You might recognize her since she worked at Parr's Ridge before joining MAMS. Mrs. Hood has been married to her husband Brian and has lived in Mount Airy for 30 years. They have 3 children, Brian Jr. (26), J.T. (22), and Kinsey (17). This year she acquired a daughter-in-law (Allie) when her oldest son married in June. In her spare time, she enjoys spending time with family and friends, visiting Deep Creek, Ocean City and camping.

Mrs. Phillips, Secretary, is beginning her 11th year at Mt. Airy Middle. Originally from Long Island, Mrs. Phillips is married with two grown sons. This summer, she'll be heading up to New York to visit family and then up to New Hampshire for her annual family vacation on Lake Sunapee. Mrs. Phillips likes to torment her co-workers by wearing her NY Yankees & NY Giants shirts during the school year but she tries to make up for it by baking cookies & cupcakes!

Cafeteria News and Notes

2022-2023

Breakfast and Lunch Service

A variety of breakfast and lunch choices are available daily for your child to enjoy. The USDA program that allowed schools to provide free meals to all students ended on June 30, 2022. Please expect to pay for your child's school meals when school resumes in September. If your family qualifies for free or reduced-price school meals, applications can be submitted online.

Meal Charge Policy

In the rare event that a student forgets their money or does not have any money remaining on their account, Carroll County Public Schools will allow each student to charge up to two days of breakfasts and lunches. Beyond the two days, the student will be served a complimentary meal of a sandwich and side items until repayment is made. Students must have cash or money on their account to purchase a second meal (breakfast or lunch) or any a la carte items as these cannot be charged. Thanks to the generous donations of businesses and individuals in Carroll County all previous meal debt has been eliminated so no child in Carroll County will begin the school year with a negative balance. For more information visit www.carrollk12.org

Wellness Policy

CCPS is committed to promoting student wellness and assuring that our school meals meet federal nutrition standards. Visit our website www.carrollk12.org to learn more about our policy and triennial assessment.

Smart Snacks in Schools

CCPS offers a variety of a la carte items for purchase in the cafeterias. Our a la carte food and beverage items meet the nutritional standards of the Smart Snacks in Schools regulations. Each student has a cafeteria account that they can access with an assigned PIN. To place money on account visit www.myschoolbucks.com or send cash or personal checks made out to your school with your child.

Please visit <https://www.carrollk12.org> for detailed information on the snacks available in our schools.

Free and Reduced Priced Meals

Applications for free and reduced priced meals are accepted throughout the school year. Meal benefits from the 2022-2023 school year will expire on October 17, 2022.

APPLY for Meal Benefits online at

www.myschoolapps.com

Meal Benefit Applications may also be obtained from your school or by visiting the CCPS website.

Meal Prices

Breakfast

Elementary: \$1.50

Secondary: \$1.75

Lunch

Elementary: \$2.50

Middle: \$2.75

High: \$3.00

Digital Menus

Interactive menus and nutritional information available online! Visit

<https://carrollk12.nutrislice.com> or download the Nutrislice app for your iOS or Android

Employment

Interested in joining our food services team? Visit our website www.carrollk12.org or call 410-751-3040 for more information.

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Cafeteria News and Notes
2022-2023

Please be sure to join us every day for a delicious, healthy breakfast and lunch.
New this year! Interactive menus and nutritional information is available online!
Visit carrollk12.nutrislice.com or download the Nutrislice app for your iOS or Android device.

Meal Account and PIN Information

- Every student who goes through our cafeteria line will use a unique, Personal Identification Number (PIN) to access his or her account. Parents have the option to add any denomination to the account for the purchase of meals and snack items. It is a convenient way to ensure that money is not lost or forgotten during the hectic morning rush.
- What is the PIN? Each student has been issued a unique, five digit PIN. Parents can find their child's PIN in the CCPS Home Access Center (HAC). Once you sign on, the Cafeteria PIN will be located in the emergency section. Please help your child remember their number. It makes the line move faster and ensures that everyone has plenty of time to enjoy their meal. If they do happen to forget the number, the cashier will be able to find it for them.
- How do I put money on the account?
 - Visit www.myschoolbucks.com and set up a free account that allows you to add any value to the cafeteria account with a credit card. (There is a small service provider fee for the transaction.)
 - You can still send in cash or a check to your school's cafeteria. The cafeteria manager will add it to the account.
 - The money added to the account can be used to purchase meals AND snack items.
- Can I monitor what my child is purchasing? Visit www.myschoolbucks.com and set up a FREE account. Once you complete the simple registration process, you can set up low balance alerts and monitor purchases made in the cafeteria.
- What happens to my account at the end of the school year? Money that remains on your child's account will carry over from year to year. The account will also automatically transfer to any Carroll County Public School.
 - If your child graduates or no longer attends a CCPS school use this link to let us know if you would like the account balance transferred to a sibling, donated or refunded. <https://forms.office.com/r/ieipsp12AQ>

Sending cash or check to school and want to designate fund use? You can use this form.

Student's Name _____

Homeroom Teacher _____

Amount Enclosed \$

____ Please place **All** of the money on my child's general account for the purchase of either meals, milk or snacks

____ Please place the money on my child's account, but I want to specify:

\$ _____ for Breakfast and Lunch

\$ _____ for Milk or Snacks

Carroll County Public Schools

2022-23 School Calendar

September

6 Schools Open - First Day for Students

October

21 Schools Closed for Students - Professional Development Day for Teachers and Instructional Assistants

November

- 8 School/Offices Closed - Election Day
- 11 * Marking Period Ends. Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes Early Dismissal System-wide; Teachers work on End of Marking Period Items; Schools Closed for Pre-Kindergarten Students enrolled in half-day programs only
- 23 * Schools/Offices Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes Early Dismissal – Last Day Before Thanksgiving Holiday; Schools Closed for Pre-Kindergarten Students enrolled in half-day programs only
- 24-25 Schools/Offices Closed - Thanksgiving Holiday
- 28 Schools/Offices Reopen

December

- 23 * Schools/Offices Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes Early Dismissal - Last Day before Winter Holiday; Schools Closed for Pre-Kindergarten Students enrolled in half-day programs only
- 26-30 Schools/Offices Closed - Christmas/Winter Holiday

January

- 2 Schools/Offices Closed - New Year's Day Observed
- 3 Schools/Offices Reopen
- 16 Schools/Offices Closed - Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday
- 27 Schools Closed for Students - Teachers work on End of Marking Period Items; Non-Work Day for Instructional Assistants
- 30 Schools Closed for Students - Professional Development Day for Teachers

February

- 20 Schools/Offices Closed - Presidents' Day

March

- 17 * Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes Early Dismissal System-wide; Teachers work on End of Marking Period Items; Schools Closed for Pre-Kindergarten Students enrolled in half-day programs only

April

- 5 * Marking Period Ends - Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes Early Dismissal System-wide; Teachers work on End of Marking Period Items; Schools Closed for Pre-Kindergarten Students enrolled in half-day programs only
- 6-11 Schools/Offices Closed - Spring Break
- 12 Schools/Offices Reopen

May

- 29 Schools/Offices Closed - Memorial Day

June

- 14 Last Day for Pre-Kindergarten Students enrolled in half-day programs only
- 15 * Last Day for Students, Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes Early Dismissal System-wide; Last Duty Day for Teachers

* Should a delay in opening be necessary, this day may be converted to a normal dismissal time in lieu of closing.

Emergency Closing Days

If any of the four (4) emergency closing days are not used, the last day for students and staff are as listed below:

One (1) day not used - Last Student and Teacher Day - June 14

Two (2) days not used - Last Student and Teacher Day - June 13

Three (3) days not used - Last Student and Teacher Day - June 12

Four (4) days not used - Last Student and Teacher Day - June 9

In the event that the school year is shortened due to unused emergency closing days, the last student day will be a two-hour and forty-five minutes early dismissal.

**Early Dismissal Days
Mt. Airy Middle School
(2 Hours 45 Minutes)**

12:15pm

Newsletters

In an effort to go "green" and minimize costs, we are no longer mailing newsletters.

If you would like a hard copy of the newsletter sent home with your child, please contact Mrs. Phillips at PeggyPhillips@carrollk12.org or 410-751-3554. Please state your child's name, grade and homeroom.

Student Accident Insurance

This year, CCPS will be sending an email home to each parent, explaining Student Accident Insurance. The application is to be submitted online at www.studentinsurance-kk.com. If you need more information, please contact the school office at 410-751-3554.

Integrated Pest Management Program

The integrated Pest Management (IPM) program employed by Carroll County Public Schools uses inspection, monitoring, employee education, and sanitation practices to minimize the use of pesticides in our schools.

Maryland law requires that parents of all elementary students be notified automatically prior to application of any pesticide. Parents of secondary students must request to be placed on a pesticide notification list.

Carroll County Public Schools notifies **all** students and staff 24 hours prior to scheduled applications of pesticides on school property. If an emergency pest control situation, arises and a pesticide is used, notification will be made within 24 hours. Space spraying of a pesticide throughout an entire room or area by a fogger or aerosol device requires one week advance notice to all students and staff.

Copies of material safety data sheets (MSDS) and product labels for each pesticide and bait station used on school property are maintained in the Department of Plant Operations. Persons wishing to review this information should contact Mr. John Timcheck at 410-751-3114. For additional information about the Integrated Pest Management Program, please contact Mr. Raymond Prokop, Director of School Support Services, at 410-751-3177.

CONSENT AND RELEASE

Permission to Photograph, Videotape or Audiotape

Throughout the school year, the Carroll County Public School System frequently covers school activities and may use your child's photograph, video image, or voice for educational, informational, or public relations purposes, with or without identification by name.

If you do not wish to have your child's voice reproduced on tape or to have his/her image appear in such things as a video or a photograph, or on the school or school system website or social media, please notify the school principal in writing. It is assumed that parents and guardians consent to their children being audiotaped, photographed, videotaped, or having their image placed on a school website or social media by the school system unless such notification is received.

There are also occasions when the media cover certain school events (such as when a government leader visits a school). If you do not wish to have your child's name or likeness published by the media, you should address your concerns directly to the school involved so that the media is so advised. Please be advised that the school system has no control over the media when they are covering activities such as sporting events and musical programs that are open to the public.

Use of Student Work on Websites or in Publications

There may be times throughout the year when the Carroll County Public School System wishes to display student work on school websites, social media, or in publications. If you do not wish to have your child's art, poetry, writing, etc. appear on school websites, social media, or in publications, please notify the school principal in writing. It is assumed that parents and guardians consent to their child's work being displayed on school websites, social media, or in publications unless such notification is received.

N O T I C E

The Asbestos Hazard Emergency Response Act (A. H. E. R. A.) management plans for all buildings owned or leased by the Board of Education of Carroll County Public Schools are available for review at the individual Carroll County School locations and at the Office of Plant Operations located at: 191 Schaeffer Avenue, Westminster, MD 21157. Management plans are required by the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and depict the location, amount, condition, and response action projected for any asbestos-containing materials, if any are located in the school building.

POLICY STATEMENT ON PLACEMENT, PROMOTION, INTERVENTION, AND RETENTION:

The Board of Education endorses and encourages the belief that all students can learn, progress, and achieve when individual differences are recognized and addressed through effective instruction and intervention. It is the policy of the Board of Education of Carroll County that decisions regarding the placement, promotion, retention, and acceleration of students shall be based on multiple factors related to the degree of success the individual student has achieved in completing the assigned curriculum. The final responsibility for decisions on placement, promotion, intervention, retention, and acceleration of a student rests with the principal. The decision-making process shall include parents/guardians, CCPS staff, and students when appropriate.

Grades Six, Seven, and Eight: To be promoted to the next grade, students must pass all core academic subjects (mathematics, reading/language arts, science, and social studies) A student who fails any of the core subjects for the year shall be considered for retention. A student who successfully participates in appropriate interventions, such as extra assistance, a pull-out program, extended day programs, etc., to address the subject-area deficiencies, shall be promoted.

NOTICE OF NON-DISCRIMINATION

The Board of Education of Carroll County does not engage in discrimination that is unlawful or contrary to Maryland State Department of Education guidance on the basis of age, color, genetic information, marital status, mental or physical disability, ancestry or national origin, race, religion, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity, or gender expression.

The Board of Education of Carroll County is firmly committed to creating equal employment and educational opportunities for all persons by providing an environment that supports optimal academic achievement and productive work and is free from any form of unlawful discrimination, including access to school facilities, educational programs, and extracurricular activities.

The following person has been designated to handle inquiries regarding the non-discrimination policies: Director of Human Resources, 125 North Court Street, Westminster, Maryland 21157, (410) 751-3070.

ADA ACCESSIBILITY STATEMENT

Carroll County Public Schools (CCPS) does not discriminate on the basis of disability in employment or the provision of services, programs or activities. Persons needing auxiliary aids and services for communication should contact the Communications Office at 410-751-3020 or publicinfo@carrollk12.org, or write to Carroll County Public Schools, 125 North Court Street, Westminster, Maryland 21157. Persons who are deaf, hard of hearing, or have a speech disability, may use Relay or 7-11. Please contact the school system at least one (1) week in advance of the date the special accommodation is needed.

Information concerning the Americans with Disabilities Act is available from the Director of Facilities Management, (410) 751-3177, or the Communications Officer, (410) 751-3020, 125 North Court Street, Westminster, Maryland 21157.