



# MMS Weekly Update

Thursday, September 25, 2025

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# MMS School Counseling



A WEEKLY NEWSLETTER ABOUT OUR SCHOOL COUNSELING PROGRAM

WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 25

## THIS WEEK



EO SMITH AGRISCIENCE AND DEPOT CAMPUSES PRESENTED TO ALL OUR 8<sup>TH</sup> GRADE STUDENT ON WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 24<sup>TH</sup> IN THE MMS AUDITORIUM. STUDENTS LEARNED ABOUT THE OPPORTUNITIES AVAILABLE TO THEM IN THESE PROGRAMS. STUDENTS ALSO LEARNED ABOUT THE APPLICATION PROCESS FOR THESE TWO PROGRAMS.

## CONNECTING



TOMORROW JEN COOPER WILL LAUNCH OUR MONTHLY CAREER CAFE SERIES. JEN IS A HAIRSTYLIST WHO OWNS HER OWN BUSINESS. ANY STUDENT CAN SIGN UP TO LEARN ABOUT THIS CAREER DURING THEIR LUNCH WAVES ON FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 26<sup>TH</sup>



## FROM THE STUDENTS..

"I LIKE PLAYING THE PUZZLE GAMES IN MRS. MELODY'S OFFICE DURING LUNCH GROUP. THEY ARE CHALLENGING. I GET TO HANG OUT WITH MY FRIENDS AND PLAY GAMES."

7<sup>TH</sup> GRADE STUDENT



## STAY IN TOUCH

MRS. EILEEN MELODY  
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7th and 8th Grade Counselor

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5th and 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Counselor



MRS. JENNIFER ROBERTS  
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5th-8th Grade Counseling Support

## CONSIDER THIS

With the school year in full swing, students are beginning to think about their futures and big goals. For 8<sup>th</sup> graders high school options make those thoughts very real. For younger grades, exposure to various careers via career cafe have them thinking about what they might want to do when they grow up. Talk with your student about all of the opportunities and options for them. Reach out to their school counselor if you need help navigating this.



Dear MPS Families,

Mansfield Public Schools would like to extend an invitation to families of students in grades 4-8 to attend a session focused on ***Understanding My Child's Smarter Balanced Assessment Report***. This event will be offered on October 2nd at 9:15 AM and 6:00 PM. Both sessions will be held in person in the Mansfield Middle School Library, but families are also able to join us virtually if preferred. Please use the QRCode below to sign up for this event.

**[Understanding My Child's Smarter Balanced Assessment Report](#)**



Knowing Students  
**Supporting the Whole Child**  
Ensuring Deep Learning

# OCTOBER 2025 LUNCH MENU

## MANSFIELD MIDDLE

YOU CAN ADD FUNDS TO YOUR STUDENT'S ACCOUNT ONLINE (FEES APPLY) AT [LINQCONNECT.COM](http://LINQCONNECT.COM) OR AVOID THE FEES BY SENDING CASH OR CHECK IN TO SCHOOL.

COMPLETE LUNCH \$ 3.75  
MILK ONLY \$0.50

ALL ENTREES ARE SERVED WITH:

- FRUIT (FRESH, CANNED AND DRIED) AND
- ASSORTED FRESH VEGGIES AND
- LOCAL MOUNTAIN DAIRY MILK CHOICES: FAT-FREE CHOCOLATE FLAVORED MILK, OR 1% PLAIN MILK



October is Farm to School Month!



NO SAD LUNCHESES! PLEASE ENCOURAGE KIDS TO ASK IF THEY NEED SOMETHING. WE ARE HAPPY TO HELP!

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
<b>SEPTEMBER 29</b> DENVER STYLE FRITTATA* WITH A TOASTED ENGLISH MUFFIN AND OUR HOME FRIES	<b>NEW</b> <b>SEPTEMBER 30</b> TURKEY WHITE BEAN CHILI WITH GREAT NORTHERN BEANS AND WHOLE WHEAT CHEDDAR DROP BISCUITS	<b>NEW</b> <b>OCTOBER 1</b> JAPANESE INSPIRED TERIYAKI STYLE CHICKEN OR TOFU* WITH BROWN RICE AND STIR-FRY VEGETABLES	<b>2</b> TASTY THURSDAY BUFFALO CHICKEN OR CHEESE* PIZZA SLICE WITH LOCAL KALE CAESAR SALAD	<b>3</b> BBQ CHICKEN DRUMSTICK OR BBQ TOFU* WITH HOMEMADE CORNBREAD WITH CARROTS AND OUR RANCH
<b>6</b> ALL BEEF OR VEGGIE BURGER* ON A BUN WITH HAND CUT OVEN FRIES	<b>7</b> SEASONED, SHREDDED CHICKEN OR JUST CHEESE* WITH LETTUCE IN A HARD TACO SHELL WITH SALSA & MILD SPICY BEANS	<b>8</b> PASTA* & MARINARA WITH BEEF MEATBALLS, GARLIC BREAD STICK AND RANCH SALAD	<b>9</b> TASTY THURSDAY CHEESE* OR PEPPERONI PERSONAL PIZZA WITH OUR HUMMUS AND VEGGIES TO DIP	<b>NEW</b> <b>10</b> CHICKEN CREOLE STYLE STEW , BROWN RICE AND GARLIC GREEN BEANS
<b>13</b> SCHOOL CLOSED	<b>14</b> SCHOOL CLOSED	<b>15</b> OUR OWN MACARONI AND CHEESE* WITH ZESTY CUCUMBER SALAD	<b>16</b> TASTY THURSDAY CHEESE FILLED BREAD STICKS* AND MARINARA TO DIP WITH STRAWBERRY SPINACH SALAD	<b>17</b> CT MAPLE FRENCH TOAST BAKE* WITH OUR OWN SEASONED HOME FRIES
<b>20</b> GRILLED CHEESE SANDWICH* WITH OUR OWN TOMATO SOUP	<b>21</b> CHICKEN FAJITA WITH ROASTED PEPPERS & ONIONS AND MEXICAN INSPIRED GREEN BEANS SERVED WITH SALSA, SOUR CREAM & CHEESE	<b>22</b> OUR OWN RAMEN NOODLE BOWL* WITH CHICKEN OR STEAMED EDAMAME* AND BROCCOLI	<b>23</b> TASTY THURSDAY CHEESE & GARLIC FRENCH BREAD PIZZA* AND LEMONY CHICKPEA SALAD	<b>24</b> PULLED BBQ CHICKEN SLIDER ON A WHOLE GRAIN ROLL AND RODEO CORN SALAD
<b>27</b> BUFFALO OR PLAIN CHICKEN TENDERS WITH BAKED SWEET POTATOES AND HOMEMADE CORNBREAD	<b>28</b> BEEF OR JUST BEAN* CHILI & CHEESE WITH BAKED TORTILLA CHIPS AND CONFETTI CORN SALAD	<b>29</b> CHEESE LASAGNA ROLL-UPS* WITH MARINARA SAUCE AND GARLICY GREEN BEANS	<b>30</b> TASTY THURSDAY CHEESE PIZZA BITES* WITH LOCAL LETTUCE & RANCH SALAD	<b>31</b> ALL BEEF HOT DOGS ON A ROLL WITH NEW ENGLAND STYLE BAKED BEANS*



# PICTURE DAY is coming!



**Mansfield Middle School**

**Picture days are: 10/3/25**

**Your Prepay Code is: 7A6V6X5U**

**CLICK HERE TO PRE-ORDER**

### Pre-Order Before Picture Day to Receive:

- FREE GIFT FOR ORDERS \$69 AND OVER
- FREE SHIPPING TO YOUR SCHOOL
- BEST PRICES



HUNDREDS OF BACKGROUNDS



FREE GIFT WITH PURCHASES \$69+



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DIGITAL PRODUCTS



**FREE SHIPPING TO SCHOOL**  
All pre-orders will receive free bulk shipping to school.



**100% HAPPINESS GUARANTEED**  
If you're not happy with your order, we'll make it right.



**CREATED IN THE USA**  
Every order is carefully created in the USA so your precious memories live on.



**EVERY ORDER SUPPORTS EDUCATION**  
From school support to graduation funds, some part of every order is invested back into local school communities.

# ***MMS FAMILIES:***

## **Please join us for Middle School Education Week 2025!**

You are invited to join your child in school during the week of October 20-24 to get an informal look at life at Mansfield Middle School. This is an annual event for us, and many parents tell us they look forward to the visit.

**Each grade** has selected **two specific days** for visits to help us control parking and manage the numbers of extra people in our building for the week. We welcome you to join us, whether it's for just one class or for a whole day. If you have more than one child at MMS, you may wish to visit more than once. We have no ceremonies planned, and we want you to enjoy the time with your child in their regular classes.

**Grade 5 – Monday and Friday (October 20th & 24th)**

**Grade 6 – Tuesday and Thursday (October 21st & 23rd)**

**Grade 7 – Monday and Friday (October 20th & 24th)**

**Grade 8 – Tuesday and Wednesday (October 21st & 22nd)**

- ❖ Parking options: the staff lot (adjacent to the music wing), the grassy areas adjacent to the front circle, the street, or the parking lot down by the old tennis courts, or the grassy field that was the old tennis courts. Please enter the building through the bus entrance located in the bus lot.
- ❖ Due to fire regulations, please do not park in the driveway that leads up to the school or along the sidewalk in front of the library media center. The bus lot (the one with the large DO NOT ENTER sign) is not available because it is used for physical education classes during the day and for buses before and after school.

### Your day at the middle school:

- ❖ Please enter the building via the bus main entrance (lower lobby bus lot entrance). You must sign-in at the main office using our Raptor System. Please have your government-issued ID with you to expedite the sign-in process.
- ❖ Visit the Scholastic Book Fair in our Library Media Center. The Book Fair will have an excellent selection of titles for middle school students. Proceeds will help fund library programming. The Book Fair will be open on Monday 11:00-3:00, Tuesday– Friday from 7:45 a.m. until 3:00 p.m. There will be evening Book Fair and Literacy Night events on Thursday from 5:30-7:00 p.m.
- ❖ Visit the *Lost and Found* tables in the lobby outside the office. See if you can find the sweatshirt or jacket that disappeared a few weeks ago.
- ❖ Enjoy a free cup of coffee or tea in the cafeteria. There are also bagels available there for purchase.
- ❖ Ask your child to go over the daily schedule with you the night before the visit so you will know what to expect.
- ❖ Go to your child's homeroom if you arrive before 8:05 a.m. After that, please follow your child's schedule. Copies of grade level schedules will be posted, but you will be delayed if you don't bring your child's schedule with you. We can look up individual schedules in the office if you would like some help.
- ❖ Please help the focus to remain on academics. Silence or turn off electronic devices upon entering the classroom. Please refrain from having your devices in plain sight in the classroom. If you need to respond to a message, we ask that you leave the classroom to a more private location. This will help to minimize classroom distractions. Once again, to help set the correct example of the behavior we expect for students, please do not use your cell phone in the classroom.
- ❖ Help support the implementation and modeling of our [MMS Habits of Character](#).
- ❖ This is an opportunity to experience your child's school day. If possible please arrange childcare for younger siblings. In the event that you must bring a young child with you, please know that if they become restless in a classroom, we encourage you to provide them with a break.
- ❖ Stay as long as you like, perhaps finding time to join your child for lunch in the cafeteria.

**Come visit us for Middle School Education Week!**

**October 20-24, 2025**

**We want you to enjoy our school in action. We look forward to seeing you on one of your designated days!**

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# We Want You!!

On Tuesday, November 11<sup>th</sup>, Mansfield Middle School will be reflecting, remembering, and honoring those who have served in the United States Armed Forces. We honor them for exemplifying the true character of the American spirit – personal courage, love of country, and devotion of duty. We thank them for sacrificing their personal aspirations and safety to attain and protect the freedoms of this great Nation. Students tend to better understand and absorb the significance of Veterans' Day when they can attach a human face to it.

To help our students develop a greater appreciation for America's veterans, we are inviting veterans to participate in a celebration that honors their service to our country. If you have a veteran in your family who is willing and able to attend an assembly on Tuesday, November 11<sup>th</sup> in our Mansfield Middle School auditorium. Please complete and return the lower portion of this form or complete the online form by clicking the link [HERE](#).

The planned events are as follows:

Lite breakfast provided 8:15 a.m. to 8:45 a.m.

Followed by an assembly which will conclude by 9:45 a.m.

-----Please complete the online registration linked above or return the bottom portion of this form to the MMS Office by 10-31-2025 -----

Student's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

HR Teacher/Grade: \_\_\_\_\_

Veteran's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Military Rank: \_\_\_\_\_

Relation to the MMS Student: \_\_\_\_\_

My veterans' service (circle one):

Army      Navy      Marines      Air Force      Coast Guard      National Guard

Parent's or guardian's signature: \_\_\_\_\_

**Please check the above information carefully as we will be announcing names and branch of service at the assembly.**

# Start building toward their future with the CHET Dream Big! Competition.

One entry can lead to \$20,000 for education!



The CHET Dream Big! Competition is an exciting opportunity where Connecticut students (with the help of a parent or guardian) from kindergarten to 12th grade (K-12), enter to win money toward their future education.

Entries must be submitted by 11:59 pm ET on November 5, 2025.

3 Grand Prize winners  
will each be awarded

**\$20,000**

24 First Prize winners  
will each be awarded

**\$5,000**

240 Second Prize winners  
will each be awarded

**\$500**



K-12 students can enter today for a chance to win.

Visit [chetedreambig.com](https://chetedreambig.com)



The Connecticut Higher Education Trust (CHET) 529 College Savings Plan - Direct Plan is offered by the Treasurer of the state of Connecticut and managed by Fidelity Investments. If you or the designated beneficiary is not a Connecticut resident, you may want to consider, before investing, whether your state or the beneficiary's home state offers its residents a plan with alternate state tax advantages or other state benefits such as financial aid, scholarship funds and protection from creditors.

Units of the portfolios are municipal securities and may be subject to market volatility and fluctuation.

Please carefully consider the plan's investment objectives, risks, charges, and expenses before investing. For this and other information on any 529 college savings plan managed by Fidelity, contact Fidelity for a free Fact Kit, or view one online. Read it carefully before you invest or send money.

NO PURCHASE NECESSARY. Void outside CT and where prohibited. Open to legal U.S. residents residing in Connecticut who are at least 18 years old and are the parents or legal guardians of a student or students currently enrolled in a Connecticut school, grades K-12 as of 8/18/25. Begins 9:00 a.m. ET on 8/18/25; ends 11:59 p.m. ET on 11/05/25. Prizes will be a contribution to an eligible CHET 529 Direct Plan Account established for the benefit of the child whose parent or legal guardian submitted a winning entry for the child. CHET Advisor 529 Accounts are not permitted for receipt of a prize. For Official Rules and eligibility, visit [chetedreambig.com](https://chetedreambig.com). Sponsor: Fidelity Brokerage Services LLC, Member NYSE, SIPC, 900 Salem Street, Smithfield, RI 02917. 1212343.1.0



## Enter to win \$20,000 for higher education today and help your child make a difference in the world tomorrow.

Entries accepted August 18, 2025 - November 5, 2025

The Dream Big! Competition is an exciting program offered by Connecticut's Office of the Treasurer. The competition is designed to help Connecticut families build better futures by giving them the opportunity to win money for higher education. This year's competition features three grand prizes of \$20,000\*.

To enter, students may utilize this Entry Form to submit a drawing or written essay based on the specific topic for their age group. Students may also submit online a drawing or written essay in addition to a video or digital image of a painting. See the topics for the 2025 Dream Big! Competition on the back of this form.

Visit **CHETDREAMBIG.COM** if you'd prefer to enter online, and to view FAQs and Official Rules.

The 2025 competition features \$300,000 in prizes plus \$50,000 in tech equipment for schools!

**3** GRAND PRIZES:  
**\$20,000\***

**24** 1ST PRIZES:  
**\$5,000\***

**240** 2ND PRIZES:  
**\$500\***

\*All prizes awarded as CHET 529 Account contributions.

### 2025 DREAM BIG! COMPETITION OFFICIAL ENTRY FORM

All fields required unless indicated as optional.

#### Parent/Guardian Information:

First Name \_\_\_\_\_ Last Name \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address \_\_\_\_\_ Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_

Street Address \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

How did you hear about the CHET Dream Big! Competition?

- Social Media  Influencer  TV  School  Email from Fidelity  Other email  Librarian  Online Search (Google, Bing, etc.)  
 Fidelity.com  Website  Other \_\_\_\_\_

By completing and submitting this form you represent and warrant that you are over 18 and give permission on behalf of the student named below to submit their original drawing or essay as an entry in the 2025 CHET Dream Big! Competition. I acknowledge that the student's entry is his/her original work and that drawings, essays and registration forms will not be returned. Please Note: If you are selected as a winner and do not have a CHET 529 Direct Plan Account, you will be required to open one to receive the prize money. Each winning Entrant (parent/guardian) must be the "Account Owner" of the CHET 529 Direct Plan account and the child who created the Original Work must be the beneficiary. If an account already exists with a different account owner, a new account must be opened.

#### Student Information:

First Name \_\_\_\_\_ Middle Name (optional) \_\_\_\_\_ Last Name \_\_\_\_\_ Suffix (Jr., etc.) \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Birth (MM/DD/YYYY) \_\_\_\_\_ Email (optional) \_\_\_\_\_

School Name \_\_\_\_\_ School City \_\_\_\_\_ Grade Level (2025-2026 Academic Year) \_\_\_\_\_

Mail this completed Entry Form postmarked by **November 5, 2025** and to be received no later than **November 12, 2025** to:  
The 2025 CHET Dream Big! Competition, P.O. Box 7767, Melville, NY 11775-7767



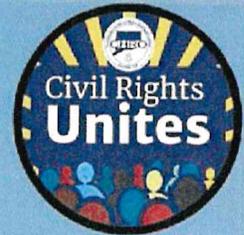
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**8<sup>th</sup> Grade**  
**&**  
**High School Students**

- **Explore Careers in Public interest Law and Social Justice**
- **Prepare you for a Future in Law**
- **Introduction to how Attorneys transform the World**
- **Introduction to the Role of the Judiciary**
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- **Hands-On Case Briefing**
- **Guided tour of the campus**



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