



MMS Weekly Update

Thursday, November 20, 2025

Check out the **MMS Weekly Updates** for MMS event information, news and activities. Weekly Updates will be sent out each Thursday.



MMS School Counseling

A WEEKLY NEWSLETTER ABOUT OUR SCHOOL COUNSELING PROGRAM



WEEK OF NOVEMBER 20

THIS WEEK

IN OUR FAST-PACED WORLD, PAUSING FOR GRATITUDE HELPS YOUR STUDENT FOCUS ON THE POSITIVE THINGS THEY HAVE PRESENT IN THEIR LIFE. THIS APPROACH IS A HEALTHY PATH TO HAPPINESS (AND BETTER THAN ALWAYS WANTING MORE!).



FROM THE STUDENTS..

"I'M EXCITED TO APPLY TO DIFFERENT HIGH SCHOOLS. I'M NOT SURE I'LL GO TO ONE OF THEM, BUT I'D LIKE TO HAVE THE OPTION JUST IN CASE!"

8TH GRADE STUDENT

CONNECTING

OUR ANNUAL COLLEGE AND CAREER READINESS DAY IS HAPPENING ON WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 26TH. THIS EXPERIENCE FOR ALL 7TH AND 8TH GRADERS IS DESIGNED TO CONNECT THEIR LEARNING IN THE CLASSROOM WITH EXCITING POSSIBILITIES FOR THE FUTURE.

EACH STUDENT WILL ATTEND THREE CAREER/COLLEGE SESSIONS LED BY A DIVERSE GROUP OF 21 PROFESSIONALS FROM OUR LARGER COMMUNITY. ADDITIONALLY, ALL STUDENTS WILL ATTEND A SCHOOL-WIDE PRESENTATION FROM WINDHAM TECHNICAL HIGH SCHOOL TO LEARN ABOUT TECHNICAL EDUCATION PATHWAYS.

THIS IS A FANTASTIC OPPORTUNITY FOR YOUR CHILD TO EXPLORE NEW FIELDS, UNDERSTAND THE EDUCATION NEEDED FOR THEIR DREAM JOB, AND BEGIN MAKING INFORMED DECISIONS ABOUT THEIR HIGH SCHOOL COURSE SELECTIONS.

PLEASE ASK THEM ABOUT THE THREE SESSIONS THEY CHOOSE!



STAY IN TOUCH

- MRS. EILEEN MELODY
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7th and 8th Grade Counselor
- MRS. KRISTINA LEE
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5th and 6th Grade Counselor
- MRS. JENNIFER ROBERTS
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5th-8th Grade Counseling Support



CONSIDER THIS

WHY COLLEGE AND CAREER READINESS DAY MATTERS IN MIDDLE SCHOOL

IT CONNECTS THE DOTS: WE OFTEN HEAR, "WHY DO I HAVE TO LEARN THIS?" THIS DAY ANSWERS THAT QUESTION DIRECTLY. IT SHOWS STUDENTS HOW THE MATH, SCIENCE, AND READING THEY DO TODAY ARE THE ESSENTIAL TOOLS THEY WILL USE IN THEIR CAREERS TOMORROW.

IT BROADENS THEIR HORIZONS: MOST KIDS ONLY KNOW THE JOBS OF THEIR FAMILY, TEACHERS, AND WHAT THEY SEE ON YOUTUBE. WITH 21 DIFFERENT SPEAKERS, THIS EVENT OPENS A WORLD OF COLLEGE AND CAREERS THEY DIDN'T EVEN KNOW EXISTED—FROM ENGINEERING AND HEALTHCARE TO CREATIVE ARTS AND TRADES.

WE ARE HELPING THEM TURN ABSTRACT DREAMS INTO CONCRETE GOALS THEY CAN WORK TOWARDS.



▶ PLAYERS WANTED! ▶

MANSFIELD RECREATION BASKETBALL

JOIN TODAY!

THE SEASON IS UNDERWAY—AND WE STILL HAVE SPOTS OPEN FOR GIRLS 5-6, GIRLS 7-8, AND BOYS 7-8 DIVISIONS!

THE OFFICIAL SEASON BEGINS DECEMBER 6TH, BUT PRACTICES ARE HAPPENING NOW, AND IT'S A GREAT TIME TO JUMP IN.

Practice Schedule:

- Girls 5-6: Mondays at 6:00 PM – Mansfield Middle School
- Girls 7-8: Wednesdays at 6:00 PM – Mansfield Middle School
- Boys 7-8: Mondays from 7:00-8:00 PM – Mansfield Middle School

PLAYING REC BASKETBALL IS A FANTASTIC WAY TO BUILD SKILLS, GET MORE COURT TIME, AND COMPLEMENT MIDDLE SCHOOL BASKETBALL—MANY PLAYERS DO BOTH!

If your child is interested, please contact:

Jennifer Caldwell

860-429-3015 ext. 6122

Caldwelljr@mansfieldct.org

You may also register online. Please note: online registration will place you on a waitlist, and an MPRD staff member will follow up to complete the registration.

Online Registration Activity Numbers:

- Girls 5-6: #342002-A
- Girls 7-8: #342004-A
- Boys 7-8: #342005-A

Come join the fun—let's make this a great season!





Mansfield Middle School Association

Newsletter: November 2025

minutes from meeting on 11/11/25

Successful past events:

- **Summer Reading Field Trip**
- **Summer Reading Raffle**
- **German Exchange Program** (MMS hosted this year)
- **High School Opportunities and Financial Aid Awareness Fair**
- **BOE Participation-** Mrs. Zawodniak and the LCS 8th graders for catering the 10/9 BOE meeting, which celebrated TOY Julie Hodgson and POY Trevor Roberts! Also, Noah C and Amany A. recently presented at a Mansfield BOE meeting with their teacher, Mrs. Batulevitz, about the Writing Center and how students support one another and have opportunities to lead.
- **Grade 8 field trip to Boston**
- **Book Fair and Literacy Night**
- **Middle School Education Week**
- **Nathan Harmon Assembly-** a guest speaker who focused on kindness, change, dealing with pressure, and the concept of “hide from the storm or dance in the rain”.
- **Comfort Critters-** grade 8 LCS students visited MES 1st graders to deliver Comfort Critters designed by their 1st grade partner and created by the 8th grade partner.
- **Veteran’s Day Celebrations**

Principals Update

[link to slideshow](#)

Updates on:

- **Grade 6 Sea Perch collaboration with UConn-** students are building and programming underwater robots.
- **Student Council Elections-** Congratulations to:
 - Eric H. -President
 - Reed V. and Maunil V. -Co-Vice-Presidents
 - Tali F. -Secretary
 - Liam S. -Treasurer
 - Solomon L. -Communications,
 - Nur S. -5/6 Representative
 - Noah C. -7/8 Representative

Congratulations to:

- **The Girls and Boys Soccer teams** advanced to and competed in the NEMSAC Finals. Both teams played well and placed second in the region.
- **Haley Zmijewski, Grade 5 MMS teacher-** who received the 2025 NCTM Linking Research and Practice Outstanding Publication Award for the article titled [Developing the Write Reasoning in Kindergarten Mathematics](#) from when she was an MA student at UConn.
- **Jenn McMunn, 5-8 Enrichment Teacher-** awarded a Lowell Milken Fellowship for the summer of 2026. The work of the Fellowship will focus on equipping teachers with skills to enhance research and historical inquiry, with the content focusing on lesser-known stories in American history.

MMSA Meeting Minutes Summary

Budget Discussion:

MMSA Ending balance \$2,912.06

Check for picture day is yet to be determined.

BOX TOP APP:

Download the app and scan receipts for money to go to the school.

Staff Grants

TE Grant (Bob Burrington)

Need a replacement of a T210 Large Format 24-inch Plotter printer, with a modern compact design \$759.00

MMSA will agree to give \$500

Past MMSA Events/Fundraisers

UConn Soccer Games

Light the Season! Cherrydale Fundraiser \$1432 in profit for the school

Town Events

Celebrate Mansfield- 9/27/25 Teamed up with MES to do a STEM project

Trunk or Treat - 10/25/25 Gave out ~25lbs of candy

Tree Decorating - 12/6/25: Trim-a-Tree event with the Welcome Winter event.

Upcoming MMSA Events/Fundraisers

- MMS Spirit Swag 11/14/25- 11/30/25
 - Added mugs, a metal water bottle, and a squeeze water bottle
 - Prices are lower during the swag sale, and no shipping fee
- Movie Night - February 20th- working with the student council on picking a movie
- Doing a joint Fundraiser with the Student Council- an event where the grade levels compete and the winning teams get to pour water on teachers
- UConn Basketball Game
 - Tickets for 12/7 game at Gampel @ 1pm <https://www.gofevo.com/event/Mansfieldmiddle7>
- Wolf Pack Hockey Game on Sat 3/7 at 6 pm

Agenda items for next meeting (anyone can suggest a future topic for discussion)



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Upcoming Dates for MMS:

11/24 (Mon) Day 4 Traditional Family Conferences 1:00-3:30 PM

11/25 (Tues) Day 5 Traditional Family Conferences 5:00-7:30 PM

11/26 (Wed) Day 6 College and Career Readiness Day

12/6 (Sat) Eastern Regions Music Festival Auditions

12/9 (Tues) Day 1 In-school Winter Band Concert 1:50-2:45 PM

12/10 (Wed) Day 2 Evening Winter Band Concert: 7:00 PM

12/15 (Mon) Day 5 In-school Winter Choral Concert 9:00-9:55 AM

12/17 (Wed) Day 1 Evening Winter Choral Concert: 7:00 PM

12/18 (Thurs) Day 2 Schoolwide Math Counts Round

12/23 (Tues) Day 5 Countdown Math Counts Round





GINGERBREAD HOUSE *Decorating Party*

Join Youth Services, get into the holiday spirit with our Gingerbread House Decorating Party! Gather your friends, for a delightful evening of icing, candies, hot cocoa, and creative confections. This event is for Middle School students. We will decorate in the Town Hall Kitchen, event 3:00-5:30 pm. Pick up in the Teen Center at MCC at 5:30 pm. Must register for the bus in advance by contacting the Middle School. Pizza dinner Provided!

Registration Link: <https://form.jotform.com/251906230283149>

Save the Date!

DECEMBER 5TH 2025

More Information:

YSB@Mansfieldct.org



Middle School Teen Events

Cooking, Arts & Crafts, and more!

Dinner is provided!

Fridays: 3:00-5:30 pm

Students MUST sign up to ride the afterschool bus to the MCC! Registration is required for these events! Space is limited! More info to come!

December 5th Winter Fun & Hot Cocoa:

Location: MCC Teen Center

January 16th Teen Cooking Class:

Location: MCC Teen Center

*****February 27th Winter Spice Dough Magnets**

Location: MCC Teen Center

March 6th TBD

Location: cooking in Townhall and MCC, Teen Center

March 28th Youth Services Family Fun Run

Location: MCC Teen Center, Teen Center

For more information and to register, please contact
ysb@mansfieldct.org

*Events with an asterisk are open to High School Students, also!



PRESENTED BY MMSA

UConn WOMENS BASKETBALL

**UConn
HUSKIES**

VS

**DEPAUL BLUE
DEMONS**

December 7th, 1pm
At Gampel Pavilion

CLICK THE LINK BELOW TO PURCHASE TICKETS

[HTTPS://WWW.GOFEVO.COM/EVENT/MANSFIELDMIDDLE7](https://www.gofevo.com/event/mansfieldmiddle7)



THE E.O. SMITH MUSIC DEPARTMENT



BANDS - ORCHESTRAS - CHOIRS

WINTER CELEBRATION CONCERT

GENEROUSLY SPONSORED BY

The Edwin O. Smith
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DECEMBER 11TH - 8:00PM

The Jorgensen Center for the Performing Arts - UCONN

\$10 ADULTS - \$5 STUDENTS AND SENIORS

***PROCEEDS GO TO LOCAL LOCAL CHARITIES AND THE E.O. SMITH MUSIC SCHOLARSHIP FUND**

MOTHER-DAUGHTER CIRCLE

Inviting All Girls And The Important Female Caregiver In
Their Lives!

ARE YOU A FEMALE CAREGIVER WHO WANTS
TO BETTER CONNECT WITH YOUR TEENAGE
CHILD ?

ARE YOU A TEEN WHO WISHES YOUR
CAREGIVER UNDERSTOOD MORE ?



DATES:

(5-WEEK SERIES)

JANUARY 15TH & 29TH

FEBRUARY 5TH & 19TH

MARCH 5TH

5:00-6:30 pm

What to Expect:

Interactive activities, guided discussions, and practical tools that will help daughters and the important woman in their lives connect on a deeper level.

Who Can Join:

Female Caregivers and their daughters (ages 11-14) who want to improve communication and strengthen their bond.

Why Join:

Because the female caregiver–daughter relationship is one of the most important connections you'll ever have—and it deserves care, attention, and growth.

FREE! PIZZA DINNER PROVIDED!

Registration & Contact:

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**Register with QR Code. Space
is limited!**

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