

A Note from Dr. McCormick...

Dear Parents,

I saw a number of you at last night's percussion concert, which for those of us who are unaware of the breadth and richness of our percussion program, is something not to be missed, regardless of whether you have a student taking percussion. For the past three days, our middle/upper school community has been exposed to Dr. Richard Singer, a world renowned xylophonist, over the course of several chapel performances, and have left completely amazed at Dr. Singer's prodigious skill and performance charisma. Perhaps more importantly, our percussion students have been the beneficiaries of this amazing "musician in residence," and as Mr. Saoud noted last night, ours is probably the only school where our student percussionists enjoy such opportunities. For more on Dr. Singer, please search Jonathan Singer on YouTube.

Chuck McCormick

Head of Middle School

MS Calendar

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March 18 - March 22: Spring Break, No School

Looking Ahead:

Friday, March 29

- MS/US Course Selection Forms Due
- 6th Grade Religion in Chapel - 9:20 a.m.

Grandparents & Friends Day - Friday, April 5

Grandparents & Friends Day will be held on Friday, April 5. Please join us in celebrating Grandparents, Friends, and Honorary Grandparents!

The day will begin with an all-school program in the Championship Gym at 9:10 a.m., with performances by students in all divisions. Following the program, guests are encouraged to

enjoy the campus and visit classrooms with their grandchild. The Lower School will be hosting Capstone in the Classrooms and the Book Fair. [Please RSVP here!](#)

We hope to see you there!

Wildcat Athletic Calendar

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Friday, March 15

- Boys Varsity Baseball vs. Carlisle, HOME @4:30 p.m.

Monday, March 25

- Co-Ed MS Soccer vs. Lakeside, AWAY @4:30 p.m.

Tuesday, March 26

- B&G Junior High Track - Sylvan Hills Relays - Sherwood, AR, AWAY @3:30 p.m.
- Boys Varsity Baseball vs. Mayflower, AWAY @4:30 p.m.
- Girls Varsity Softball vs. Mayflower, AWAY @5:00 p.m.

Wednesday, March 27

- Co-Ed MS Soccer vs. Covenant Keepers, HOME @4:00 p.m.

Thursday, March 28

- B&G Varsity Track - Lakeside Ram Relays - Hot Springs, AR, AWAY @3:30 p.m.

Maker Night at the E! - Thursday, April 4

Join us **Thursday, April 4th** from **5:00 - 7:00 p.m.** for an exciting night of family fun!

Lower School Erwin Hall will transform into Maker Night at the E! This interactive event is full of hands-on booths for families to explore technology and design thinking.

Try our photobooth, design a paper helicopter, or drive a robot. You can also test drive our virtual reality system or try your hand at 3D printing!

New this year - a sensory-friendly room! This special area will feature low lighting, quiet activities, and sensory-friendly fun.

We will be having presentations from special guests including: [The Museum of Discovery](#), [The Arkansas Regional Innovation Hub](#), The Episcopal Upcyclers, and our very own Upper School Robotics Team. We hope to see you there!

MS ERB's on the Horizon

Sixth and seventh grade students will take the ERB CTP standardized test April 2 - 4. Students will test in the morning and return to normal class schedules after lunch. Please plan appointments accordingly and contact [Catherine Radtke](#) if you have any scheduled conflicts.

MS Book Chat

Dr. McCormick had the opportunity to listen to Dr. Shimi Kang's *The Self-Motivated Kid* recently on a driving trip to and from Nashville, and he is excited to share it with interested parents. Consequently, here are dates and times for two upcoming book chats:

Tuesday, March 26, 8:15-9:00 a.m., MS Erwin Library

Tuesday, April 17, 8:15-9:00 a.m., MS Erwin Library

This book won the 2015 USA Book News International Book Award for Parenting and Family.

MS Athletes of the Week

Our most recent athlete of the week, MS Soccer player Riley Brady, introduced the first of this week's recipients, Sullivan Bray, nominated by MS Track Coach, Mrs. Lenfestey:

"Hard work, dedication and a knowledge of what it takes to run long distance are all characteristics of the Track athlete of the week. Besides being one of the most coachable runners I've had, he is also a fierce competitor. In our first Track meet at Robinson this week, he asked at the last minute to enter in another 800 race, after already competing in the 4 by 800 and the 1600 meter. And he finished his day with one heck of a kick to the finish to pass a few more runners. Congratulations, Sullivan Bray."

Sullivan then read the ensuing nomination for our dual girls' track athletes of the week:

"This week's Track athlete for the girls team goes to the distance duo who continually run side-by-side through every race pushing each other to the limit both in practice and on the

track. They work hard, show dedication in their attendance and continue to improve their performances by working together. They helped the 4 by 800 relay team get first place at the Robinson meet, took 4th and 5th in the 1600 meter race and 1st and 2nd in the open 800. Congratulations, Caroline Brantley and Izzy Bailey."