

CS Porter 7th Grade Newsletter

2024-25 School Year

In our classrooms this week ... June 9, 2025

Music & Exploratory

Click [this link](#) to see what's happening this week in music & exploratories.

English (ELA)

[Ms. Adams](#)
[Ms Hammitt](#)
[Mr. Martz](#)

Our Last Project!

Historic Missoula People & Places Project

We are studying Missoula's past! Every 7th grader will be assigned a person (or group of people) important to Missoula's past. They've also been matched with a place important to Missoula's past. Students will conduct research, primarily on the person, and secondarily on the place. Eventually, students will write and present a 3-5 minute speech. To help in the research process, we've prepared a document that provides some helpful links. [Click here](#) to access that document. And, on Friday, June 6, the CS Porter 7th grade will hit the Missoula Downtown in 8 different walking tour groups! Each group will stop at 22 locations so a student can present their speech!

- Please note:
 - Students must be prepared for the weather. We will be outside for almost the entire field trip.
 - Students must order a sack lunch from the school or bring their own sack lunch. Purchasing lunch is not an option.
- Resources:
 - [Historic Missoula People & Places: Google Slides](#)
 - [Research Support for Students](#)
 - [Note Taking Google Doc](#)
 - Speech presentation outlines:
 - [Version #1](#) (open boxes)
 - [Version #2](#) (fill in the blank)
 - [Walking Tour Listening Sheet for Students](#)

The Remarkable Journey of Coyote Sunrise by Dan Gemeinhart

If absent or missing work, please see your English teacher to use a copy of the book during WIN or lunch, or to check out a copy to take home. Also, an audiobook of a teacher (?) reading aloud each chapter is available on YouTube.

- [Coyote Sunrise AUDIOBOOK \(YouTube Links\)](#)

We'll be reading this book following a four-week schedule. Each day, we'll focus on one word as a warm-up. Then, we'll read two or three chapters. Each student will complete a daily bookmark - answering a response question based on that day's reading.

- [Daily Warm Up](#) (One vocab word for each section)
- [Daily Bookmark](#) (Response Questions for each section)

	At the end of each week's reading, we might gather into book clubs to discuss thoughts & questions as well as share ideas from these choice-based response pages. ○ Cell Phone (ivory) ○ Connector (gold) ○ Sharp Shooter Target (blue) ○ Theme Detective (purple) ○ Theme Tracker (green) ○ Treasure Hunter (yellow) Personal Narrative Writing ● Writing YOUR Narrative Resources: ○ Purple "Writing YOUR Narrative" Packet ○ Narrative Writing Tool Box Practice ○ Poet's Toolbox Packet (figurative language & sound tools) ● Narrative Story Examples: ○ Elements of Story Outline (to use with narrative story examples) ○ Exemplar Anchor Text Model of a Personal Narrative ■ Watercress by Andrea Wang (Caldecott Winner) (video) ○ Examples by former 7th grade students: ■ A Rattlesnake Encounter ■ Enter the Corn Maze ■ Drowning: Few Minutes of Terror ■ Clark Fork Crossing ○ Examples by professional writers: ■ The Jacket by Gary Soto ■ Mashed Potato Pizza an exemplar narrative ■ What's the Worst That Could Happen? by Bruce Coville Absent? Missing work? Need links to resources? Click here for Mrs. Hammitt's classes Click here for Mr. Martz' Google Classroom
Math (Accelerated) Mr. Shepherd	Intro to Functions - Last HW for 7th grade year!! Assignments: pg. 219 - 221: One or More X's to One Y; pg. 239 - 240: Over the River and Through the Woods Assessment(s): 7th Final 6/9 - 6/10
Math Ms. Lombardi Mr. Moe Ms. Pierce	Exact Path: Individual Learning Paths (Every Thursday semester 1) ● Moe: Inequalities (Writing & Graphing with Number Line) Testlet Monday ● Pierce/Vesledahl: ○ Operations with Rational Numbers ○ Wednesday: MAST Testlet - Adding and Subtracting Rational Numbers Absent? Missing work? Need links to resources? Click here for Ms. Pierce's class

Health/PE (HPE) Mr. Love Mr. Martz Mr. Moe Mr. Shepherd	PE - Pickleball - Serving - Forehand & Backhand passing - Scoring Health Shepherd - Alcohol Moe/Martz - Drugs and alcohol/SOS Love Health Book C3 - Physical Activity and Fitness - Mr. Love - C3 Packet Due Friday the 15th - Communication & Decision Making
Reading Lab Ms. Lombardi	- We are starting the year with a classic piece of literature: The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe. We are using comprehension strategies as we read this wonderful story. - Students who read independently at least 15 minutes each day show great gains in their reading skills.
Science Ms. Adams Mr. Love	Going Public #7 Due May 1, 2025 11 Dazzling Celestial Events to See in 2025, From a Total Lunar Eclipse to Rare Planetary Alignments <u>Absent? Missing work? Need links to resources?</u> Check Google Classroom for all your shopping needs. <u>Adams Science</u> Finishing Natural Selection and moving on to Evolutionary History - Mystery Fossil <u>Love Science</u> <u>Unit #4: Heredity/Genetics</u> 022125 08 Oh Me Oh Meiosis (Slide presentation) 08 Oh Me Oh Meiosis (Notes Page) 09 Mitosis vs Meiosis (Slide Presentation) 09 Mitosis vs Meiosis (Worksheet) 022425 10 Just Like Me (Slide Presentation) 10 Just Like Me (Lab) 022525 11 A Game of Chance (Slide presentation) 11 A Game of Chance (Lab)

	022725 • 12 Sex Linked Traits (Slide Presentation) • 12 Sex Linked Traits (Worksheet) <u>Absent? Missing work? Need links to resources?</u> Check Google Classroom for all your needs.
Social Studies Mrs. Hammitt Ms. Pierce	<u>Medieval Europe</u> • Medieval Day: May 16, 2025 ◦ Letter home to families • Packet PDF: Europe Pink ISN Packet ◦ Timeline Notes ISNp6 ◦ Feudalism Notes ISNp11 • Textbook PDFs: ◦ European Geography p4-5 ■ Europe: Oceans, Seas, Mountains, Rivers, Cities, Empires... ■ Europe Countries (BLANK) ■ Europe Countries (LBELED) ◦ Ch1: Legacy of Rome ◦ Ch2: The Development of Feudalism ◦ Ch3: The Role of the Church ◦ Ch4: Medieval Town Life ■ Arts Integration: Readers' Theater • <i>Good Masters, Sweet Ladies: Voices from a Medieval Village</i> by Laura Amy Schlitz • Link to online access (pages 1-14 only) ◦ Ch11: The Crusades ■ Small Groups: Step by Step (Green) Sheet ■ Handout 11D: Notes from Class ■ Biographies (White Sheets): • King Richard I • Anna Comnena • Sultan Salah al-Din • Usamah ibn Muqidh • Eleizer ben Nathan • Eleazar ben Judah ◦ Ch5: The Decline of Feudalism • Daily Dozen (Daily Exit Ticket, Recall Strategy Options) ◦ "The Daily Dozen" <u>Absent? Missing work? Need links to resources?</u> Click here for Mrs. Hammitt's classes Click here for Ms. Pierce's classes
Strategies	<u>Tips for Success:</u>

[Ms. Lombardi](#)

- **Check Infinite Campus** to see your student's grades with them every week. If necessary, have your student identify action steps to make improvements for each low grade. I.e: Finish and turn in missing work. :)
- Have your student take some time each week to organize materials and papers into class folders.
- Your child should be doing homework every night. If they have no HW, they should set aside time to read a book.

7th Grade Stuff

**CS Porter
Attendance
Hotline:
(406) 542-4060 opt#1**

[CS Porter Website](#)

CS Porter Office:
(7:30-3:30 pm)

Secretaries:
[Leslie "Lexi" Poppema](#)
(728-2400 ext 4602)
[Ciana Kelly](#)
(728-2400 ext 4603)

Principal:
[Ty Solberg](#)

Assistant Principal:
[Ariel Cornelius](#)

7th-Grade Counselor:
[Helen Burwick](#)

Family Resource Center:
Jen Pfeiffer
porterfrf@mcpsmt.org

CS Porter Track & Field (6th & 7th & 8th)

For more information, visit the CS Porter website's "activities" tab. Click on "Track" for information. Be sure to have paperwork and fees turned into the office before practice starts March 31.

CS Porter Gear:

Want some CS Porter gear? [Click here!](#)

CS Porter School Store:

Prices for snacks range from 25¢-\$1. Cash and Cougar Coupons are accepted. We are still looking for **parent volunteers to help run the store** between 7:30 and 8:45 am every Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday. Contact Jen Pfeiffer (FRC Coordinator) if this is something you can do! (Jen's email: jpfeiffer@mcpsmt.org Jen's phone 728-2400 ext 4613)

MCPS Emergency Response

To find out more about MCPS's emergency response protocols, click on [this link](#) to the website page that covers it all!

Weekly Grade Checks:

Use **Infinite Campus** (computer system, grades, attendance, etc) to stay on top of grades and assignments. Download the Infinite Campus App and set up an Infinite Campus login by contacting our secretaries, [Ciana Kelly](#) or [Leslie "Lexi" Poppema](#) (or call 542-4060) If you have questions about student grades, please email the teacher.

Free & Reduced-Price School Meal Applications: Breakfast at CS Porter is free, but lunches have a charge of \$3.25 per meal, unless you complete the paperwork for free and reduced-price meals.

PRE-ORDER A YEARBOOK Our talented students are hard at work creating an amazing yearbook that captures all the unforgettable moments of this year! Don't miss out—[pre-order your copy today](#) to make sure you'll have this special keepsake!



SCHOOL FUNDING To help our students and our schools, we encourage every family in MCPS to fill out the Free and Reduced Price School Meals Application and return it to their child's school. In addition to saving money on school meals, qualifying families can receive waivers for the costs of the ACT/SAT, reduced fees or free school activities that can otherwise cost hundreds of dollars, and cheaper internet! Even for families who don't qualify for free or reduced meals, filling out the [Free and Reduced Price School Meals Application](#) still helps our schools. These forms help with an accurate count of at-risk students, which is necessary to qualify for crucial federal funding to pay for additional staff, professional development, family support services, and other things to help meet at-risk students' educational needs. Find more information on the [MCPS Food and Nutrition Services website](#).



Missoula County Public Schools

2024-2025 School Calendar

Middle Schools Grades 6-8

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Calendar Dates

August 26	Staff Development-No School
August 27	Staff Development-No School
August 28	First Day of School-Grade 6 ONLY
August 29	First Day of School-Grades 7-8
September 2	Labor Day
October 17-18	Professional Development-No School
November 14	Conferencing Day-1/2 Day
November 15	Conferencing Day-No School
November 27-29	Thanksgiving Vacation
December 23-31	Winter Vacation
January 1-3	Winter Vacation
January 20	Martin L. King Holiday
February 10	Professional Development-No School
February 17	Presidents' Day Holiday
March 17-21	Spring Break
May 26	Memorial Day Holiday
June 12	Last Day of School-1/2 Day (Half day records time.)

Early Release Dates

Every Thursday	45 Minute Early Dismissal
November 14	Parent Teacher Conferences 1/2 Day of School
November 1	End of 1st Quarter
January 24	End of 2nd Quarter
April 4	End of 3rd Quarter
June 12	End of 4th Quarter
January 24	End of 1st Semester
June 12	End of 2nd Semester

Symbol Codes

○	Holiday or Unscheduled Day/ No School
□	Conferences - No School
◇	Staff Dev/Prep Day - No School
△	Half Day of School
▶	School Begins
◀	School Ends
▲	End of Quarter
⬢	End of Trimester
XX	Early Dismissals

[Link to Website Page](#) with all MCPS 2024-25 Calendars