



MCCORD JUNIOR HIGH TARTANS

5TH GRADE
PARENT NIGHT

Our Administrators



Susie Felver
Principal



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Melissa Tusing
Assistant Principal

Our Cornerstones

McCord's Four House System ensures that every student at McCord has a group where they belong.



DISCOVERY

McCord students embrace
tolerance & celebrate diversity.

We strive to improve our
academic & social relationships.

We welcome all.

KNOWLEDGE

McCord students are open
to learn & embrace new
ideas & concepts.

We are active participants in our
academic growth.

4 Houses
1 Family

Goal: Create a sense of belonging and increase connections between:

- Students and Students
- Students and Staff
- Staff and Staff

Historical Reference

- Each of the House names are true Scottish family names with historical significance.
- McCord Junior High is named because it is on McCord Road.
- McCord Road is named after the McCord Family who once owned farmland in the area.
- The McCord Family can be traced back to Scotland.
- Please see the attached [video](#) for more information regarding the history of McCord.



4 Houses

- Every student and staff member is part of a “House”.
- You will remain in that same House in 6th, 7th, and 8th grade.
- We have House Leaders that meet regularly to plan fun events.
- Each House will compete for house points throughout the year.
 - House points can be earned individually by exemplifying our 4 Cornerstones, classroom challenges, and building-wide house challenges.
- The House that has the most points at that time takes possession of the throne and earns a reward at end of year.

Current House Point Totals

● Stewart: 10994

● Johnstone: 9999

● Hannay: 9935

● MacDonald: 9684

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School Counselors



**Mr. Geha Last
Names A-K**



**Ms. Long Last
Names L-Z**

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COUNSELORS AS RESOURCES



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All 6th grade students are enrolled in core classes.

- Science
- English
- Reading
- Social Studies
- Math (2 periods)



Exploratory Rotation

6th grade students explore our
elective options through 7 rotations.

Students who play an instrument will
split their
rotation: Orchestra/Band - 3 days per
week Exploratory rotation - 2 days per
week.

- Applied Technology
- Art
- Computer Applications
- Physical Education
- Health
- General Music
- Cultural Studies

ROTATIONS



SCHEDULE 1: REGULAR

The first bell rings at 8:02 AM.

	PERIOD	START	END	MINUTES
	1	8:05 AM	8:48 AM	43
	2	8:52 AM	9:35 AM	43
	3	9:39 AM	10:22 AM	43
	4	10:26 AM	11:09 AM	43
LUNCHES	5A (7/8)	11:13 AM	11:43 AM	30
	5B (6)	11:47 AM	12:17 PM	30
	5C (7/8)	12:21 PM	12:51 PM	30
	6	12:55 PM	1:38 PM	43
	7	1:42 PM	2:25 PM	43
	HOMEROOM	2:30 PM	2:55 PM	25

6th Grade Sample Schedule

- 1st - 6th grade rotation
- 2nd - Math
- 3rd - Math
- 4th - Science
- 5th - Social Studies
- LUNCH
- 6th - Language Arts
- 7th - Reading
- Homeroom

Grading Scale

A+ 98-100

A 93-97

A- 90-92

B+ 87-89

B 83-86

B- 80-82

C+ 77-79

C 73-76

C- 70-72

D+ 67-69

D- 60-66

F 59-Below

Grade Reporting

- Quarters/Semester system - four grade reports
- Quarter grades are percentages
- Schoology: Provides up to date grades and easy to use to track assignment completion PowerSchool: Provides
- final quarter grades

TARTANS GET INVOLVED

Club

Yearbook Staff

All Year



ATHLETICS

7th and 8th grade students participate in school athletics.

Cross Country	Summer/Fall	✕	✓	✓
Cheerleading (Football)	Summer/Fall	✕	✓	✓
Football	Summer/Fall	✕	✓	✓
Volleyball	Summer/Fall	✕	✓	✓
Boys Basketball	Winter	✕	✓	✓
Girls Basketball	Winter	✕	✓	✓
Cheerleading (Basketball)	Winter	✕	✓	✓
Wrestling	Winter	✕	✓	✓
Track & Field	Spring	✕	✓	✓

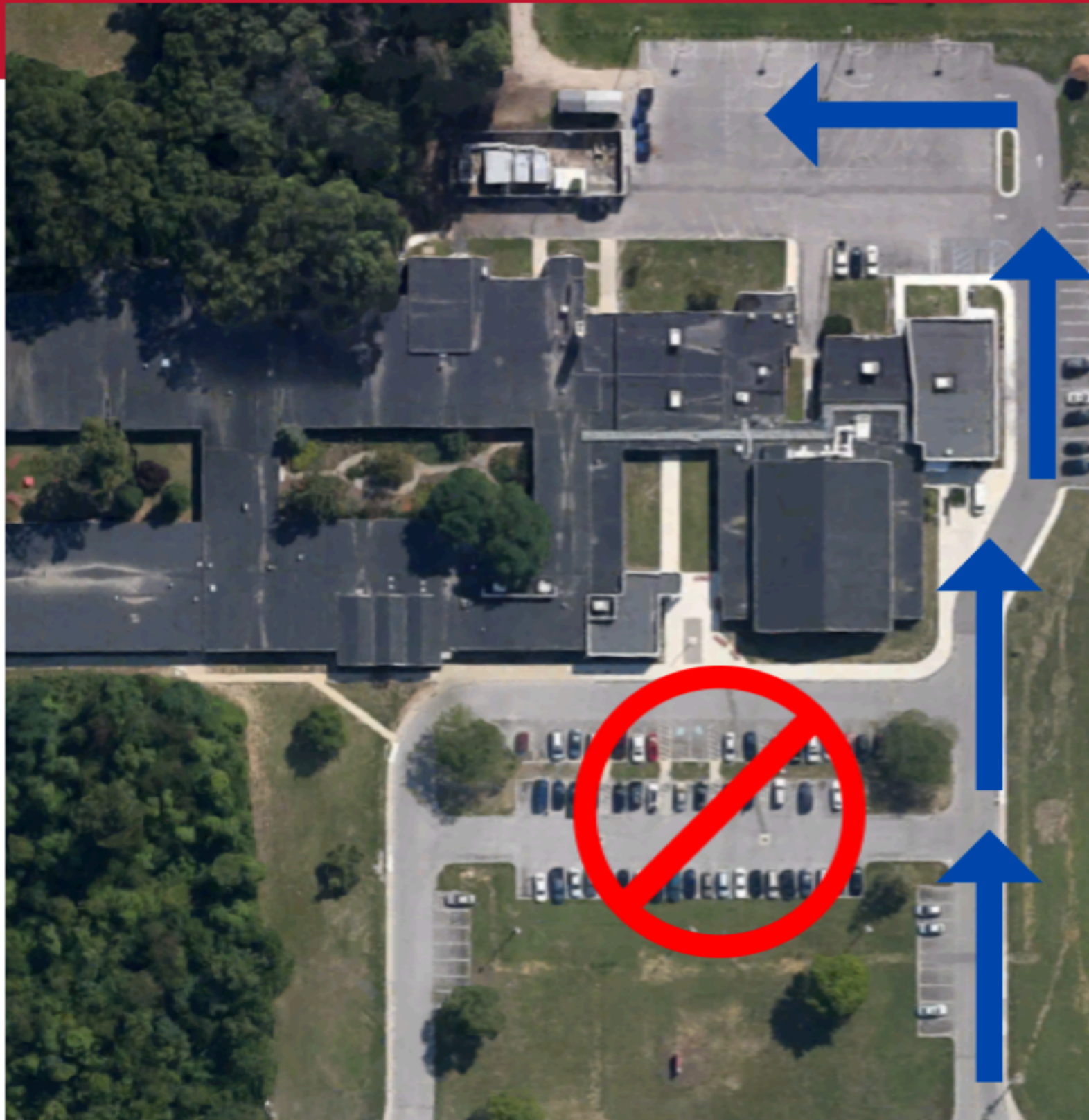
Office Staff

Mrs. Swade
Attendance Aide

- Attendance: admit slips, early dismissal slips, absentee calls, Personal Convenience Absence forms
- Updates on emergency medical information
- Attendance letters



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DROP OFF & PICK UP

- McCord Junior High School is not open to students until 7:30am.
- If you need to deliver any forgotten materials, please leave them on the cart in the office vestibule or bring them in the office.
- Students must be dropped off and picked up in the back of the school.
- No left turns when exiting campus during drop off and pick up times.

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School Attendance

- **Every Day Counts:** Missing 2 days a month adds up.
 - 5% absences ($\approx$ 9 days) = concern
 - 10% absences ($\approx$ 18 days) = chronically absent

Stay Connected

- Contact Kristen Swade (Main Office) with attendance updates.
- Please share medical needs, family changes, or emergencies so we can support your child.

Ohio Attendance Guidelines & How We Support Students

- If concerns arise, we partner with families to create an Attendance Support Plan.

Agenda Books

- An important life skill is learning how to become independent in organization, task initiation, planning, and time-management.
- School fees include an agenda book for each student.
- Teachers post work for each of their classes daily in the room - and we have a homework matrix that can be checked from school or home.
- Most junior high age students can plan/think 8-24 hours ahead, so this is an essential skill to teach them now.

USING THE AGENDA BOOK

a note from Mrs Felver...

- ☒ Task Initiation
- ☒ Organization
- ☒ Time Management
- ☒ Planning & prioritizing

WHAT IS OUR FOCUS?

We want to help students become independent in their organization but it doesn't happen without structured teaching and modeling. Organization involves: organizing belongings, time, and ideas. Keeping students organized with their time and their tasks leads to less missing work, which leads to higher academic achievement, when done with consistency.

WHY?

- Teaching students to sort & prioritize time is a goal. We know they do more than just come to school.
- They live in the present, so organization across time can be difficult.
- Visual reminder of due dates.
- We want to avoid big projects becoming crisis situation.

HOW CAN YOU HELP?

- Talk to your student about coursework.
- Check their agenda book nightly.
- Provide structure for them to complete work nightly.
- Check Homework Matrix with them.

RESEARCH

Research says most junior high aged students have the ability think/plan 8-24 hours ahead.

CONTACT ME

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Cell Phones

We firmly believe that cell phone are not needed in the academic environment.

School rules are that they will be **locked in locker during the school day from 8:05-2:55.**

How can you help?

- If your child has a cell phone, monitor their activity.
- Limit usage of Social Media apps like Snapchat
- Charge their phones at night in parent room or public space.
- Encourage phone-free activities

Student Behavior

- **Goal:** To help students learn to COMMUNICATE and HANDLE CONFLICT appropriately
- We may try alternative forms of discipline to create teachable moments
- We will ALWAYS communicate with parents



- This is our system to track both positive & negative student behaviors
- Students receive either minor or major referrals depending on the severity of their actions
- 3 minors of the same or similar behavior convert to a major referral
- Major referrals typically result in formal discipline such as detention or suspension

MCCORD MANIA!

- McCord's annual fundraiser takes place in September
- Students get prizes based on how many donations they earn
- ALL FUNDS directly benefit students at McCord
- This year, those funds paid for the House Champion reward, Field day, and Media Center upgrades



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Amazing Shake



In 2022, we introduced The Amazing Shake to the McCord Community. It is a competition that places an emphasis on teaching students manners, discipline, respect, and professional conduct.

Prior to the competition, the entire building will practice:

How to give a proper handshake

How to “work a room”

How to give a successful interview

How to remain composed under pressure

The goal is to prepare our students so that they are able to present themselves exceptionally well for opportunities today as well as those that will come in the future.

TARTAN DAY

August 10, 2026 - 10:00 AM - 6:00 PM

- Learn about clubs & activities
- Checkout the latest Tartan apparel & spirit wear
- School pictures taken
- Complete Final Form forms / turn in other important documents (med forms)
- Students receive their locker numbers and homeroom classrooms
- Chromebooks distributed for those who don't have one
- Parents can sign up for PBIS Rewards

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6TH GRADE ORIENTATION DAY

Monday, August 17, 2026 8:05 a.m.-2:55 p.m.

- Welcome and fun group activities
- Students receive and go through their full schedules
- Tour of school and locker set up with 7th & 8th grade McCord House Leaders
- Lunch with peers
- Digital Instruction and training related to devices and resources used by McCord Students and Teachers
- McCord Safety Protocol and Procedures

COMMUNICATION IS KEY.

- **INSTANT CONNECT** - Communication sent via email; weekly announcements, newsletters, and district communication. Please complete/verify current email address when completing the OneView online forms.
- **GOOGLE CALENDAR** - Stay up-to-date with events for the entire district or just McCord. Access via [Sylvania Schools Website](#).
- **SCHOOLLOGY** - Online learning platform. Assignments are created and monitored in the program and synced with Powerschool.
- **POWERSCHOOL** - View your child's progress, check grades as well as attendance and discipline records. At the beginning of the year, schedules are sent home, complete with parent directions to set up Powerschool account.
- **PBIS REWARDS** - System to track student behaviors. Parents can sign up for notifications in the fall!

