

COMET CONNECTION

Friday, September 18, 2026

IMPORTANT DATES

- [2026-2027 School Calendar](#)
- [September Lunch Menu](#)
- **September 18** - Fish Fry
- **September 21- AM Shuttle Bus**
- **September 25** - High School Retreat
- **September 25** - Middle School Retreat, 11:08pm - 2:45pm
- **October 2** - Pastors Breakfast
- **October 6 & 8** - Parent/Teacher Conferences 3:30pm - 6:30pm
- **October 15 & 16** - **NO SCHOOL** - **CEA conference for teachers**

ALL SCHOOL NEWS



Annual Fish Fry

The annual NMCS Fish Fry is tonight! The dinner will take place on **September 18** in the NMCS cafeteria and gym. Join us for an **all you can eat buffet style meal** including chicken, fish, and shrimp. The dinner runs from **5pm to 7:30pm** each night and is **\$22 per adult, \$8 for kids ages 4 to 9 and under 4 is free**. Other food items include, French fries, mac and cheese, salad, ice cream and more! Proceeds benefit NMCS Athletics.

Shuttle Bus

Parents, please note that on days **when McBain Public busing is not available, we run a shuttle bus out to three stops – Ebels' Store, Prosper Church, and Vogel Center Church**. The schedule can be found [here](#) or by visiting the [Transportation](#) tab on our [website](#).

Please contact the front office and/or their teacher if this changes how they usually get home. We can get notes to students and help direct them to wherever they need to go at the end of the day.

Pastor's Breakfast

All Pastors are welcome to join us for a fun morning of fellowship, October 2 at 8:00 am. Pastors will enjoy breakfast and hear a devotional from Superintendent Scott Curell. Afterwards, pastors will tour and visit classrooms to find students from their congregation.

Pastors, please RSVP to Scott Curell (scurell@nmcs.us)



NMCS Fall DR Fundraiser

NMCS is having a Fall Fundraiser! Students will be selling food items that will directly benefit junior students traveling to the Dominican Republic.

Please start taking orders today from your family, co-workers, friends and neighbors for these delicious homemade baked goods and unique and traditional Dutch treats!

Goods being offered in 2026 include:

- \$13 Bakery Fresh Almond Banket (Steenstra's Bakery in Grand Rapids) (12" +)
- \$13 Half Dozen NMCS Fresh Cinnamon Rolls (6 rolls)
- \$13 Wilhelmina Mints in a beautiful Holland Design Tin (17.6 oz)

Take orders now through September 30, 2026.

Students should turn their order forms with full payment into their teacher or the front office on September 30, 2026.

Please collect PAYMENT IN FULL when you take the order—cash or check made payable to NMCS with the memo of DR Fall Fundraiser. When you turn in your orders on Wednesday, September 30, please include the payments you received by check as well as any cash payments you collected.

If you would like to buy online, here is a QR code to scan that will bring you to the Google Form:



You will be assigned an after-school pick-up/delivery date on October 6 or 8 (Parent Teacher Conference days). Watch your email/phone messages for your assigned day.

Watch the Comet Connection for your pick up date and time.

Questions? Please contact Rebecca Manzi @ (231) 825-2492 or rmanzi@nmcs.us

Prayer Requests

As we move through this busy season, we want to encourage you to pray over these items:

- Start of the school year
- Fundraising that is happening within the couple of weeks

Health Information

Parents, please note that as a school, we are required to report our number of sick students. If your child misses school due to illness, please call the office at 231-825-2492 or email [Jordyn Richardson](mailto:Jordyn.Richardson@nmcs.us). No identifying information is shared, only the number of children that experience certain symptoms (cough, fever, etc.)

Elementary

Elementary Volunteers Needed

We are looking for one more volunteer to help with elementary on Thursday mornings from 8:20am - 12pm. If interested, please contact Stephanie Vanhouten at svanhouten@nmcs.us

Parent/Teacher Conferences

Fall P/T Conferences will be October 6 and 8. Elementary parents select which class & time slot you would like to sign up for below:

- [Kindergarten Conference Sign Up](#)
- [1st Grade Conference Sign Up](#)
- [2nd Grade Conference Sign Up](#)
- [3rd Grade Conference Sign Up](#)
- [4th Grade Conference Sign Up](#)
- [5th Grade Conference Sign Up](#)

Middle school and High school conferences - More information to follow.

HIGH SCHOOL

2025-2026 Yearbooks

2025-2026 Year books are available for purchase! We have a limited number so get yours soon before they're gone! Yearbooks are \$34 including tax and are located in Theresa Barger's music room.



ATHLETICS

Volunteers Needed

Volunteers are needed for a variety of athletic events this fall. If you are able to help with ticket taking, concessions, or even jobs at the scoring table, please contact Trey Reed (treed@nmcs.us) or sign up at nmcs.us/athletics.

Schedules

Individual practice schedules are communicated through each individual coach. Game and contest schedules can always be found at nmcs.us/athletics. When events are changed, the schedules are updated in real time.

SEPTEMBER FINANCE OFFICE HOURS

- Sept. 18: 1 PM - 4 PM
- Sept. 25: 1 PM - 4 PM

Please email any questions to cgommesen@nmcs.us and allow 24 hours to respond.

COMET COMMUNITY

Dick Family Farm Pumpkin Patch & Corn Maze

Fall fun is here! **Dick Family Farm Pumpkin Patch and Corn Maze** will be open **September 25–October 31** at Cannon Corner!

Regular Hours:

Fridays: 4:00PM – 7:00 PM

Saturdays: 10:00 AM – 6:00 PM

Come have a blast with us and enjoy all kinds of fall activities, including a **hay bale mountain, duck race, corn bin, petting zoo, nature scape, wall ball**, and more! Pick out the perfect pumpkin and see if you can find your way through the corn maze.

Moonlight Corn Maze:

October 3, 16 & 30 • 6:00 PM – 10:00 PM

While you're here, enjoy delicious fall treats like **donuts, cider, ice cream, roasted almonds**, and more! **7710 S 7 Mile Road, McBain**

