



Wednesday, October 14, 2026

IMPORTANT DATES

- [2026-2027 School Calendar](#)
- [October Lunch Menu](#)
- **October 15 & 16 - NO SCHOOL - CEA conference for teachers**
- **October 19 - AM Shuttle Bus - No McBain Public Bussing**
- **October 22** - Middle and High School Fall Concert - 6:30pm
- **October 26** - Picture Retakes
- **November 5 & 6** - Online Auction Begins
- **November 7** - Annual Building the Future Auction - 6pm
- **November 25-27 - NO SCHOOL - Thanksgiving Break**
- **December 10** - All school Christmas Concert

ALL SCHOOL NEWS

No School October 15 & 16

School will not be in session this Thursday and Friday, October 15 & 16. This gives our teaching staff the opportunity to attend the Christian Educators Association Conference in Grand Rapids. Please pray for our teachers and staff as they attend the conference this week. Pray that it would be a time of learning and spiritual growth as they spend time with other Christian educators from across the Midwest.

We hope you enjoy this long weekend with your children! We look forward to seeing everyone back at school on Monday!

Safety Drill

Please be aware that on **Friday, October 9, we conducted a lockdown drill at 11:30am** for all students. Current legislation states that we must post this information within 30 days of completing a drill. Drill and other safety information can be found [on our website](#)

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.

NMCS Annual Auction

SAVE THE DATE! The NMCS Building the Future Auction is Saturday, November 7 at 6pm. We will have the same format as last year with an online (November 5 & 6) and a live auction. If you are interested in donating, you can find a [letter and donation sheet here](#). Please keep an eye out for emails and social media updates with more information.



Class Baskets for Auction

In the last few years the school has decided to have each grade put together an auction basket based on a certain theme. These items are compiled into a "class basket" that is put up for bid at the school auction to raise money for the school. This is always a highlight of the auction. You are not required to participate or donate, but every small item/gift helps reach our total goal. **Please drop off items or cash donations at the front office labeled with the grade and donor name. We would like all baskets completed by October 30.** If you have any questions, please text Lynn-Marie Kinkema at 231-388-4260.

Pre K/Young 5s: Playdough/Sensory play

Kindergarten: Pizza Night

1st Grade: Reading Together

2nd Grade: Chili Night

3rd Grade: Breakfast

4th Grade: Football Sunday

5th Grade: Pasta Night

Middle School: Treat Yourself

High School: Dinner Out

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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

ATHLETICS

Scoreboard & Scorebook Volunteers

Interested in doing scoreboard or scorebook for any basketball games this season? Please contact Trey Reed (treed@nmcs.us)



Winter Sports Signup

3rd - 12th Grade winter sports signup is now open! If your child is interested in playing basketball, please fill out the [2026 Winter Sports Signup Form](#)

MS Boys Basketball

First practice for 6th through 8th boys basketball will be on Oct. 19 in the practice gym. Coach Shawn Pattee and Joe Quales will communicate practice schedules from there. Generally, they will be after school each day from 3-5 in the practice gym. Winter schedules are posted at nmcs.us/athletics.

Now Hiring

We are looking for a 7th grade girls basketball coach. If interested, contact Trey Reed (treed@nmcs.us)

Volunteers Needed

Volunteers are needed for a variety of athletic events this fall/winter. 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.

Boys Varsity Soccer

The first round district game at St. Francis will now be on **Oct. 15 at 4:30pm.**

Please note - **the game is on Oct. 15. at TC St. Francis (Keystone Soccer Fields)**

The second round is still Oct. 19 and will be home.

GO COMETS!

A tournament bracket for the MHSAA Boys Soccer District. The header features the MHSAA logo and the text "BOYS SOCCER DISTRICT" and "AT TRAVERSE CITY ST. FRANCIS: 10/15 AT 4:30PM". The bracket shows four teams: Leland/Benzie Central, Suttons Bay/Buckley, NMCS/St. Francis, and Glen Lake/Tc Christian. The NMCS/St. Francis team is highlighted with a "GO COMETS!" logo.

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GO COMETS!

LELAND/BENZIE CENTRAL
SUTTONS BAY/BUCKLEY
NMCS/ST. FRANCIS
GLEN LAKE/TC CHRISTIAN

OCTOBER FINANCE OFFICE HOURS

- October 23: 1 PM - 4 PM
- October 30: 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**

Cleaning Services Available

Good news! I have two openings for new clients starting in November (just in time for the holidays)!

- Over 10 years experience
- Thorough and detailed
- Consistent and dependable

Call or text me at [\(406\) 589-2396](tel:4065892396) so we discuss your cleaning needs and see if we are a good fit.

Giselle Vanderlaan