# Eagles are Kind, Involved, Safe, & Successful!

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# MRMS Eagles have almost made it to second base!

It is hard to believe come December 20<sup>th</sup>, MRMS Eagles have completed the second nine weeks...the first semester...half of the school year! Wow! Time is flying!

Bring on December and let's spread a little holiday cheer!! On December 6<sup>th</sup>, the MRMS NJHS will travel to the Virginia Horse Center to help pack Christmas Baskets for families in Rockbridge County. On December 12<sup>th</sup> at 6 pm, Mr. Schucker and the 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup>, 8<sup>th</sup> grade bands, along with the jazz band, will host a Winter Concert. Throughout the month of December, students and staff will enjoy "Let's Wrap Up the Semester With Joy, Laughter, and Pride" spirit days. Please see the next page for a list of school wide spirit days. Oh, what fun!

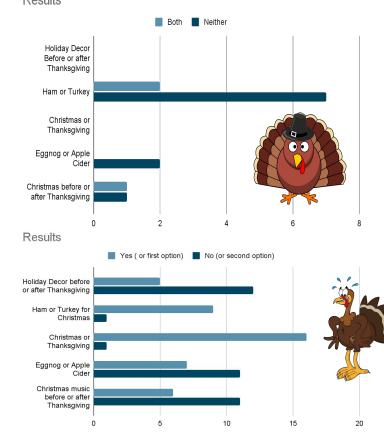
As December flies by, Eagles still need to be 'in the game'. During the month of December, all students will be taking benchmarks and completing work to finish out the nine weeks. Eagles need to stay focused in order to do their best on benchmarks and to finish out the first semester strong! As famous baseball player Yogi Berra states, "Baseball is ninety percent mental. The other half is physical." Eagles, remember to 'be in the game'! Stay focused! We've got this!

### **MRMS** Staff would like to wish all Eagle families a wonderful holiday season and a Happy New Year!

# 🐼 Sweat + Sacrifice = SUCCESS 🝕

# **Respecting The Turkey!**

Written By: Cordelia Clark, Shaylee Seaman, & Morgan Kelly In our SOAR group, we debated when to do holiday activities like decorating a Christmas tree: before Thanksgiving, or after Thanksgiving. Some people said that they put up decorations before Thanksgiving and some people refused to even talk about Christmas before Thanksgiving! Ms. G.M., our school librarian, says, "For me there are no December holiday decorations, movies or music before Thanksgiving! My family has always respected the turkey. On Thanksgiving Thursday, we eat, watch football, play board games and more. Then, on Friday, we blast the Christmas music and exchange Advent calendars that we have purchased (or made) for each other." With all the debating on when Christmas decor should be put up and when you should play Christmas music, we decided to make a survey to see what people thought about the ideas plus some fun questions.



#### **MRMS Readers Make Great** Leaders!

The MRMS Book Fair was a huge success! Money raised from the Book Fair will be used to purchase new books for the Eagle Library! Way to go, Eagles!

## Homework Hotline

MRMS has a Homework Hotline for parents/students to check for daily/weekly homework assignments. Please use the link below to check each grade level daily/weekly homework! https://sites.google.com/rcs.rang.k12 .va.us/mrms/homework-hotline

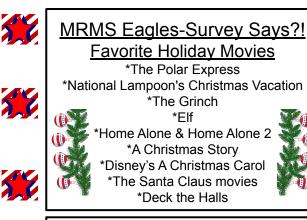
# **Reminders**

\*Be here on time and be prepared daily

- \*1<sup>st</sup> period begins at 8:07 AM & the school day ends at 3:28 PM
- \*If your student is absent, please call or send a note. (540-463-3129)

\*If your student is absent, they **cannot** attend extra curricular activities such as dances or sporting events.

\*After 10 absences, a doctor's note will be required.



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#### FFA fruit and cheesecake orders will arrive on December 9<sup>th</sup>!



6<sup>th</sup> graders enjoyed their field trip to Luray Caverns and the Car & Carriage Caravan Museum on November 22. Students enjoyed learning about advancements in American history and analyzing water and weathering.



7<sup>th</sup> graders have been busy wrapping up their novel reading of A Long Walk to Water. Students visited the Maury Service Authority on November 26 to learn about the process of providing clean water in our community. Students will create a children's book as a end of the novel project to incorporate fiction literary elements.



8<sup>th</sup> grade students have wrapped up their mythology study in English. Students learned about the importance of mythology and how mythology has influenced our society today. As a culminating project, students researched various Gods/Goddess and created their own

Instagram profile on the God/Goddess. Students then presented their research Instagram profile to fellow classmates.



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# <u>Student Recognitions</u>

Players of the Week for the week of November 4 6th - Sophia Swisher & Walter Williamson 7th - Lilly Moore & Kazen Murdoch 8th - Jhordane Campbell & Dasha Billias Players of the Week for the week of November 11 6th - Karson Shafer & Zach Kirby 7th - Lillybell Lipsett & Jose Arellano-Ibarra 8th - Norah Lewis & Darby Cosgriff Players of the Week for the week of November 18 6th - Kinsley Hardin & Preston McKee 7th - Kinsey Jackson & Danny Luna-Brown 8th - Jacob Sours & Adelynn Benner Players of the Week for the week of December 2 6th - Lily Lunsford & Jayden Ellington 7th - Arely Sanchez-Tenorio & Chase Ricker

It seems like Christmas wins this round! What do you think? Should Christmas dominate the last two months of the year, or should we respect the turkey and give Thanksgiving the month of November?

**Eagles are Kind and Involved** Thank you to all who helped make the MRMS **Fall Festival a success! MRMS Eagles donated** \$400 to the SPCA and collected over two large boxes of food for RARA!

We do not accept **Doordash deliveries** for students!

<u>6<sup>th</sup> grade Dance To Be Held In</u> February

Due to scheduling conflicts, the 6<sup>th</sup> grade dance scheduled for December 13<sup>th</sup> will be rescheduled in Februarv!



8th - Avery Walker & Micah Floyd





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#### December Spirit Days

Let's wrap up the semester with laughter, joy, and

pride!

Dec. 4: Rockin Sockin Wednesday-It's National Sock Day wear holiday or fuzzy socks

Dec. 5: Twinkle Tinsel Thursday - Light up the day by wearing anything that lights up, sparkles, or shines

Dec. 10: Holly Jolly Hat Day - Wear a holiday-themed hat or your favorite hat.

Dec. 13: North Pole Pajama Party - Wear your comfy pajamas to school. will deliver cookies and a candy cane for SOAR.



#### Dec. 16: Cozy Flannel Day

Dec. 17: Holiday Character Day - Dress as a favorite holiday or winter character: think snowmen, reindeer, elves, or even classic storybook or Christmas movie characters

Dec. 18: Winter Wonderland Whiteout Day - Wear all white, light blue, or gray to transform the school into a "winter wonderland." Add glitter, scarves, and frosty accents if you'd like.

Dec. 19: Ugly Sweater Day

Fri. Dec. 20: See You Next Year - School Spirit Day Celebrate the end of 2024 by wearing your school apparel

### <u>7<sup>th</sup> Graders Pay Tribute To Veterans Day</u>

Students in Civics and Economics classes recently paid tribute to our nation's Veterans with a series of creative projects and Veteran presentations. As part of their Veterans Day celebration, students constructed a Veterans Memorial Wall, agamographs, and a collaborative patriotic poster. They also invited Veterans to present in each class. Veterans included members of the American Legion in Buena Vista, and parents of students.

Students researched family members or famous individuals for the Veterans Memorial Wall. The information featured the Veterans' names, branches of service, and unique information about their service. The agamographs, a unique form of art, and the collaborative Veterans Thank You poster allowed students to be creative while developing appreciation for patriotism.

The visiting Veterans gave each class a wonderful presentation about their love for the country and what their service was like. They encouraged students to explore the possibilities of military service and invited them to remember to never take their freedoms for granted. Students also hosted a reception for the Veterans visiting from the American Legion. It was a huge success and the students remarked they had fun and gained a deeper appreciation for those who serve our country.



Every day is a good day at The River! 

Important Dates to Remember

MRMS Collecting For Natural Bridge Festival Of Trees

# All Area Band

Maury River Middle School will be well represented in this year's Central Highlands All-Area Honor Band! On November 13th, almost 150 students from 13 different schools in our region came to MRMS to audition to be a part of this year's special group. The audition is a challenging obstacle, requiring memorized scales, prepared musical selections, and a small sight reading excerpt that students don't get to see until 30 seconds before they perform it.

Flute: Morgan Kelly (1<sup>st</sup> chair), Dasha Billias, Brooke Dudley, Sophia Hanna Clarinet Azalea Whitehead (1<sup>st</sup> chair), Sarah Lewis, Laurel Ripani, Lilly Roeder, Kenzie Camden

**Bass Clarinet:** Alejandra Guashpa (1<sup>st</sup> chair)

Alto Saxophone: Cordelia Clark (1<sup>st</sup> chair), Chloe Dawson

Baritone Saxophone: lan Johnson

Tenor Saxophone: Rachel Barney

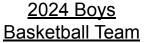
Trumpet: Daniel Sheller and Levi Poulin

Horn: Kaitlyn Higgins (1<sup>st</sup> chair) and Kelly Collins

Trombone: Logan Wood (1<sup>st</sup> chair), LillyBell Lipsett, Coleman Nicely

Baritone: Abigail Conner

Tuba: Olivia Poulsen





Ryan Horsley Cole Berkstresser Coach Ron Clark Manager: Abdul Lasisi

MRMS Eagles-Survey Says?! Favorite Holiday Cookie \*chocolate chip \*sugar \*oatmeal raisin \*snickerdoodle \*peanut butter \*gingerbread \*Hershey Kiss cookie (MRMS Eagles really like cookies!)



#### December

- Dec. 3-13 Benchmarks NJHS to Horse Center Dec. 6 Dec. 12 Winter Band Concert 6:00 pm Dec. 17 Wrestling Match AWAY-TH Wrestling Match AWAY-PMMS Dec. 18
- 2 hour early release day Dec. 18
- 2 hour early release day Dec. 19
- Dec. 20 2 hour early release day

Dec. 23-Jan. 3 NO SCHOOL-Winter Break **MRMS** offices are closed Dec. 24-26, 31, and Jan 1



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#### MRMS Yearbook

The 2024-2025 MRMS yearbook is on sale now! The cost of a yearbook is \$25 and yearbooks will arrive in May. Please click on the link below to order a yearbook. https://www.rockbridge.k12.va.us/MRMS

MRMS is participating in the Festival of Trees at the Natural Bridge. Donations to support this cause if being collected. All donations need to be brought to MRMS by December 13. Donations can be dropped off to the school office or students can take donations to Ms. Pollock's office near the library.

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Interested In Helping The PTO?

The MRMS PTO can always use extra volunteers to sell concessions at basketball games. Email mrmspto678@gmail.com to inquire how you can help!

