

# MPCS

Mount Pleasant Christian School

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## PTO

# WELCOME PACKET

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# PTO Welcome Letter

Dear MPCS Families,

The MPCS PTO would like to welcome everyone back to school! We are excited about what God has in store for our students, parents, and teachers this year at MPCS! The growth of our school over the last few years has been a huge blessing as well as a challenge to continue to maintain and improve our PTO services to all.

If you would like to be involved in PTO activities, we will be sending out Sign-Up Genius notifications throughout the year seeking volunteers for events such as the Book Fair & Grandparent Day, Christmas Shoppe, Friday Snack Bar, AR Parties, Fun Run Fundraiser and more. A sincere thank you to the volunteers past and future!

Besides the above activities, our PTO coordinates events and fundraisers to fund school programs and needs, such as the picnic pavilion and playground improvements which are current works in progress.

Experience has taught us that parents and teachers have enough on their plates to not really have time for evening meetings for discussion of PTO activities. We have decided to communicate via email updates instead of meetings, but we are happy to meet with anyone who wants - just request it and we'll make time.

We try hard to not have a take-home fundraiser for students to have to sell items, etc. but we need your continued support to accomplish this. Be generous with the Fun Run and other in school fundraising opportunities and check your child's folder for handouts.

Calling all Room Moms! Each classroom will be looking for a Room Mom to help with class parties and events throughout the year for that specific class. This is a great way to get to know your child's classmates, teacher, and other parents! Feel free to reach out for resources or assistance from PTO if you take on the Room Mom title!

We are looking forward to a great year together at MPCS!

Sincerely,

MPCS PTO

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# QUICK OVERVIEW OF WAYS YOU CAN SUPPORT MPCS

**Volunteer**— We ALWAYS need volunteers! ALL of our programs, fundraisers, etc. cannot function without amazing volunteers like you! Stay in touch via Facebook, email, papers sent home with your child for volunteer opportunities

**Kroger** — Link your Kroger Plus Card to MPCS. If you're already doing this, please know you need to relink annually. See the Kroger page in the Welcome Packet for instructions.

**Box Tops for Education** - Use the app to digitally submit Box Tops and send in. Digital Box Tops are explained in a flyer in this packet.

**Office Max** - Give the MPCS Code of 70103411 at checkout and MPCS gets a rebate. You can submit purchases after the fact as well, so long as it's within the same quarter. See flyer.

**Ice Cream & Snack Bar** - Every Tuesday (Ice Cream) and Friday (Candy/Snack), you can send in \$1.50 with your child at lunch so they can buy a treat. The proceeds go toward the cost of field trips to keep the cost of those down. You can pay in advance for the entire school year for a reduced price, and your child will receive a coupon for the snack and/or ice cream. Details at Orientation.

\*\*Unfortunately, Amazon Smile has discontinued the program which benefited our school, and are instead directing "donations" via Amazon Smile to charities of their choice. Target has made a similar move.

# STAY CONNECTED

## FOLLOW US ON FACEBOOK!

Follow MPCS on Facebook! PTO regularly posts to Facebook, so watching the MPCS Facebook page will keep you up-to-date!

## ATTEND PTO MEETINGS!

By far, this is the best way to stay ahead of the game in the information department! It's also a great way to provide feedback to our PTO and give us any new ideas you may have for this year or next!

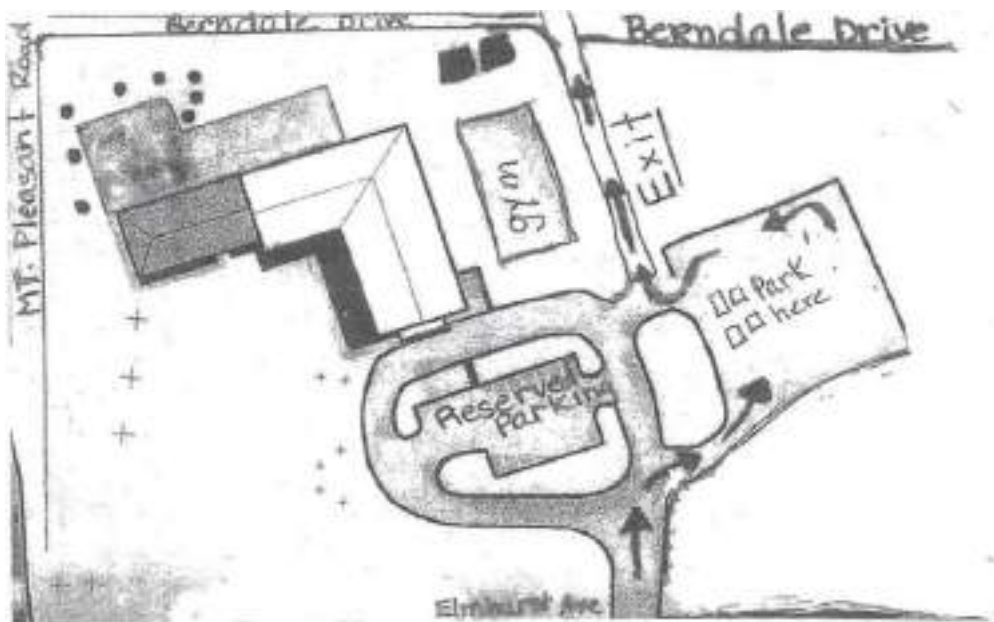
## READ "NEWS & VIEWS"!

The MPCS Newsletter "News & Views" comes home every Friday in your child's Friday folder. It has lots of valuable information on it as well as upcoming dates. PTO will be posting on this newsletter as well, so be sure to read it each week!

# Drop Off and Pick-up Procedures:

**Drop Off:** You may either drive to the porch area and quickly drop off your children or park in any parking lot to walk them in. Please don't park on the circle. Don't pass cars that are unloading children.

**Pick Up:** Park in the lot by the soccer field and come to the porch to pick up your children at 3:00/ 3:10 (Middle School). Grades K-5 will be on the school porch. Pre-K will be picked up from the lunchroom. Please exit the parking lot beside the gym and out onto Berndale. The lot in front of the school is reserved for those with a parking pass. These are available in the school office for drivers with a physical condition which makes it difficult to walk, as well as parents who will be leaving an infant in the car while they quickly pick up their child.



# DO YOU WANT TO SAVE MONEY ON YOUR CHILD'S TUITION JUST BY SHOPPING?

Then RaiseRight is the program for you!

This fundraiser sends the proceeds directly to your account at MPCS for tuition, aftercare, or anything else on your MPCS account!!

To get started, create your account by visiting [www.raiseright.com](http://www.raiseright.com). Register there and join a RaiseRight program. Text or email Marilyn Keffer

([marilyn@crossroadsfuel.com](mailto:marilyn@crossroadsfuel.com) or 757-377-0970) for the MPCS Enrollment Code. Once registered, you can easily see the percentage of rebate from each retailer that you will receive to be credited toward your child's tuition.

The simple explanation of this program is when you buy gift cards (physical cards, eCards or reload cards) through RaiseRight, you will receive a discount which is sent to your MPCS account. The percentage can range from 2 or 3% all the way up to 18%. We have had parents in the past who worked this to their best advantage and made enough in rebates to pay their entire aftercare bill.

3 Types of RaiseRight cards -

Physical Gift card (delivered to MPCS weekly)

E-Cards (easily printed or emailed for gifts)

Reloads (on some physical cards)

2 Ways to pay -

Link to a bank account

Credit Card (fee charged)

1 Important tip!

Plan ahead to save a lot! Need a refrigerator? Buy Lowes gift cards through Raise Right and earn \$40 toward tuition. Groceries, McDonalds,

Date Night? Buy gift cards for tuition credit.

\*\*\*\*Note: If you used Scrip in the past, RaiseRight is the new name for Scrip

## Testimonials from MPCS parents:

\_"It has really helped my family financially. I put the money that we earn using Scrip towards before/after care costs. The money that would have gone towards before/after care now goes towards family activities, new board games, dinners, ice cream dates, and even vacations! You can also get other friends and family to use it as well and watch your account grow even more!"

\_"I never thought I could do Scrip because it was too confusing, but once I took the time to really understand it, I quickly became like Mr. Krabs with dollar signs in my eyes! Seeing the amount of money that I can apply towards my kids' tuition for doing nothing more than my regular shopping is exciting!"

\_"Scrip is like getting paid for shopping. Even the simple coffee from Starbucks can give you money back. In this digital age, you can sit in the parking lot, reload your Scrip, add it to your

Passbook/Wallet on iPhone, then pay by just showing your phone. It makes carrying a pocket book a thing of the past. I absolutely love it."

## Tips and Tricks:

Explore the ShopWithScrip.com website! It is filled with tons of helpful information including all the retailers that participate, the rebate percentages, and a huge FAQ section!

Get friends and family to participate! You can give them the MPCS code, and their purchase rebates can go to your child's tuition!

Don't want the rebate to go to tuition? No problem! You can pick a different program at MPCS to apply that rebate to, such as the building fund, PTO, etc.

Feel free to ask! Our MPCS Scrip Coordinator is Peggy Heller. Her cell phone is 757-403-3728. Feel free to text or call her with questions. As always, your PTO members are here to answer any questions you may have as well.



# And many, many more!!!

# Kroger Community Rewards



## What is Community Rewards?

Kroger Community Rewards makes fund-raising easy by donating to local organizations based on the shopping you do every day. Once you link your card to an organization, all you have to do is shop at Kroger and swipe your Plus Card!

A digital account is needed to participate in Kroger Community Rewards. If you already have a digital account, you will need to ensure you have a Plus Card linked to your account. Select an organization. Mt.

Please note, a Plus Card is required for the Kroger Community Rewards program so that your transactions apply toward the organization you choose.

## How do I select an organization to support?

Selecting the organization that you wish to support is as simple as updating the Kroger Community Rewards selection on your digital account.

I. Sign in to your digital account.

Search for your organization MPCN NPO Number is I-V221 年年年

Enter the name or NPO number of the organization that you wish to support.

Select the appropriate organization from the list and click "Save."

Your selected organization will now display in the Kroger Community Rewards section of your account. If you need to review or revisit your organization, you can always find these details under your account details.

Any transactions moving forward using the Shopper's Card number associated with your digital account will be applied to the program. It takes approximately 10 days for the Kroger Community Rewards total to begin displaying on your receipt.

## How do I view my Kroger Community Rewards details?

Wondering how much you've earned toward your selected organization? You can view the total you earned during the last quarter in your account details.

How do I ensure that my transactions are applied to the program?

You must present your Shopper's Card or provide your Alternate ID at the register during the transaction in order for it to count toward the program.

Help

If you have any further questions or concerns, please contact our [Customer Service Center](#).

Thank you for participating in Kroger Community Rewards! JLH-2019

## OFFICE MAX/OFFICE DEPOT

If you have already made an Office Max/Office Depot purchase online or in-store, you can still submit it for rebate if the purchase was made in the same quarter.

Go to <https://www.officedepot.com/backtoschool/display>

Enter your order number or receipt information, SCHOOL NAME: Mt. Pleasant Christian School

SCHOOL ID: 70103411 then MPCS will receive a rebate from your purchase!

Our school will receive 5% back in credit for free supplies when you make a purchase of qualifying products.

\*\*\*\*\* NEW - Digital BOX TOPS! \*\*\*\*\*



**EARN CASH FOR OUR SCHOOL**  
NO MORE CLIPPING. ALL YOU NEED IS YOUR SMARTPHONE.

The NEW and improved Box Tops mobile app uses state-of-the-art technology to scan your store receipt, find participating products and instantly add Box Tops to our school's earnings online.

**LOOK FOR THE NEW LABEL:**



HERE'S HOW IT WORKS:

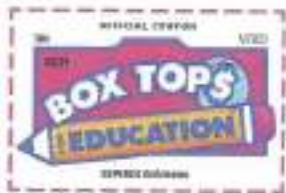


BUY    SCAN    EARN

BOX TOPS PRODUCTS    YOUR RECEIPT CASH FOR OUR SCHOOL

You can find Box Tops on hundreds of products throughout the store.    Use the app to snap a photo of your receipt within 14 days of purchase.    Box Tops earnings are identified and automatically updated at BTFE.com.

You do not need to clip or send Box Tops labels to school.



BOX TOPS CLIPS ON PACKAGES

Traditional Box Tops clips are being phased out of production but may continue to be found on many products throughout the store as packages transition to the new Box Tops labels. You can still clip these and send them to school. Please make sure each clip has a valid expiration date.

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| BUY      | CUT             | SEND          |
| BOX TOPS | OUT THE BOX TOP | YOUR BOX TOPS |

SEE PRODUCTS & LEARN MORE ABOUT  
THE BOX TOPS APP AT [BTFE.COM](http://BTFE.COM)

THE ALL-NEW BOX TOPS IS HERE!  
DOWNLOAD THE APP:



**\*\* SEE THIS PAGE FOR CUT-OUT BOX TOPS \*\***



## BOX TOPS TIPS AND REMINDERS FROM PTO



Be sure that each Box Tops has a clearly visible Acronym and Expiration Date.



For additional ways to save, go to [btfe.com](http://btfe.com) to print coupons, enter online promos to win additional Box Tops, and to see how much our school is earning!

Ask relatives and friends to save Box Tops for you!

REMINDER - Your Box Tops do NOT need to be trimmed perfectly. You can cut them neatly or just tear them off the package. Just be sure that the Acronym and Expiration Date are visible.

PLEASE check expiration dates! Box Tops does not accept expired Box Tops.

### TWO WAYS TO EARN PRIZES-

- Each Thursday, all Box Tops that were turned in that week with a name on the back are put in a container, and a name is drawn during Chapel. The winner receives a coupon for the Snack Bar for the next day. Remember, your child's name **MUST** be on the back of each Box Top to be entered into this drawing.

— If your child fills out an entire sheet of Box Tops (50/page — see next sheet), they will receive a Snack Bar coupon for that week. Please write your child's name on the collection sheet.

**\*\* GET CLIPPIN' AND HELP US KEEP SAVIN' \*\***

MPCS earned \$314 with Box Tops last school year!

Each Box Top is worth \$0.10 for our school, so it's like cashing in dimes!

Our goal this year is \$500.00, so let's work together to save some money for MPCS!