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Introduction

Welcome to the 2025-2026 school year. We are planning on doing a monthly newspaper. These will be sent out via email and will (fingers crossed) also be accessible via the Macomb school app and webpage.

Also be sure to mark your calendars as well for trade days on Thursday, September 25th from 5:30-7:30 PM, for food, inflatables and more!





Submissions:

We want to hear from you! Please submit articles, artwork, shout outs, and letters to sspikes@macomb.k12.ok.us

Please be sure to include your name on anything you submit. No anonymous work will be accepted. You can also submit photos for consideration for both the school newspaper and this year's yearbook.

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Superintendent's Office

This year we now have 82 students in the HS building; the highest we've had in recent years. In which, we have had the best start to a school year yet! A new rule everyone should be aware of is the "Bell to Bell" rule. This new rule puts bans on phones for the years to come. Punishments for going against the rule can vary from getting your phone taken away to getting privileges revoked like access to the store at lunchtime! Be sure to also look at 10th Grade as they have recently won the spirit stick, as well as the FFA back to school bash.

– Cassi and Deja

High School Office

Mr. Martin says the school year is the best one yet, the cell phone policy is going great. There haven't been many problems with it. Mr. Martin is also thankful to fill all of the positions that were open.

Mrs. Riggs would like to announce all the kids we have going into Gordon Cooper this year, we have Layla Austin, Jorja Jones and Mattison Kupczynski in health careers, Christian Binder, Blayze Lewis and Damian Sanders in welding, Jericho Blankinship in diesel tech, Colten Bridgeford and Kam Valkosak in criminal justice, Xavier Hobbs in machining, Pablo Martinez Escobar in foundations of construction, Kaylin Musshafen in cosmetology, Sapphire Nelson in auto collision and Kayla Hatler in concurrent enrollment at seminole state college.

The blood drive is Sept 3rd.

– Cassi and Deja

Elementary Office

The elementary office has been very busy this year. We will attempt to have them submit an article next month but we were unable to get one from them this month.

- Ms. Spikes

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3 Year Old Program

Ms. Hacketts' 3 year old class of 7 awesome students have had a great year to start. They are learning all about me, drawing pictures of themselves. They have painted and decorated houses and talked about their families. They are also learning our pledges, creeds and mission statements. In the coming weeks ahead they will be learning to recognise their colors, shapes and counting to ten! They are having an awesome time in their P3 class!!!!

-Aubrey Murch

Pre-K

The Pre-K class is ready to start learning after getting in a routine and getting to know everybody! They are super excited to start learning and begin the school year.

- Zane Caldwell & Shane Vickery

Kindergarten

The Kindergarten was learning shapes but now they are learning numbers! They all looked so excited to start learning, and they can't wait any longer to start!

- Zane Caldwell & Shane Vickery

First Grade

We are off to a fantastic start to the school year in First Grade! Ms. Burk is thrilled to be teaching this amazing group of 19 bright and talented students, alongside my wonderful classroom helpers, Ms. Kayla and Mrs. Stovall. In just the first two weeks, we have been busy learning addition and exploring number lines. In reading, we have begun UFLI lessons. Thank you for your continued support!

- Kayla Hatler

Second Grade

The second graders are working on plural nouns as well as learning even and odd numbers. It has been a little difficult to get into the routine of things but their starting to get the hang of things.

-McKenzie Brummett

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Third Grade

The 3rd grade class has hit the ground running, from learning about STEM, and reviewing 2nd grade work. So far, our 3rd grade students have been learning about the early Okie history, and also about expanded form and place value for math. Our 3rd graders are ready for tests and assignments! Our very skilled 3rd grade teacher, Ms. Phillips, has been preparing our 3rd grade for tests, saying "It's all preparation, they're preparing for tests and-or assignments everyday". Currently, they have been making hornets nests, and learning about hornets. The 3rd grade class has been reading "Sideways Stories from Wayside School" by Louis Sachar. Also, the students have been enthusiastic, learning about insects. "The students are really interested in social studies and the early peoples of Oklahoma" says Ms. Phillips.

- Gio Rivera-Jimenez

Fourth Grade

The Awesome 4th Grade Class really kicked off to a great start! They are looking forward to spelling bigger words, learning music, learning how to make their own music, and being a piano artist! Kal-el is looking forward to everyone making it to 5th Grade. Stella learned school isn't that bad.

- Kayla Hatler

Fifth Grade

Mr.Adams' class is learning about decimals, fractions and percents. They have planned a solar system build, moving decimals in energy units and writing paragraphs. For the next month or so they are going to learn about adding, subtracting, multiplying and dividing fractions. No field trips have been planned just yet. Super shout out to his whole class for surviving the first couple weeks dealing with him!

-Aubrey Murch

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Sixth Grade

Mrs.Blackwell, the sixth grade teacher has some exciting field trips planned for her kids, they are going on a field trip on October 3rd! This trip is going to cost the students 10 dollars and they will be visiting the osteology museum in O.K.C. Mrs.Blackwell is also having the students learning about setting goals, reading the novel Farmer boy by Laura Ingles, math fluency, reciting states in alphabetical order and understanding regions in the USA! Mrs.Blackwell would like parents to know that the menu can be found on the school website under explore>dining and they do welcome classroom snacks for their class of 19 students. She also stated that some of her most improved students are Adler Phelps and Eddie Wyatt.

- Cassi, Deja

Mrs. Beauchamp Middle School Math

Ms. Beauchamp is having the class learn about equations and about the information they represent. They have reviewed to remember the foundations of operations and equations and have started their first unit. Their first trip is their benchmark incentive trip. Next month they will be wrapping up operations and equations, stating linear equations.

Mrs. Beauchamp says the 8th grade student who stood out the most to me so far this year was Kameron Beaver. He has been working hard and participating in our interactive lessons! She said that Tiana Mcgirt is the 7th grade student who has stood out the most so far this year because she has been working very hard to complete all of her classwork!

There are 26 students in the 7th grade, they are split into two groups. 8th grade math has 14 students.

Mrs. Beauchamp also said that she is really happy being a part of the Macomb family! I love our students and our school, I'm very proud to be a HORNET!

- Hunter Hatler

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Mrs. Kelough Middle School

Ms. Kelough came from Holdenville and wanted to become a teacher because she wanted kids to be heard and she had a teacher in the 1990's that understood her and was a constant figure in her life growing up. She has been teaching for 8 full years and she picked Macomb because she felt like God has chosen this way for her. It's her first year teaching the 7th and 8th grade classes and the reason she picked the 7th and 8th grade class is because she wanted a challenge because she had been teaching 3-6th for 7 years. Right now the 7th graders are learning about geography, volcanos, and tsunamis. Soon, they are going to learn about the weather. The 8th grade is learning about history and senior art. She doesn't know if she keeps her students engaged in the lesson but she is loud and asks a lot of questions so it forces them to listen and remember key parts. Her teaching method is combining some old school with some new school techniques. Her favorite part of teaching 7th grade is that they tell her the latest drama and tea. She wishes kids realized that teachers have lives other than school. She helps the 7th graders with their hygiene and their homework. Her favorite part of teaching is when old students find her and she has no idea who they are and they tell her that she was their favorite teacher. She stays motivated by taking walks on her school break and realizing how grateful she is.

- Zane Caldwell

Coach Hopkins Middle School

Currently, in Coach Hopkins' science class for the middle school, the 8th graders are learning about Newton's Laws of Physics and Motion. In his seventh grade class, the students are currently working on IXL's over atoms, and chemical elements. He is very happy with their progress in his classes.

- Zane Caldwell, Gio Rivera-JImenez

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Mrs. Delsigne Middle School

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Mrs. Delsigne is originally from Southeastern Oklahoma but moved to Kansas after she got married. She relocated back to Oklahoma for her husband's job in 2001, and after several years of working as a teacher's aide she returned to college to finish her degree. She found a teaching position at Macomb Public Schools in 2019 and started her twelfth year of teaching this year. She teaches 7th and 8th grade English, works as a Special Education teacher, and is one of the sponsors for Student Council. She enjoys teaching because she cherishes the moments when a student experiences a breakthrough and grasps a concept that is troubling them. She also enjoys watching her students grow into motivated, smart learners who take charge of their own educational experiences. She teaches middle school because she takes great pleasure in observing young students transition into young adults, and middle school is where their journey begins. The subject that stands out to her the most is reading; it is her absolute favorite subject to teach. There is something incredibly rewarding about guiding students through the world of literature and helping them discover new ideas and perspectives through the pages of a book. Presently, the 7th and 8th grade classes are focusing on reading comprehension and expanding their vocabulary, as these skills are essential for students as they navigate complex texts. In just a couple of weeks, each class will engage in novel studies, which will allow them to dig deeper into literature together.

- Zane Caldwell, Angel

Freshman News- Ms. Hensley

Ms. Hensley is looking forward to sponsoring the Class of 2029. She plans to sponsor and do many interesting activities for fundraising.
- Gio Rivera-Jimenez, RyLee Hancock

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Sophomore News- Ms.Blankenship/ Mrs Riggs

She says that the responsibilities of being a sponsor is to help students to be more creative and to raise as much money as possible for upcoming events as well as to use it on prom and its preparation. She has her goals for the tenth grade class is to raise more money than last year. This year, 10th grade is working on the fall carnival and most likely selling freeze dried candy at the carnival. The advice she has given to everyone is that high school is short so enjoy it while it lasts. She says how being a teacher and class sponsor just goes hand in hand. I asked her if she was excited for any upcoming fundraisers but she said she doesn't because they're not her strong suit. I asked her how all of the teachers and her work together for the success of the students. Her response was they all just get along. As a sponsor she wants the students to be willing to help and try things out.

- Gavin Blaine

Junior News- Mr Knoke/Coach Hopkins

The Junior Class are currently working on voting on prom themes. Juniors should go to our class page to vote on a prom theme by September 5th. The juniors are also having a bigger and better haunted house this year for fall carnival, they are also planning on having a staff-student dodge ball game where elementary teachers will play against high school teachers and then staff vs student game, you will need to pay to watch the game.

– Cassi and Deja

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Senior News- Ms. Spikes/Mrs Laguna

The senior class is off to a busy start this year. Important dates to remember are September 4th panel pictures, October 22nd are retakes. October 6th Kendal Galey from Graduation Recognition Products will be on campus. He will be back on campus on October 10th to take orders and pick up deposits. The class will pay for the basic cap & gown package.

The class will be hosting the dinner and silent auction at this year's fall carnival. We are asking that each senior attempt to get at least two items donated for the auction. Letters were sent home with the seniors detailing where they are at with fundraising. If you have any questions please reach out to one of the sponsors.

We also need a picture and a quote from each of the seniors by the end of December for the yearbook. Once again, the yearbook class will fundraise so that each graduating senior will receive a yearbook at no charge.

Please consider supporting the senior class by purchasing a steel Macomb Hornet 19 oz mug for $15 (if you don't already have one). Contact any senior for more information.

Senior parents will also, once again, have the option to purchase a senior ad spotlighting their senior in the yearbook. The cost will be $15 for a ½ page ad or $30 for a full page ad. All ads must be purchased prior to Christmas.

Mrs. Southerland- Agriculture

As a new teacher we have been getting to know each other. Students in this class will typically finish assignments in class if they're paying attention. There are many opportunities for students to be able to get involved. Our first big event will be August 26th at 5:30, we will be having water slide kickball with free drinks and ice cream.

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Mr. Knoke- History

History kicks off another amazing year!

Oklahoma history starts off with a new strong set of freshmen who are ready to get in-gear with Oklahoma history. Mr. Knoke has plans for projects that include a semester- long project that goes over the regions. As that goes on U.S history will dive into history that will take you back to the 13 colonies and up to the modern times.

- Hunter Hatler

Ms. Blankenship- English

On September 3rd, 2025 I interviewed the highschool english teacher, to find out what each of her english classes are currently working on. As the Fall semester is in full swing.
The English I class is currently focused on Autobiography Essays. The English II class is working on characterization and short stories. The English III class is currently tackling verbal phrases. The English IV class is engaged in the middle ages, Sir Gawain and the Green Knight, and The 1st Knight movie.

Interviewee: Ms. Blankenship
Interviewer: Lanie Kinsey

Mrs. Hensley- Science

Botany
This class is going to grow their own plants this year. And as of right now that's all Mrs. Hensley has planned for them.

Bio II
They are almost doing the same thing as Botany but theirs will deal with the more biology side of the experiments.

Mrs. Hensley loves it here at Macomb Public Schools, the kids here are a lot better here even though they act out every now and then but overall it's just a lot better here. Mrs. Hensley says she loves it here at Macomb Public Schools.

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Ms. Spikes-Math

Ms. Spikes is teaching Algebra 1, Geometry, Algebra 2, Math of Finance, Forensic Science and Yearbook this year. Her plan period is during the 3rd block from 10:00 am to 10:50 am. She says she has duty each morning and afternoon on the road between the middle school building and the baseball/softball field.

She said this is her third year to offer Forensic Science and the class continues to build. The class is looking forward to taking several field trips this year. This is also her 3rd year to do the yearbook. The yearbook class will also be doing a monthly school newspaper.

Math classes are off to a good start this year. Students are quickly getting used to the routine of maintaining a binder and doing daily notes and assignments. She said parents should start expecting to see grade reports each Monday starting in September.

High School Baseball

So far, baseball practice has been very hot, but hasn't been bad at all, but, he has also said that we need more players. What Coach Hopkins hopes for practice is to progress, and to get better. A highlight in this season so far, is Blayze Lewis' powerful hit.
Gio Rivera-Jimenez

High School Softball

If you have ever been to a girls sports game at Macomb, you have definitely seen Coach Hancock in action. He is always making sure he can do everything he can in-order to make his players better. We caught up with him between classes to hear his plans for this season. We asked him how this season's summer practices have been going and he said, ¨Hot, I mean really hot.¨ He hopes that this season the fastpitch team can, ¨Progress as the season goes along, We have big shoes to fill but definitely have the talent to get there.¨ He says his favorite highlight from the start of this season is that, ¨For the most part is that the six-seven practices a week are over.¨
-RyLee Hancock

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Junior High Baseball

Junior high baseball is just getting started. After their first scrimmage against Carney, They had their first home game August 14th falling short to Earlsboro. Now their main focus is working on playing as a team and learning the fundamentals of stealing bases, hitting, and fielding. Jace Fugate has stood out becoming good at stealing bases.

- McKenzie Brummett

Junior High Softball

The Junior high girls have 19 girls signed up to play ! Right now they are working on fundamentals on fields and batting correctly. They have been working on finding positions for everyone that will best suit the team.

- Mckenzie Brummett

Elementary P.E.

The kindergarten P.E class has been playing ships and sailors, Coach Hancock has said kindergarten is doing the best at listening which is why they also have played simon says and the kids love it. Pre-K is playing noodle tag which is a giant pool noodle and they have to tag each other. 3rd-8th grade are training and playing basketball for the upcoming basketball season. Coach is having fun and so are the kids. He is excited for the new and fun activities they will be doing in this school year.
- Narsi Bueno

Welcome New Staff

We would like to welcome the following new staff to Macomb Public School: Ms. Hensley - high school science, Mrs. Kelough - 7th & 8th grade art & geography, Mrs. Phillips - 3rd grade, Mrs. Southerland -high school Agriculture, Coach Samaha - HS boys basketball & elementary PE,Mrs. Deborah Moore (Ms. KK) - Kindergarten aide and Eli Figaszewski - Maintenance.

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Student Council

The student council members have been diligently planning activities for the upcoming year. We have more pep assemblies than last year, with new engaging games for everyone to enjoy. In the near future we will be attending a district meeting where students will gain valuable insights into what it takes to be an effective leader. Additionally, the student council will be recruiting more members from the freshman and sophomore classes to broaden our representation and enhance our programs throughout the high school.

- Adilyn Beauchamp

Student Center

The RBC Student Center is excited to kick off its third year! Under the leadership of Romulus Baptist Church and Helen Lee, the director of student ministries, along with our dedicated weekly volunteers, we are excited to welcome students back to campus and start another academic year. The center aims to create a welcoming environment where we can connect with students, build relationships, and share God's love within our community. Each week, we share a verse and offer words of encouragement to the student. The atmosphere is upbeat, and since reopening for another new academic year, we have seen record attendance, with an average of 30 highschool students visiting daily during the lunch breaks to enjoy snack, play pool or ping pong, or simply hang out. We have also created a space for students to do homework or work on projects during their lunch breaks. In the coming weeks, we will launch a new year of FCA (Fellowship Christian Athletes), which will be held weekly for athletes and any student interested in participating in a short bible study, along with lunch. In the months ahead, we plan to provide supplies for special projects that promote school spirit at games and other small initiatives. We enjoy the time spent with each student who visits, as it allows us to get to know them better and offer encouragement when needed.

- Adilyn Beauchamp

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Yearbook

The yearbook class has hit the ground running. They will be publishing a monthly electronic school newspaper as well as working on the yearbook. If you are not receiving the newspaper please let us know so we can add you to the list. We are also planning on sharing it through the Macomb app and webpage.

We will be selling holiday sodas in October, December, February and March. The cost of the sodas is $1 each. We will once again attempt to find class sponsors for each grade so that no child is left out. If you are interested in sponsoring a class please let Ms. Spikes know.

Our plan is to produce a 124 page yearbook. This yearbook will cost about $65 to publish however due to ad sales and other fundraising methods we plan to keep the base price down to $30.

We will be selling ads and page sponsorships for $25 each so if anyone is interested please reach out to any yearbook staff member or Ms. Spikes.

Academic Team

The first Academic Meet will begin on a Saturday in October. Currently, Mrs. Blankenship is looking for more Academic Team members, with the sign up sheet being in her room. The minimum requirements is to have a 3.25 GPA to enter. Most Academic Team meets will land on a Saturday, which means you'll have to be committed to coming to every meet.
Gio Rivera-Jimenez

E-Sports

The E-Sports class has an exceptional list of teams and players this season. We have six Fortnite teams and two Siege X teams, alongside six HS students who play Smash Bros Ultimate, and six JH students who play Smash Bros Ultimate. We will eventually have competitions this year that will be for Super Smash Bros Ultimate, and NBA 2K26. We also will have four End of Month tournaments on August 30th. Currently, Mr. Knoke, our E-Sports coach believes we have a very promising season this year for Radlee Blaine and Blayze Lewis on their Rocket League season. Our E-Sports team has an exciting season ahead of them, and hopefully we go to State and get a title this season!
- Kamdyn Valkosak, Gio Rivera-Jimenez

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Cheer

The cheerleaders are working on a dance for the next assembly this month. Their goal this year is working on stunts, dances, and cheers. This month they have begun practices and working on dances. They have been getting ready for the halloween assembly. All 4 cheerleaders have shown commitment and dedication. They have learned cheers and dance routines in record time, Mrs. Vanessa is so proud of them. Right now cheer has 4 cheerleaders but they are thinking about having a special try out for new students and boys who would like to join the team. Mrs. Vanessa is excited to have gotten this opportunity to re-establish the cheer team and we'll try our best to make our school proud. They are far from being a competition team but they will work there cheer socks off to get there!
- Shaiann Kalkbrenner

Cross Country

Mr. Adams cross country group has been working on endurance works on hills and flat speed runs. They're looking forward to N.R Creek in September if people want to join! They're working to set closer to state or finding good positioning at regionals. Huge shout-out to Gerardo Flores and Ember Lewis, for having over 100 points earned in cross country practices!
- Aubrey Murch

After School

After school kicks off on September 2, 2025. This year we will have so many fun activities. We have Piano, Vocal, Sewing, Minecraft, Activity Club, Art Club, Seasonal Crafts, Soccer, Cheer, Hornet Gear, and so many more!! The after school program is THE BEST because
We have so many amazing clubs, teachers, helpers, and students!

- Kayla Hatler