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**MPS' Mission**

*Engaging, Educating and Inspiring Students to Succeed in College, Career and Beyond*

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## **Principal's Message**

Dear Parent/ Guardians:

I hope that you have had a relaxing summer and are ready to begin a great school year. I am looking forward to a great school year ahead as well. Welcome back to our returning students, and we welcome our newcomers to the Carr family. I encourage you to become involved by volunteering or visiting school when you can. I want to take this time to say thank you for entrusting your child's educational growth to me and the outstanding staff at Carr Middle School. It is with great pleasure that I welcome you, as part of our educational family, to the 2018-2019 school year.

As an International Baccalaureate School, we want to encourage our students to learn through an international lens as thoughtful and compassionate world citizens. We actively embrace intellectual rigor, intercultural respect, and service to our local and world communities.

Now, allow me to briefly explain what being an International Baccalaureate (IB) school means. The first aspect of IB is philosophical. Students will work toward becoming more knowledgeable of the global community and issues that face different regions of the world. Another aspect of IB is academic which includes core content subjects, a foreign language, arts, and technology. Specific components of the IB curriculum are English (Language A), foreign language (Language B), science, humanities (social studies), math, physical education, performing or visual arts, and technology. The technology component will be embedded into the classes not taught separately. To give them a greater sense of world culture, every student will take a foreign language and continue to take the same foreign language for the duration of his or her time at Carr. This curriculum is standard for IB schools worldwide, and its rigor will make students more competitive in a global market.

We have divided each grade level into two continental teams. The sixth grade teams are Australia and Africa, seventh grade teams are North and South America, and eighth grade teams will be Europe and Asia. Each team will be comprised of an English, science, math and social studies teacher and will share the same students during the day.

Thank you in advance for your enthusiastic support in ensuring your child's success at Carr this year, and I look forward to meeting you soon. Please visit our website at <http://www.carr.mps-al.org/> to stay up to date on upcoming events and check teacher's calendars for academic updates.

Go Jaguars

William Conyers, Principal



## Johnnie Carr Middle School

### Vision Statement

Johnnie Carr Middle School will aim to educate and prepare young people to thrive in a global society and to be responsible, caring, and community-minded citizens who create a better world.

Through a shared Vision,

<u>Our Faculty and Staff will:</u>	<u>Our Parents will:</u>	<u>Our Students will:</u>
<p>Differentiate instruction through a holistic learning experience</p> <p>Create a safe and nurturing environment</p>	<p>Maintain an active partnership with the school</p> <p>Encourage and embrace our commitment to excellence in academics, citizenship, and extra-curricular activities</p>	<p>Be Responsible, Respectful, and Resourceful</p> <p>Become lifetime learners who value the difference in all individuals</p>

### Montgomery Public School Mission Statement

We will engage, educate and inspire our students to succeed in college, career, and beyond.

### MPS' Vision Statement

MPS is a place where every student develops love of learning, cultivates intellectual curiosity and dreams of a future full of amazing possibilities.

### Beliefs

**We believe Carr students should be:**

- **Inquirers** – developing natural curiosity; research skills; independent learning
- **Knowledgeable** – exploring concepts, ideas, issues; acquiring in-depth knowledge
- **Thinkers** – exercising initiative in applying thinking skills both critically and creatively
- **Communicators** – expressing ideas confidently and creatively; use of more than one language; effectively collaborating
- **Principled** – acting with honesty, integrity and fairness; respect for the individual; tolerance
- **Open-Minded** – appreciating their own and others' cultures; respecting other points of view
- **Caring** – showing empathy, compassion and respect
- **Risk-Takers** – approaching unfamiliar situations and uncertainty with courage and forethought
- **Balanced** – understanding the importance of physical, intellectual and emotional balance
- **Reflective** - giving thoughtful consideration to their own learning experiences

## ADMINISTRATOR'S AUTHORITY

The school principal or the assistant principals have the authority to change, modify, or amend any rule or procedure contained in this handbook when it is in the best interest of the students, faculty, or when necessary to accomplish the mission of Johnnie Carr Middle School.



*Carr Middle School: Engaging, Educating and Inspiring Students to Succeed in College, Career and Beyond!*

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**The school will not be responsible for students who arrive on campus before 7:05 a.m. This excludes students who ride the early magnet school bus. Students must be picked up by 2:45 p.m.**

For the safety of all students, it is necessary that they be picked up by the designated time. Failure to comply could result in administrators contacting the Montgomery Police Department.

**Morning Drop-off and Security Procedures:**

**Sixth grade students** will walk through the metal detector in the bus lane and then report to the 6<sup>th</sup> grade hallway. **Seventh graders** will wait in the courtyard after they have gone through the metal detector in the bus lane. **Eighth graders** will walk through the metal detector at the side door of the gym and will remain inside the gym until 7:35 am. **Please note: Every student must walk through the metal detector and all purses and clear book bags will be checked. The school is not liable for confiscated items not picked up within 3 school days.**

Car riders will be dropped off in front of the building, and the students will walk to their designated areas along the sidewalk (not through the building). Automobiles are prohibited in the bus drop-off and/or pick-up zone.

Bus riders will exit the bus and walk to their designated spots.

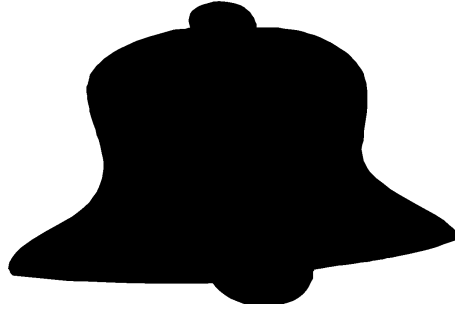
Students must be in dress code upon exiting their car or bus with shirts tucked in and belts on. They will



stay in their designated areas until the bell rings to enter the building.

**Afternoon Pick-up Procedures:**

Upon exiting the building, car riders will walk to the front of the school. Students will stand according to their grade levels. Bus riders will walk to the back of the school and load their buses.



**Schedule For Core Teachers**

<b>7:25-7:35</b>	<b>Enter Building/Tardy Bell</b>
<b>7:35-8:39</b>	<b>1<sup>st</sup> Period (64 min)</b>
3 minutes	Change class
<b>8:42-9:42</b>	<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Period (60 min)</b>
3 minutes	Change class
<b>9:46-10:47</b>	<b>3<sup>rd</sup> Period (61 min)</b>
3 minutes	Change class
<b>10:50-12:27</b>	<b>4<sup>th</sup> Period (1hr &amp; 37 min)</b>
3 minutes	Change class
<b>12:31-1:31</b>	<b>5<sup>th</sup> Period (60 min)</b>
3 minutes	Change class
<b>1:34-2:35</b>	<b>6<sup>th</sup> Period (61 min)</b>

*For core teachers, there will only be a bell to end 2<sup>nd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup>, and 6<sup>th</sup> periods. A timekeeper should be designated from each team to alert members to change classes after 1<sup>st</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>, and 5<sup>th</sup> periods. The Bell Schedule is set based on the times P.E., Electives and Foreign Language classes will end.*



## TRANSPORTATION

### **BUS RIDERS**

Students are required to be at the bus stop at the designated time. Students are to board the bus quietly and in an orderly manner. For the safety of all, students must be seated while the bus is in motion and must be reasonably quiet. The bus driver is responsible for the passengers' safety and welfare. Bus drivers are to be obeyed at all times. Any student receiving a misconduct report will have a conference with the principal or designee. Repeated offenses will result in the student being suspended from the bus, and in extenuating circumstances, possibly from school.

### **SCHOOL BUS RULES**

**Students who ride the bus are expected to observe and comply with the following general rules:**

1. All students must ride their assigned bus only.
2. Students must board and depart at their assigned bus stop.
3. Students must remain seated while the bus is in motion.
4. Students must refrain from eating, drinking, and chewing gum on the bus.
5. Students must obey the driver at all times.
6. Students must refrain from throwing objects on the bus and/or out of windows.
7. Violators will be identified and dealt with appropriately.

## ATTENDANCE

### **Absences**

Regular school attendance is required by Alabama law for all children who are ages six through seventeen. When a student is absent, written documentation of the reason for the absence must be submitted within **3 days** of the student returning to school. If the documentation is not received, the absence will remain unexcused.

Any absences not falling into the categories listed below or otherwise excused by the superintendent, principal or the superintendent's designee will be unexcused:

1. Personal Illness
2. Serious illness in the immediate family verified by a District Resource Officer
3. Death in the immediate family (not to exceed one week)
4. Absence for the observance of recognized holidays of the child's own faith
5. Inclement weather which makes it dangerous to attend school, as determined by Superintendent or designee
6. Court-required appearances
7. Emergency conditions as determined by the superintendent or principal
8. Prior permission of the principal with request from the parent, guardian, or legal custodian (Parent should complete the "Prior Approval of Absence" form, which may be obtained from the school office. The form must be signed by the principal **before** the absence takes place.)

For these absences to be excused, a parent note or doctor's excuse must be sent to the school within **three (3)** days of the student's return to school to be counted as an excused absence.

- **A faxed or emailed note from the parent or doctor's office is not acceptable**

- **If a student is absent three (3) consecutive days, a doctor's excuse may be required.**

### **Tardy Students/Check-In**

Students must be seated in their classrooms by 7:35 a.m. Students arriving after 7:35 a.m. will be marked tardy. **If a student arrives after 7:40 a.m., he/she must obtain a check-in pass through the front office. A parent or guardian must accompany students into the office to check-in.**

### **Check-Outs**

To ensure the safety of the students, no one will be allowed to check a student out except those whose name(s) is/are listed on the registration card. The school principal or designated representative must grant any exception to this procedure. Individuals checking students out may be required to show a picture I.D.

**Note:** Students will NOT be allowed to check out thirty-five minutes prior to the final bell just to avoid traffic. As a rule, students will not be checked out after 2:00 p.m.

### **Make-up Work**

The administration and teachers at Johnnie Carr Middle School will work with parents and students to complete make-up work for **excused** absences. If the student fails to turn in the missed work by the deadline, the student will receive a **zero** for the missed work. Suspensions from school are also counted as excused absences. **This year students WILL be given the opportunity to make-up work.** Students will receive a zero for assignments missed for an unexcused absence. It is the responsibility of the parent to provide transportation for students to stay after school or arrive early to make up missed assignments from an excused absence. Teachers will work with students/parents to determine when make-up work will be done.

## **COUNSELING PROGRAM**

The counselors in our school are available to help students, parents, and teachers. The program consists of a variety of services and activities which include, but are not limited to: individual and group counseling, parent and teacher consultation, referral assistance to other programs, student scheduling, 504 coordination, and student testing. Other areas that are managed by the counseling office are:

- Student Records/Transcripts
- Registration
- Course Selection Forms
- Withdrawal Forms
- Academic Counseling

### **Student Withdrawal**

Parents are asked to notify the school's counseling office at least one day in advance of a student's withdrawal. Parents will be informed of any damaged or lost books, materials, or any other outstanding debts. Upon completion of the withdrawal form, a transfer form will be issued. The student's records will be forwarded to the new school upon that school's request.

## Behavior, Dress Code, and Other Rules

### Code of Student Behavior

Johnnie Carr Middle School is governed by Montgomery Public Schools' CODE OF STUDENT BEHAVIOR. It is the responsibility of each parent and student to read the Code and be familiar with its contents. Violators of school rules and procedures will be dealt with accordingly.

### Class A Offenses

Class A offenses will be handled by the teacher; however, an accumulation of Class A offenses may be upgraded to a Class B or C Offense. Consequences for Class A Offenses:

1. Redirection by the teacher
2. Verbal Warning
3. Teacher-student conference
4. Telephone conference to the parent (may be denied opportunity to participate in the next PBIS event)
5. Isolation or Detention (Refer to the problem solving team) (may be denied opportunity to participate in the next PBIS event)
6. Office Referral (may be denied opportunity to participate in the next PBS event)

### Dress Code

**Johnnie Carr Middle School students are expected to be clean, neat, and appropriately dressed for school.** The uniform guidelines of the school coincide with MPS dress code, but in a more detailed and school specific form. Dress and appearance must not be disruptive or present safety or health problems. Clothing extremely tight or revealing that provokes or distracts other students is disruptive, thus, improper and unacceptable. Some hairstyles/cuts may also be considered disruptive. Students will be unexcused from classes missed as a result of inappropriate dress or grooming. The following are guidelines students are expected to adhere to:

<b>Sixth graders:</b>	wear a <b>solid black</b> polo-type uniform shirt with a collar, sleeves that stop at the middle of biceps, and no more than 3 buttons.
<b>Seventh graders:</b>	wear a <b>solid gold</b> polo-type uniform shirt with a collar, sleeves that stop at the middle of biceps, and no more than 3 buttons.
<b>Eighth graders:</b>	wear a <b>solid white</b> polo-type uniform shirt with a collar, sleeves that stop at the middle of biceps, and no more than 3 buttons.

<b>Shirts:</b>	Shirts will be tucked in at the natural waist line. If an undershirt is worn, it may not be another collared shirt. Uniform shirts should not have any emblems on them (i.e. <i>Aeropostale, Izod, or Polo. They may have Johnnie Carr embroidered on them</i> ). Pullover sweatshirts must match the color of the uniform shirt. 8 <sup>th</sup> grade students can wear a white or gray pullover. Pullover sweatshirts can be purchased through Carr's PTSA. If you are wearing a sweatshirt, student must wear a uniform collared shirt underneath matching the grade level color. No hoodies will be allowed in 2018-2019.
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	<u>Jackets or sweaters that button or zip may be any color, but must be unzipped or unbuttoned when entering the building and remain throughout the duration of the school day. Uniform shirts must be visible. No Park Crossing, Jeff Davis or other high school attire can be worn at anytime.</u>
<b>Shoes:</b>	Matching shoes must cover the entire foot. Although there is no specific color for socks and shoestrings, the left sock and left shoe string must match the right. It is preferred for students to wear athletic shoes that can be worn during their physical education classes. (No slippers, sandals, crocks or thin-soled shoes)
<b>Bottoms:</b>	Bottoms should be khaki or black colored pants, shorts, jumpers, or skirts. <u>Shorts, skirts, and jumpers must be knee length.</u> A belt must be worn at all times. Students must wear only one belt. No oversized belt buckles are permitted. Belts must be buckled. Pants must be worn at waist with no open holes. Elastic style pants may be worn but shirts must remain tucked. There will be absolutely <b>NO SAGGING!</b> No shredded clothing will be allowed. Oversized or undersized clothing will not be allowed. No clothing will be worn inside out. Overalls and pencil skirts are <b>not</b> allowed.
<b>Accessories:</b>	No bracelets to include large or bulky jewelry (See MPS Code of Behavior). Earrings cannot be longer than a quarter in diameter. No hats, caps, sunglasses, sweatbands, or bandanas are to be worn.
<b>Athletic Attire:</b>	It is preferred for students to wear athletic shoes that can be worn during their physical education classes. <u>No slippers, sandals, crocks or thin-soled shoes are allowed.</u>
<b>Exceptions:</b>	Cheer team members will be allowed to wear their uniform tops on game days only. Athletes will be allowed to wear their jerseys on game days only. Students may wear CARR spirit shirts on Fridays with Khaki bottoms. Jeans can <u>ONLY</u> be worn on days when special permission is granted. No holes are permitted. <b>No Park Crossing, Jeff Davis, or other high school attire can be worn at anytime.</b>

The official school uniform with the logo may be purchased at Southern School Uniforms (1721 Eastern Blvd), next to Brunswick Bowling. The phone number is 334-272-5881. Uniforms may also be purchased at any local store that meets the guidelines listed above.

### **BACKPACKS/PURSES**

Students are expected to leave their backpacks in their lockers during the school day and carry their books to individual classes - no rolling backpacks allowed. **Book bags must be clear. No mesh backpacks will be allowed in 2018-2019.** Purses are to be no bigger than a half sheet of paper. Absolutely no backpack purses will be allowed.

### **CONFISCATED ITEMS (electronics, jewelry or clothing)**

All confiscated items, will be released to the parent before or after school. These items will be locked up in a safe and secure place. **The school is not liable for confiscated items not picked up within 3 school**

**days. Spray perfumes, colognes, and deodorants are not allowed. Only compact umbrellas without a point are allowed. Fidget toys are not allowed unless prior approval is given by the administration.**

### **SELLING/TRADING ITEMS**

Students may not sell or trade any items at school. This includes candy, gum, valuables (such as electronic games, IPODS), and fundraising items (even if sponsored by church organizations or charitable groups.)

### **HALLS AND STAIRWAYS**

Students must have a pass to be in the hall after the tardy bell. During class changes, students must walk on the right side of the hall or stairway. Loitering outside of classrooms is not allowed.

### **TELEPHONE USE**

The cell phone/telecommunications device guidelines of the school coincide with MPS policy, but in a more detailed and school specific form. Students may use the office phone with a pass granting permission by a teacher. Upon arrival to school and throughout the remainder of the day, cell phones should not be visible. Cell phones will be confiscated, secured in a safe location in the office, and returned to the parent. On the third offense, the child will be suspended. If a violation of this rule also violates other Class B and/or C offenses, other consequences will be imposed. No earbuds should be worn at anytime. If a student is in possession of them, they will be confiscated, secured in a safe location in the office, and returned to the parent.

## **HEALTH AND SAFETY**

### **MEDICATION**

Students must have a medication form on file in the main office if medication is to be administered at school. Only medication prescribed by a physician can be dispensed by the school's designee. **Note:** Students may carry inhalers only after a medical form has been filed in the main office. Parents are encouraged to report any medical problems or conditions to school officials at the beginning of each school term. If a student becomes ill during the school day, he/she must report to the assigned teacher and obtain a pass to go to the health room. Parents will be contacted if he/she needs to go home.

### **IMMUNIZATION**

All students must have an up-to-date shot record on file at the start of the school year. If you have questions about your child's shot record, please contact the Counseling Office.

### **EMERGENCY CONTACT INFORMATION**

It is necessary to have your correct address, zip code, and telephone number as part of your child's record. Two emergency names and numbers must be on file in case the parent cannot be contacted. If there are any changes, please notify the school as soon as possible.

### **FIRE DRILLS**

Fire drills and emergency drills will be held frequently as well as bus evacuation drills.

**ELEVATOR USE**

Students who have a serious physical injury or condition which prohibits them from using the stairway may use the elevator. A written request, preferably from a physician, must be presented to the main office and approved by an administrator.

**VISITORS**

Guidelines for school visitors are Board Policy. Please refer to the Code of Student Behavior for 2018-2019.



## **OTHER IMPORTANT INFORMATION**

### **LOCKERS**

Students are assigned a locker for their personal use during the school year. Each student is held responsible for the condition of the locker. The school cannot be held responsible for thefts or losses from lockers. A donation of \$5.00 for hallway and PE lockers is requested. Lockers are the property of Montgomery Public Schools and may be opened and inspected at any time by appropriate school personnel. **Students are not permitted to share lockers.**

### **Locker Rules**

1. Lockers should always be locked when not in use.
2. Do not give your combination to anyone except your homeroom teacher.
3. Do not share your locker with any student.
4. Do not leave money or valuables in your locker (lockers are not a safe).
5. Combinations must be given to the homeroom teacher.
6. Report damaged lockers to homeroom teacher and/or assistant principal.

### **LOST AND FOUND ITEMS**

Found articles should be turned into the main office. Items with identification will be returned to students; other items will be placed in the lost and found box in the office. Unclaimed items will be given to a charitable agency at the end of each nine-week period.

### **TEXTBOOKS**

Board-approved textbooks are provided free of charge for each subject or class. Books must be treated with care. Textbooks should be covered, and covers must not be glued or pasted. There will be a charge for damaged or lost books.

**CAFETERIA**

Breakfast is served in the cafeteria each morning starting at 7:05 a.m. At 7:25 a.m. the breakfast line will be capped off to allow for those in line to get their food and eat without being late to class. We will make accommodations only for late school buses.

All students will eat lunch in the school cafeteria during their scheduled lunch period with their teacher. This year all student breakfasts and lunches are free of charge.

New Breakfast Prices

\$3.00	\$1.25

Lunch Prices

\$4.00	\$2.75

**MONTGOMERY PUBLIC SCHOOLS  
CHILD NUTRITION PROGRAM**

Dear Parent or Guardian:

Your child’s school day just got healthier! School lunches now include more fruits, vegetables, and whole grain-rich foods; only fat-free or low-fat milk; “right-size” meals with portions designed for a child’s age; and less saturated fat, trans fat and sodium. The changes in school meals, the first in 15 years, are based on the latest nutritional guidelines.

Here are some important facts about the new school meals:

- The new school lunch provides 1/3 of the *average* daily calorie needs for kids by age.
- Some highly active students, like athletes, may need more calories. Some schools may offer second helpings of fruits and vegetables. A second carton of milk may also be an option. Schools can also operate after-school snack and supper programs. Students and/or sports teams can also bring food from home.
- In practice, many students are being served the same amounts of protein as before under the new standards.

Your child can learn good habits for life by making healthy food choices and getting proper exercise now. This year is a transition year as schools implement these new standards and work together with parents, to ensure that every child, in every community across America, has access to healthy and nutritious meals. Encourage them to try new foods and eat the healthy food offered. Reinforce healthy eating by offering similar new foods at home.

Keep updated on the changes at [www.fns.usda.gov/healthierschoolday](http://www.fns.usda.gov/healthierschoolday).

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## LIBRARY MEDIA CENTER PROCEDURES

### **Loan Period**

Books may be checked out for 2 weeks. Students may renew books for additional time.

### **Electronic Resources**

All electronic resources are a part of the Alabama Virtual Library (AVL). Students are taught to research using AVL. Students can get an AVL card at Carr's Media Center or any Montgomery Public Library.

### **Fines**

Overdue books are \$.10 per day. All fines and overdue items must be cleared before students are allowed to check out other books.

### **Lost Book Replacement Fee**

The librarian will notify students of the cost of lost/damaged library books. The fee must be paid before students are allowed to check out other books.

### **PARENT TEACHER STUDENT ASSOCIATION (PTSA)**

ALL parents and students are encouraged to join and take an active part in the Parents Teachers and Students Association (PTSA). The PTSA sponsors several fundraisers and activities each year, and supports teacher classroom projects and school improvement initiatives. Please contact the school office for membership information and for meeting dates and times.

### **COMMUNICATIONS (*QUESTIONS AND CONCERNS*)**

The **Johnnie Carr Middle School** faculty and staff strive very hard to communicate with parents on a regular basis to avoid problems. Sometimes questions or problems do occur. We encourage you to call or talk to the teacher, principal, or the appropriate designee if questions, concerns, or problems arise. E-MAIL is the preferred method of contacting teachers and staff members. You may send e-mail by using the member's name ([john.doe@mps.k12.al.us](mailto:john.doe@mps.k12.al.us)).

### **PARENT CONFERENCES**

Conferences will be scheduled through the main office. Students will be assigned to a team of teachers; therefore, conferences will be held with the entire core team. Other teachers may be included. Teacher conferences are scheduled before or after school. There will be no conferences held during class time. Monday afternoons are reserved for faculty meetings; thus, conferences cannot be scheduled for Monday afternoons.

**We strongly suggest that concerns about grades be addressed prior to the end of a reporting period.**

**Note: Two tools to keep you informed are Progress Reports and INOW Home Portal.** PIN numbers can be obtained from the school office.



## 2018 – 2019 SCHOOL CALENDAR

### Important Dates By Month

#### August

2-3 Professional Development (PD)

6 First day for students

#### September

3 Labor Day

#### October

8 PD Day Columbus Day

12 End of first grading period (48 instruction days – longer for first week activities and additional assessment)

26 Day of Service for Students and Staff (holiday for teachers/students, workday for C/O & principals)  
Students and teachers can volunteer for community service projects, also college exploration day, and job shadowing day.

29 Parent Visitation Day (PD contract day for teachers/no students)

#### November

12 Veteran's Day

19-23 Thanksgiving

December

20 End of second grading period (41 instruction days/89 for the semester)

21 PD

24-31 Winter Holiday

## January

1-4 Winter Holiday

21 King Holiday March

15 End of 3rd Grading period (49 instruction days) 18-22 Spring Break

25 PD

## April

19 Day of Service for Students and Staff (holiday for teachers/students, workday for C/O & principals) Students and teachers can volunteer for community service projects, also career exploration day, and job shadowing day.

## May

23 Last day for students (42 instruction days/ 91 semester/180 year) 24 PD for teachers

27 Memorial Day Holiday Holidays for Central Office Staff and Principals (other school based 12-month staff will follow the school holiday schedule)

## MPS Testing Schedule

January 22- March 13, 2019	6-8 Grades	Access for ELLs
January 22- March 13, 2019	Special Population Grades 6-8	Alabama Alternative Assessment (AAA)
January 28- March 8, 2019	NAEP	8 <sup>th</sup> (Reading and Math)
April 8-May 3, 2019	6-8 Grades	ACT ASPIRE

### Progress Reports and Report Card Schedule

<b>Progress Reports</b>	<b>Progress Reports</b>	<b>Progress Reports</b>	<b>Progress Reports</b>
Sept. 6 <sup>th</sup>	Nov. 15 <sup>th</sup>	Feb. 7 <sup>th</sup>	April 25 <sup>th</sup>
<b>Report Card</b>	<b>Report Card</b>	<b>Report Card</b>	<b>Report Card</b>
Oct. 18 <sup>th</sup>	Jan. 17 <sup>th</sup>	Mar. 28 <sup>th</sup>	May 23 <sup>rd</sup>

### Parent Meetings - TBD

PTSA Meetings- First Monday of each month at 5:30PM

## Acknowledgement of Receipt

**Dear Parents:**

Please read and review this **Johnnie Carr Middle School Student/Parent Handbook** with your child.

It is important that parents and students understand the expectations and rules for the school. Your signatures will indicate that you have reviewed and discussed the handbook together and that you join with the *Carr administrators, faculty, and staff* in a **TEAM** effort to keep our school safe and orderly.

**Parent/Guardian Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date:** \_\_\_/\_\_\_/\_\_\_

**Student Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date:** \_\_\_/\_\_\_/\_\_\_

**Print Student's Name** \_\_\_\_\_

**Upon Receipt: Remove, Sign, and Return to the homeroom teacher within 3 days.**