

# Mokena Junior High Newsletter

Jan. 9, 2026



## Welcome

Happy Friday Meteor Families. Below you will find this week's MJH Newsletter!

Welcome to the New Year! I am truly amazed at how fast the time goes. It seems like yesterday that we were welcoming students back from summer break. If you are like most people, you will reflect on last year and think about what you hope to accomplish this year. Goal setting is a great skill to have, especially for teenagers. Whether it is saving up to buy that new pair of shoes or trying to make a particular sports team, having a goal creates a sense of motivation and purpose. I encourage you to chat with your child and see how they can remain motivated for the second half of the school year.

## Washington D.C. Trip Scholarships

Attention 8th graders attending the Washington, D.C. trip! The Mokena Educational Foundation is offering **five scholarships in the amount of \$750** to help support students participating in the trip. Scholarship applications are available for pickup in the **main office and provide further details regarding the application requirements**. All completed applications must be submitted by **February 27**. Don't miss this opportunity for financial support toward an unforgettable experience!

## Springfield Trip Scholarships

Attention 7th graders attending our annual trip to Springfield! The Mokena Educational Foundation is offering **five scholarships in the amount of \$75** to help support students participating in the trip. Scholarship applications are available for pickup in the **main office and provide further details regarding the application requirements**. All completed applications must be submitted by **February 27**. Don't miss this opportunity for financial support toward an amazing trip!

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## Law Enforcement Drill Notice

Dear Mokena Parent / Guardian,

The Illinois School Safety Drill Act requires that all public and private schools review their school safety plans with first responders and conduct specific school safety drills. The Act establishes the minimum requirements and standards for schools to follow when conducting school safety drills and reviewing school emergency and crisis response plans and to encourage schools and first responders to work together for the safety of children.

Law Enforcement - Within 90 days after the first day of each school year, schools must conduct a law enforcement drill to address a school shooting incident. Such drills are conducted according to our crisis response plan with the participation of the Mokena Police Department. Although we recommend that all students participate in our law enforcement drills, families have the opportunity to have their children opt out of the drill. Our first law enforcement drill was on Friday, Oct. 17th, and **our next drill will be this upcoming Monday, Jan. 12th.** If you have any questions about the drill or wish to opt your child out of the drill you may reach out to me directly.

While we hope to never have an emergency, if one occurs, we want our staff and students to be prepared. If you have questions about any of our safety drills please feel free to contact the office at 708-342-4870, or email me at [munchlmokena159.org](mailto:munchlmokena159.org).

Sincerely,

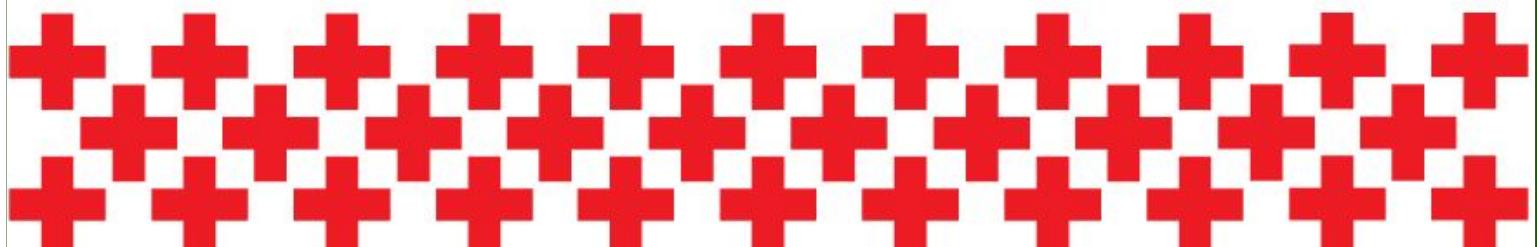
**Luke Munch**  
Principal, Mokena Junior High School

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## American Red Cross Blood Drive

### American Red Cross

*Give blood.* Help save lives.



Attention all Mokena Community Members. Mokena Junior High will be hosting their annual Blood Drive! We would like to invite you to reserve your spot today!

#### Event Details:

Wednesday, Feb. 4th, 2026

1:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.

Mokena Junior High School Cafeteria

*Reserve your slot [HERE](#)*

#### End of 2nd Quarter!

January 16th will mark the end of the 2nd quarter! Now would be an excellent time to check your child's grades and talk to them about finishing strong.

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## **Mokena Miracles Penny Wars**

Mokena Miracles will be holding their annual Penny Wars January 12-16th, in all 3 buildings. This is an amazing opportunity to support our local community. We encourage your child to bring in any spare change they may have around the house.

Let's work together to support a great cause!



## **Energy Drinks / Coffee**

We have recently seen an influx in students walking into the building with energy drinks and coffee. Please know that these types of drinks are prohibited during school. If students are seen with them we will be asking them to throw them away or put any unopened cans in their backpacks.

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## **Lincoln Way Central Class of 2030**

### **Current 8th Graders**

#### **Calling all Future Knights of the Class of 2030!**

The Lincoln Way Central Athletic Boosters would like to offer you the opportunity to order Class of 2030 Spirit Wear. We have t-shirts, long sleeve t-shirts, crewnecks, and hoodies, each available in black, red, grey, or white.

The Action Sports shop is open now through January 21st

#### **Website:**

<https://go2actionsports.chipply.com/lwclassof2030/>



Items will be available for pick up at Freshman Open House on Wednesday, February 11th. Order sheets for Class of 2030 spirit wear will be available that evening, in case you would like more items! We will not have Class of 2030 items in stock that night-so order today!

We will also have **TONS** of Lincoln-Way Central Spirit Wear items to purchase for your future Knight at Open House!

Please click on our website for more information on meetings, memberships, and to purchase spirit wear!

[Lincoln-Way Central Boosters Website](http://Lincoln-Way Central Boosters Website)

If you have any questions, please email us at  
[lwcathleticboosters@lw210.org](mailto:lwcathleticboosters@lw210.org)

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## Upcoming MJHS Events

- Jan. 12th: Active Shooter Drill
- Jan. 14th: Early Release Day
- Jan. 16th: MJHS GeoBee



## Contact Us!

Please do not hesitate to reach out to your child's teachers or the administration with any questions or concerns you may have. The Staff Directory can be found below.

[MJH Staff Directory](#)



## Skyward Access

Click [HERE](#) to access your Skyward Account

## Attendance

Please make sure you are calling our attendance line to report your child's absence. 708-342-4870

## Arrival & Dismissal Times

- Regular Attendance Days: 7:45 a.m. - 2:15 p.m.
- Early Dismissal Days: (½ Days): 7:45 a.m. - 10:55 a.m.

What does it mean to be a METEOR?  
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