

# MPMS Board Notes - April 2026



**MPMS Principal, Don Jackson:**

***"You do not rise to the level of your goals... you fall to the level of your systems." — James Clear***

Long before I arrived at Mance Park systems were created for daily actions that drive forward academic progress. Time has been leveraged, collaboration has been expected, and expertise to influence student outcomes has been implemented and practiced. At Mance Park we have focused our energy on what matters most — high-impact instructional practices and meaningful student engagement.

As a new principal, after being introduced to this system, I understood that strategy matters and success at Mance Park is not accidental, but even the best strategy only works when it is consistently executed. It was my goal that our systems remained intact and our effectiveness did not suffer or decline.

Now our focus is shifting... The work of preparation is wrapping up. Now, our goal is to provide outstanding testing environments — ones that allow our students to maximize their potential.

We are not asking students to rise to something unfamiliar. We are asking them to perform within the systems they have experienced all year.

In these final days... we will focus our energy on high leverage actions that will have the greatest impact. Small, intentional moves will create the conditions for big results.

Because of our teacher's work, our students are ready. We will ensure that our students walk into each testing day feeling confident, supported, and set up for success.

It's been a pleasure to serve as Principal at Mance Park. It was like a buffet that I looked at and loved the thought of consuming it all... But my wife and family have convinced me

that at my age, I need a smaller plate so I can live long, live strong and disciple my family, grandchildren and many more students toward a better future. This job did not come without challenges and adversity, however, I made a conscious decision to not fight for something I could not keep.

Thank you for your service, I am praying for you all in the selection of our new leader. May God lead you to the exact fit for the position.

**Blessings,**

**Don**



**Collaboration across the District is definitely one of our good things!**

**Systems are being honed and established for a better tomorrow!**

Here are some photos of our Beginning Band Students who received first divisions at their solo and ensemble contest. The medals are for 1st divisions solos and ensembles. The certificates are for outstanding solos and ensembles, meaning that those performances were highlighted by the judges out of each room.





# LADY HORNET SOCCER

**8th Grade**

- Selina Navarette
- Sofia Villatoro
- Evelyn Moreno
- Aikanna Brass
- Lisseth Gonzalez
- Risagan Taylor
- Santana Jaramila
- Payge Gray
- Maya Ventura
- Skyler Long
- Cristyia Ware
- Jennifer Adams
- Hilary Maldonado-Herrera
- Ashly Alvarado-Flores
- Diana Pallas-Royes
- Juliana Ortiz

**7th Grade**

- Faith Lucero
- Mila Garcia
- Josey Galvan
- Mia Esturba
- Yaneli Salinas
- Alina Syphrett
- Imia Gomez
- Yareli Rivas
- Jacelyn Rogers
- Khloe McCullough
- Valeria Preciado
- Selenity Henriquez
- Giselle Garcia
- Amy Gutierrez
- Ava Salmeron

Date	Opponent	Site	Team	Time
4/9	Wellborn	Home	B/A	5:00/6:00
4/16	AMCMS	Away	A	5:00
4/22	SFA	Away	B/A	5:00/6:00
4/30	Davila	Home	B/A	5:00/6:00
5/2	EOY	AMCMS	TBD	TBD

**Coach**  
**Dub**

**Coach**  
**Greer**

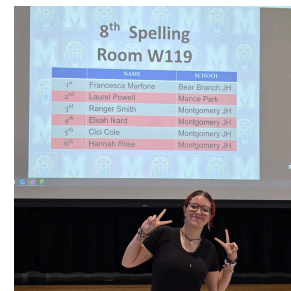
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Our MPMS Lady Hornets held soccer tryouts and announced our Spring 2026 teams!

**Note:** They had a schedule change to the game on 4/30. It will now be an away game instead of at home.

Our MPMS 7th & 8th graders competed in the UIL Academics recently.

Way to represent! Sting 'Em!





Last Chance:  
\$50 MPMS  
Yearbook



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or in room  
3004-Petkovsek.  
The yearbooks are  
\$50 until we sell out.  
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At the time of the board notes,  
the yearbook staff only had 12  
yearbooks left to sell!


The MPMS Jazz Band competed at the  
SHSU Bill Waltrous Jazz Festival on 3-27-26.



Maya Ventura  
Henry Ashton  
Ethan Laroux  
Andrew Thomas  
Kian Cababassy  
Sarah Santos  
Dean Burns  
Caydan Miranda  
Cason Carter  
Wilfred Oladele  
Kendra Munoz  
Kathryn Terraza  
Nicolas Lutterschmidt  
Kylee Nava  
Austin Dunaway  
Willow Spear  
Ethan Jamison  
Penelope Barker  
Ezri McHale  
Cadence Seale



# MPMS HORNET SOCCER



**MPMS Soccer Tryout News:**  
 7th/8th Boys - March 30 and April 1 from 3:45-5:00 at MPMS.  
 See Coach Arroyo for more information. All students trying out must  
 have their physical, medical history, and completed the UIL Register  
 My Athlete.  
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Due to the weather, the Boys Soccer tryouts were extended to Monday, 4/6. The team will be announced by Thursday, 4/9.

**Staff Easter Luncheon:**

Thank you so much to Mrs. Richardson for the amazing meal you helped organize for our campus on Thursday, April 2. Everything was delicious.

