

DAILY ANNOUNCEMENTS
Thursday, March 22, 2018

- No music classes with Mrs. Sanborn today (3/22)

- Permission slips are available in the office for Mr. Grenier's March 29 field trip to Tim's Sugar Shack. Only students who are academically eligible will be able to go. Also, space is limited to 30 participants – 1st come, 1st serve. Turn permission slips in to the office asap!

- Attention Staff: It's time to vote for the 17-18 Yearbook Cover Design. Yearbook Cover Design entries have been displayed in the teachers room on the white board. Please vote for your favorite. Ballots are there as is a ballot collection envelope. Please cast only one vote! Deadline to vote is Wednesday, March 28!

- Attention 8th graders: if you haven't taken the "Yearbook Survey," please complete it asap! See your homeroom teacher for the link to the survey

- Pitchers and catchers begin next Monday (3/26) by invitation only. Times and those invited are posted in the cafe entrances and by the locker rooms. This is not a tryout. Tryouts for Baseball and Softball are April 5 and 6 (TBA). The first track practice is Monday, April 9 (TBA).

- Pitchers & Catchers Practice Times:

Week One	7th Baseball	8th Baseball	Softball
Monday, March 26	2:15-4	4-5:30	5:30-7
Tuesday, March 27	4-5:30	2:15-4	5:30-7
Thursday, March 29	2:15-4	5:30-7	4-5:30
Friday, March 30	5:30-7	2:15-4	4-5:30

Week Two	7th Baseball	8th Baseball	Softball
Monday, April 2	4-5:30	5:30-7	2:15-4
Tuesday, April 3	2:15-4	4-5:30	5:30-7
Wednesday April 4	5:30-7	2:15-4	4-5:30

- Members of the MMS Wrestling team will travel to Bucksport on Saturday (3/24) to compete in the East Regional tournament with the top 4 wrestlers in each weight class qualifying for the state tournament scheduled to take place in Skowhegan the following Saturday (3/31).

- No GT classes with Ms. Mills during MEA testing weeks

- The Medomak Valley High School Baseball team will be holding a clinic for boys in grades 3-8 this Sunday, March 25, from 3:30-5 at MVHS in the Gym. The cost will be \$10. Please sign up with Coach Rice via email at gregory_rice@msad40.org. Signing up prior to the clinic is not required but would be appreciated.

- Student's who want information about Medomak Valley Little League (Waldoboro & Friendship students) can pick more info up in the office or contact Marcus Benner @ 832-5369. Deadline to register is March 25

- The office is now taking orders for Yearbooks! Yearbooks are on sale for \$12 each. Payment is due when you order. Order forms are available in the main office or from homeroom teachers.

Order forms are also available on the MMS website. Purchase of yearbooks is optional, however, only a limited number of yearbooks will be available for purchase – 1st come, 1st serve. **Deadline to order is May 4**

- Spring Sports sign-ups are in the office for students interested in 7th grade baseball, 7th grade softball, 8th grade baseball, 8th grade softball, and Track & Field

- No “working Lunch & Fresh Air Time” this week due to MEA testing

- A registered therapy dog, through Alliance of Therapy dogs, will be here full time to work with any students that need social/emotional support. If you prefer your child not have contact with her, please send a statement in writing. Any questions or concerns, please contact Mrs. Race at 207-832-5028.

- For Sale - Riverhawk Socks! The MMS office is selling Riverhawk Socks available in blue with gold lettering or in white with blue lettering. Both styles have the Riverhawk logo. Socks are \$20 a pair.

- Reminder: The Late Bus runs only on Mondays. The Late Bus leaves MMS at 4:30 and drops off at the district elementary schools at approximately 4:45 (with the exception of Miller School) for parent pickup. The Late Bus does not drop off at individual homes. The Late Bus now also drops off at the mobile home park next to Miller School in Waldoboro

- Academy TONIGHT (3/22) from 2-4:30. Academy sessions will be offered each week on the specified dates below from 2:00-4:30. Academy allows students to have a longer, concentrated time with teaching staff instead of the typical after school teacher help of only 30-45 minutes. The teacher who refers a student to Academy will get them started. A student may not need to attend all sessions, but it is requested they attend the first day. Please see the dates below for the days your student has been recommended to attend. If your child needs to leave Academy early, please make a note about the time and who will be picking them up.

Future Academy Dates: March 22, 26, & 29. April 2, 5, 9, 12, 26, & 30

- (Mathcounts usually meets on Tuesdays at 6:45 a.m. in Mrs. Robbins room, room 205)

- (Writers Guild usually meets on the 1st and 3rd Tuesday of the month)

- (GSTA will now meet on Friday's 1st lunch through RTI)

- (MVHS Chess Team meets Tuesdays and Thursdays at MVHS in room 6 from 2-3:30. All MMS students are welcome to join)

- Science Olympiad tomorrow (3/23) from 2-4:30. (Science Olympiad is usually held on Mondays from 2-5 and on Fridays from 2-4:30 through December 2017)

- (Outsiders Club is usually held on Mondays from 2-4)

- (After School Art is usually held on Mondays from 2-4)

- (Bearded Dragon Tuesdays are held during break in room 204 on Tuesdays. Students who would like to visit the Bearded Dragon are welcome on Tuesdays!)

- (Chinchilla Thursdays are held during break in room 204 on Thursdays. Students who would like to visit the Bearded Dragon are welcome on Thursdays!)

- Attention Parents: in the event that after school “drop off plans” change for your child, please notify the office as soon as you can - before 1:30 p.m. when possible. Dismissal can be a very busy and hectic time of the day. Ideally parents should notify the office in advance in writing. That being said, we do realize that occasionally things happen at the last minute. Thank you in advance for your help in this matter. Parents who have questions are encouraged to contact the office at 832-5028.

- Attention parents: just a reminder that student cellphones are to remain off and in student lockers during school hours. Parental support would be greatly appreciated!

- Just a reminder to students that “hoods” and “hats” should be removed upon entering the building

- Fidget toys, “SPINNERS,” are not allowed at MMS.



- During Fresh Air Time students and staff are reminded to refrain from using lanes 1 & 2 and to stay off the grass inside the track. Students should not be using the soccer fields

- Attention Parents: Are you planning a vacation? Please be aware of the new “MMS Planned Family Vacation Notification Form” for students who will be missing school for a family vacation. The form should be completed and turned in to the office 5 days prior to the vacation date. The form can be found on our website and hard copies are available in the office.

- Box Tops for Education

MMS is collecting Box Tops! Please turn in neatly trimmed box tops to the Main Office or to Mrs. Shelmerdine in the Health Office. Past purchases with money earned has gone to playground balls and equipment bags for Fresh Air Time. Thank you for your support!

- Infinite Campus Portal

The Infinite Campus Portal creates an opportunity to enhance communication with students and parents while promoting educational excellence.

Campus Portal is our tool for parents and students of the middle school and high school to access timely and secure student information such as class schedule, grades, assignments and attendance. Campus Portal is a means to further promote educational excellence by enhancing our program of communication with parents and students.

All parents/students accessing the MSAD 40 Parent Portal automatically authorize that they have read and agree to the RSU 40 Infinite Campus Portal Acceptable Use Policy.

The district ID for RSU 40 is NYXNBF.

To set up a new Parent Portal Account:

If you have more than one child/student in different schools within RSU 40, you need only visit one of those schools to set up a new account. One account allows you access to all of your children.

Please go to the school office of your student. The school administrative assistant will verify your parent/guardian status. You may be asked to present identification, so please bring a form of ID. You will be given an activation key that is needed. Once you have your activation key, you can go to the [Infinite Campus Parent/Student Login](#) to set up your account. You may need to expand the help menu by clicking on the arrow next to the word help. You will then find instructions for setting up your account with the activation key.

*If you already have an Infinite Campus user's account you will be able to log into the Parent Portal using your current user name and password. If you can't remember what your user account and/or password is please contact your school office.

- Attendance Policy

Absences are categorized as either "excused" or "unexcused." All absences, with the exception of absences for school-sponsored activities, count towards total student absences. A student's absence from school is excused when the absence is for one of the following reasons:

1. A personal illness
2. Doctor and/or dental appointments
3. Observance of a recognized religious holiday when the observance is required during a regular school day
4. Family emergency
5. A planned absence for a personal or educational purpose that has been approved by administration
6. Education disruption resulting in homelessness, hospitalization, foster care placement, out-of-district placement that is not otherwise authorized by an IEP (Individual Education Plan)

If a student is absent for any of the above reasons, the school administration must receive a phone call or a written note signed by a parent or guardian within 3 days of the absence in order for the absence to be considered excused. It is the students' responsibility on or before their return to school to contact their teacher(s) regarding all work, tests, and class time missed and to arrange for all make-up work. Parents/students requesting homework for assignments missed due to an excused absence should allow 24 hours for collection of same.

For any questions or for clarification of the Attendance Policy, parents should please contact the school at 832-5028.

- Students who arrive at school after 7:30 a.m. are considered tardy and must sign in at the office before going to class. Parents are reminded to please call the school (832-5028) if their child is going to be late or if their child is going to be absent from school.