



PAWS News
January 6, 2022
Respect, Responsibility, & Pride

Office of the Principal

Dear MVMS Community:

I hope you all are refreshed from our winter break and heading into the New Year with a renewed energy. As we are entering winter months where the weather patterns can be unsettled, I wanted to take the opportunity to remind families of the expectations and procedures of a “Distance Learning Day”. A “Distance Learning Day” will take place when in-person school is not feasible due to an emergency closing, which may include heavy snow fall or icy road conditions. The Superintendent will make the determination on whether the emergency closing is a Distance Learning Day or a traditional closure. Mr. Balke will communicate this messaging with families via our School Messenger Alert System. Prior to winter vacation, students watched a video created by MVMS Administration, which explained the expectations for all students if a distance learning day is called. It is important to note; each school within SAU 19 has a different and specific plan for distance learning based on what is considered developmentally appropriate for the school’s population of students. The MVMS plan can be found on our school [website](#). The video created about distance learning, utilizing student friendly language, can also be accessed on the school website.

Our character development theme for January is gratitude. Gratitude is defined as the quality of being thankful for where you are and what you have. I am grateful to be part of this kind and generous community. I encourage you to talk with your students about their classroom discussions and talk about gratitude with your family.

Sincerely,
Wendy Kohler
Principal

DATE TO REMEMBER

Date	
January 17	No School: Martin Luther King Jr. Day

MVMS ADMINISTRATORS

Ms. Wendy Kohler	Principal
Ms. Brandy Williams	Assistant Principal
Mr. Lyle Hamel	Curriculum Coordinator
Ms. Kim Rivers	Special Education Facilitator
Mr. Josh Lewis	Dean of Students



Distance Learning Day

Here is a short video on distance learning that was shared with students: <https://youtu.be/q87c5z-6u5w>. Specific information regarding the plan distance learning days for MVMS can be found on the [MVMS website](#).

Mountain View Middle School Principal Search Committee: Seeks Volunteers

The Mountain View Middle School Principal Search Committee (PSC) is currently being formed. Those wishing to serve on the Principal Search Committee (PSC) should complete the survey using this [link](#) by **January 7, 2022**. The PSC will consist of the following:

- Current MVMS School Principal, Wendy Kohler
- SAU Administrators – Scott Gross, Business Administrator and Kate Magrath, HR Director
- School Board Representatives – The Board Chair from each district or their designee
- MVMS School Staff
 - 3 teachers, 1 support staff
- Goffstown School Administrators – An Elementary and HS Administrator and NBCS Administrator
- Three MVMS School Parents – Two from Goffstown and one from New Boston

Parent volunteer applicants are asked to complete the survey, which addresses the following:

- Why do you want to be on the PSC?
- What are the ages of your children?
- The dates that will require attendance are tentatively scheduled as follows. Are there any dates that you cannot make?
 - January 20, 2022 from 3:30 – 5:00 PM
 - January 25, 2022 from 3:00 – 8:00 PM
 - January 27, 2022 from 3:00 – 8:00 PM
 - February 2 and February 3, 2022 from 3:00 – 8:00 PM
 - February 17, 2022 from 3:30 – 4:30 PM

Completed surveys are due by **January 7, 2022**. Volunteers will be randomly selected and announced the week of January 10, 2022. We appreciate your consideration in this important process.

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[ORDER YOUR 2021 MOUNTAIN VIEW MIDDLE SCHOOL YEARBOOK](#) (CLICK THE LINK)

PBIS Theme of the Month – Gratitude

Each month the MVMS community focuses on a specific aspect of character development. January's theme is gratitude. Gratitude is defined as the quality of being thankful for where you are and what you have. Please talk with your student's about their classroom discussions regarding gratitude.



Paraprofessional Job Opportunity

MVMS is seeking paraprofessionals for the 2021-2022 school year. The job predominantly consists of supporting small groups of students or individual students in Grades 5 through 8 throughout their day. If interested, please contact our main office at 603-497-8288 or apply through our [district employment opportunities](#).

Ski Club

Families that registered for Ski Club should have received information directly from Pat's Peak via email. Parents are responsible for the transporting their students for all 5 weeks of the program. It is important to note: most families pick up their student to go on to the mountain at 2:45 p.m. There is no bus transportation. Passes were distributed directly to the students Tuesday and Wednesday of this week. Any student who did not pick up their pass, it will be available for pick-up outside, near the rental area at Pat's Peak around 3:00 p.m. on the first night.

Safer at Schools Screenings (SASS) COVID 19 Testing Program

We are pleased to announce that SAU19 is participating in Safer at Schools Screening (SASS) COVID 19 Testing Program. SASS is another tool that supports our efforts to mitigate the transmission of COVID-19. Participation in SASS is voluntary. If you have any questions regarding testing, please reach out to our school nurses, Sara Matatall (sara.matatall@sau19.org) and Susan Potvin (susan.potvin@sau19.org).

Update from the Nurses:

Dear Parents and Guardians:

As we continue to see COVID-19 cases increase in our community and across the state we would like to remind you of the following:

- Please **DO NOT send your child to school if they are exhibiting any new or unexplained symptoms**, they will be sent home for any illness complaints, and you will be required to get them a COVID-19 test or have them stay at home for 10 days. This includes even mild or singular symptoms.
- If your child is exhibiting any symptoms consistent with COVID-19 such as headache, runny nose, cough, fever, sore throat, fatigue, diarrhea, nausea or vomiting, muscle or body aches, shortness of breath, and loss of taste or smell, keep them home, call their healthcare provider, and seek COVID-19 testing.
- Proof of a negative COVID-19 test may be required for return to school.

- If your child tests positive for COVID-19 please contact the school as soon as possible.
- If someone in your home tests positive for COVID-19, DO NOT SEND YOUR CHILD TO SCHOOL and call your student's school nurse. Quarantine is required for unvaccinated students with a household contact, vaccinated students must be masked in school.
- If your child has had contact with someone diagnosed with COVID-19 outside of the home, regardless of vaccination status, they must be masked in indoor public settings for 14 days after last exposure. You should monitor for symptoms, get your child tested if they exhibit symptoms and consider a PCR test 5-7 days after the last exposure.
- If your family has traveled recently please review the CDC and NH DHHS travel guidelines, and contact your school nurse for further guidance.
- Below are some resources that may be helpful for you and your family.

We understand that these guidelines may seem difficult to adhere to, however, if we do not, as a community, commit to above the recommended COVID-19 guidelines, we jeopardize the health and safety of our students, our families, and facilitate the spread of COVID-19. The MVMS nurses are here as a resource for you and your family, please feel free to contact us with any questions or concerns.

Thank you.

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Susan Potvin
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Quarantine Guide for Unvaccinated People Exposed to COVID-19 in their Household

<https://www.dhhs.nh.gov/dphs/cdcs/covid19/documents/self-quarantine-covid.pdf>

Self-Observation Guide for People Exposed to COVID-19 Who Are Not Required to Quarantine

<https://www.dhhs.nh.gov/dphs/cdcs/covid19/documents/self-observation-covid.pdf>

CORONAVIRUS DISEASE 2019 (COVID-19) SCHOOL & CHILD CARE TOOLKIT 2021-2022 SCHOOL YEAR- revised 10/25/2021

<https://www.covid19.nh.gov/sites/g/files/ehbemt481/files/inline-documents/sonh/school-childcare-toolkit-2021-2022.pdf>

Sports Information

Thank you for supporting our MVMS athletes. Our team schedules can be found at this link:

<https://goffstownathletics.com/main/calendar/>. As a reminder, there will be no athletic transportation to games or contests for the 21/22 school year. There is a significant shortage in bus drivers which impacts our ability to offer athletic transportation.

Information Center: Before and After School Hours

The Information Center opens at 7:45 am every morning. In the morning, students can get a pass from a bus duty teacher or the main office. After school, the Information Center is open 3:10 pm - 4:45 pm, Monday-Thursday. The information center is NOT open after school on Friday. If a student plans to come to the Information Center after school, they need to sign up in the main office by 1:00 pm. Students need to have a reason for coming to the Information Center, for example, using a computer for schoolwork, printing, checking out a book, independent reading, etc. If you have questions, please connect with Mrs. O'Riley at amy.oriley@sau19.org.

Masks

On August 16th, the Goffstown School Board determined we will start the school year with masking being optional. Masks will not be required indoors or for outdoor classroom activities, with the exception of performing arts classes and while cooking in FACS. A targeted mask model was presented to the Goffstown School Board (See the reopening plan on the SAU19 website for details). Targeted masking decisions may be made for unique school specific case data and may be made by based on a number of cohorts or configurations such as: busses, classrooms, grade levels, school(s), etc. As we head into the school year, masking should be viewed based on a continuum from optional to targeted to universal and may be differentiated by (and possibly within) each school. Masks will not be implemented in a binary model where masks are 'required or they are not'. Rather a specific, targeted-model, based on case data (local cases, school transmission, etc.) and NHDHHS recommendations (if applicable) will be implemented. Targeted masking will allow the SAU to respond to specific case data. The Superintendent is authorized to change or alter mask expectations and will report to the School Board.

Arrival and Dismissal

Entrances by Grade Level – Students will enter the building through their assigned grade level door.

- 5th and 6th grade students will enter and exit through the door near the softball field.
- 7th and 8th grade students will enter and exit through the door near the back parking lot.

Morning Arrival – Parent/Guardian drop-offs will occur from 8:00-8:15. Please follow the updated traffic pattern (utilizing the back bus loop around the building). Bus Drop-offs will occur from approximately 8:15-8:25 AM, and will utilize the same entrances. If your student walks to school, or if you are dropping your student off **after 8:15, please use the front entrance only**. The back bus loop is only available until 8:15 to allow for busses to arrive safely and efficiently to continue their routes.

- All 5th and 6th grade students will report directly to their homeroom.
- All 7th and 8th grade students will report directly to the gymnasium.

Afternoon Dismissal – Parent/Guardian pick-up will occur during the following timestamps. Parents will continue to use the back bus loop and students will exit the building using the same assigned grade level doors as morning arrival. Parent or guardian pick-up will occur from 2:45-3:05 PM.

- A-K: Students who have a last name beginning with A-K will be dismissed at 2:45. Parents are asked to arrive between 2:45-2:55 PM to keep traffic flow. Cars may not enter the back of the building after 3:05 PM.
- L-Z: Students who have a last name beginning with L-Z will be dismissed at 2:55. Parents are asked to arrive between 2:55-3:05 PM to keep traffic flow. Cars may not enter the back of the building after 3:05 PM.
- Please do your best to arrive no earlier than the prescribed time above so we are able to keep the traffic flow safe and efficient. If you are unable to pick up your student before 3:10, please communicate this with your student so they do not exit the building early for dismissal. Families are welcome to pick their student up between 3:10-3:25, in the front of the building, if the timestamps above do not meet your family needs.
- All students taking the bus, students who are 'late' pick-ups and walkers will be dismissed beginning at 3:10 PM. Walkers should exit the front of the building.

As a friendly reminder, please drive slowly around the back-bus loop while picking up/dropping off your student. All students should also enter/exit the car from the passenger side of the vehicle at arrival and dismissal.

PowerSchool Access

Families that are new to MVMS will receive an email to sign up for PowerSchool access. Those families that already have a PowerSchool account will have access to their account using their username and password from last year. As a reminder, all 7th and 8th grade students have access to view their classes and grades in PowerSchool too!

Text Message Alerts

Opt-in to receive school delay and cancelation alerts, as well as emergency notifications. To opt-in, text the word "Yes" to the code number 67587. *Please note: Mobile numbers must be on file in our database (PowerSchool) to opt-in. To update your mobile number contact the school office.

Reporting an Absence

Parent/guardian should call (603) 497-8288, when prompted press 2 to report a student absence. Parent/guardian should be prepared to record their name, their student's name, and the name of their student's teacher(s). A note from a parent/guardian should be presented to the homeroom teacher upon return to school.

Covid Emergency Operation Plan

On August 16th, the Goffstown School Board approved a plan for our upcoming school year. The approved plan can be found by clicking here: [2021/2022 SAU19 Covid Emergency Operations Plan](#)

Emergency Release

The Goffstown School District uses a district wide notification system called School Messenger. This system allows more effective communication with parents should an emergency issue arise. This includes school cancelations, delays or early dismissals due to poor weather or building emergencies such as loss of heat, water pressure or electricity. Every means of communication will be used to notify parents and guardians. In addition to School Messenger, any school closing or delay because of weather conditions will continue to be announced on WMUR-TV, Channel 9, as well as over the radio station 95.7 FM WZID before 7:00 a.m. Please refrain from calling the school. Parents should have an emergency plan in place with their student for the rare occasion they may need to be sent home early.

The Late Bus

The Late Bus will pick students up from MVMS at 5:00 and goes to predetermined stops. Students must sign up in the front office by 1:00 to ride the late bus each day. Students can sign up for the late bus to participate in after school activities or to access the library. Stops associated with the late bus are posted on the [MVMS website](#).

School Counselors

If at any point during the year, you feel the need to consult with a counselor for advice for you or your student, please contact one of the following:

Jessica Jordan	Grade 5	Jessica.Jordan@sau19.org
Rachel Nault	Grade 6	Rachel.Nault@sau19.org
Ryanne Roy	Grade 7	Ryanne.Roy@sau19.org
Erin Sakolosky	Grade 8	Erin.Sakolosky@sau19.org

Food Service Information

Students in all grades are eating lunch in the Hilltop Café. All school meals are FREE to ALL students! Breakfast will be available at kiosks at both drop off locations. No pre-ordering is needed since we will be using the Hilltop. For bookkeeping purposes, forms for free/reduced lunches can be found by clicking: [Forms](#)
Please complete them as soon as possible. If you need further help either contact the MVMS kitchen or food service by emailing Megan Bizzarro, megan.bizzarro@sau19.org.

MVP Corner

The Mountain View Partnership is your MVMS parent teacher organization. To become a supporting member, click the link below. You will be given an option to join the MVP Student Directory and will receive a copy in return. The link is <https://my.cheddarup.com/c/mvp-membership>. You will also be enrolled to receive emails on current fundraisers and events sponsored by MVP!

MVP meets on the first Monday of each month at 6:00pm in the Information Center/Library. Everyone is welcome, we'd love to have your input, it truly takes a village! To stay informed on our upcoming events and fundraisers you may also join our Facebook Group at <https://www.facebook.com/mountainviewpartnership>.

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January 28th for \$25.00**



REGISTRATION IS NOW OPEN FOR OUR 2022 SPRING SEASON!

T-ball ages 4-6 \$125 per player

Farm ages 6-8 \$125 per player

Minors ages 8-10 \$160 per player

Majors ages 10-12 \$160 per player

Challenger ages 4-22 \$50 per player

NEW THIS YEAR: Early Bird Discount

Register by January 15th and receive \$10 off each player!

Go to www.GoffstownJrBaseball.com to register!

Minors and Majors registration deadline is 2-28-22.

Their player evaluation date will be at MVMS on Sunday 3-6-22.

All other divisions close end of March.

Late registrations could be subject to unavailability or a late fee.

Please email GJBBoard@GoffstownJrBaseball.com with any questions.

See you on the field!



Our primary goal is for kids to have fun learning to play baseball, while also teaching the fundamentals of life, fair play, and good sportsmanship.