

PAWS News October 21, 2021 Respect, Responsibility, & Pride

Office of the Principal

Dear MVMS Community:

We are excited to share that our school community will be celebrating Orange Out Day on October 29, 2021. Over the past seven years, in observation of Orange Out day, our school collects monetary donations for the NH Food Bank, which serves the community of Goffstown. Please encourage your student to wear orange and bring in a small donation for this worthy cause.

Thank you so much for all you did to support our Summer Reading Program. Each team of students worked together to create a story quilt to capture the essence of the book they read as part of our summer reading program. Congratulations to the following winning teams: Team 5-3, Team 6-1, Team 7-1, and Team 8-2. Each winning team has won a "fun day" in the Information Center. Thank you all for your support and help with this program.

We are so proud of all of our fall athletes as the wrap up their seasons. They have shown hard work and dedication to their teams while exhibiting PAWS Pride through good sportsmanship. Did you know that our Boys and Girls B soccer teams both finished the regular season undefeated. What an accomplishment! Also, we are so grateful for the students and staff who helped decorate our pumpkin at the Pumpkin Regatta. Mr. Leonard worked hard to keep his pumpkin afloat and we are proud of his efforts. The staff at MVMS thanks you for your continued support.

Sincerely, Wendy Kohler Principal

DATES TO REMEMBER

Date	
October 29	Orange Out Day
November 10	Assembly: Veterans Day
November 11	Veterans Day (No School)

MVMS ADMINISTRATORS

Ms. Wendy Kohler Ms. Brandy Williams Mr. Lyle Hamel Ms. Kim Rivers Mr. Josh Lewis

Principal Assistant Principal Curriculum Coordinator Special Education Facilitator Dean of Students



Pictures of Veterans

Call for pictures! Student Government will be sponsoring our Veterans Day celebration on Wednesday, November 10th. As part of our celebration, we put together a slide show honoring our veterans. How can you help? Complete the form and upload a picture of your favorite veteran to be included in our slideshow. You may submit as many pictures as you like. Please complete the form below by Friday, November 5, 2021. Thank you for your support!

Link to Form: https://forms.gle/BNiFzZ4n5fv39hBDA

Purchase your 2022 Yearbook

Click the link below to order the 2021-2022 MVMS yearbook TODAY! ORDER YOUR 2021 MOUNTAIN VIEW MIDDLE SCHOOLYEARBOOK

http://jostensyearbooks.com/?REF=A01001308

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 the MVMS Special Education Facilitator, Kim Rivers. Email: <u>Kimberly.rivers@sau19.org</u> Phone: 603-497-8288 ext. 5630

Sports Information

Thank you for supporting our MVMS athletes. Our team schedules can be found at this link: <u>https://goffstownathletics.com/main/calendar/</u>. 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. Please note: Winter Sports registration is now live.

PBIS Theme of the Month - Integrity

Each month the MVMS community focuses on a specific aspect of character development. October's theme is integrity. Integrity is defined as being strong enough to do what you know is right. Integrity is also knowing the difference between right and wrong and choosing to do the right thing, even when it is difficult. Be sure to chat with your student about what he/she is learning about integrity.

Summer Reading Book Chat

Thank you so much for all you did to support our Summer Reading Program. Students on each team worked together to create story quilts, which are displayed in the Information Center hallway. Thank you for all of the hard work. Here are some photo highlights:



Pumpkin Regatta

Thank you all for your support at the Pumpkin Regatta. Here are some pictures our Mr. Leonard's journey:



8th Grade Baby Photos

Calling all 8th grade parents! We are now collecting "8th Grade Baby Ad" photo submissions for the 2021-2022 MVMS Yearbook. You will need to submit a baby picture with your child's first and last name on the back, a message addressed to your 8th grader, and the \$14 check or cash. Please include a self-stamped envelope if you would like the picture returned to you. Fill out the attached Baby Ad form to make your photo submission. SUBMISSION DEADLINE is October 29, 2021.

Update from the Nurses -Attention 7th Grade Parents:

The State of NH requires all students entering 7th grade receive the **Tdap** vaccine (Tetanus and Pertussis) prior to the first day of school. Many current 7th graders seem to be missing this vaccine. If your child received this vaccine, you must submit a copy of their immunization record to the MVMS nurses prior to 11/1/21. If your child has not had the Tdap vaccine, make arrangements with your child's health care provider for him/ her to receive this vaccine as soon as possible. Please notify the health office when your child is scheduled to receive this required vaccination and submit in an updated immunization record to the MVMS nurses once vaccine is given. Feel free to contact the MVMS Health Office with any questions or concerns. Thank you,

Sara Matatall RN sara.matatall@sau19.org 660-5623

Susan Potvin RN susan.potvin@sau19.org 660-5615

Information Center: Before and After School Hours

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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.

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.

- o 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 <u>slowly</u> 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!

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. 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.

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: <u>2021/2022 SAU19 Covid Emergency Operations Plan</u>

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 preset 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 <u>MVMS website</u>.

Label Your Student's Clothing

Every year our lost and found is overflowing with beautiful clothing, coats, lunch boxes, etc. Approximately 4 to 5 times a year we donate our lost and found to charity. Please take the time to label your student's clothing, backpacks, and lunchboxes so we are able to return these items to your student. If student is missing something, remind them to check the lost and found, located in the Hilltop Café.

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. <u>All</u> 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: <u>Forms</u> Please complete them as soon as possible. If you need further help either contact the MVMS kitchen or food service by emailing Megan Bizzarro, <u>megan.bizzarro@sau19.org</u>.

MVP Corner

Join Mountain View Partnership (MVP), our family partnership, by clicking this link for membership: <u>https://my.cheddarup.com/c/mvp-membership</u>

Join the Mountain View Partnership (MVP) Facebook Group: https://www.facebook.com/mountainviewpartnership

Mountain View Partnership (your PTO) is again offering an easy way to shop for school supplies and support MVMS at the same time. We are partnering with School Toolbox to offer custom supply lists for each grade, you can add or delete items, buy extras for the classroom and everything ships directly to you for free with any order over \$50! Just visit <u>www.schooltoolbox.com</u> and choose Mountain View Middle School. Thank you for supporting MVP!

Troop 99G Youth Program

Are you looking for a year-round program that offers a variety of outdoor activities, including camping, hiking, safe fire-building skills, and many others for your child/children? If so, please see the attached flyer for more details!"

Weekend Food Program

Below is information regarding the weekend food program offered by The Goffstown Network. If you'd like a paper copy of the application, please email your student's school counselor or assistant principal, Brandy Williams (brandy.williams@sau19.org)

To all Parents/Guardians,

The Goffstown Network was established in 1991 and is a non-profit community-based organization dedicated to providing food to the residents of Goffstown, Dunbarton and New Boston in times of crisis. The organization operates a bi-weekly food pantry and also runs a holiday program.

SAU #19 partnered with the Goffstown Network and established a "Weekend Lunch Program" for Goffstown and New Boston students who have limited access to food between school lunch on Friday and breakfast on Monday. We invite you to participate in the selection process to ensure that we are reaching the children who are most in need of this service. Beginning on Friday afternoon, September 17th, students will receive a bag of nutritious easy-to-open prepared food items which will be carried home in their backpacks.

If you believe your child(ren) would benefit from this program, please complete the attached application and return it to your school office by Friday, September 10th to the attention of Megan Bizzarro. All information you provide is confidential, and food bags will be distributed to the children with the utmost discretion.

We look forward to providing this service to our children. If you have questions regarding the Weekend Food Program, please contact Dianne Macon of the Goffstown Network at (603) 497-3433.

Sincerely,

Brian Balke Superintendent of Schools

WEEKEND FOOD PROGRAM FOR CHILDREN SAU #19 Goffstown and New Boston APPLICATION

List all children in your family who attend school in SAU #19.

Name:	School/Grade:	Teacher:
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Name:	School/Grade:	Teacher:

Are you or is any member of your household currently receiving help from any of the following programs? (If yes, check any programs that apply to your household.)

Free and Reduced Price Meals
Women, Infants and Children (WIC)

Commodity Supplemental Food Program (CSFP)

Temporary Assistance to Needy Families (TANF)

Food Stamps

_____ Medicaid (State Welfare)

_____ Subsidized Housing (Rental Subsidy)

If your household is currently not receiving help, please explain the need for your child to participate in the Weekend Food Program for Children.

Parent/Guardian Signature

Date

Return to school office by Friday, September 10th, Attn: Megan Bizzarro All information you provide is confidential. Eighth Grade Parent(s),

Looking for a creative way to tell your child, "I love you and I'm proud of you"?

Place a recognition ad in the yearbook.



A recognition ad is always a great idea. In the future, seeing your message will bring a smile as students remember your love and support during these important years. It's easy to create a recognition ad. Just send us your favorite baby photo and compose your message. You must have your son/daughter's name on the back of the picture. Please supply a self-addressed stamped envelope if you would like the photo returned in June 2022.

We will try to keep the ad a secret until the yearbook is distributed. If your son or daughter is on the yearbook staff this may not be possible.

Reserve a space for your recognition ad today. Like the yearbook, your message will be a permanent memory.

Thank you!

Sincerely, The Yearbook Staff		
	DRDER FORM MUST BE FILLED OUT CO	
Student name	Team	
Parent name	Phone	
Cost \$14.00 (Checks made out to MV Message: Limit 35 words or less!	MS – Yearbook)	
Signature	Check #	

MUST BE RETURNED TO MS. SINCLAIR, ROOM 212 BY OCTOBER 29, 2021.

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There's no one way to explore the world. My way is to push myself, and never take the easy road. I prefer a road that winds through forests and goes up mountains. Because I've always been an adventurer at heart. That's why I can't wait to be a Scout. Because Scouting will guide me to great things. It won't just teach me to navigate the woods with confidence, but it will give me the confidence I need to navigate the world. I'll enter the Scouts as the best version of myself today and will grow into the best version of myself for my future. Scouting will show me how to use bravery, trustworthiness, loyalty and kindness to become a person I'm proud to be. Because there's no one way to explore the world. And my way is in the Scouts. So Scout Me In.

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