

# **PAWS News**

September 23, 2021
Respect, Responsibility, & Pride

# Office of the Principal

#### **Dear MVMS Community:**

I want to commend the students, staff, and the MVMS community for such an enjoyable start to this school year. The students have breathed life back into the building, and MVMS is abuzz with activity and learning. I also want to take this opportunity to thank the parents and guardians that attended our Open House events that occurred over the course of the last two weeks. We had over 400 adults attend! It was refreshing to have the opportunity to invite families back into the building to meet our staff and share what we are looking forward to this year.

Our fall sports are in full-swing. All of our athletic teams participated in contests this week and have been getting numerous victories to add to the win column. Please be on the lookout for our co-curricular clubs, like Student Government and Yearbook to begin during the month of October.

Looking to complete some holiday shopping? Consider making purchases from our online Scholastic Book Fair! Please be sure to get your order in by Sunday, September 26<sup>th</sup>. Proceeds will be used to purchase new books for classrooms and the Information Center.

I appreciate your continued support! Sincerely,

Wendy Kohler Principal

#### DATES TO REMEMBER

Date	
September 26 <sup>th</sup>	Last day for Scholastic Book Fair
September 27 <sup>th</sup>	Strings Rental Night
October 1 <sup>st</sup>	No School- Teacher Workshop Day
October 29 <sup>th</sup>	Orange Out 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



#### **Theater Auditions**

Auditions for the fall play, Seusspeare: Romeo and Juliet's Restaurant Wars, will be held after school on Wednesday, 9/29 and Thursday, 9/30 in the Hilltop. Audition packets are available in the front office.

#### Lockers

Eighth grade staff members will be revisiting the use of lockers during the month of October. Thank you for your patience and understanding as we work out the schedule to minimize congregating in the hallways.

## **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

## **Picture Re-Take Day**

MVMS will hold Picture Re-Take Day on Thursday, October 21st. If you want to return your order and replace it, please send your original portrait order with your student on this day. New order forms will be available in the office for those ordering for the first time.



# **Sports Information**

Thank you for supporting our MVMS athletes. Our team schedules can be found at this link: <a href="https://goffstownathletics.com/main/calendar/">https://goffstownathletics.com/main/calendar/</a>. 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.

# 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Baby Photos (PAWS Pride)

Calling all 8<sup>th</sup> grade parents! We are now collecting "8<sup>th</sup> 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 8<sup>th</sup> 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:**

Dear Parents & Guardians:

We truly appreciate all of your efforts in reducing the risk of COVID-19 transmission in our schools. As a reminder, if your student is exhibiting any symptoms of COVID-19, even mild, we ask that you keep your student home from school and contact your student's primary care provider. Many of the symptoms of COVID-19 are similar to the common cold, influenza, allergies and other illnesses. While it may appear that your student just has the common cold or allergies, **healthcare providers cannot rule out COVID-19 without testing for it**. The MVMS nurses have been, and will continue to send students home who are symptomatic at school. As a reminder the symptoms of COVID-19 include:

- Headache
- Fever
- Cough
- Shortness of breath or difficulty breathing
- Sore Throat
- Runny nose or nasal congestion
- Muscle or body aches
- Fatigue
- New loss of taste or smell
- Nausea or vomiting
- Diarrhea

If your student has been exposed to someone who tested positive for COVID-19, please contact the MVMS nurses for guidance. Please contact the MVMS nurses if your student experiences any of the above symptoms or you have questions about COVID-19 exposure **before sending them to school**.

We are a resource for you and your family. We are happy to assist you during this unprecedented time. Together we can keep our families healthy and our schools open.

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

The Information Center is now open before and after school! We are open 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 1:00pm. 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 <a href="mainto:amy.oriley@sau19.org">amy.oriley@sau19.org</a>.



## **Online Only Scholastic Book Fair**

The Information Center is now hosting an ONLINE ONLY Scholastic Book Fair from Monday, September 13<sup>th</sup>-September 26th. Language Arts teachers will be passing out a Book Fair Flyer and a slip of paper with more information about the Online Book Fair and the link to access the store. MVMS will earn a percentage of all proceeds from the book fair to purchase more books for classrooms and the library. Now is the perfect time to purchase some new books and support MVMS. Please connect with Mrs. O'Riley at <a href="mailto:amy.oriley@sau19.org">amy.oriley@sau19.org</a> for more information. Here is the link to our ONLINE ONLY Book

Fair: https://www.scholastic.com/bf/mvmsgoffstown

#### **Art Feature**

This amazing color wheel self-portrait mural was completed by 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> grade students.



#### **Arrival and Dismissal**

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

- 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> grade students will enter and exit through the door near the softball field.
- 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> 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 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> grade students will report directly to their homeroom.
- o All 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> 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 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade students have access to view their classes and grades in PowerSchool too!

#### Masks

On August 16<sup>th</sup>, 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.

#### **2021-2022 Bus Routes**

Bus routes for this school year are still available on the SAU19 website. The late bus schedule is posted on the MVMS website. If you have any questions, reach Goffstown Truck Center at (603) 497-3111.

# **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 16<sup>th</sup>, 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.

# **Summer Reading School Wide Book Chat**

Students should be wrapping up their summer reading books. For more information on summer reading options, please click <a href="Summer Reading List Presentation">Summer Reading List Presentation</a> Parents can sign up for their student's choice by clicking here: <a href="Sign Up for Summer Reading">Sign Up for Summer Reading</a>. On Friday, October 8th, MVMS will participate in a school wide Summer Reading Book Chat. Students will be collaborating with their peers in an activity based on the summer reading book that they chose to read. Students who have chosen not to participate in the MVMS Summer Reading Program, will still participate with the whole school by completing a similar collaborative activity that will help promote literacy in our elementary schools and our communities of Goffstown and New Boston. Please stay tuned for more information as we get closer to the official date.

#### The Late Bus

The Late Bus will run during the 2021/2022 school year. The Late Buses will pick students up from MVMS at 5:00. One bus will be for New Boston residents and one bus will be for Goffstown residents. Students must sign up in the front office by 1:00 to ride the late bus each day. Stops associated with the late bus are posted on the MVMS website.

# **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.



# **PBIS Theme of the Month - Respect**

Each month the MVMS community focuses on a specific aspect of character development. September's theme of the month is <u>Respect</u>. Staff and students are focused on what respect looks like here at MVMS and how one should go about being respectful of others, school, and self. Be sure to chat with your student about what he/she is learning about respect.

#### **Music Information**

String Rental Night: Students interested in renting a strings instrument can do so on September 27, 2021 at MVMS in the Hilltop Cafeteria from 6:00 to 8:00 PM. For more information, please reach out to Muriel Orcutt via email at Muriel.Orcutt@SAU19.ORG

#### **Guidance 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: https://my.cheddarup.com/c/mvp-membership

Join the Mountain View Partnership (MVP) Facebook Group: <a href="https://www.facebook.com/mountainviewpartnership">https://www.facebook.com/mountainviewpartnership</a>

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 <a href="www.schooltoolbox.com">www.schooltoolbox.com</a> and choose Mountain View Middle School. Thank you for supporting MVP!

# Welcome to a new school year from the Board of MOUNTAIN VIEW PARTNERSHIP (MVP)

your PTO at Mountain View Middle School.

Before the school year starts we have a couple of items for you...

- 1. Our MEMBERSHIP DRIVE is going online this year! Simply scan the QR code below or go to mvp-membership.cheddarup.com to pay your \$10 dues and enroll in our school directory. Membership is a simple way to support our students and staff, there are no membership requirements or obligations.
- 2. School Supply Lists are now available! We are again offering to make your shopping easy with **SCHOOL TOOLBOX**. Scan the QR code below, or visit www.schooltoolbox.com to customize your supply box and have it shipped straight to your home (free over \$50).
- 3. Find us on Facebook at "Mountain View Partnership" to stay up to date with all of our events, volunteer opportunities and more!





End of Trimester 3 and U5......June 14
Report Cards issued.....Emailed home over the summer

# MOUNTAIN VIEW MIDDLE SCHOOL CALENDAR 2021 - 2022

	Aug/Sept 2021	February 2022
Aug. 27 & 30 Teacher Workshop Days		
August 31 First School Day for Students	SMTWTHFS	S M T W TH F S
September 3No School	22 23 24 25 26 TW 28	1 2 3 4 5
September 6 Labor Day	29 TW(31) 1 2 X 4	6 <b>7 8 9 10 11</b> 12
October 1 Teacher Workshop Day	5 <b>H 7</b> 8 9 10 11	13 <b>14 15 16 17 18</b> 19
November 11 Veteran's Day	12 13 14 15 16 17 18	20 21 22 23 24 25 26
November 24 Early Release Day	19 20 21 22 23 24 25	27 X
November 25 - 26 Thanksgiving Recess	26 27 28 29 30	
December 3 Teacher Workshop Day	October 2021	March 2022
December 23Early Release Day		
December 24 - 31 Holiday Recess	S M T W TH F S	S M T W TH F S
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Feb. 28 – March 4Winter Recess	3 4 5 6 7 8 9	6 7 TW 9 10 11 12
March 8Teacher Workshop Day/Election Day	10 11 12 13 14 15 16	13 14 15 16 17 18 19
April 25 – 29 Spring Recess	17 18 19 20 21 22 23	20 21 22 23 24 25 26
May 30 Memorial Day	24 25 26 27 28 29 30	27 28 29 30 31
June 14 Early Release/End of 180 School Day	31	27 20 20 00 01
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additional 10 days must be scheduled to provide for instructional time lost	21 <b>22 23 ER H X</b> 27	17 <b>18 19 20 21 22</b> 23
due to inclement weather or unexpected circumstances and for staff development/in-service activities and Parent/Teacher Conferences	28 <b>29 30</b>	24 <b>X X X X X</b> 30
(required by Ed 306.16)		
The calendar is in conformance with the 190-day state requirement. School		
will close for students at the end of 180 days of classes, which, as of the beginning of the school year will be approximately June 14, 2022, subject to	Dec. 2021	May 2022
emergency cancellations and snow days.		,
* The School Board reserves the right to reduce the number of days for	S M T W TH F S	S M T W TH F S
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# **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 (<a href="mailto:brandy.williams@sau19.org">brandy.williams@sau19.org</a>)

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 17<sup>th</sup>, 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 10<sup>th</sup> 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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Parent/Guardia	ın 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 rememyour love and support during these important years. It's easy to create a recognition ad. Just send us your favor 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.	rite
We will try to keep the ad a secret until the yearbook is distributed. If your son or daughter is on the yearbook stathis may not be possible.	ıff
Reserve a space for your recognition ad today. Like the yearbook, your message will be a permanent memory.	
Thank you!	
Sincerely, The Yearbook Staff	
RECOGNITION AD ORDER FORM MUST BE FILLED OUT COMPLETELY!	
Student name Team	
Parent namePhone	
Cost \$14.00 (Checks made out to MVMS – Yearbook)  Message: Limit 35 words or less!	

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

Signature\_\_\_\_ Check #\_\_\_\_