



PAWS News

September 8, 2021

Respect, Responsibility, & Pride

Office of the Principal

Dear MVMS Community:

We successfully finished our first week of school! It was exciting to welcome the students and hear about everyone's summer adventures. Last week, teachers and students focused on building positive learning communities by establishing routines and fostering respectful habits. As we begin the new year, I'd like to emphasize that communication with your student's teachers is important. If you have questions, don't hesitate to email your student's team/teacher. Communication between school and home is essential for student success. Also, I would like to invite parents and guardians to attend Open House (see dates below). This is an opportunity to meet your student's teachers and hear about what is planned for their school year. Please note; our format for Open House has changed this year to allow for social distancing to occur. Each presentation will be held in a large space at MVMS and will last approximately 30 minutes.

Each of our students should have received an agenda book last week. It is important for your student to keep it throughout the school year as students will be cued to use it in all classes. The agenda also contains the school student handbook to use as a reference for school related questions, such as attendance.

This year, our 5th and 6th grade teachers and students will begin using IXL, an online learning tool that complements our curriculums in math and language arts. We are excited, as IXL is a dynamic and interactive platform that helps build students' confidence and encourages progress.

As a reminder, due to the ongoing impact of the COVID-19 pandemic, we will continue to implement mitigation measures as outlined in the updated SAU 19 Reopening plan. This will include targeted masking as needed, social distancing between students where practicable, and regular handwashing and/or access to hand sanitizers. The school building will continue to operate in a modified secured campus model, meaning outside visitors to our campus will be limited.

Lastly, tomorrow is school picture day! Each student received a picture packet in homeroom. Students who are not purchasing a picture package will still have their photo taken for the MVMS yearbook.

I look forward to all the great things this year holds for us. It remains an honor and a privilege to serve as the MVMS principal and to be part of SAU 19.

Best,

Wendy Kohler
Principal

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



DATES TO REMEMBER

Date	
September 9 th	Picture Day
September 14 ^{th*}	Open House: Teams 5-2, 6-2, 5-1, 6-1
September 16 ^{th*}	Open House: Teams 7-1, 8-1, 7-2, 8-2
September 21 ^{st*}	Open House: Teams 5-3, 8-3, 6-3, 7-3
September 27 th	Strings Rental Night

Open House Schedule

This is an opportunity to meet your student’s teachers and hear about what is planned for their school year. Please note: our format for Open House has changed this year to allow for social distancing to occur. Each team will have a presentation that will be held in a large space at MVMS. Each team will have a presentation that should last approximately 30 minutes. Please arrive no more than 10 minutes before your student’s open house to allow for the transition. Students need not attend. Please see the time below for your student’s team and open house location:

Tuesday, Sept 14th:	Cafeteria	Gymnasium
5:45-6:15	5-2	6-2
6:45-7:15	5-1	6-1
Thursday, Sept 16th:		
5:45-6:15	7-1	8-1
6:45-7:15	7-2	8-2
Tuesday, Sept 21st :		
5:45-6:15	5-3	8-3
6:45-7:15	6-3	7-3

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.

Picture Day

MVMS will have Picture Day tomorrow (Thursday, September 9th.) Each student received a picture packet in homeroom. Students who are not purchasing a picture package will still have their photo taken for the MVMS yearbook.



Update from the Nurses:

Dear Parents & Guardians:

Hydration is extremely important to maintain good health. During the fall and spring months MVMS classrooms are often very warm increasing the need for adequate hydration. We strongly recommend you send your child to school with a reusable water bottle for their use during the day. Bottle fillers are available throughout the building for refills as needed. Please reach out with any questions. Thank you!

Susan Potvin RN & Sara Matatall RN

MVMS Health Office

660-5615 or 660-5623

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.



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.

Beginning of the Year Forms

This year, SAU 19 will be using electronic versions for all of the beginning of the year forms. The required forms will be provided to parents through the parent portal, PowerSchool. Parents should log in and complete the necessary forms for each student.

Text Message Alerts

Opt-in to receive school delay and cancellation 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.

2021-2022 Bus Routes

Bus routes for this school year are 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.

Summer Reading

Students should be wrapping up their summer reading books. For more information on summer reading options, please click [Summer Reading List Presentation](#). Parents can sign up for their student's choice by clicking here: [Sign Up for Summer Reading](#)



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.

Information Center

Beginning September 13th, the MVMS information center will be open for students to access resources before and after school. The library is open before school starting at 7:45 and will reopen at the end of the school day until 4:45, Monday-Thursday. The information center will close at 3:10 on Friday. Students dropped off at 7:45 or picked up after 3:15 from the library need to enter and exit through the front lobby doors.

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 Respect. 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.

"PAWS"itively News Letter

The "Paws"itively Newsletter is one way MVMS communicates with parents/guardians. This newsletter is emailed home to parents/guardians **every other Thursday** during the school year. To ensure you receive this newsletter, please verify your email address as listed in PowerSchool.

Sports Information

- To visit the MVMS Athletics website, please click [MVMS Sports](#)
- 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.

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

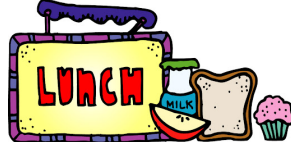
Guidance Counselors

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. 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

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:
<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 www.schooltoolbox.com 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!

Pay Membership Dues and join
the Student Directory



Shop supplies with
School Toolbox



Thank you for supporting our students and staff!



MOUNTAIN VIEW MIDDLE SCHOOL CALENDAR 2021 - 2022

Aug. 27 & 30 Teacher Workshop Days
 August 31 First School Day for Students
 September 3 No School
 September 6 Labor Day
 October 1 Teacher Workshop Day
 November 11 Veteran's Day
 November 24 Early Release Day
 November 25 - 26 Thanksgiving Recess
 December 3 Teacher Workshop Day
 December 23 Early Release Day
 December 24 - 31 Holiday Recess
 January 17 Martin Luther King Day
 Feb. 28 - March 4 Winter Recess
 March 8 Teacher Workshop Day/Election Day
 April 25 - 29 Spring Recess
 May 30 Memorial Day
 June 14 Early Release/End of 180 School Day

O - First and Last Day of School

H- Holidays

TW-Teacher Workshop Days

X - School Closings

ER - Early Release Days

180 Days for Instruction (Required by RSA 189:1 and Ed 306.18). An additional 10 days must be scheduled to provide for instructional time lost due to inclement weather or unexpected circumstances and for staff development/in-service activities and Parent/Teacher Conferences (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 emergency cancellations and snow days.

** The School Board reserves the right to reduce the number of days for April vacation if necessitated by excessive school closings due to weather.*

Progress Report issued.....September 29

End of U1October 22

Progress Reports issued.....October 28

End of Trimester 1..... November 30

Report Cards issued.....December 7

End of U2December 17

Progress Report issued.....January 6

Progress Reports issued.....February 4

End of U3February 16

End of Trimester 2.....March 14

Report Cards issued.....March 21

Progress Report issued.....April 11

End of U4April 15

Progress Reports issued.....May 16

End of Trimester 3 and U5.....June 14

Report Cards issued.....Emailed home over the summer

Aug/Sept 2021

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June 2022

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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 (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: _____

Name: _____ School/Grade: _____ Teacher: _____

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.**