

Notification from: **Melican Middle School (MMS)**

January 10, 2022

Dear Melican Families –

As Superintendent Martineau shared in a recent email to families, the first week back from vacation was challenging. We had several staff members and students out sick.

We are including a segment from Superintendent Martineau's recent communication and we ask that you please keep your child home if he/she/they are sick:

[STAYING HOME IF SYMPTOMATIC](#)

*Please err on the side of caution and stay home or keep your children home if symptomatic. Oftentimes people think, "It's just a cold", "I get a dry cough every winter" or "It's just my allergies." Please be vigilant and complete the [Daily Self Screening Checklist](#). Please stay home, even if you have mild symptoms, and notify the school nurse.*

[Symptoms of COVID-19:](#)

- *Fever (100.0° Fahrenheit or higher), chills or shaking chills*
- *Difficulty breathing or shortness of breath*
- *New loss of taste or smell*
- *Muscle aches or body aches*
- *Cough (not due to other known causes, such as a chronic cough)*
- *Sore throat, when in combination with other symptoms*
- *Nausea, vomiting, or diarrhea when in combination with other symptoms*
- *Headache when in combination with other symptoms*
- *Fatigue, when in combination with other symptoms*
- *Nasal congestion or runny nose (not due to other known causes, such as allergies) when in combination with other symptoms*

We also ask that you also strongly consider having your child participate in [weekly pooled screening](#) (first day of each school week) as a way to stop the spread of Covid.

As a mitigation strategy at school, we have made some changes at lunch to create a greater distance between students while they are eating. We are working out some details for giving students the option of eating outside when weather permits. Additionally, before and after school activities will require students to be at least three feet apart and facing the same direction. Some of our activities may need to pause for a week or two until the current Covid surge subsides.

Please view our [Lost and Found](#) items if your child is missing anything. We will place these items on a table outside on Monday, January 10, from 9-5. Items that are not claimed will be donated. If you received an email from Nicole DeAngelis regarding the Returning Student Registration Form, please complete the form as soon as possible.

Please visit our [eBackpack](#) frequently for important community and school information.

We welcome Lesbey Villamil to our school as a Spanish substitute covering for Hillary Novitski's maternity leave.

**YEARBOOK INFORMATION:** [CLICK HERE](#) for the Melican purchase link at Jostens or head over to the Melican homepage to navigate from there. The cost of the yearbook is \$37 until Jan. 28th.

**Basketball for the Week:**

One of the District’s mitigating factors is to limit fans at sporting events. Due to the size of our gymnasium, we are inviting only 2 relatives of each player to our January games. There will be **No Student Fans** for now.

1/10 Home vs Trottier Boys 3:45  Girls 4:45 (POSTPONED) No Practice	1/11 B: 2:15-3:45 G: 3:45-5:15	1/12 B: 2:15-3:45 G: 3:45-5:15	1/13 Away at Whitcomb Boys 3:45 Girls 4:45 TBD (carpooling needed)	1/14 G: 2:15-3:45 B: 3:45-5:15
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**Schedule for the Week:**

**Monday (1/10)**

3:45 - Home Basketball Game vs. Trottier (Boys Only)

**Tuesday (1/11)**

No Ski Club this week - we will make this session up at the end of our scheduled season.

**Wednesday (1/12)**

3:30-5:00 - IMLEM Math Meet

**Thursday (1/13)**

3:45 - Basketball Games @ Whitcomb (boys play first)

Please reach out with any questions.

Respectfully,

Michelle Karb, Principal and Jennifer Callaghan, Assistant Principal

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