

January 31, 2022

Dear Melican Families –

As January ends and February begins, we want to remind you that morning homeroom begins at 7:43. If you are dropping off your child, please do so by 7:40 at the latest. On Wednesday, Jen Callaghan will be reviewing expectations and reminders with all of our students regarding cell phone usage, AirPods and headphones, make-up work, etc. We will send you this information, as well, so you can help your children.

Please see the information about the at-home antigen testing program (from Mary Ellen Duggan):

If you are interested in participating in the weekly at-home antigen testing program, please remember to complete the student [opt-in form](#). You only need to do this once. You do not need to participate in the pooled screening to participate in the at-home antigen test program. [Here is the original email](#) with all the details.

In February, the United States celebrates Black History Month or African-American History Month. Throughout the Northborough-Southborough Public Schools, our students and teachers will be recognizing Black History or African-American History Month through writing activities, literature, storytelling, art projects, etc.

Please view our [Before and After School Activities List](#). This is also posted on our website. Staff members add to this list throughout the year. Please also visit our [eBackpack](#) frequently for important community and school information.

8th GRADE FAMILIES – Please see information from Algonquin:

8th Grade Curriculum Night at Algonquin - Save the date - on Tuesday February 15 all 8th grade students and their parents are welcome to join a virtual information session on course scheduling for their upcoming Freshman year at Algonquin. More information to follow.

Please read the Student Council information below:

Student Council is sponsoring a sock donation drive and we are making it "fun" by seeing who can donate more socks--- students or staff? Each pair of NEW, UNUSED socks will count as one point, so if you bring in a big package of 10 pairs of socks, you get 10 points. This is a complete school effort, so it's really staff vs. students...we are not counting the individual donations of homerooms/sections/etc.

There will be collection bins (recycle bins with signs all over them) on each floor for students to donate their socks. **Staff should drop donations in the recycle bin in the faculty room ONLY.** Bins will be checked and emptied regularly, and the drive will go from Tuesday, Jan 18 to Tuesday, February 8.

At this time, all socks will be donated to Net of Compassion in Worcester. Here is some info from their website:

Net of Compassion strives to help individuals struggling with substance use disorder, homelessness, and poverty in the Worcester, Massachusetts region. The volunteers of Net of Compassion help by forming a safety net of support for these folks, providing peer support, food, clothing, intensive recovery counseling and many other services.

Our clothing distribution program, Grace Closet, provides quality clothing for people to survive the outdoor elements, but more importantly, to be able to go to work and feel a part of society again.

Schedule for the Week:

Musical rehearsals continue this week.

Monday (1/31)

3:30 - Basketball Game @ Oak Middle School (girls play first)

Tuesday (2/1)

2:30 - Ski Club

Wednesday (2/2)

6:30 p.m. - School Committee

Thursday (2/3)

3:30 - Basketball Game @ Trottier (girls play first)

Please reach out with any questions.

Respectfully,

Michelle Karb, Principal and Jennifer Callaghan, Assistant Principal

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