

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

February 28, 2022

Dear Melican Families:

We hope you had a chance to relax, recharge, and reset over the break. March is knocking on the door, and we are ready for spring. Based on the school committee vote on Thursday, February 17, masks are now optional. Please continue to be mindful and respectful of each others' personal masking choice.

Parent-Teacher Conferences are scheduled for Thursday, March 3. The half-day dismissal will be at 10:45. Conferences will be held from 1:00-3:00 p.m. and 6:00-8:00 p.m. Teachers have scheduled team conferences (multiple teachers via Zoom) from 1:00-3:00. The evening time (6:00-8:00) will be utilized for individual teacher conferences and will be held in-person. Below is information on the bake sale.

[BAKE SALE2022](#)

If you are neither invited for a team conference nor able to schedule five-minute conferences, and you wish to connect with your child's teachers, please reach out to your child's guidance counselor to schedule an appointment or phone call.

As a reminder, our parking lot is very full at 2:10, and thank you for your patience. If you are picking up your child/children, and you are not here before 2:05, we suggest arriving after bus dismissal around 2:15. Please do not wait on a side street, pullover in a driveway, and/or park on the front lawn of MMS to wait for your child. These are safety concerns that have been reported by neighbors and the police.

Spring sports will begin on March 21 (weather permitted). We offer girls' and boys' track and field, baseball, and softball. Sign-ups will be posted outside the health office the week of March 14th. Students must have a current physical in the health office to participate in the spring season. Please email Mrs. Callaghan with any questions.

Three students from Melican Math Team - Jasmine Palit, Leo Deng and Eli Konarski have earned a spot at the MathCounts State Competition to be held in person at Wentworth Institute of Technology in Boston next Saturday 5 March 2022. Congratulations on this wonderful accomplishment!

Based on the school committee vote on February 17, masks are now optional except for on school buses and in the Health Office. Superintendent Martineau sent out the details prior to vacation.

A message from Mary Ellen Duggan:

As we prepare to return to school this week, here are a few reminders.

- *Weekly pooled screening will resume on Monday 2/28*
- *Weekly at-home antigen testing will continue on Thursdays (If you haven't signed up yet, here is the [opt-in form](#)).*
- *If you had any potential exposure to COVID-19 or traveled over break, please use one of your at-home test kits.*
- *If you have ANY symptoms (even mild), please use one of your at-home test kits and contact your school nurse prior to coming to school.*
- *If you tested positive for COVID-19 over break, please complete this form: [Positive at-home antigen test - students](#).*

At-Home Antigen Testing - 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.

Pooled screening will resume on Monday 2/28, please drop off your samples before 9:30.

Before and After School Activities - 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.

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

Morning Homeroom - Begins at 7:43. If you are dropping off your child, please do so by 7:40 at the latest.

Schedule for the Week:

Musical rehearsals continue this week.

Monday (02/28)

Tuesday (03/01)

Wednesday (03/02) School Committee, 6:30 PM.

Thursday (03/03)

- Group photos (sports teams, musical ensembles, clubs, etc.) take place in the morning.
- Early Release. Parent-Teacher Conferences.

Friday (03/04)

Upcoming:

- March 17th - Jazz Night
- March 21st - Professional Development, no school for students.

Best,

Jen Callaghan, *Assistant Principal*

Nicole DeAngelis, *Administrative Assistant*

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