

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

March 7, 2022

Dear Melican Families:

Our New England weather did not disappoint this weekend, with a beautiful finish on Sunday. As the temperatures warm and we approach the beginning of Daylight Saving Time – on March 13th, we turn our clocks ahead, extending daylight by an hour at the end of the day - our second trimester also comes to an end. We will send an email next week to remind families how to access report cards via PowerSchool.

It was nice seeing parents in our building again last Thursday for conferences. We held in-person and Zoom parent-teacher conferences. If you missed conferences or were not able to get into them, and you wish to meet with your child's teachers, please connect with the appropriate guidance counselor:

Grade 6: Lauren O'Neil

Grade 7: Jennifer Johnson

Grade 8: Julie Morancy

Thank you to those of you who contributes to the Student Council bake sale that was held during our evening conferences – the group collected over \$500!

March is [National Developmental Disabilities Awareness Month](#) and [Women's History Month](#). Please visit the embedded links for information and resources.

Afternoon Dismissal: 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 by the police.

Basketball Uniforms: Please have your child return his/her/their clean basketball uniform to the office this week. Please place it in a labeled bag with your child's name on it.

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.

Eighth (8th) Grade Families – Please see the information from Julie Morancy, Grade 8 Guidance Counselor:

Attention 8th grade families - Freshman course selection for Algonquin is underway. Teacher recommendations will be shared on Tuesday afternoon via PowerSchool. All information needed to complete the course selection process (including a PowerSchool tutorial, links to course descriptions, and a timeline) will be included on Mrs. Morancy's Canvas Announcements page Tuesday afternoon.

Mrs. Morancy will be presenting to all 8th grade sections Monday and Tuesday of this week to help guide students through the process.

Interscholastic Spring Sports: Spring sports will begin on March 21 (weather permitting). 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.

MCAS Dates: These are [posted](#) on the Melican website. We will send more information about MCAS testing when as the dates get closer, but generally, MCAS testing takes place from 8:00-11:00 a.m. Students who are absent for MCAS testing have opportunities to make up missed sessions upon their return to school.

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.

Friday (3/11)

Trimester 2 Ends.

Upcoming:

- March 17th - Jazz Night
- March 18th – Report Cards Distributed via PowerSchool – more details next week
- March 21st - Professional Development, no school for students
- April 8th – Wizards Game @ ARHS

Please reach out with any questions.

Respectfully,

Michelle Karb, Principal and Jennifer Callaghan, Assistant Principal