

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

March 14, 2022

Dear Melican Families -

We begin our third trimester today, March 14. We are in the process of ninth grade course selection with our eighth graders, we are holding our eighth grade special education transition meetings this week with Algonquin staff, and we are in the process of transitioning our fifth graders to middle school. While we are busy with students transitioning IN and OUT of Melican, we still have much to do before the end of the school year.

This week, we will hold our 24th Annual Jazz Day and Night in person. Many of our students are rehearsing for our school musical, which will be held on April 8 and 9 at Algonquin. We are also planning for MCAS testing, and our spring sports season begins soon. We are excited to welcome back some of our mainstays, making Melican feel more alive and exciting for students, families, and staff. In the classroom, students still have many standards to learn, and they are engaged in their academics and working hard. As we approach the first day of spring on March 20, we are hopeful for a “typical” finish to the school year.

March is [National Developmental Disabilities Awareness Month](#) and [Women’s History Month](#). Please visit the embedded District 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, pull over 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.

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.

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.

Monday (3/14)

Special Education ARHS Transition Meetings – Grade 8

Tuesday (3/15)

Special Education ARHS Transition Meetings – Grade 8

Wednesday (3/16)

Special Education ARHS Transition Meetings – Grade 8

Thursday (3/17) – Happy St. Patrick's Day!

We invite students and staff to wear green!

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8:00-9:00 – MCAS Infrastructure Trial – Students will take a practice MCAS assessment in their homerooms so we may test our technology capabilities and capacity.

24th Annual Jazz Day and Night – Visiting jazz musician, Jeffrey Leonard, will work with our young musicians during the day, and we have a concert at night @ 7:00 @ Melican.

Friday (3/18)

Special Education ARHS Transition Meetings – Grade 8

2:30-4:00 – Trimester 2 Report Cards will be shared via PowerSchool. We will send an email Friday, reminding families how to access report cards.

Upcoming:

- March 21st - Professional Development, no school for students
- March 21st – Tables returned to the cafeteria for student seating
- March 24th – 5th Grade Parent Orientation @ Melican (6:30-7:30)
- April 8th – Wizards Game @ ARHS
- April 8th and 9th – Melican Musical @ ARHS @ 7:00 p.m.

Please reach out with any questions.

Respectfully,

Michelle Karb, Principal and Jennifer Callaghan, Assistant Principal

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