

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

October 25, 2021

Dear Melican Families –

Thank you for helping our students adjust to the 5-minute schedule change. Morning Homeroom now begins at 7:43, and first period begins at 7:50. We now dismiss at 2:10.

As we welcome parents/guardians into the building this week for parent-teacher conferences, we want to remind you that masks are required.

Please read the important information from our Director of English Language Learning and Equity. We are continuing to seek feedback from families to inform our practice.

*Our district has officially started the equity audit process with our partner, Mass Insight Education & Research. Throughout this process, Mass Insight will gather and analyze data and evidence around the ways in which students, families, community members, and staff experience the district's core values and learning opportunities for ALL students. Throughout this process, **everyone's participation is critical** to understanding the ways our district can continue to create more equitable, inclusive, and accessible learning and work environments for each member of our community.*

***Please complete the family survey linked below in your preferred language by Friday, October 29.*** The survey will take less than 15 minutes to complete. This survey is anonymous and will be used to surface trends for the purposes of the equity audit. All identifying information will be removed from written responses.

[Family survey in Spanish](#)

[Family survey in Portuguese](#)

[Family survey in Arabic](#)

[Family survey in Mandarin](#)

[Family survey in English](#)

*Thank you for being part of the equity audit process!*

On November 5, 2021, Melican students are once again invited to participate in the MetroWest Adolescent Health Survey during morning homeroom. Trottier and Algonquin students are also participating. The information we learn from this survey is extremely helpful in planning our programming for students. Please click [here](#) for the information. Contact Jen Callaghan with questions at [jcallaghan@nsboro.k12.ma.us](mailto:jcallaghan@nsboro.k12.ma.us).

Please view our [Before and After School Activities List](#). This will also be 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.

**Please see our Sports Update below from Jen Callaghan:**

Cross Country

Wednesday 4th Annual Middle School Cross Country Invitational in Fitchburg. Transportation is on your own. All cross country members should return their clean uniform to the office by Friday.

Field Hockey

Monday - Field hockey practice 2:30-3:45.

Tuesday - Game @ Trottier, 3:30. Players need to find their own ride to and from the game. Remember to take all field hockey equipment with you on the half-day (parent conferences). The building will be closed to students from 1-3 and 6-8 for conferences.

Wednesday - Field hockey practice 2:30-3:45.

Thursday - Home Game vs. Florence Sawyer @ 3:30. **Students should not arrive before 3 PM.** Half-day for parent conferences.

### Soccer

Soccer finished their season on Friday. The boys' won 3-0 and the girls' lost 3-1. It was a great first year for Melican soccer. Congrats to both teams. Please return your clean uniform to the office by Friday.

### **Please see the update below from our Student Council:**

*This week will be Spirit Week!!*

**Monday, 10/25:** School Spirit Day (wear your favorite gear from MMS, high school, college, or elementary school). \*no hats

**Tuesday, 10/26:** Fancy and Formal Day (wear something a little more fancy today!) \*no hats

**Wednesday, 10/27:** Twin Day (match your outfit/hair/etc. with a friend!) \*no hats

**Thursday, 10/28:** Decades Day (It's a fashion throwback! Dress like you're in the 1950s, 1980s, 1990s, or any other decade you choose!) \*no hats

**Friday, 10/29:** Costume Day (in addition to wearing a school-appropriate costume, we invite students to make an optional \$2 donation to the Northborough Food Pantry)

Students, faculty and staff are invited to participate in our Student Council Halloween Fundraiser to support the Northborough Food Pantry. This is an optional Spirit Week school activity culminating in "Costume Day" on Friday, October 29. We are asking interested participants to bring in a \$2 donation next week and give it to their homeroom teacher.

- Students should abide by the MMS Dress for Success guidelines found in the school handbook on the school website.
- Students can decorate their personal masks to be considered a costume.
- Students can wear appropriate pajamas if they don't feel comfortable in a full costume.
- Students are allowed to wear face paint, hats, and wigs.
- Students will still be required to wear protective face masks and should not wear anything else that covers their entire face.
- Students should not bring any props to school, i.e. weaponry, sports equipment, stuffed animals, etc.

### **Schedule for the Week:**

#### **Monday (10/25) – School Spirit Day!**

2:30-3:45 – Field Hockey Practice

#### **Tuesday (10/26) – Fancy and Formal Day!**

First Period - Assabet Valley High School presents to sections 8-1, 8-2, 8-3, and 8-6.

Second Period - Assabet Valley High School presents to sections 8-4, 8-5, 8-7, and 8-8.

10:45 - Dismissal

1:00-3:00 - open 5-minute conferences in-person - parents will use Sign-Up Genius posted on our [school website](#) to sign up.

6:00-8:00 - Zoom Team conferences – Teams have been in touch about signing up.

3:30 – Field Hockey Game @ Trottier

**Wednesday (10/27) – Twin Day!**

2:30-3:45 – Field Hockey Practice

3:30 – 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Middle School Cross Country Invitational @ Fitchburg

**Thursday (10/28) – Decades Day!**

10:45 – Dismissal

Homeroom teachers will be reviewing our safety/ALICE protocols and the [Say Something Anonymous Reporting System](#) with students.

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**Upcoming:**

November 1 – No School for Students – Professional Development for Staff

November 5 – MetroWest Adolescent Health Survey administered to students

November 11 – No School

Please reach out with any questions.

Respectfully,

Michelle Karb, Principal and Jennifer Callaghan, Assistant Principal

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