

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

December 7, 2020

Dear Melican Families –

Thank you for partnering with us throughout Trimester 1. We know that some of our students are sick, and some of them are quarantining for a variety of reasons. We also understand that families are struggling with issues that are beyond our students' control. Our team leaders and guidance counselors are working closely with families to help students stay current with classes (utilizing Canvas, temporarily joining Stand Alone Remote Classes, or a combination of strategies). Please reach out to us if you need guidance or support.

The second trimester begins today, December 7. A few students are transitioning into our Stand Alone Remote Program today, and a few are switching into our Hybrid Program. Please call the office if there are any issues with schedules and/or Zoom links.

After working closely with our technology team, we have decided to email Trimester 1 Report Cards to families this Friday (12/11). We will send an email later in the week with more information.

We are asking all students who participate in our Band Program to please bring instruments to school this week.

We have a few updates and reminders:

eBackpack– Please check out our [eBackpack](#) (on our homepage) regularly for upcoming community events.

Holiday Helpers Raffle - All proceeds will benefit our Holiday Helpers initiative, which will provide gift certificates to Northborough families in need. Please see the message below from Assistant Principal Callaghan:

The Melican Middle School will continue its fundraising efforts to support our local families during the holiday season. Over the next two weeks, we will be selling raffle tickets at lunches for a chance at winning a giant stuffed animal or a gift card from Dick's Sporting Goods and Target. Winners will be chosen on Tuesday, December 22, with prizes given Tuesday (Cohort B) and Wednesday (Cohort A). Below is the price listing for the tickets.

RAFFLE TICKETS:

1 for \$1

6 for \$5

Length of arm for \$10

Height of Mrs. Callaghan for \$20

Flu Clinic – Please see the message from the Northborough Health Department:

The Northborough Health Department is holding a free flu vaccine clinic at Melican Middle School (145 Lincoln Street, Northborough) on Monday, December 7th from 3pm-5pm. This clinic is open to Northborough residents (ages 6 months and older) and town employees. Please review details below and remember to pre-register early to secure your appointment.

*As a reminder, influenza immunizations are [now required](#) for all children 6 months of age or older who are attending Massachusetts child care, pre-school, kindergarten, K-12, and colleges and universities. The new vaccine requirement is an important step to reduce flu-related illness and the overall impact of respiratory illness during the COVID-19 pandemic. Students will be expected to have received a flu vaccine by December 31, 2020 for the 2020-2021 influenza season, unless either a medical or religious exemption is provided.*

- Pre-registration is required. [Click here](#) to pre-register for a 15-minute appointment.
- Please wear short sleeves and bring one completed Patient Consent Form for each individual receiving a flu shot. [Click here](#) to download the Patient Consent Form. Please follow signs upon arrival and enter directly through the cafeteria door.
- Click here to view the [Flu Vaccine Information Sheet](#).
- No insurance card or co-pay required.
- Do not attend if you are experiencing [COVID-19 symptoms](#) or may have been imposed to COVID-19.

Website: <https://www.town.northborough.ma.us/health-department/pages/free-flu-vaccine-clinic-december-7th>

Northborough Education Foundation - Please see the message from the Northborough Education Foundation:

**Looking for the perfect holiday gift for your teacher or school staff? Give them a personalized Warm Wish from NEF.**

**With every Warm Wish, the teacher/staff member receives a personal note from the student and a free beverage of their choice from Aero Coffee Roasters – and a donation made in their name to NEF.**

**Deadline for delivery before the winter break is December 14<sup>th</sup>.**

To purchase, visit <http://northboroughed.org/warm-wish-form/>

Snow Days/School Cancellations -

***(From Superintendent Martineau) I want to provide families with information regarding what will happen when a school closure is required. First, the Massachusetts Commissioner of Elementary and Secondary Education allows school districts to shift to remote learning days when there are school cancellations. As a result, all “school cancellation days” will be shifted to remote learning days. I will announce a school cancellation by sending families a OneCall message stating that we are shifting to***

*a remote learning day. (If there is a power outage in Northborough or Southborough, as a result of the weather, school will be canceled and a traditional 'Snow Day' will be held.)*

**Stand Alone Remote Program:** *Students in Stand Alone Remote Program will continue to follow their typical schedule and routines.*

**Hybrid Learning Model: Students and Teachers in Hybrid Program:**

- *If it is Monday, all students and teachers will follow the Monday remote schedule with the typical blend of synchronous and asynchronous learning time.*
- *If it is Tuesday-Friday, students who would have been in-person will engage in synchronous learning with their teachers. Students who would have been remote that day will follow their remote learning plan.*
- *The start and end times of the school day will be the same as if it had been a typical school day.*
- *Secondary students will refer to Canvas for their schedule and work.*

In case of a snow day or school cancellation, we will follow-up with an email from Melican to provide specific schedules for Melican families (after an email from the superintendent).

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

##### **Monday (12/7) – Day 5 Remote Monday Schedule**

3:00 – 5:00 – Free Flu Clinic at Melican

##### **Tuesday (12/8) – Day 3**

Cohort B – In-Person

Cohort A – Remote

##### **Wednesday (12/9) – Day 4**

Cohort A – In-Person

Cohort B – Remote

##### **Thursday (12/10) – Day 4**

Cohort B – In-Person

Cohort A – Remote

##### **Friday (12/11) – Day 5**

Report cards scheduled to be emailed to parents.

Cohort A – In-Person

Cohort B – Remote

Please reach out with any questions or concerns.

Respectfully,

Michelle Karb, Principal and Jen Callaghan, Assistant Principal