

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

April 11, 2022

Dear Melican Families –

We want to thank you for supporting our students who worked for the past several months on *High School Musical, Jr.* It was wonderful to see so many students and families in attendance on Friday and Saturday nights.

This week marks the beginning of the 2022 MCAS testing for Melican. We are administering the ELA MCAS tests on Tuesday (session 1) and Wednesday (session 2) this week to all students in grades 6, 7 and 8, with make-ups taking place this Thursday and the week following vacation. ***Please help by reminding your children to charge their devices before testing days.***

As we approach April Vacation, we want to share with eighth grade families that we will be reinstating our eighth grade end-of-year traditions. Because of Covid, we were not able to hold any of these events in 2020, and we were only able to hold graduation last year. Our physical education and grade eight teachers are working to plan our Eighth Grade Field Day (held the last week of school – date TBD), our Farewell Dance Committee will be forming soon to plan for the Farewell Dance (date TBD), and our Eighth Grade Graduation Ceremony will be held the last day of school from 9:00-10:30. We are looking forward to these eighth grade traditions.

**Absent or Tardy Student:** If your child is going to be late or is absent, please call 508-351-7020 or email [melicanattendance@nsboro.k12.ma.us](mailto:melicanattendance@nsboro.k12.ma.us).

**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.

**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.**

**Please see the sports information for the week from Jen Callaghan:**

Track: Practice Tuesday-Thursday, 2:15-3:30

Baseball: Practice Monday-Wednesday practice, 2:30-4

4/14 (Th) - AWAY game at Hudson (Saunta Field) 3:45

Softball: Practice Monday - Wednesday practice, 2:30-4. Thursday practice TBA.

### **Monday (4/11)**

Please remind your children to charge their devices for MCAS.

### **Tuesday (4/12)**

7:55-10:35 – MCAS ELA Session 1 for all students, grades 6, 7, 8

### **Wednesday (4/13)**

7:55-10:44 - MCAS ELA Session 2 for all students, grades 6, 7, 8

7:00 p.m. – Chamber Night – Concert @ MMS

### **Thursday (4/14)**

### **8th Grade Activities**

**Students will have a picnic lunch and will choose an activity to participate in. Activities include: 3 v.3 basketball (watching or playing), *Hamilton* viewing, arts and crafts, and board games. Students will complete a Google Form today in science classes to choose their preferred activity.**

### **7th Grade Activity**

**Throughout the day in core classes, students will engage in activities inspired by Greek Mythology.**

### **6th Grade Activity**

**Students who have completed all of their work will engage in a movie day. Students who are missing assignments will participate in a work day.**

**Friday (4/15) – No School**

Please reach out with any questions.

Respectfully,

Michelle Karb, Principal and Jennifer Callaghan, Assistant Principal

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