

Good afternoon families,

It almost seemed like we would have a mild winter, and then January hit. I hope you all stay warm and enjoy the snow tomorrow! This week's notes are:

- Cinderella opening night at MMS was sold out! Tonight's show is at 7pm for those who have tickets. Tomorrow's showings will be postponed and the 2pm and 6pm Saturday shows will now be on Saturday Feb. 5th.
- A reminder for students who are quarantined and staying home: Teachers have 24 hours to set up zoom links. Some classes might already have them set up due to other students being out, but please be patient if a class does not have a zoom link up immediately.
- Another friendly reminder, school begins at 7:57am. Students will be marked tardy if they are not in their classroom at that time.
- Parents of grade 7 and grade 8 students: During the week of January 31, please be looking for an email, sent via Aspen, from Francis Janosco, the 6-12 department chair for English. In that email, Mr. Janosco will share your student's 2022-23 grade 8 or grade 9 English course placement, along with additional information about that process.
- 8th grade parents: We are looking forward to welcoming you to Darien High School for 8th grade Curriculum Night. In order to allow parents to participate in the Board of Education budget meeting on February 1st, we are changing the date of Curriculum Night to **Wednesday, February 2nd at 7pm** in the DHS Auditorium. Please note: This event is for parents/guardians only. Students have been meeting with MMS and DHS counselors in school regarding courses and electives so we ask that they not attend this event. All attendees will be required to wear a mask while they are in the building. We will be recording the event so would ask that if you are not feeling well, please rest at home and watch the recording at a later date.
- Finally, here are January's MMS [Moments from the Middle](#) . It is best viewed in presentation mode.

Have a wonderful and warm weekend,

Karolyn

Principal