



TRAILBLAZER NEWS

October 2022

MARCUS WHITMAN MIDDLE SCHOOL

PLEASE JOIN US FOR A
FAMILY
LITERACY & GAME NIGHT!

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 20th
6:00pm-7:00pm

Marcus Whitman Middle School
Various Locations
1887 Madrona Dr SE

MW PTO TRUNK OR TREAT

The Newly Founded Marcus Whitman PTO needs your help! On oct 31st from 4-5pm we are going to host a trunk or treat for the families of Marcus Whitman. This will happen after the Halloween Social which is from 3-4pm. We need you to make it a success!

Car/truck set up starts at 330 in the MW parking lot. Please Fill out the form below by 10/11

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If you have questions please contact andi6977@gmail.com

Student Drop Off and Pick Up

Do you drop off or pick up your student in your personal vehicle? If you do, read on for some helpful tips to keep things moving smoothly!

-Students arriving in personal vehicles are to be dropped off and picked up in the gravel parking lot on the north side of our campus.

-Stay to the right side of your lane except to pass. If you have already dropped off or picked up, you are welcome to drive around other waiting vehicles so long as you can safely do so. Please do not stop in the passing lanes.

-Pull all the way forward in your lane to the front cones before stopping. This helps us get more cars through quicker.

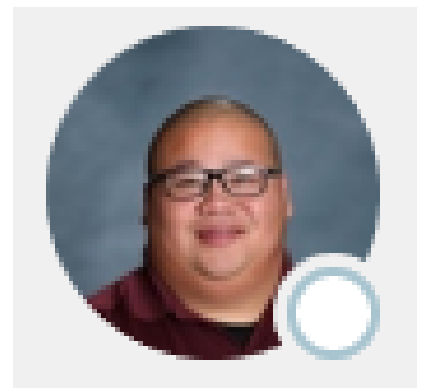
-Be mindful that this is a very active parking lot. Always watch for students crossing!

-Use your turn signal early to help our parking lot helpers know what you intend to do and they can help keep traffic flowing.

For more detailed instructions including a photo and video, check out the Family Support page on our website or click here: <https://sites.google.com/skschools.org/mwmsremote/parking-lot-instructions>



We would like to introduce you to our new Security Office. Dan Tajalle is coming to us from the High School. We are happy to welcome him to our Marcus Whitman Family.



From the Counseling Office:

Now that the school year is fully underway we wanted to make sure that families are aware of several supports at MWMS that can provide extra help to our students. First and foremost, as a school we want to focus on learning and have a number of ways for our students to get some extra help. There are two tutoring opportunities currently in place for MW students who might need a little extra help with homework, organization, or simply a quiet place to get some school work done. One is called **7th Hour** and the other is **Sammy's Place**.

7th Hour is an onsite opportunity for our students to get a little extra help. Each Tuesday and Thursday students are welcome to drop in to the Library from 2:50-4:00 PM and get homework help, organizational assistance, or maybe just enjoy a quiet place to get some work done. Some things to know:

- 7th Hour is open to all students.
- MW staff are on hand to answer questions and supervise students.
- Students are expected come prepared to work quietly, bringing the materials they need. Desktop computers and books will be available, but its best if students have their own.
- Students will need to sign in upon arrival and sign out when they leave.
- 7th Hour is a quiet place to study so students need to be respectful of others and keep quiet while working.

Transportation is not provided. Students attending 7th Hour must find their own way home as school buses won't be available.

Sammy's Place is a tutoring/mentorship program we utilize in partnership with Port Orchard United Methodist Church. A few details:

- There is no religious instruction, expectation, influence, etc. The church is simply providing members, space and time to work with our kids.
- All tutors/mentors have had background checks and all activities are in a public location.
- This is voluntary. No students are required to participate in this great opportunity.
- Upon arrival at POUMC (around 3PM) kids are provided with a snack and some relaxation time, game playing with a mentor, friendly conversation, etc.
- From 4-5PM time is spent with a tutor/mentor on homework, organization, skill building and practice, checking skyward and more.
- Transportation to POUMC is via school bus, kids should be picked up by 5PM. *Unfortunately transportation to POUMC may be limited. The normal bus route that would take students is already quite full so an alternative means may be needed in the future.

Once a month, if there is interest, the church would like to host a family dinner for our kids and their families.

From the Counseling Office continued...

We know that academic success isn't always achievable when students struggle to fulfill other needs. As a school we strive to give all students equal opportunities to find success and this often means providing food, clothing and other supports for our kids. A few of the "non-academic" things that we can help with are:

- **Backpacks for Kids** – this is a national program that provides a bag of easy to prepare food to students that enables families to stretch their budgets. Things like macaroni and cheese or tuna casserole are provided on a weekly basis for those who need a little extra help. If this is needed please reach out to your students counselor for more information.

Free/Reduced cost meals at school are available for families who qualify. During the pandemic this was provided to all but we have returned to pre-pandemic norms. Therefore, any student who needs this service will need to complete the application that was sent home at the start of the year. If a new application is needed please check at the main office or click <https://www.nlappscloud.com/Welcome.aspx?api=bba85b05d3f26ce5d8eabc36d78c3611#loaded>

- School supplies and a chrome book were provided to all students at the start of the year. If a need for additional supplies comes up please have your student stop by the counseling office. We have an ample supply of most things our students might need.
- MWMS has a supply of clothing items to provide on an emergency basis. Whatever the reason, if a student is in need of a change of clothes reach out to the counseling office, we can help.
- Holiday support is something we may also be able to provide. We have partnered with local churches and organizations to give kids and their families help with holiday gifts and meals. Resources can be limited and are on a first come first served basis, but we will do what we can.

If there is a need that isn't mentioned here don't be afraid to ask. We may not be able to help in every way but we will try the best we can and help look for resources when we can't. Give us a call when needed.

Zack Fogel

Haley Mishko



Family Support Site

Check out the parent support site! This site will be a place you can get upcoming information and answers throughout the year.

<https://sites.google.com/skschools.org/mwmsremote/home>

Check out the MW math website!

What should my child do if they are absent from math class?

<https://sites.google.com/skschools.org/mw-math/home>

What are ways my student can get help in math this year?

<https://sites.google.com/skschools.org/mw-math/math-help>

What is new in math classes this month?

Find math updates for the month of October by clicking on the link for your student's grade level. If you have any questions about your student's progress, email or call their classroom teacher.

<https://sites.google.com/skschools.org/mw-math/6th-grade>

<https://sites.google.com/skschools.org/mw-math/7th-grade>

<https://sites.google.com/skschools.org/mw-math/8th-grade>

Emily Fogel

Learning Support Specialist - Math



7TH HOUR

Does your student need a quiet place to study, complete homework, and/or get help with an assignment?

Encourage your student to come to 7th Hour every Tuesday and Thursday from 2:50-4pm in the library.

Our first session starts 9/27!

No transportation provided.

COOL 😊

Volunteer Opportunities at Marcus Whitman Middle School

Fall 2022



Your student may become more independent at the Middle School level, however, there are still volunteer opportunities such as:

Tutoring students/Assisting the teacher

Band/Choir/Orchestra Assistant

Help with Student Events

Fieldtrip Chaperones

Teacher Appreciation events

Mrs. Sauby would like some helpers/tutors during her 4th period with 6th grade Science. (11:45 – 12:45)

Volunteer applications are available in the Main office and are required to be in place before volunteering. When you stop by, please bring current Drivers License for ID and proof of COVID vaccination. (Exemptions that have been granted will remain in place and new requests will be processed through Jackie Stewart at SKSD Human Resources.)

Mask use is by choice.

Point of contact at MWMS is Ruth Hodges at Munchbac@skschools.org (360) 874-6168 or

At the District level, Amy Miller at Millera@skschools.org (360) 874-7005.



Marcus Whitman is forming a PTO! If you are interested in joining you may contact Brenda Walls at Walls@skschools.org or Andi at andi6977@gmail.com. Meetings will be held here every 3rd Tuesday evening from 6:15-7:15pm. Next meeting will be October 18th, 2022.



News from the Nurse

On Nov 1st 2022 vision and hearing screenings will take place. Screenings are an important part of preventive health care in the school setting. Washington State law (WAC 246-760) requires schools to conduct auditory and visual screenings of children each year. Students in 7th grade will be screened, as well as students that meet any of the following criteria: students new to the South Kitsap School District, students receiving Special Education services, or when requested by parent, guardian, or school staff. Parents who DO NOT want their child screened will need to **provide the school with a report or form signed by a licensed healthcare professional** indicating that they have had a comprehensive vision or auditory exam within the previous 12 months. **If your student wears glasses or contacts please ensure they are wearing these for the vision screening.** If you have any questions please contact: Katie Pickard, RN at pickard@skschools.org or 360-874-6179.



HARVEST SOCIAL



Students: Please come join us for a Harvest Social on Monday, October 31st from 3 – 3:45 pm in the Commons. We will have light refreshments, games, and music. Tickets will be \$3.00 and can be purchased at the student store. You are encouraged to come dressed in costume. If you need help with a costume please let Ms. Cynthia know so we can help. You do not have to wear a costume to come.

Parents: if you would like to volunteer for this, or any of our socials this year, please contact Ruth

Hodges at Munchbac@skschools.org and she will get in contact with us. Thank you!

Calling all Marcus Whitman Alumni!



Information needed

your name

your current location

years you attended MW

educational background

current and past career(s)

recent photo

Optional Information

- favorite class at MW
- inspirational quote
- best memory of MW

Our mission at MW is to prepare students for college and careers in the 21st century and we need your help to do this! We love our community and want to create alumni posters to hang in our school so students can see what a Marcus Whitman student can become with perseverance and hard work.

Contact Emily Fogel at fogele@skschools.org if you are interested in participating.

After School Club

The Chanime Club (Chess + Anime) meets Thursdays, 2:45-3:30 PM, in Room 214 Mr. O'Loughlin is the Advisor. The Chanime Club is open to all Marcus Whitman students who want to learn and play chess and/or want to draw Anime.

The Allies GSA Club: Are you looking for a safe and supportive place to connect and socialize with fellow LGBTQ+ peers and allies? If so, Allies GSA club is for you! Students in the club work together to provide inclusive community experiences for all at Marcus Whitman! We will be kicking off our first Allies GSA club meeting Thursday, September 29th from 2:50-3:50 in room 203. Club will meet every Thursday in room 203, 2:50-3:50. Grab a permission slip from Mrs. Bush or Ms. Williams.

The Game Club will begin meeting on Mondays in the Library from 3-4pm. If you would like to play board games, cards or D&D, come and participate! Permission slips for this club are available in the main office. Deputy Brown Advisor

Weight Lifting Club has started. They will be meeting Tuesday and Thursday in the Weight Room. Time is from 2:50 pm to 3:50. Permission slips are at the main office. Advisors Mr. Zappey and Mrs Marshall

STEM Club will begin Thursday, Oct 6th and will continue every other Thursday. STEM Club will meet in Room 112 (Woodshop) and go from 2:45—3:45. Permission slips are at the main office.



Varsity Baseball Game Schedule

All games start at 3:30 pm

DATE	OPPONENT	PLACE
Tue 10-11	Sedgwick	Marcus
Wed 10-12	Cedar	Cedar
Tue 10-18	Mt View	Marcus
Thurs 10-20	Curtis	Curtis

Varsity Baseball Game Schedule

All games start at 3:30 pm

Date	Opponent	Place
Fri 10-7	Sedgwick	Marcus
Wed 10-12	Cedar	Marcus
Mon 10-17	Sedgwick	Sedgwick

Varsity Fastpitch Game Schedule

All games start at 3:30 pm

Date	Opponent	Place
Tue 10-11	Sedgwick	Marcus
Wed 10-12	Cedar	Cedar
Tue 10-18	Mt. View	Marcus
Thur 10-20	Hawkins	Marcus

Track Meet Schedule

All games start at 3:15

DATE	OPPONENT	PLACE
Wed 10-12	Mt. View	SKHS
Tue 10-18	Futurist Meet Cedar, Curtis, Hawkins Sedgwick, Mt. View	SKHS
Wed 10-19	WSMSL Championships	Klahowya

WINTER 1 SPORTS

BOYS BASKETBALL

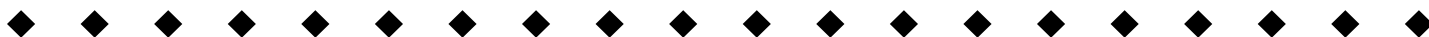
Tryouts will start Tuesday, November 1st. Be sure you have register on Final Forms and have a current sports physical. Any questions you can contact Coach Mackie.

SPIRIT SQUAD

Tryouts will be held October 17th, 18th, and 19th from 3:00 pm to 4:30 pm in the gym. You must attend all three days of tryouts. Be sure you have registered on Final Forms and have a current sport physical.

GIRLS SOCCER

Soccer will be starting November 1st. Be sure you have register on Final forms and have a current sports physical. All paperwork must be completed before the first day of practice.



The South Kitsap School District provides equal educational and employment opportunity without regard to race, creed, religion, color, national origin, age, honorably-discharged veteran or military status, sex, sexual orientation – including gender expression or identity, marital status, or the presence of any sensory, mental, or physical disability, the use of a trained dog guide or service animal by a person with a disability. Equal access to activities, facilities and program is provided to the Boy Scouts of America and other designated youth groups. District procedure complies with all applicable state and federal laws.

The Title IX Officer and Section 504 Coordinator with the responsibility for monitoring, auditing and ensuring compliance with this policy are:

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