

MMS Friday Notes

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Fri 10/7/2022 3:00 PM

Good afternoon parents,

I hope you had a wonderful week and were able to enjoy some of this springtime weather! Our students have thoroughly enjoyed having gym classes and recess outside. We also had picture day this week and it was wonderful to see the students all dressed up for their school portraits! There are only a few notes this week that include some upcoming parent informational nights, so please read them all.

- We are still hosting Team Days. These days are for students to do some fun activities with each other that center around team building, collaboration, problem-solving, and critical thinking. Upcoming days are: Maroon 10/12, Green 10/14, Gold 10/19, Blue 10/20, Aqua 10/21, Purple 10/24, and Teal 10/31
- RULER update: This month during our SEL FLEX time, students are creating team and grade-level charters. They are working on identifying, labeling, and understanding emotion words and are now determining how they want to feel each day at MMS. Ask your students about the Mood Meter and how they are developing a charter.
- IDEA referrals for new families are now open. Please see the attached document. [Idea Referral New Families - Parent Communication \(1\).pdf](#)
- The Rowan Center will once again be partnering with our 7th and 8th grade Healthy Living course. They will be providing information for 7th and 8th grade families. See the below information:

Tuesday, October 11th, 2022

6:00pm - 6:40pm 7th Grade

Joking vs. Harassment: Respecting Boundaries and Making School Safer

Recommended for: 7th-8th Grade Students

45 minutes

This program helps students understand the four main categories of sexual harassment: verbal, non-verbal, written, and physical. Students learn the difference between flirting and sexual harassment by discussing real-life scenarios. This presentation also helps students understand what safe—and unsafe—behavior at school looks like, and gives students resources on how to report sexual harassment should they ever experience or witness it.

6:45pm - 7:30pm- 8th grade

Understanding Consent

Recommended for: 8th Grade Students

45-55 minutes

This program is safety education for students, helping them understand the dynamics of consent. It gives them tools to make decisions about their own personal boundaries and values and resources they can use if they or someone they know experiences a sexual assault. Students learn how to identify whether relationships are consensual; how to protect both themselves and their partners; and key definitions and laws related to consensual relationships, sexual assault, and consent. They also explore common myths and misconceptions around the topic. *This is not a sex education program. The language used in this presentation is age-appropriate and specifically geared toward younger teens in the 7th-8th grade.

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/6821522022>

Meeting ID: 682 152 2022

From the MPA:

- Directories are in! If you purchased a print directory, they will be distributed next week during flex to your oldest child. More details will be emailed a day prior to distribution.
- The MPA in partnership with the YWCA presents a parent workshop on CONNECTING WITH YOUR TWEEN WHILE THEY ARE STILL LISTENING. The workshop will be on Wednesday, October 12th at 7:30PM in the MMS auditorium. Event will feature fellow MMS parent and Darien's own, Dr. Amanda Craig, Marriage and Family Therapist who is the author of "Who Are You & What Have You Done With My Kid?" Join us for an interactive and engaging workshop where you learn about the unique tween age group and gain tips and tricks to stay connected with your child while also starting to learn to let go. Click [here](#) for more information.

Thank you and have a wonderful weekend!

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