

Good afternoon families,

We had our second MMS Musical Concert this week. The band performed on Monday and it was another testament to the hard work and dedication of our students and staff. Kudos to the band for an amazing concert! It is always a reminder of just how dedicated the students are, especially when I see them bright and early every morning for test reviews, extra help, music practice, and Quiz bowl, and again after school participating in after-school clubs, sports, or finding time for extra help. This would not be possible without our incredible staff and the constant support of families – Thank you!

There are only a few notes for this week:

- We have been working on what it means to build a community and be a good community member. Our first SEL lesson on building a better community environment included activities and discussions on how our behaviors affect others. Students also developed and shared skits on what it means to be a good community and class member. The lesson ended with a discussion on using our charters to determine what actions we can take to make school a better place for everyone. We will be working on further units about building community and the effects of our actions. Information on those will continue to be shared.
- We are excited to share our Unified Sports will begin in January. Please see attached form if your student is interested in participating. [Unified Sports Application \(1\).pdf](#)
- Our next musical showcase will be our Chorus concert on Thursday 12/15. It begins at 6:30 pm in the DHS auditorium.
- Just a friendly reminder, we do not allow outside food (McDonald's, Chick Fil A, Shake Shack, etc.) for students during lunches or birthday celebrations. They are not allowed to eat outside food in the cafeteria and we cannot allow shared foods due to food allergies.
- Please remind students to use the crosswalks when they are arriving and leaving school. We will be reinforcing this with them.
- There have been some new additions to the [MMS Club](#) offerings. Please make sure you check them out!
- Friday, December 23rd is a half day. Students will be dismissed at 12:25 and there are no after-school activities.

As always, I wish you a restful weekend.

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