



# TRAILBLAZER NEWS

January 2023

## MARCUS WHITMAN MIDDLE SCHOOL

### HELP! WE NEED YOU!!

#### Annual Acknowledgement Forms and Impact Aid Forms

Please help us by verifying and updating your contact information, emergency contacts, and sign our yearly forms. We've only have about 41% of our families fill these Annual Forms out.

While you are in the custom forms area if you haven't filled out the 2022-23 Impact Aid form it would be awesome if you could take care of that as well.

These are both forms that we originally requested you fill out in September and November 1st.

If you would rather fill out a paper version then please let us know and we'll get one to your student right away.

#### Path to Forms

Log in to Skyward Family Access - Select Annual Verification & Acknowledgement from the menu.

Click on Students name and start the process. Work the way through to the end and then be sure to click the button "Submit Annual Verification and Acknowledgement"



## Winter Break - started a little early....

We hope everyone has the opportunity to reconnect with family and take some time to enjoy this winter break with the ones you love. No matter how you celebrate the various holidays during this time, the most important part is being kind, loving one another and having that family time.

Happy New year to all and we look forward to seeing all the students back January 5th, rested and ready to take advantage of the learning opportunities they will be given.

**Now get on out there and build a snowman while you can!!!!**



**LOST AND FOUND IS OVERFLOWING**

**PLEASE HAVE YOUR STUDENT**

**CHECK FOR THEIR MISSING SWEATSHIRTS, JACKETS, PANTS,  
SHIRTS, LUNCHBOXES, WATERBOTTLES, ETC.**

**Any lost and found not picked up will be donated after January 30th.**



# Marcus Whitman PTO

If you are interested in joining you may contact Brenda Walls at [Walls@skschools.org](mailto:Walls@skschools.org) or Andi at [andi6977@gmail.com](mailto:andi6977@gmail.com).

Meetings will be held here every 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday evening from 6:15-7:15pm.

Next meeting will be January 17th.



Check out the MW math website!

## What is new in math classes this month?

Find math updates for the month of January 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

# 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>

## Parent Supervision Tool for the Internet

<https://docs.google.com/document/d/1jz02XpVLJ5iGF5stn9RMou8cqmq64sdjK9Ae62GXQfY0/edit>



## Volunteer Opportunities for 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 4<sup>th</sup> period with 6<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:Munchbac@skschools.org) (360) 874-6168 or

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

## **Helpful hints to encourage school attendance.....**

Develop back up plans for getting your children to school in bad weather. Check to see who can give your children a ride to school if you aren't able to take them or the bus doesn't arrive.

Keep your children healthy. Maintain a regular bedtime and morning routine. Ensure students eat a good breakfast every morning or check to see if your school serves breakfast. Ensure your children visit their medical provider and have received their vaccines, including flu and Covid. Stress hand washing, particularly before and after eating, and after using the restroom.

If your children seem anxious about going to school, ask teachers, school counselors, your medical provider and parents for advice on how to make your children feel comfortable and excited about learning.

Keep your children engaged in learning if they cannot attend school in person. Ask your teacher or school for resources that you can use at home to keep your children learning, including computer tablets, internet access and online learning platforms. Identify who can support your children's learning at home, especially if you must go to work. Encourage your children to call classmates and stay connected to the teacher to find out about what they missed.

## **Communicate with the school**

If your student is going to be absent :

Please call the Attendance Office (360-874-6170), or  
E-mail the Attendance Specialist ([meddles@skschools.org](mailto:meddles@skschools.org)), or  
Enter the absence on skyward.

If your student is going to be late:

Please call the Attendance Office, or  
Send your student in with a note, or  
Verbally excuse it when you come in to the building to drop your student off. Thank you.

## Winter Sports 2

### Girls Basketball

Girls' basketball tryouts will start **Wednesday January 11**. Players are **required to have the Final Forms registration complete, (which includes a physical)** in order to tryout. Please schedule a physical (if needed) and register now to be ready in January!

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Girls Basketball Tryouts:

When: Wed-Fri

January 11-13.



Blazer Basketball

Times: 6<sup>th</sup> graders 3:00-4:30.

7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> graders 4:30 -5:45.

Must be registered online and have everything completed to tryout. *This includes a doctor's physical.*

Coach Mackie

## MWMS Wrestling

Co-Ed (Boy/Girls) NO Cuts = show up, you're on the team!

Season Starts January 11

**No Experience Needed!**

***NEW for this season: Singlet uniform is optional, we also have "fight shorts" and fitted shirts that can be worn during competition.***

Wrestling competition is by weight class. You will only face competitors close to your physical weight (usually 1-8lbs). We need BIG size kids, and the smallest in the school. We compete against other schools in a dual format, and when we forfeit a weight class, it costs us huge penalty points. Ideally, we'd like to be at least two athletes deep in every weight class. Weight classes: Dual Weight Classes: 78, 85, 92, 99, 106, 113, 120, 126, 132, 138, 145, 155, 170, 195, 220, 250. If you weigh 68lbs you will wrestle in the 78 class (kids weighing below 78).

We are committed to the student athletes and helping them prepare for the season. This includes the rules of wrestling, scoring, technique, drilling, controlled live wrestling, physical conditioning and most importantly, an introduction to the mental and emotional toughness that is the key to the combat sport of wrestling. We care about each of the athletes and want them to experience achievements and success during the season. This is not an easy sport, but we trust everyone will have a great time and find the rewards that come through dedication and hard work.

Unlike soccer, basketball, and baseball (as well as others), wrestling is a sport that a student can start in their teen years and find success quickly. We teach the basic fundamentals, drill the fundamentals, and reward the fundamentals under live conditions. Parents/Guardians: we have an "open" mat room: you are welcome to watch practices, but request no sideline instructing and personal conversations/calls be moved outside the room to minimize distractions.

**Practice for first two weeks will be two hours; then 1.5 hours for remainder of season**

If you are involved in another sport, such as club soccer we will be 100% flexible to accommodate your club sport. Leave practice early, skip practice when needed.

Head Coach: Ron Powers [powers@skschools.org](mailto:powers@skschools.org).

2nd year coaching at Marcus, 15 years coaching high school/middle school and youth wrestling. Parents can request a contact phone number via email. I am an out-of-building coach.

Assistant Coach: Jerald Johnson [johnsonje@skschools.org](mailto:johnsonje@skschools.org)

First year coaching wrestling at Marcus, has coached several sports programs.

Staff Contact: Cynthia McCullough is in-building wrestling support staff member, whom the student-athletes can ask questions, and confirm details throughout the season.

***Sign up through the MW / Athletics website.***



**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! 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.



## Wrestling Match Schedule

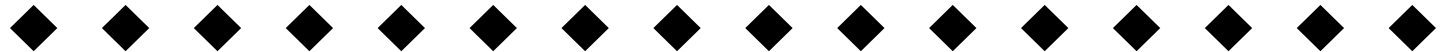
All games start at 4:00 pm

DATE	OPPONENT	PLACE
Jan 26	Hawkins	Hawkins
Feb 1	Cedar	Marcus
Feb 6	Sedgwick	Marcus
Feb 8	Marcus	Mt. View
Feb 15	Klahowya	Marcus
Feb 28	Kingston	Marcus
Mar 2	Cedar	Cedar

## Girls Basketball Game Schedule

All games start at 3:30 pm

Date	Opponent	Place
Jan 26	Hawkins	Marcus
Jan 30	Curtis	Curtis
Feb 1	Cedar	Cedar
Feb 6	Sedgwick	Marcus
Feb 8	Mt. View	Marcus
Feb 15	Hawkins	Hawkins
Feb 28	Curtis	Marcus
Mar 2	Cedar	Marcus
Mar 6	Sedgwick	Sedgwick
Mar 8	Mt. View	Mt. View



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

Compliance/ADA/Title IX Coordinator:  
Will Sarett,  
Executive Director of Human Resources  
2689 Hoover Avenue SE, Port Orchard, WA 98366  
360-874-7071  
[sarett@skschools.org](mailto:sarett@skschools.org)

Section 504 Coordinator:  
Paul Hulbert,  
Principal  
2689 Hoover Avenue SE, Port Orchard, WA  
360-443-3610,  
[hulbert@skschools.org](mailto:hulbert@skschools.org)