

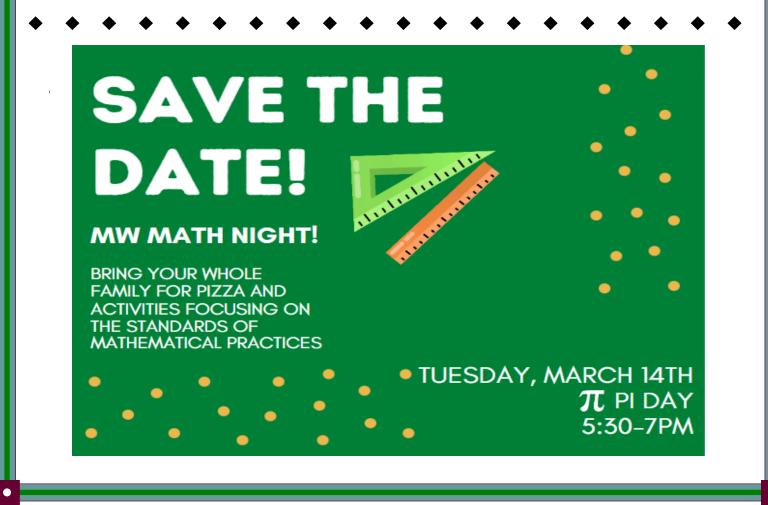
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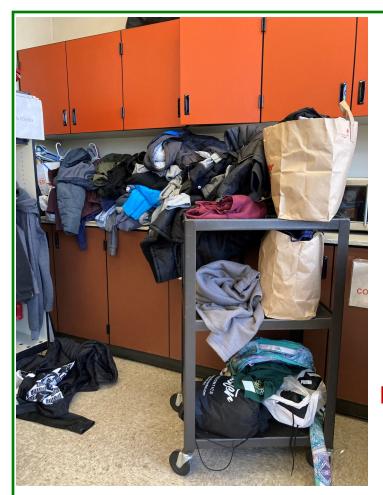
February 2023

MARCUS WHITMAN MIDDLE SCHOOL

SECOND SEMESTER STARTS MONDAY, FEBRUARY 6TH This is a perfect time to reset and review Homework time - Bed time Getting to school on time

Talk about taking advantage of every opportunity to learn





LOST AND FOUND IS OVERFLOWING PLEASE HAVE YOUR STUDENT

CHECK FOR THEIR MISSING SWEATSHIRTS, JACKETS, PANTS, SHIRTS, LUNCHBOX-ES, WATERBOTTLES, ETC.

Any lost and found not picked up will be donated February 10th.



Check out the MW math website!

What is new in math classes this month?

Find math updates for the month of February 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

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Mark Your Calendars!

Below you will find the testing schedule for our required state testing. All of our students will be participating in the Smarter Balanced Assessment for math and ELA in May. Our eighth graders will be also be taking the Washington Comprehensive Assessment for Science (WCAS).

If you know ahead of time your student will be gone on any of the testing days, then please email. Mrs. Chang the dates, so she can arrange an alternate testing time, if necessary.

If you have any questions regarding testing, you may reach out to Mrs. Chang at 360-874-6175 or via email at chang@skschools.org.

CAT=Computer Adaptive Test;

PT=Performance Task;

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
May 8	May 9	May 10	May 11	May 12
ELA CAT	ELA PT	No	ELA PT	
		Testing		
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
May 15	May 16	May 17	May 18	May 19
Math CAT	MATH PT	No		
		Testing		
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
May. 22	May. 23	May. 24	May. 25	May. 26
	8th WCAS	8th WCAS	8th WCAS	

MWMS Counseling Department

Your MWMS Counselors:



Zack Fogel Students with last names A-K fogel@skschools.org 360-874-6164



Haley Mishko Students with last names L-Z mishkoh@skschools.org 360-874-6166

9th Grade Registration

High school counselors will be visiting Marcus on February 15th to present to our 8th graders on graduation requirements and pathways. Students will be given registration paperwork that will be due on February 23rd. Course catalogs with information on classes can be found on South Kitsap High School's Counseling website, under the "Course Catalog" tab or at https://skhs.skschools.org/learning/counseling-

office/course-catalog-on-track

Your student's counselor is available to help with any registration questions!

Incoming Freshman Night

South Kitsap High School will be hosting an Incoming Freshman Night on February 7th. At Incoming Freshman Night, families will meet grade level teams, teachers, coaches, and club leaders. Families will also learn important information on graduation requirements/pathways and other opportunities offered in high school.

For more information, please see the below flyer.

FEBRUARY FAMILY DARES



MAKE A LIST

Have a family meeting and list all the things your family loves. Put up the list in a common space so family members can read it throughout the month.



VIDEO GREETING

Record a family video greeting to send to distant relatives. Make it funny and heartwarming! Send the message by text, email, and/or social media.



SHARE A STORY

During a time when all your family is together, have everyone share a story of success that was connected to school. Why did that moment mean so much to you? What is your definition of success?

GARDEN PROJECT

Start a garden from seeds in cups. Decide what you want to grow as a family and a care plan. Reuse plastic or paper cups from coffee and/or soft drinks. Place your plants in or near a window in your home and watch them grow.



VOLUNTEER

Decide a place you would like to volunteer as a family. What community organization means the most to you?



COOKIES

Make cookies as a family and share them with your neighboors and/or friends.

Family Conversation Starters....

- What was the nicest thing you did for someone else today?
- What made you feel the happiest today?
- When did you feel most proud of yourself today?

CONNECTED - SAFETY - INTEGRITY - PERSEVERANCE - ACHIEVEMENT





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/1jz02XpVLJ5iGF5stn9RMou8cqm64sdjK9Ae62GXQfY0/edit



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.

Helpful hints to encourage school attendance.....

Top 10 Reasons to be in School Every Day

BETTER GRADES. The better your attendance, the higher your grades.

LESS STRESS. When you miss school, you have lots of assignments to make up. That's stressful.

YOU LEARN MORE. Learning a little every day in class is much better than having to learn everything you missed on your own.

MORE LIKELY TO GRADUATE. Students who have poor attendance are less likely to graduate.

TIME WITH FRIENDS. When you are a school, you can spend time with friends (and make new ones).

GOOD HABITS. You'll develop good habits for success - like showing up every day and being on time.

MENTORS. School is full of people who can offer you advice and guidance, like teachers and counselors. If you aren't at school, you won't get the chance to develop those relationships - which means that you totally miss out.

PREPARATION FOR YOUR FUTURE. The knowledge you gain and the skills you develop in school will help you be successful throughout your life.

PERSONAL DEVELOPMENT. The more you're in school, the more you learn. And the more you learn, the more intelligent, capable, and interesting you become.

PRIDE. When you're succeeding in your classes, your parents and teachers are proud of you. But most importantly, you feel proud of yourself - and that's a great feeling!



200 7th Graders got a chance to visit the Capitol! These lucky students got a civics lesson from Sen. Randall, Rep. Caldier and Rep. Hutchins. The students didn't have to pay for this trip due to a grant funded by the Suquamish Tribe.



Attention 8th Graders SAVE THE DATE! 9th Grade Information Night at

South Kitsap High School

Feb. 7th, 2023

Meet the Class of 2027 grade level support team!

Presentations in-person in the theater to learn about your 4 year plan and opportunities at high school.

Visit Teachers, Coaches and Club members in the commons to learn about course offerings and activities.

Last Name A-K: Presentation 5:30-6pm in Stage 1 Last Name L-Z: Presentation 6:15-6:45pm in Stage 1 Teachers/Coaches/Clubs will be in the Commons: 5:30-7pm

More Important Dates: Counselors Visit Middle Schools

course registration for 23-24 school year

John Sedgwick: Feb 14 Marcus Whitman: Feb 15 Cedar Heights: Feb 16 Please keep a watch on the High School website:

https://skhs.skschools.org

and follow us on Facebook at: https://www.facebook.com/SKHSWolves

Go Wolves!



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.

Harry Potter Club - Harry Potter club has returned. Club members will meet Mondays in room 206 from 2:45 to 4pm. Harry Potter club will include a variety activities such as games and trivia. You must bring a permission form signed by a parent or guardian to become a member. Please see Ms.Peterson if you have any questions.

Wrestling Match Schedule -4:00 start

DATE	OPPONENT	PLACE
Feb 6	Sedgwick	Marcus
Feb 8	Mt. View	Mt. View
Feb 13	Curtis	Marcus
Feb 15	Klahowya	Marcus
Feb 28	Kingston	Kingston
Mar 2	Cedar	Cedar
Mar 10	League Match	Poulsbo High
Mar 11	League Match	Poulsbo High 9:00 AM

Girls Basketball Game Schedule - 3:30 start

Date	Opponent	Place
Feb 6	Sedgwick	Sedgwick
Feb 8	Mt. View	Marcus
Feb 15	Hawkins	Hawkins
Feb 23	Curtis	Curtis
Feb 28	Curtis	Marcus
Mar 2	Cedar	Marcus
Mar 6	Sedgwick	Marcus
Mar 8	Mt. View	Mt. View

Intramural Girls Basketball Game Schedule

Feb 2	Sedgwick
Feb 9	Sedgwick
Feb 16	Sedgwick
Feb 22	Sedgwick
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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 <u>sarett@skschools.org</u>

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