



# TRAILBLAZER NEWS

August / September 2023

MARCUS WHITMAN MIDDLE SCHOOL

## 6th Grade Orientation

**We will be having 6th Grade Orientation  
on Wednesday, August 23rd**

**Time will be from 9:00 am - 11:00 am**



## Open House

Wednesday, August 30th

6 - 7 PM

Get your schedules

Meet your teachers and our MW staff

Get a tour of the building

See your new classroom

**IF** you signed up for the Hot Dog Dinner come at 5:30  
(Parent Square notification went out beginning of August for signup)



## First Day of School

**TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 5TH**

# SCHOOL SUPPLIES

**Marcus Whitman will be providing the basic school supplies for all students this year.**

If your student wants to purchase their own supplies below is the list of supplies they will be needing.

2-inch binder

Packet of Dividers (5 tab)

Package of college ruled paper (150 sheets)

2 spiral college ruled notebook

2 composition notebooks

Zipper pouch (for pens and pencils)

Eraser

Highlighters (2 each of yellow, green)

1 box of pencils (dozen)

Pens – 6 blue, 6 black, and 2 red

Pencil sharpener

Fine tip sharpie – black



**Wired ear pods or head sets will not be provided this year so you may want to purchase a set. (Blue tooth ear pods are NOT to be brought to school)**

## UPDATED ELECTRONIC DEVICE POLICY

**Electronic Devices/Personal Devices (cell phones, tablets, ear buds, handheld game systems, etc.)** will be kept out of sight from the 8:05-2:45. Every classroom in the school has a telephone. Telephones can be used by students with teacher permission and supervision for school-related business and necessary contact with parents/guardians.

To assure delivery of messages to students, parents/guardians must call at least 30 minutes prior to the closure of school. Except in cases of emergency, students will not be called from class to use the telephone. Personal messages from unauthorized persons will not be delivered by school personnel.

Students are not permitted to exchange cell phone messages with anyone during school hours - voice or text. At staff discretion, students may be allowed to message a parent/guardian during non-academic time. Students in violation of this policy will be subject to the following actions:

### Electronic Device Violation Responses

1. **1st Infraction/Warning:** If a student is found using an electronic device during class time or in restricted areas, they will be directed to put away the device immediately. That same day, a message will be sent to the parent/guardian informing you of the first infraction.
2. **2nd Infraction:** In the event of a second infraction, the student will be required to take the electronic device to the school office. Furthermore, a message will be sent to the parent/guardian, detailing the second offense.
3. **3rd Infraction:** Should a student be found in violation of the policy for a third time, we will request parent/guardian presence to pick up the device from the school. This measure is intended to reinforce the importance of adhering to our electronics policy.
4. **4th Infraction:** A fourth infraction will result in the student being required to check their device into the school office at the beginning of the day and collect it at the end of the day. This process will continue until further notice from the school administration.

## September Family Dares

### Kindness through Conversation



**Connected** is one of the MW High Fives.

Students are learning ways to connect with their peers and staff at MW this month.

Practice this character pillar at home with our September Dares.

#### Quality Catch-Up

Invest 10 minutes at least one day a week right when everyone gets home to sit together and share about your day. No distractions, just full attention to what matters: each other.

Use intentional questions, like...

- What was a high and a low today?
- From 1-10, how was the day, and how will tomorrow be better?
- What's a snapshot from today you want to remember?
- If you had to describe your day as a type of weather, how would you describe it?
- Did you do something to help others today?

#### The Power of Thank You

As a family, think of someone that does something nice for you. Schedule a time to say thank you to them in person.

(name), I wanted to say thank you for \_\_\_\_\_. It means so much to us because\_\_\_\_\_.

Practicing gratitude as a family not only leaves the recipient feeling good, but helps the family feel accomplished for making someone's day better.

#### The Long Goodbye

As a family, challenge each other to say goodbye to other family members when they leave.

**Goodbye (name)! Have a great day. I love you!**

We can get super busy and distracted sometimes and let people leave without really taking time to let them know we care about them. Goodbyes are a great way to help everyone feel special when they leave.

Connected - Safety - Integrity - Perseverance - Achievement

## 7TH HOUR

Calling all MW Students!

Do you need a quiet place to study, complete homework, and/or get help with an assignment?

Come to 7th Hour every Tuesday and Thursday from 2:50-4pm in the library.

No transportation provided.  
Pack a snack to enjoy while you work.



**Starting 9/19!**

**COOL**



# **Fall Sports**

Register for participation in sports is all done through Final Forms. You can find a link to Final Forms on your Parent Square access. You can also go to the Marcus Whitman Website and under athletics you can click on Register for sports.

The fall sports are Baseball, Fastpitch, and Track and Field. You will need to complete the registration process before any students are eligible to try-out.

## **TRACK AND FIELD**

Track will start Monday September 11th

3pm-4:45pm

Meet on the field for the first day

Coach Brittany Bates

## **Baseball**

We will have baseball tryouts the first day of school, Tuesday, September 5th, directly after school.

Please meet in locker room after school for roll and paperwork. We will go from locker room to baseball field for tryouts. Tryouts will go until 5:30 PM.

You can bring all baseball gear to locker room to hang in drying room for the school day. All gear will be locked up until after school.

You will need to wear baseball attire for tryouts and have your own gear to use for tryouts. We will provide baseball helmets if you do not have your own.

Please also bring water, sunscreen and a hat to wear.

Thank you Coach Kenyon and Atkinson.

# Fastpitch

Attention Lady Trailblazers! It is time to start preparing for the Fall Fastpitch season. I am looking forward to a brand new season and playing in the dirt!

Tryouts will take place Sept. 5 through Sept. 7, starting promptly from 3:00pm - 5:00pm on the softball field.

Please make sure to complete your sports physicals BEFORE the first day of tryouts and fill out Final Forms.

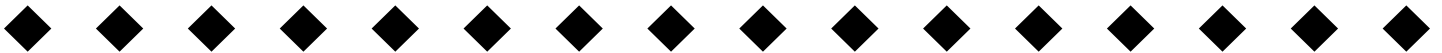
Every Friday, Madrona Heights offers sports physicals. Call ahead for availability.

<https://resources.finalsite.net/images/v1624626731/skschoolsorg/aol7bufbjz5kcfi8qkb/aaSchool-BasedHealthClinicinSouthKitsap2.pdf>

Bring plenty of water, dress accordingly, and have your gear ready. Bare minimum gear includes a softball mitt and cleats.

Lace up those cleats and let's get outside! It's going to be a fun season!

Coach Terrell



## Chromebook Protection Plan

*Coming in the 2023-24 school year!*

Students in grades 6-12 (and others who take home technology devices) are eligible to participate in a district protection program to cover accidental damage or loss to student chrome books. Click on the link below for more detailed information.

<https://www.skschools.org/departments/information-technology-services/chromebook-protection-plan>

# Internet Monitor Information for Parents

The link below has information on how you can monitor internet access on your students chrome book.

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



## Non-Discrimination Statement

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, Section 504 Coordinator, and Gender Inclusivity Officer 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)

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[buckley@skschools.org](mailto:buckley@skschools.org)

Gender Inclusivity Compliance Officer:

Dr. Tom Edwards,  
Assistant Superintendent for Student Achievement  
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360-874-7003



# SOUTH KITSAP SCHOOL DISTRICT

## 2023 to 2024 Academic Calendar

**YELLOW** = First and Last Day of School  
**GREEN** = 1/2 Early Release

**BLUE** = No School for Students  
**GREY** = Late Start (45 minutes) for Collaboration

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School Calendar for next school year....note the half days and the **NEW** day off between semesters

### Important Dates

September 4	Labor Day
September 5	First Day of School Grade 1-12
September 8	First Day of Kindergarten
September 11	First Day of Developmental Preschool
September 13	First Late Start Wednesday (45 minutes late for staff collaboration)
October 6	1/2 Day Release K-12
October 9	Non-Student Day for Indigenous Peoples Day
October 23-27	Elementary Conferences, ½ Day Release
October 24-27	Middle School Conferences, ½ Day Release
October 25-27	High School Conferences, ½ Day Release
November 7	High School & Middle School First Quarter Ends
November 10	Veterans Day Observed – No School
November 22	½ Day Release K-12
November 23-24	Thanksgiving Break
December 21–Jan. 3	Winter Break
January 15	MLK Junior Holiday - No School
January 29	Non-Student Day, Middle School & High School Second Qtr./Semester Ends
February 19-20	Presidents' Day – No School
March 8	1/2 Day Release K-12
March 13	Elementary Second Trimester End
March 25-29	Elementary Conferences, ½ Day Release
March 26-29	Middle School Conferences, ½ Day Release
March 28-29	High School Conferences, ½ Day Release
April 1-5	Spring Break
April 11	High School & Middle School Third Quarter Ends
May 27	Memorial Day / No School
June 7	Last Day of Developmental Preschool
June 14	Last Day of School, Early Release
June 19	Juneteenth observance/ No School

\*Emergency make up days may be added after the last day of school if necessary.