

MMS Friday Notes

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Hello families,

I hope you are staying cool in this weather! It has been wonderful to get to know your students this past week. Many of our 6th-grade students are conquering their lockers and becoming professionals at opening them! Please take a moment to read the notes and updates below.

- A friendly reminder, if your student is going to be absent or dismissed early, please notify the attendance line. Parents can also let the team teachers know, but the attendance line or main office must also be notified for attendance purposes.
 - Also, if a student arrives tardy to MMS, please remind them to check into the main office before heading to class.
- Team Days will be happening at the end of September and the beginning of October. This is a time for students to have fun and do team-building activities. Students will be asked to wear their team colors on Team Days.
- We had a lockdown drill today. Students were respectful and it went very well for our first drill.
- Open House is from 6 pm-8 pm. The dates are as follows:
 - 8th grade – Sept. 19
 - 6th grade – Sept. 27
 - 7th grade – Sept 28
- MMS clubs and late buses will begin on September 26th. Please find a list of clubs [HERE](#). This list will be updated as new clubs form.

A Note from the MPA:

*Updates to the **MMS Directory** are underway! Don't miss your chance to be included in this year's Directory. This is one of the MPA's biggest fundraisers of the year!*

[Click here](#) to get started.

Thank you to everyone for your time and help with this effort!

Middle School Happenings at The Depot:

The Depot, Darien's Youth Center, is now registering students for fall programs. This non-profit offers middle school programming ranging from Mindfulness; Empowerment and Identify in Social Media; Murder Mystery Club; Mind + Body Rowing; and the popular Choose Love, as well as a weekday drop-in program, the Drop Zone, where kids are welcomed in after school for unstructured fun and peer connection. Register at www.dariendepot.com. Most programs are \$75 per semester, but free of charge to anyone who requires financial assistance by submitting the confidential [Scholarship Form](#).

Make sure to check out the ****NEW**** Friendly Faces program. 6th graders can sign up to be paired with a 7th or 8th-grade mentor who shares similar interests. They will be invited to meet-ups at The Depot over the first few weeks of the school year. Find out more and sign up to get a mentor (6th) or be a mentor (7th & 8th) [HERE](#). Contact [Amy Daniels](#) with any questions.

A Note from TOPS:

THE DARIEN YOUTH COMMISSION INVITES YOU TO SIGN YOUR CHILD UP FOR THE TOPS PROGRAM! The Teen Options Program (TOPS) is sponsored by the DYC, endorsed by MMS & made possible through the generous involvement of parent volunteers. TOPS is social & recreational in nature, offering affordable, safe, fun, drug & alcohol-free activities for Darien students in 6th, 7th & 8th grades. Grade-level membership, which is free, is required annually, however there is a charge for each event. For complete information regarding the TOPS program (including rules & regulations, dates & fees, parent volunteer opportunities and registration information): www.darienct.gov/yc.

Have a wonderful and relaxing weekend,

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