



MAMS Family Newsletter September 6, 2024

Back to School Night

Establishing a strong home-school partnership is key and attending Back to School Night is a great first step in building this relationship. Come meet your child's teachers and become familiar with our programs and classroom procedures. MAMS' BTSN will be on Monday, September 9; 6th grade will be 6:00-7:00 and 7th & 8th grades will be 7:30-8:30. For details about BTSN, please see the [MAMS BTSN schedule](#). We hope to see you there!

Know your bus # and bus stop

Please ensure that your child knows their bus number and bus stop location. The buses are held longer at dismissal on the first days of school, however, buses will begin departing more quickly next week. Bus students should move quickly to their designated departure locations after the bell sounds and students should know their bus number. Students should know their bus stop location too (usually an intersection) as this information is needed to ride the 4:15 late bus (the late bus will start on Monday, September 16, for after-school activities).

Clubs and activities

Middle school is a great time for trying new things! Encourage your child to join our school's numerous activities. MAMS' after-school offerings are shown below. To learn more about these, visit our school website and click on the Activities link. Each morning during Advisory, announcements are made about upcoming activities (e.g., sports tryouts, club meetings, and more) so students should listen carefully for this information. If students or parents have questions about after-school offerings, they should contact the coach/advisor.

Extracurricular Athletics and Intramurals

FALL

Athletics

Soccer
Girls: James Scheuing,
jscheuing@marsd.org
Boys: Dan Wilensky,
dwilensky@marsd.org

Field Hockey

Girls: Jennifer Lindsay,
jlindsay@marsd.org

Cross Country

Nicholas Vasilenko,
nvasilenko@marsd.org
Alicia Acosta, aacosta@marsd.org

Intramurals

Floor Hockey
Jeremy Grigoli,
jgrigoli@marsd.org
Nicholas Vasilenko,
nvasilenko@marsd.org

Flag Football

Dylan Tarrazi,
dtarrazi@marsd.org

WINTER

Winter Athletics:

Basketball, Wrestling

Winter Intramurals:

Basketball, Bowling

SPRING

Spring Athletics:

Basketball, Track and Field, Baseball,
Softball

Spring Intramurals:

Volleyball

Extracurricular Clubs and Activities

CLUBS & ACTIVITIES

- Academic Bowl
- Anime Club
- Art Club
- Band
- Chess Club
- Chorus
- Environmental Club
- E-Sports
- Literary Arts Magazine
- Math Club
- Multicultural Club
- National Junior Honor Society
- Peer Leadership
- Peer Buddies
- School Newspaper
- Science Competition Team
- Science Club
- Speech & Debate
- Spring Musical
- STEM Club
- Student Council
- Student Equity/Safe Space Club
- Wingman
- Yearbook

Student attendance

Good school attendance is absolutely necessary for our students to be successful. State administrative code and our district's [attendance policy #5200](#) details the importance of attending school and possible consequences for excessive absences. Please familiarize yourself with this policy and the applicable State codes. Some important highlights include:

- Student absences for illness are not excused. The State only recognizes excused absences for the following reasons: 1) religious observance, 2) observance of Veterans Day, 3) Take Your Child to Work Day, 4) college visits (grades 11-12 only), and 5) closure of a bus which prevents the student from attending the receiving school. All other absence types are unexcused.
- Excessive absences deprive students of the educational experience and may result in retention (student repeating the grade level).
- Unexcused absences from school may result in denial of a student's participation in extracurricular activities and/or athletic competition.
- For excessive unexcused absences, students may be considered truant. Per the compulsory education law, and Board policy, the truant student's parent(s) may be referred to Municipal Court.

PTSO Spirit Wear sale

Show your school spirit! The MAMS PTSO is selling new Spirit Wear; please see their [PTSO Spirit Wear order form](#).

Free/Reduced meal applications

This year, meal applications will be completed electronically through the Genesis [parent portal](#). Meal applications must be submitted each year. If your child was eligible for free or reduced meals last school year, you must still complete and submit a new application for this school year. If you need a paper application, please contact our main office or download the application here [2024-2025 F&R Meal Packet English.pdf](#) [2024-2025 F&R Meal Packet Spanish.pdf](#). If you have questions about meals or free/reduced status, please contact our Business Office at 732-705-4016.

PTSO news

Please view the PTSO's current flyers:

[PTSO Spirit Wear order form](#)

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