



TRAILBLAZER NEWS

November 2024

MARCUS WHITMAN MIDDLE SCHOOL

Marcus Whitman Middle School

Veteran's Day Assembly

November 7th, 9:08 AM

MWMS Gymnasium

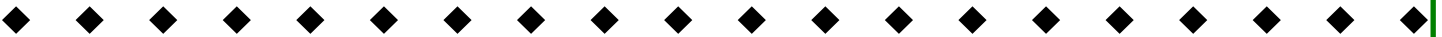
Family and Community members are invited to join us for
this assembly to educate our students and
Honor our Veterans and military families.

Presented by the MW ASB and Music Department



SKSD makes every effort to equip families with tools and information to ensure the safe use of SK-issued devices in the home. Filtering services provided in our schools - in compliance with minimum federal regulations for the protection of students - are extended to Chromebooks when they are used away from school. In addition to filtering services and tools like the Parent Report and Parent Portal, parent/guardian involvement is key for keeping students safe online.

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



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Track and Field: The track and field team sent 20 athletes to the championship and finished off the year with outstanding performances by many of our athletes.



November Spirit Days



NOV

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Color Wars

8th Grade wear white, 7th Grade wear green, 6th Grade wear yellow

NOV

7

Red, White, and Blue

Wear all red, white, and blue

NOV

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Camo Day

Wear as much camo as you can! Please do not cover your face!

NOV

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Twin Day

Find a friend to match outfits with

NOV

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Fall Colors War

8th Grade wear red, 7th Grade wear orange, 6th Grade wear yellow

NOV

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Throwback Thursday

Wear an outfit from another decade

NOV

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Touch of Class

Wear something nice and take care with your appearance

MARCUS WHITMAN MIDDLE SCHOOL

November 1, 2024

Dear Parents and Guardians,

As we approach the holiday season, I want to take a moment to emphasize the importance of regular school attendance for our middle school students, even during this festive time of year.

The weeks leading up to the holidays are crucial for our students' academic growth. Teachers are often introducing new concepts and skills that build the foundation for future learning. Missing school can lead to gaps in understanding, making it more challenging for students to catch up after the break.

Additionally, attending school during this period allows students to engage in valuable learning activities that foster teamwork, creativity, and social skills. It's a time filled with opportunities for collaboration and community, culminating in projects and events that highlight the spirit of the season.

We understand that holiday plans may affect attendance, but we encourage you to prioritize your child's school commitments. If your child must miss school, please communicate with their teachers to ensure they can stay on track with assignments and classroom activities.

Thank you for your continued support in ensuring your child's education remains a priority. Wishing you and your family a joyful and restful holiday season!

Warm regards,

Renee Murphy

Marcus Whitman Middle School

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360-874-6162

Math

Try this task together at home with your student.

Use the numbers 1, 2, 4, 6, and 7 and any math operation (addition, subtraction, multiplication, division, parenthesis, exponents, etc) to make the number 33 in as many unique ways as you can. You can use the numbers as many times as you want, and you can combine numbers to make a larger number (i.e. 1 and 2 can be 12).

What mathematical habits did you use to help you process the task? Check out the Mathematical Habits of Mind and Interaction here! <https://drive.google.com/file/d/1G7oBOInu7jU6f8OaE8lou7YKiBcPbPzs/view?usp=sharing>

Check out the MW Math Website for more resources! <https://sites.google.com/skschools.org/mw-math/home>

Science:

8th Grade: The students have just finished the Cell Unit where they have learned the parts of the cells and will begin Human Body Systems.

7th Grade: The students have finished the Atoms unit and will begin Magic of Electrons where they will learn about electricity, make a morse code machine and a DC motor.

Join the Food Club!

When: Every Thursday

Time: 2:45 - 4:00 PM

Where: Room 203

Advisors: Mrs. Barnum and Mrs. Walls

Come explore a world of flavors! In the Food Club, we:

- Socialize and make new friends
- Discover foods from diverse cultures
- Chat about nutrition and healthy eating habits

Create and share delicious recipes

Bring your appetite for food *and* fun—see you there!

Our first meeting will be Thursday, November 7th!

**Marcus Whitman
Drama Team
Wreath Fundraiser
Handmade from Bacon's Farm in
Bremerton**

This QR code for SKSD
students and families



Deluxe Centerpiece
\$30



Candy Cane \$32



12 Inch-\$25
14 Inch-\$28
16 Inch-\$32



— Swag \$35 —



Garland \$35.00



Bow \$4-Bows are not included
on wreaths.



Deluxe Cross \$35.00



Marcus Whitman
Drama Team

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Orchard, WA



The Allies GSA Club: The Allies GSA Club is a group where students can connect, share their experiences, support one another, and be great allies for members of the Marcus LGBTQ+ community. Whether you are an LGBTQ+ student, a friend, or member of a queer family, you will find a welcoming home here. GSA meets every Tuesday after school until. A permission slip signed by student and parent must be submitted before participation. You can get a permission slip from the Main Office.

Weight Lifting Club will be meeting Tuesday and Thursday in the Weight Room. Time is from 2:50 pm to 3:50. This club is for students interested in learning how to lift weights for personal fitness or maybe getting ready for a sport. Permission slips are at the main office. Advisors Mr. Zappey and Mr. Dan

Unified Club! Where Students Belong! This club is a space for students of all backgrounds to come together and feel like they have a voice and belong. Along with meeting new friends, games, snacks, and activities, that help students grow and build a sense of community with sports and activities. We meet every Wednesday from 2:50—3:50 pm.

STEM Club—TSA is the perfect club for middle school students who love to explore, build, and compete! In TSA, you learn hands-on skills in areas like robotics, engineering, and design, while also developing teamwork and leadership abilities. TSA meets Thursday in Room 112 (Woodshop) from 2:45—3:45. Permission slips are at the main office.

D & D Club - In this club, students will run and play weekly games of D&D. Experienced players and newbies are all welcome! Club will meet Mondays, 2:45—3:55.

POKEMON Club - If you love Pokemon, this is the club for you. We talk Pokemon, trade Pokemon and catch them all. Meet Wednesdays from 2:50—3:50. Be sure you have submitted your permission slip before you attend.

DRAMA TEAM - Be a part of the spring musical and other acting performances. We meet the 4th Tuesday of each month from 2:50—3:30 and more often during performance season.

Running Club: Running club will begin on November 4, 2:50 to 4:00 in room 108. This club will be meeting once a week to explore good running habits, learn to stretch and warm up correctly and to do onsite and off site running. All are welcome, even those who may not be able to run YET! Great way to stay in shape and learn good stretching and warm up practices.

Greetings from the MW Counseling department!

Holiday Help

As we head into the holiday season, we wanted to take a moment and wish you all well. The holidays can be a wonderful time for family and friends to reconnect with one another, but these times can also be stressful. Don't forget to take some time to look after yourselves and your loved ones to help manage the stress of the season.

In the past, our school has been a source of support for many families during the holidays. We've been lucky enough to collaborate with community organizations that have been able to provide holiday meals and gifts. Unfortunately, we are concerned that there will be fewer resources and organizations available to help this year than there has been in the past. If your family is in need this year, please reach out to your child's school counselor **as early as possible** so there is time to help locate services. We would also ask that keep in mind that a request for help is not a guarantee that help will be available. We will certainly do our best to support our community.

For Thanksgiving support: please contact your student's counselor ASAP-- no later than Nov 7th.

For all other Holiday support, please contact your student's counselor ASAP-- no later than Nov 18th.

Counselor Contacts

For students with last names that begin with A-K, please reach out to Zack Fogel at fo-gel@skschools.org or 360-874-6164

For students with last names that begin with L-Z, please reach out to Haley Mishko at mish-koh@skschools.org or 360-874-6166

Food Support

Along those lines we also wanted to remind our families that weekend food help is still available to those who are in need. Backpacks for Kids is an organization that provides snacks or easy to prepare meals for students and their families to help stretch those budgets a little further. Applications for this program are linked below, or you can request a paper copy from you student's counselor.

<https://forms.gle/WdrVH3DU4C4fX8tSA>

Holiday Donation and Volunteer Opportunities

This last note is a request from us to you... if your family is in the fortunate position of being able to provide some help to others this holiday season, or any season, please consider a donation to one of the organizations listed below. These are the groups that we regularly work with that provide extra supports to our students and community. They also need volunteers to package and deliver items!

Organizations

Basket Brigade: <https://www.gigharborfoundation.org/gig-harbor-basket-brigade> (food donations or volunteers to package and deliver items)

Santa's Cause: Contact John Roemmich for volunteer opportunities (wrapping gifts) or if you would like to donate or sponsor a family at 360-633-6789 or centurioncarpetcleaning@gmail.com

Backpacks for Kids: <https://www.skschools.org/live-sk/backpacks-for-kids>

KCR: <https://www.kcr.org/christmas-angel/> (donation and volunteer opportunities)

Intramural Basketball and Soccer Schedules

Intramural Basketball start time **3:30** Modified Round Robin Format

Date	Opponent	Place
Nov 15	CH & JS	Marcus
Nov 22	CH & JS	Sedgwick
Dec 6	CH & JS	Cedar



Intramural Soccer start time 3:15

Date	Opponent	Place
Nov 15	Cedar	Cedar
Nov 19	Sedgwick	Marcus
Dec 3	Cedar	Marcus
Dec 11	Sedgwick	Sedgwick

Girls Soccer Game Schedule

Varsity start at 3:30 pm & JV starts at 5:00 pm

Date	Opponent	Place
Nov 14	Hawkins	SKHS
Nov 15	Curtis	Curtis
Nov 18	Cedar	SKHS
Nov 20	Sedgwick	SKHS
Nov 25	Mt. View	Mt. View
Dec 3	Hawkins	Hawkins
Dec 5	Curtis	SKHS
Dec 9	Cedar	SKHS
Dec 11	Sedgwick	SKHS
Dec 17	Mt. View	SKHS



Boys Basketball Game Schedule

Varsity starts at 3:30 pm & JV stars at 5:00 pm

DATE	OPPONENT	PLACE
Nov 15	Hawkins	Hawkins
Nov 18	Curtis	Marcus
Nov 20	Cedar	Marcus
Nov 25	Sedgwick	Sedgwick
Dec 5	Mt. View	Marcus
Dec 11	Curtis	Curtis
Dec 12	Cedar	Cedar
Dec 18	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
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360-874-7071
sarett@skschools.org

Section 504 Coordinator:

Paul Hulbert,
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Gender Inclusivity Compliance Officer:

Dr. Tom Edwards

Assistant Superintendent for Student Achievement
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