



MIDDLE SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

November 21, 2024

IMPORTANT DATES: NOVEMBER

- 22 - Fall Field Day
Dress in House Colors!
- 25 - 29 - Thanksgiving Break

IMPORTANT DATES: DECEMBER

- 6 - Late Start @ 9:00
House Dress Up Day
- 7 - Holiday Concert in Sugar Land Town Square @ 2:00 PM
- 13 - Christmas Pep Rally
- 14 - Broadway Jr. Revue: "Raise Your Voice" @ 7:00 PM (Advanced Musical Theatre Class)
- 18 - 20 Finals for 7th and 8th Grade
Early Release
- 23 - 1/6 - Christmas Break

NOTE FROM MRS. CARROLL, HEAD OF MIDDLE SCHOOL:

Dear Parents,

Don't forget that tomorrow is our **Amazing Race Fall Field Day!**

All students should go directly to their house classroom at 7:45 a.m. to rehearse their Lip Sync performance one last time. After rehearsal, we will head to the Cafetorium for the Lip Sync Battle, which will kick off the day's events. The Amazing Race activities will follow the performances.

A few reminders:

1. **Snacks and Drinks:** We are still very short on snacks and drinks for our students. You should have received a reminder email from your house teachers regarding the items your house is in charge of bringing. Please drop off those items any time between now and **8:30 a.m. Friday morning.**
2. **House Colors:** Encourage your student to come dressed in their house colors while still adhering to the dress code outlined in our handbook.
3. **Water Bottles:** Make sure your student brings a **labeled reusable water bottle** to stay hydrated.

Thank you to everyone who prayed for good weather—we are blessed to have beautiful weather for this fun filled day!

As we head into Thanksgiving break, I pray that you all have a wonderful, restful holiday filled with intentional quality time together. I am truly beyond grateful for the opportunity to serve at such a fantastic school with amazing families like yours.

We look forward to seeing everyone back on **Monday, December 2!**

Blessings,

Melisa Carroll

Head of Middle School

COUNSELOR'S CORNER:

We have been focusing on kindness this month!

Last week we played "kindness bingo" in honor of World Kindness Day. Students were reminded of simple ways to show kindness to others and were challenged to complete

three acts of kindness throughout the week. We continued practicing kindness this week with “Thanksgiving Grams”. Thanksgiving grams are a great way to show kindness to others by expressing gratitude. Notes of gratitude can remind us of the positive impact we can have on others and they can make someone’s day.

We are wishing you a joyful, happy Thanksgiving break with all of your family and friends!

MIDDLE SCHOOL BULLETIN BOARD

Fall Book Fair Announcement!

Tomorrow is our last day of the book fair!

Book Fair Hours:

Friday 7:15-2:30

- **Shop Our Fair Online:** Can’t attend in person? No worries! Shop a wider selection of books at fairs.literati.com, including popular online exclusives like *Dog Man* and *The Baby-Sitters Club*. When you search for our school, double-check that you have the right city and state.
- **Buy Gift Cards:** Purchase digital gift cards for use at both our in-person and online fairs, for an easy payment method that won’t get lost in a backpack (and never expires!).



Lost and Found

We will be cleaning out our Lost and Found tomorrow morning and any items left will be donated at that time.

GENERAL MIDDLE SCHOOL INFORMATION:

External Emails

This year, as an added safety precaution, students are no longer able to receive any outside emails. This does include any emails from their parents. If you have any messages that you need to get to your student, please feel free to email or call the Middle School office and we would be happy to pass along the information!

Student Birthdays

Parents, please feel free to come decorate your student's locker on their birthday. You are welcome to come after school the day before up until 4:00 p.m. or the morning of their birthday. As a reminder, students are only able to keep their lockers decorated for the week of their birthday.

ATTENDANCE PROCEDURES:

Tardies

If your student is tardy to a class, they will be marked absent and then the office will change it to a tardy. The process for it to appear as a tardy and not an absence may take up to 24 hours.

REFERENCES

[Middle School Lunch Menu](#)

[Spirit Wear Store \(able to be worn on any Friday\)](#)

[24-25 Middle School Bell Schedule](#)

[Middle School Athletics Calendar](#)

[24- 25 Traditions Calendar](#)

[24 - 25 Instructional Calendar](#)

IT Parent Training Videos

[Navigating Blackbaud](#)

[Lunch Tab](#)

[School Pass](#)

[Student iPad Tutorial](#)

[SNAP Nurse's Portal](#)

School Times

School starts at 7:45 a.m. and ends at 3:05 p.m.

Middle School Drop-Off

Students may be dropped off beginning at 7:15 a.m. (If you need to drop your child off earlier, please sign them up for the Extended Care Program.) Students arriving after 7:15 a.m. will go directly to the cafeteria and will be dismissed at 7:30 a.m. to go to their lockers and then to their first period class. All students should be dropped off in the front car line area. There will be staff outside directing traffic and welcoming students.

Students are not allowed to go upstairs until 7:30 A. M.

Middle School Afternoon Pick-Up (Middle School Students only)

Students should report immediately after the 3:05 p.m. dismissal to the front of the school. Pick up will be made in one of two lines. Students with the last name beginning with the alphabet

A-M is picked up in the lane closest to the school.

N - Z is picked up outside lane between the 1st and 2nd row of parked cars

There is staff outside assisting students to their cars. Please make sure you have your car tag visible.

Middle School Afternoon Pick Up (Upper, Middle and Lower School Students)

Students of carpools that also include upper school and/or lower school students report to the area outside the front doors and wait for the lower school carpool to begin at 3:15 p.m.

Upper school carpool begins at 3:30 p.m.

Any student not picked up by 3:45 p.m. goes to the Extended Care Program and regular extended care fees are billed to the parent's account.

No middle school student is allowed to leave campus from the upper school.

Lunch

"A" lunch for 5th and 6th grade students is from 12:10 p.m. to 12:45 p.m. on regular days and 12:00 p.m. - 12:35 p.m. on Chapel days.

"B" lunch for 7th and 8th grade students is from 1:00 p.m. - 1:35 p.m. on regular days and 12:50 p.m. - 1:25 p.m. on Chapel days.

You are always welcome to come and join your child for lunch.

We do not allow DoorDash deliveries for students.

Technology

All Middle School students are issued an iPad for their school use. Students may use their own device at home; however while on campus, they will be required to use the school issued IPAD only.

5th grade students do not take IPADS home.

6th, 7th and 8th grade students are responsible for bringing their IPADS to and from home, as well as making sure they are fully charged each day.

The office will no longer issue students a loaner IPAD in the event they leave theirs at home.

MYFBCA and Student Password

MyFBCA is our online portal where parents and students can see classes and resources. Please follow the instructions below to obtain your student's password information.

1. Sign in to [MyFBCA](#) - as a parent with your email address
2. Under Children select the student's name
3. Click on the Contact Card tab
4. Under General Information note the Student ID #

Student ID numbers are only visible to faculty, staff, the student, and the student's parent/guardian. A student ID # should never be shared with anyone else. The default password for students will be Fb+Student ID # (for example, the student has a student ID # of 12502099, therefore the temporary password is Fb12502099).

House Shirt Orders

If you are interested in purchasing a House Shirt, please follow the link below! These are able to be worn any Friday and especially for house dress up days! Also, this year, students will receive 20 house points EVERY Friday that they choose to wear their house shirt. This is such an easy way for students to get house points and show their house spirit!

[Middle School House Shirts](#)

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