



TRAILBLAZER NEWS

January 2025

MARCUS WHITMAN MIDDLE SCHOOL

Blazer Basketball Tryouts:

IMPORTANT: Players must be registered on “Finalforms” and have everything completed to tryout. *This includes a **doctor's physical**. Make sure your child checks his/ her school email and signs all necessary documents after registering to be eligible to tryout.*

Where: MW Gym.

When: Monday - Wednesday Jan 6, 7, and 8

Times: **Monday-** **All** grades will check in and tryout together from **3:00-5:30pm**.

(**6th graders** will meet with Coach Mackie after **Monday's tryout** to discuss who will be on the intramural team or be invited to tryout with the 7th and 8th graders to compete for a JV or Varsity spot.)

Tuesday- 7th grade (and 6th graders invited by coach Mackie) **3-4:30**

8th grade (and 6th/7th graders invited by coach Mackie) **4:30-6:00**

(First cut will be made after Monday's tryout)

Wednesday- 7th grade (and 6th graders invited by coach Mackie) **3-4:30**

8th grade (and 6th/7th graders invited by coach Mackie) **4:30-6:00**

(Final cut will be made after Wednesday's tryout)



Come join us on January 14 from 5:30 to 7 for some math fun. Math night at Marucus Whitman will consist of fun math games, math puzzles, and snacks. Ask your teacher how you can get signed up for some math fun. Hope to see you all there.



From the Counseling Office...

Mrs. Mishko (who serves students with the last name L-Z) will be going on maternity leave starting January 9th. Mrs. Eccleston will be taking over for her for the remainder of the year. She has been in the week prior to break meeting staff and students and getting up to speed. Mrs. Eccleston just moved to the area with her husband and 3 kids and is excited to work with our students and families! Please introduce yourself if you see her around campus!

A friendly reminder--- If your family could use food support during the break, please reach out to the following resources:

<https://skhelpline.org/get-involved/>

<https://www.spiritoflifelutheran.org/lifecare-foodbank.html>

<https://www.svdpbremerton.com/>

- First Lutheran Church: 360-876-3901, SK Family Kitchen serves free meals during the last two weeks of the month on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, and Fridays. Located at 2483 Mitchell Rd in Port Orchard
- Care Kitchen: Serves free dinner Wednesdays from 5:00-6:00 pm. Location: Christian Life Center 1780 Lincoln Ave in Port Orchard

<https://www.ghpfish.org/>

January Spirit Day

10 - Royalty Day



17- Pajama Day



31-Marvel vs DC



Connected – Safety – Integrity – Perseverance – Achievement

A NEW YEAR BRINGS LOTS OF NEW AND EXCITING OPPORTUNITIES TO GROW AS A FAMILY.
DARE YOURSELF TO DO AT LEAST ONE OF THESE TOGETHER AS A FAMILY THIS MONTH.



Discuss and set a short term goal for your family based on your family values.



Create a secret handshake with each of your family members.



What is your favorite family recipe? Cook it together while teaching the steps.



Do a deep clean and organize an area of your home together. Donate items you don't need to a local charity.



Paint or decorate a door or space in your home. Put up pictures as a way to review what your family did over the past year.



Learn a new skill like juggling! Support one another while you challenge your brain and improve your physical coordination.



Write a family story! Have each person write a paragraph and pass the story along to someone else to write the next paragraph. Keep passing until you have a complete story.

January Family Dares

Helpful hints to encourage school attendance.....

Develop back up plans for getting your children to school in bad weather. Check to see who can give your children a ride to school if you aren't able to take them or the bus doesn't arrive.

Keep your children healthy. Maintain a regular bedtime and morning routine. Ensure students eat a good breakfast every morning or check to see if your school serves breakfast. Ensure your children visit their medical provider and have received their vaccines, including flu and Covid. Stress hand washing, particularly before and after eating, and after using the restroom.

Communicate with the school

If your student is going to be absent :

Please call the Attendance Office (360-874-6170), or

E-mail the Attendance Specialist (meddles@skschools.org),

Or, enter the absence on skyward.

If your student is going to be late:

Please call the Attendance Office,

Or, send your student in with a note,

Or, verbally excuse it when you come in to the building to drop your student off.

After School Clubs

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.

Girls Basketball & Wrestling to begin on Monday, January 6.

I wanted to send out some helpful information to ensure that your child is completely ready for Tryouts, which will begin on Monday, January 6, right after school. **PLEASE NOTE:** In order to receive more specific information your child **MUST** be registered for that Sport in [FinalForms](#), so please ensure that you log in and select the sport that your child would like to try out for on Monday, January 6.

STUDENT ELIGIBILITY:

The following is REQUIRED for ALL students in order to be able to Tryout:

Completed Registration in [FinalForms](#) with Sport Selected (Including Guardian **AND** Student's Signature on Forms)

Current [Sports Physical](#) (Valid for Only 13 Months from Exam Date)

Once selected for a team, the \$30 [ASB Fee](#) must be paid or the student will not be permitted to leave class, travel, or participate in games.

Students will **NOT** be able to participate if they do not have their Registration and Sports Physical completed. If you are having difficulty getting your child seen for a physical before January 6th, please reference these [Optional Sports Physical Locations](#).

TRYOUT INFORMATION:

Tryouts for both sports will start right after school on Monday, January 6. Students who are planning on trying out will meet their coaches in the Commons right after school. Students will NOT go into the Locker Rooms to change until after Attendance has been taken and each student's eligibility is confirmed in FinalForms.

Tryout times may vary depending on each sport. Our coaches are putting together their sport-specific Tryout Schedules, please plan on your child being after school each day for Tryouts. Tryout times typically go until 5:00 PM, but Girls Basketball could go until 6:00 PM. It is important that they not miss a day if it can be avoided. We have a very high number of students trying out for each sport, so being able to be present each day is extremely important.

Tryouts & Practices are CLOSED to **ALL** Spectators.

C TEAM INFORMATION:

6th & 7th Grade Parents: If your child is interested in participating in C Team Girls Basketball, **THEY MUST PARTICIPATE IN TRYOUTS in order to be considered**. C Team Sports are now CUT SPORTS and we are limited to only 15 students per team.

WHAT TO BRING:

Here are the basics of what to bring for each sport.

GIRLS BASKETBALL

- T-Shirt
- Basketball/Athletic Shorts
- Athletic Shoes (Non-Skid)
- Water Bottle

WRESTLING

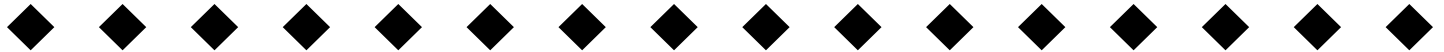
- T-Shirt
 - Athletic Shorts
 - Hair Tie
 - Water Bottle
- Personal Headgear - IF you have it. Extra headgear will be available.

Please make sure that you log into [FinalForms](#) as soon as possible to make sure that your child is 100% Registered for the exact sport - Girls Basketball or Wrestling - that they would like to participate in for Winter 2. You may also go ahead and select any of the Spring Sports to get a jump start on that season!!

Wrestling Match Schedule

All games start at 4:00 pm

DATE	OPPONENT	PLACE
Jan 27	Fairview	Marcus
Jan 29	Central	Marcus
Feb 3	Mr. View	Mt. View
Feb 5	Cedar	Marcus
Feb 11	Sedgwick	Sedgwick
Feb 12	Hawkins	Marcus
Feb 25	Curtis	Curtis
Feb 26	Ridgetop	Ridgetop
Mar 3	Poulsbo	Marcus
Mar 8	Tournament	Fairview
Mar 15	Championships	SKHS



Girls Basketball Game Schedule

All games start at 3:30 pm

Date	Opponent	Place
Jan 29	Curtis	Curtis
Feb 3	Mt. View	Marcus
Feb 5	Sedgwick	Marcus
Feb 10	Cedar	Marcus
Feb 25	Hawkins	Marcus
Feb 27	Curtis	Marcus
Mar 3	Mt. View	Mt. View
Mar 5	Sedgwick	Sedgwick
Mar 10	Cedar	Cedar
Mar 12	Hawkins	Hawkins

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

Section 504 Coordinator:

Tiffany Buckley,

Assistant Director of Health Services

2689 Hoover Avenue SE, Port Orchard, WA 98366

360-443-3763,

buckley@skschools.org

Gender Inclusivity Compliance Officer:

Dr. Tom Edwards,

Assistant Superintendent for Student Achievement

2689 Hoover Ave SE, Port Orchard, WA 98366

360-874-7003

edwards@skschools.org

Volunteer Information

Your student may become more independent at the Middle School level, however, there are still volunteer opportunities.

Band/Choir/Orchestra Field Trips

Help with Student Events

Fieldtrip Chaperones

Teacher Appreciation events

Volunteer applications are available in the Main office and are required to be in place before volunteering.

Applications will be process at the District Office, Amy Miller at Millera@skschools.org (360) 874-7005.