

TRAILBLAZER NEWS

May 2025

MARCUS WHITMAN MIDDLE SCHOOL

TEACHER APPRECIATION WEEK

Every school year we take a week to appreciate our teachers. This year it is May 5 through May 9.

Often ,as we go about our busy lives we lose sight of how hard our teachers are working to provide the best school year for the students here at Marcus Whitman..

Teacher Appreciation Week gives all of us an opportunity to express our gratitude. There is an opportunity for parents and volunteers to contribute to the traditional Teacher Appreciation Luncheon on Thursday., May 8th.

The link below is where you can sign up to bring a little summer picnic joy to the Teacher Appreciation Luncheon.

https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0E4EA9A92EA7FEC43-56518111-ssspicnic#/



State Testing Dates & Information

Below you will find the testing schedule for our required state testing. All students will be participating in the Smarter Balanced Assessment for Math and ELA (see detailed schedule below). Our eighth graders will also be taking the Washington Comprehensive Assessment for Science (WCAS) during their 1st and 2nd period classes on May 6th.

| Tuesday May 6 | Wednes- day May 7 | Thursday May 8 |
|----------------------------|-------------------------|---------------------|
| 8th WCAS 8th Grade Only | | ELA CAT (2 Hour) |
| (1st/2nd Period) | | Overflow |
| | Wednes- | |
| Tuesday | day | Thursday |
| May 13 | May 14 | May 15 |
| ELA PT | | Math PT |
| (2 Hour) | | (1 hour) |
| Overflow | | Overflow |
| | Wednes- | |
| Tuesday | day | Thursday |
| May. 20 | May. 21 | May. 22 |
| Math CAT | | |
| (2 Hour) | | |
| Overflow | | |

WCAS=Washington Comprehensive
Assessment of Science
CAT=Computer Adaptive Test

PT=Performance Task

If your student is absent on the day of testing, we will have them make up the test prior to the end of the testing window. If you know you will be gone multiple days, then please email Mrs. Chang the dates, so she can arrange an alternate testing time, if necessary.

To help your student perform their best, please make sure they are well rested and eat a healthy breakfast. They will need to come prepared with a charged Chromebook and wired headphones. A good pep talk never hurts!

If you have any questions regarding testing, you may reach out to Mrs. Chang at 360-874-6175 or via email at chang@skschools.org.

| May 8 th , 13 th , and 20 th | May 15 th |
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Special Bell Schedule Special Bell Schedule

Testing Block: 8:10am to 10:10am Testing Block: 8:10am to 9:10am

Periods 1 to 6: 10:15am to 2:45pm Periods 1 to 6: 9:15am to 2:45pm

Lunch Times: Lunch Times:

6th: 10:55-11:25 6th: 10:55-11:25

7th: 11:35-12:05 7th: 11:45-12:15

8th: 12:15 –12:45 8th: 12:35 –1:05



May 2nd- Star Wars Day

Wear your favorite Star Wars outfit!

May 9th- Workout Day

Wear an outfit you workout in.

May 16th- Crazy Sock Day

Wear some crazy socks!

May 23rd- Flower Power Day

Wear something with flowers on it.

May 30th-Camo Day

Wear something camo!

MW Masonic Teacher of the Year



We want to congratulate Mary Anne Van Doornik for receiving the MW Masonic Teacher of the Year award this year.





8TH GRADE PROMOTION

Attention 8th grade families!

We will be celebrating our 8th graders at a promotion ceremony on June 17 at 1:30pm in the Marcus Whitman gym. Families are encouraged to come and celebrate their student. We are excited for what the future holds for these Trailblazers.

Save the date and help us celebrate!

8th Grade Promotion Ceremony – Join Us in Celebrating!

The time has come to celebrate our 8th-grade students as they complete their middle school journey and prepare for high school! Families are invited to join us for this special occasion at our 8th Grade Promotion Ceremony on Tuesday, June 17, at 1:30 PM in the MWMS gym.

Event Details

- **Time & Location:** The ceremony will begin promptly at **1:30 PM in the gym**. We kindly ask that all guests be seated before the start of the event.
- **Student Procession:** After a regular morning of classes, students will report to the commons with their **5th-period class** to line up before processing into the gym.
- **Seating Arrangements:** Students will be seated in chairs on the gym floor, while families will have a view from the bleachers.
- Ceremony Highlights:
- Student musicians will sing and perform to help mark the occasion.
- Students will hear words of encouragement as they prepare for their next chapter.
- Each student will have their name read, receive a promotion certificate from their teacher, and shake hands with an administrator in recognition of their achievement.
- Conclusion & Dismissal: The ceremony will conclude around 2:30 PM. Families are welcome to take their student home afterward if they wish.

Photo Opportunities

To help capture this special milestone, photo stations will be set up for students and families to take pictures after the ceremony. We encourage you to take a moment to commemorate this exciting day!

We look forward to celebrating our incredible 8th-grade students and their achievements. **See you on June 17!**

Volunteer Opportunities

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

Tutoring students/Assisting the teacher

Band/Choir/Orchestra Assistant

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 sent to the District Office for processing.

District Contact: Amy Miller at Millera@skschools.org (360) 874-7005.



Student Store Information

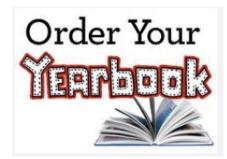
Yearbooks are available for pre-order. Price goes up to \$40 5/3/24.

Deadline to purchase tickets to the 8th Grade Music Field Trip to Wild Waves is 5/15/24. \$20

Deadline to purchase general 8th Grade class trip to Wild Waves is 5/12/24. \$30

Tickets & Yearbooks are available for purchase through the student store & on the webstore. https://wa-southkitsap.intouchreceipting.com/

Yearbooks will be delivered in June



EVENTS 2025 STH GRADE SCHEDULE

8th grade trip to Bullwinkles June 12, 2025, Buy your ticket for \$30 at the student store or online web store

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Bullwinkles is a Tukwila family fun center with Go-karts, laser tag, bumper boats, bumper cars, 30 arcade points, plus one attraction of guests choice

You can bring your own lunch, get a school provided luch, or buy food there

ATTENTION MARCUS!

YEARBOOK SALES!

ORDER YOURS NOW!

.\$40 WITHOUT

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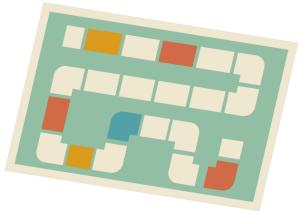
ORDER ONLINE OR AT THE STUDENT STORE

2024-2025



MAY 2025

Games provide an enjoyable, interactive, and hands-on way to enhance executive function skills!



What are Executive Function Skills?

Executive function skills are the many tasks our brain performs that are necessary to think, act, and problem solve (flexible thinking, organization, focus, working memory, impulse control, task initiation, etc)

GAME RECOMMENDATIONS:

- Ticket to Ride
- Rummy
- Magic Labyrinth
 Game
- Chess

- Battleship
 - Memory
 - Pictionary
 - Uno
 - Jenga

May is Speech and Hearing Month!

POP QUIZ

How well do you speak Middle School? Test your vocabulary skills with this quick test! Match the word with the correct definition! You're goat, no cap, so don't ghost me cuz you so sigma!

| Yeet | A. Something that is not true or a lie |
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| Goat | B. To suddenly cut off communication with someone |
| Сар | C. Describing someone who looked amazing or did something perfectly. |
| Bussin' | D. The greatest of all time |
| Bet | E. OK! For sure! Alright! |
| Ate | F. To throw something really fast. |
| | G. Extremely cool or awesome |
| Drip | H. Describing a nice outfit or item of clothing. |

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Intramural Volleyball - 3:30 start

round robin format

| Date | Games | Place |
|-------|-----------------|-------|
| May 2 | Game 1 JS vs CH | Cedar |
| | Game 2 MW vs JS | |
| | Game 3 MW vs CH | |

Cross Country Meet Schedule - 4:00 start

| Date | Opponent | Place |
|--------|---------------------------|----------|
| May 7 | Sedgwick/Cedar | Sedgwick |
| May 14 | Poulsbo/Ridgetop | Poulsbo |
| May 21 | Klahowya | Klahowya |
| May 28 | South Futurist | Mt. View |
| May 29 | WSMS League Championships | TBD |

Football Schedule -4:00 start

| DATE | OPPONENT | PLACE |
|--------|-------------------|----------|
| May 1 | Fairview | Marcus |
| May 8 | Kingston | Kingston |
| May 15 | Hawkins | Marcus |
| May 22 | Cedar | Marcus |
| May 29 | Division Playoffs | TBD |



Intramural Flag Football - 3:30 start

round robin format

| Date | Opponent | | | Place | | |
|-------|----------|---------|-------|-------|---|--|
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| Date | Opponent | Place |
|--------|----------|----------|
| May 6 | Mt. View | Mt. View |
| May 8 | Hawkins | Marcus |
| May 13 | Curtis | Curtis |
| May 15 | Cedar | Marcus |
| May 20 | Sedgwick | Sedgwick |
| May 22 | Hawkins | Hawkins |
| May 27 | Mt. View | Marcus |

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 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 2689 Hoover Avenue SE, Port Orchard, WA 98366 360-874-7071 sarett@skschools.org

Section 504 Coordinator:
Paul Hulbert,
Principal
2689 Hoover Avenue SE, Port Orchard, WA 98366
360-443-3610,
hulbert@skschools.org

Gender Inclusivity Compliance Officer: Dr. Tom Edwards Assist. Superintendent /Student Achievement 2689 Hoover Avenue SE, Port Orchard, WA 360-874-7003 edwards@skschools.org