



TRAILBLAZER NEWS

November 2025

MARCUS WHITMAN MIDDLE SCHOOL

Marcus Whitman Middle School

Veteran's Day Assembly

November 10th, 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



Dear Trailblazer Families,

As we wrap up October, I want to extend my heartfelt thanks to all of our parents and guardians who attended **conferences the week of October 27th**. Your presence, partnership, and support mean so much to your children and to us. When families and schools work together, students feel seen, supported, and inspired to do their best and that connection truly makes a difference in their educational experience.

Another huge thank you as well for helping make **Spirit Week** a success! The energy, creativity, and positivity our students bring to our campus is contagious: It's always amazing to see our Trailblazer pride shine through.

Trunk or Treat - Friday October 31, 4:00—5:00 PM

We're excited for our annual **Trunk or Treat** event! Families are invited to decorate a trunk, hand out candy, or simply come enjoy the festivities. Set-up begins at 3:30 PM, and the event runs from 4:00–5:00 PM.

If you'd like to volunteer, please contact **Mrs. Barnum or Ms. Bates**. Let's make this a fun, memory-filled celebration for our students!

Trailblazer Kindness & Responsibility

Our students are doing an amazing job this fall—greeting staff with smiles, saying hello, and showing kindness every day. One area we're continuing to focus on is “**leaving spaces cleaner than we found them.**” Please help us remind students at home about the importance of taking pride in our school and respecting the hard work of our custodial team who keep MWMS clean and welcoming for everyone.

Staff Learning: The SCARF Model

During last week's professional development, our staff learned about the **SCARF Model** which stands for *Status, Certainty, Autonomy, Relatedness, and Fairness*. *This framework helps us understand the social and emotional factors that influence how people respond to change, feedback, and collaboration.*

We're reflecting on how these ideas show up in our daily interactions with students, families, and one another—and how small awareness shifts can build greater trust and safety across our community.

If you'd like to explore more, you're invited to read the same article and video below:

[Managing with the Brain in Mind](#)

[Glimmer Article](#)

[Scarf Video](#)

A Note on Current Events

We recognize that the recent **government shutdown** may be creating stress or uncertainty for some families. Please know that resources are available at school to help support students and families in need. Don't hesitate to reach out to our counseling team or main office if we can assist in any way.

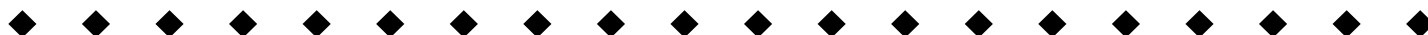
Thank you, families, for your continued support, engagement, and positivity. Together, we make Marcus Whitman Middle School a place where every student can thrive.

With appreciation,

Tara Ranzy

Principal

Marcus Whitman Middle School

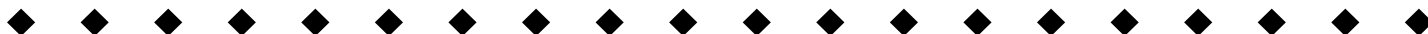


STEAM Night

November 18, 2025 5:30 to 7:00 for all students and their families

Join us for a night of STEAM challenges and activities with prizes and raffles.

Something for all ages!.



Marcus Whitman Running/Walking Club

Want to spend some time with running and or walking with your friends? Learn how to stretch and warmup before sports to prevent injuries? Run or walk off campus to promote healthy lifestyles? Want to join the group of students who ran through the hallways with permission?!!!

Join the Marcus Whitman Running/Walking Club. We meet on Monday afternoons from 2:50 to 4:00 starting in Room 107 starting November 10th. See Mrs. Kogan if you have any questions. Just need a water bottle and a comfortable pair of shoes.

Dear Families,

The holiday season is often a special time for gathering with loved ones and celebrating together. However, we know it can also be a time of added stress and financial strain for many in our community. As part of this caring community, we want to do what we can to support our neighbors during this season.

If your family could use some extra support this holiday season, please use the attached QR codes — one for **Thanksgiving** and one for **Winter Holidays**. Scanning a code will take you to a short online form that helps us connect you with the appropriate community resources.

Please note that completing a form does not guarantee assistance, but we will do our best to connect your family with available programs and supports.

If you are unable to scan the QR code or have any questions, please contact your student's counselor for assistance.

Thanksgiving Family Needs Form: <https://forms.gle/xqq3rcf5bmvrjwB6>



Holiday Family Needs Form: <https://forms.gle/gJYavXfRR7wDYcEt8>



2025-2026 Girls Soccer Tryouts!

Soccer tryouts start on November 3rd for Marcus Whitman Girls Soccer .

Are you ready for an exciting and rewarding girls soccer season? Well, come join us after school for 2 days of tryouts. Try outs will be on the MW field on 11/3 & 11/4 @ 2:45 pm – 4:25 PM . All athletes must be cleared in Final Forms and have ready the day of tryouts: cleats, shin guards, soccer socks, water bottle. The results will be posted on 11/5. (See Coach Schroeder for any questions.)

Parent Information Meeting on November 5th at 4:45PM



MW Boys' Basketball Try-outs

Important information for tryouts:

Final forms must be complete which includes a physical and any e-signatures (parents and student athletes).

If the player does not turn in proof of a physical, they cannot tryout according to WIAA guidelines.

Try-out schedule:

Monday 11/3/25 All grades will report to the gym for attendance.

3:20-4:20- 6th Grade try-outs.

4:20-5:30 7th and 8th Grade try-outs.

Tuesday 11/4/25

3:00-4:00- 6th Grade try-outs. (Coach Elvidge and Mackie will talk to 6th graders about try-outs/practice next week depending on how many try-out.)

4:00-5:30- 7th and 8th Grade try-outs.

Wednesday 11/5/25

3:00 to 5:30 7th and 8th Grade try-outs (First cut following)

Thursday 11/6/25

3:00 to 5:30- 7th and 8th Grade try-outs (Final cut following)

**Do you want to help
donate toward ASB
activities for 2025-2026
School Year???**

**Come to our McTakeover on
Nov. 12th from 5-7 pm.**

**Sedgwick Location
233 Bravo Terrace SE,
Port Orchard, WA**





☐ Tryout Schedule

Tryout Clinics:

- ☐ November 3rd & 4th, 2025
- ☐ 3:00 PM – 4:30 PM
- ☐ Marcus Whitman Middle School commons

Final Tryout Day:

- ☐ November 5th, 2025
- ☐ 3:00 PM – 4:30 PM
- ☐ Marcus Whittman commons

On this day, athletes will perform all material learned during the clinic.

The Marcus Whitman Spirit Squad is a two-season commitment, cheering for both boys and girls basketball during Winter 1 and Winter 2. Before signing up, please consider the following:

- This is a high-commitment sport. If you plan to participate in other sports, plays, or extracurriculars that conflict with the basketball season, Spirit Squad may not be the right fit.
- We have only 16 spots available. If you cannot commit to both seasons, please consider the impact on teammates who are fully dedicated.
- Spirit Squad includes sideline cheerleading and stunting. Athletes will learn stunting fundamentals, including basing and flying techniques, which require strength, endurance, and a willingness to learn.
- During tryouts, we will introduce basic stunting skills. Full training in stunting safety and technique will begin once the season starts.



HI JOY BOWL

MIDDLE SCHOOL TAKEOVER

Come join us for a fun night of Rock & Bowl at Hi Joy Bowl and help support our Middle School Girls Bowling Teams!

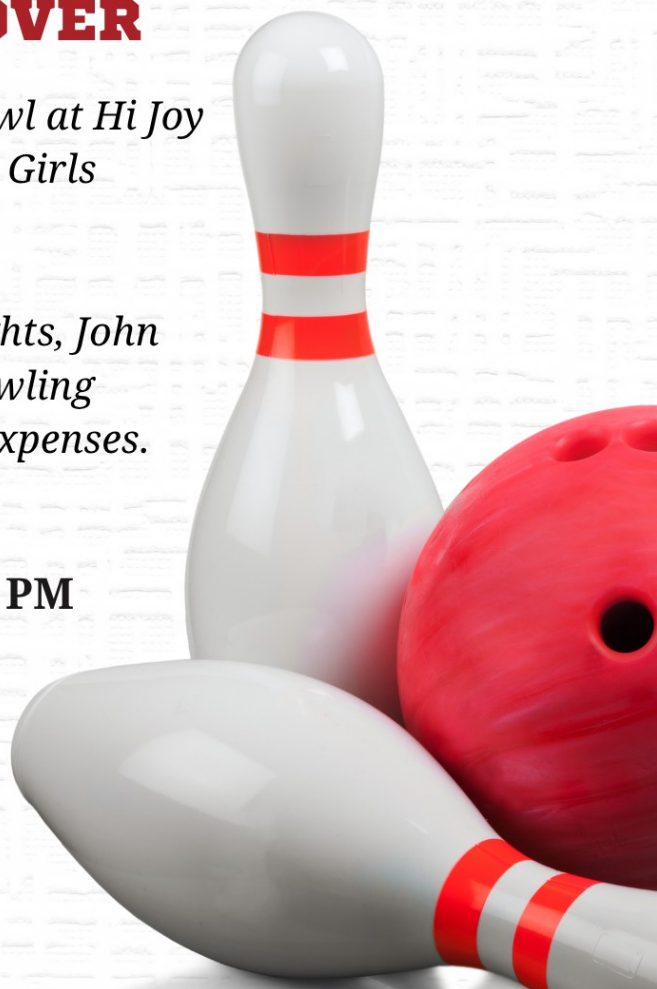
All proceeds go directly to the Cedar Heights, John Sedgwick, and Marcus Whitman Girls Bowling Programs to help cover the competition expenses.

SATURDAY

 **NOVEMBER 15, 2025 | 5:00 - 7:00 PM**

 **Hi Joy Bowl**

BOOKING NOW



SK HELPLINE FOOD DRIVE

Thanksgiving Canned Food Drive

Let's Share & Care

Join us helping
community in need!

Items needed:
Canned Cranberry Sauce
Canned Green Beans
Canned Corn
Canned Sweet Potatoes



November
1-21

Drop-off location:
Marcus Whitman Middle School
Open from 7:00am to 4:00pm



MW DRAMA TEAM FUNDRAISER

Fresh Locally Made Wreaths from
Bacon's Farm in Bremerton

All products are noble fir with incense
cedar and juniper accents topped with
pine cones; bow sold
separately

Order by Nov. 14th for delivery the 21st
and 22nd. Pick up at MWMS
All funds go toward the MWMS Drama
Team!

Questions? walls@skschools.org



30inch-35\$



20inch-26\$
22inch-28\$
24inch-32\$
28inch-35\$



Centerpiece-32\$



36inch-35\$



Noble Fir Door Swag
30inches-38\$



Velvet Bow-4\$

Girls Soccer Game Schedule

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

Date	Opponent	Place
Nov 14	Sedgwick	SKHS
Nov 17	Klahowya	Klahowya
Nov 24	Ridgetop	SKHS
Nov 26	Hawkins	SKHS
Dec 1	Fairview	Fairview
Dec 4	Central Kitsap	SKHS
Dec 8	Poulsbo	NKHS Stadium
Dec 11	Kingston	SKHS
Dec 12	Curtis	Curtis High School
Dec 17	Cedar	SKHS



Boys Basketball Game Schedule

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

DATE	OPPONENT	PLACE
Nov 17	Kingston	Marcus
Nov 19	Sedgwick	Sedgwick
Nov 21	Cedar	Cedar
Nov 24	Klahowya	Marcus
Dec 1	Curtis	Marcus
Dec 3	Mt. View	Mt. View
Dec 8	Poulsbo	Marcus
Dec 10	Central	Central High School
Dec 15	Fairview	Fairview
Dec 18	Ridgetop	Marcus



Culinary Clubs meets Thursday in Room 101 from 2:50 – 4pm.

DRAMA TEAM - Drama Team meets Thursday from 2:45 – 3:45 in the theater. Be sure you have your permission slip turned in. Everyone is welcome!

Marcus GSA Club: The Marcus 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 Thursday after school until 3:50. A permission slip signed by student and parent must be submitted before participation. You can get a permission slip from the Main Office.

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.

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.

Unified Club! Get ready for another year of fun events, engaging activities, and inspiring inclusion school community **Unified Club**. We will meet in room #203 Mrs. Schroeder's room, from 2:45PM-3:45PM. First day will be Wednesday, Sept 24th. This club is a space for students of all backgrounds to come together and feel like they have a voice and belonging, We offer unified robotics competitions (2nd year) and sport activities. Please fill out an application and turn it into ASB. See you there!

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

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

Date	Opponent	Place
Nov 14	CH & JS	Sedgwick
Nov 19	CH	Cedar
Dec 5	JS	Sedgwick

Intramural Soccer start time 3:15

Date	Opponent	Place
Nov 18	Sedgwick	Cedar
Nov 19	Sedgwick	Marcus
Dec 3	Cedar	Marcus
Dec 11	Sedgwick	Sedgwick

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:

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