

Dear Marcus Whitman Community,

We are thrilled to share some fantastic news about our dedicated Unified Robotics 2nd year Challenge! On November 16th, our team participated in the Unified Robotics Championship, competing alongside 20 outstanding schools at Liberty High School in Renton. We are proud to announce that our club not only finished as finalists, but also received the prestigious Inclusion Award! The Unified Robotics program promotes teamwork, collaboration, and inclusion, bringing together students of varying abilities to work towards a common goal. Throughout the competition, our Unified Club students showcased their remarkable skills in problem-solving, engineering/coding and communication. Their hard work, dedication, and camaraderie truly shined, exemplifying the spirit of unity that defines our club and school. Finishing as finalists among so many talented school teams is a monumental achievement that highlights the commitment and perseverance of our members. This recognition speaks volumes about the positive environment with diversity and teamwork celebrated! Moreover, receiving the Inclusion Award emphasizes our club's mission to create an inclusive space where everyone feels valued and empowered.

Nevertheless, we want to extend our heartfelt gratitude to our coaches, mentors, and families for their unwavering support. Your encouragement fuels our ambition and inspires our students to reach new heights! We encourage all students to consider joining the Unified Club. It's more than just coding and building robots; it's about fostering connections, sports activities, and leadership opportunities. Please come out and join us for our "Unified Family Night" at Marcus Whitman on December 9th at 4:25PM for games, fun, and food! Come check us out and see all the exciting accomplishments we have made so far!

I would like to share the pictures from our Robotics Unified Challenge on November 16th. The MW Unified Club participated in the Unified Schools Robotics Competition on Sunday, November 16th at Liberty High school in Renton.







December Spirit

Days!

December 5

Winter Wonderland!

**Wear shades of blue and white for our
December social!**

December 12

Color Wars!

Make sure to wear your grade level colors:

6th Grade: Yellow

7th Grade: Green

8th Grade: White



December Spirit Week!

December 15

Flannels and Fuzzy Socks!

**Wear your favorite flannel
and fuzziest socks!**

December 16
Pajama Day!

Wear your comfiest pajamas!

December 17

Sparkle and Shine!

**Wear glitter, metallics, or
holiday bling; anything that
shines or sparkles!**

December 18
Ugly Sweater!

**Wear your ugliest
holiday sweater!**

December 19

Holiday Characters

**Dress as your favorite character
relating to holiday movies.**

When the weather outside is frightful...

Each year we remind families of how we communicate during inclement weather. Forecasting the weather for school closures is not an easy task. Our community is large enough that snow may accumulate in one area and not in other areas. South Kitsap School District officials put a great deal of effort and thought into determining whether to keep schools open, start late, or close schools due to inclement weather conditions. Of course, parents make the final decision when sending students to school during inclement weather.



When are decisions made?

School district officials do their best to make the decision by no later than 5:30 a.m. Sometimes, conditions are stable enough that the district is able to make the announcement the night before.

When will my bus come?

Bus routes follow the same schedule as our schools. For example, if schools are delayed two hours, bus riders can expect the bus to come approximately two hours late. On the occasion when roads are not passable, the Transportation Department may use alternate stops.



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

Running/Walking Club—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.



- The Living Unified Club at Marcus Whitman Middle School desires to provide the most opportunity for creating positive school climates and ensuring that all students, particularly those with ID (intellectual disabilities), become part of the school fabric.
- Living Unified Club (L.U.C.) will be a positive difference in the lives of students by bringing youth with and without disabilities together through education, social opportunities and related initiatives that provide them with the knowledge and skills necessary to create and sustain school communities that promote acceptance, respect, and human dignity for all students.
- Please join us for fun activities, refreshments, and food!

Unified Club

- Come celebrate our new Unified Club that offers students a way to have their voice heard and belong.
 - Supporting Inclusive Sports and Fitness (Unified Sports events)
 - Youth Leadership and Advocacy provides students with and without intellectual disabilities to take on leadership roles in promoting L.U.C. activities in the school and community.

Family Event

- 12/9/2025
- Marcus Whitman @ 4:25pm-5:45pm



Congrats to Unified Club Robotics!

Our Unified Robotics team had an amazing showing at the November 16th Championship at Liberty High School! Competing with 20 schools, our 2nd-year Challenge team finished as **finalists** and earned the **Inclusion Award** celebrating teamwork, collaboration, and an inclusive spirit.

A huge thank you to our coaches, mentors, and families for their support! Interested in joining? Come to **Unified Family Night** on December 9th at 4:25 PM for games, fun, and to see all the incredible work our students are doing.

Marcus Middle School First Field Trip

Exciting News: MWMS First School-Wide Field Trip!

We are thrilled to announce Marcus Whitman Middle School's first school-wide field trip for grades 6–8, happening in January 13-16 at the Museum of Flight and Space.

Chaperone Opportunity: We need parents and guardians to help make this trip a success. Please email Ms. Castro at castro@skschools.org to chaperone and support our students.

Student Eligibility: Students must be in good social standing to attend and meet the following criteria:

- **Behavior Expectations** – *No suspensions or office referrals during the eligibility window (November 24–December 12). Students who are on indefinite social suspension due to ongoing behavior concerns are not eligible to attend.*

Thank you for supporting our students as they demonstrate responsibility, teamwork, and readiness to represent Marcus Whitman Middle School on this exciting outing!



Girls Soccer Game Schedule

Varsity plays first, then Junior Varsity

DATE	OPPONENT	PLACE	START
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

All games start at 3:30 pm

Date	Opponent	Place
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



Intramural Soccer start time 3:15

Dec 3 Cedar at Marcus

Intramural Basketball start time 3:30 Modified Round Robin Format

Dec 6 Sedgwick at Sedgwick

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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:

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