

MECHANICSBURG MIDDLE SCHOOL

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Hello MMS Families & Happy New Year!

I hope that everyone had a great holiday season, spent time with family and loved ones, and made many special memories. The beginning of the school year felt like it was over in a flash and I am sure the 2nd semester will move just as quickly. Thank you for sharing in your child's educational journey with us!

Attendance

An area of growing concern for many students is attendance. Please remember that students can only accrue 52 hours parental absences for the entire year. Once that benchmark has been hit, only professional documentation will be considered for an excused absence (such as: doctor, court, funeral, etc.). Please see your student's attendance on the grade card and you can continue to monitor your student's attendance on *ProgressBook*. Refer to page 14 in the student handbook for a full listing of excused absences and more information on pages 12-17.

College Credit Plus enrollment for 2019-2020 is due to the central office by April 1st!

Washington D.C.

Ms. Greene has recently sent out information which includes balances due and any forms still needed for the trip. Please contact Ms. Greene should you have additional questions. (student fees must be paid in full in order to attend)

6th grade Kirkmont

The 6th grade students are invited to attend Kirkmont on May 16-17. Costs run about \$70 per student. The 6th grade team will be sharing information on some fundraisers to be held in an effort to reduce student cost. A parent meeting will be held in mid-April to review the schedule, what students should bring, and final payment information. Students who do not meet discipline expectations will not be permitted to attend. (student fees must be paid in full in order to attend)

Dates/Events

- 50% of school fees should be paid at this time; 100% of Pay to Participate
- January 10 MEVSD Board of Education meeting, 5:30pm, Rm 109
- January 11 MMS dance, 3-5pm (fees must be paid in order to attend)
- January 21 Martin Luther King Day, No School
- February 8 Interims Mailed
- February 15 Waiver day, No School for students
- February 18 No School, Presidents' Day



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- March 6 (4:00-7:15pm) and March 14 (3:30-7:00pm) are Parent/Teacher Conferences. Please contact Ms. Warfield to schedule an appt, ext. 1200
- March 15 End of Quarter 3, 1 Hr Early Release
- March 18 No School, P/T comp day
- March 19-22 No School Spring Break
- March 25 Waiver Day, No School
- March 25-May 10 State Assessments will be administered; schedule to come
- April 1 College Credit Plus (CCP) enrollment form due to the MS or Central Office
- April 2 Spring Pictures
- April 19 No School
- April 30-May 3 8th grade in Washington D.C.
- May 30 8th grade breakfast celebration @ 7:30am

As always, don't hesitate to contact the office if you have any questions.

Best regards,

Marlo Schipfer