



PAWS News

February 11, 2022

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Office of the Principal

Dear MVMS Community:

Each year the Goffstown School Board recognizes individuals or organizations through the Cornerstone and Dream Keeper Awards. This year, these awards were presented at the Deliberative session, held on February 7th.

The Cornerstone Award recognizes staff or community members working within our schools, who demonstrate outstanding achievements in support of student learning and in particular, whose service has been truly outstanding to the overall educational climate of the school district. This year, the school board recognized each member of our custodial staff. Through their rigorous cleaning routines and schedules, each of our custodians exhibit dedication and commitment to supporting student learning and the provision of a superior education in our community. They are all critical members of our team and I'd like to congratulate them on this award.

The Dream Keeper Award is presented in recognition of people or organizations that truly have gone the extra mile to make the Goffstown dream of providing a superior education a reality. This may include such things as acts of heroism, academic achievements, serving on national/regional boards, publishing or presenting and/or significant contributions to the district in service. This year, the school board recognized each of our district bus drivers. We are thankful for the bus drivers who continue to transport our students safely and I'd like to congratulate them on this award.

On Thursday, February a selection of our 8th grade class participated in National Assessment of Educational Progress (NAEP). We are so proud of their attitude, efforts, and participation. The testing proctors were impressed with the level of investment they saw in our students. Great job, 8th graders.

Sincerely,
Wendy Kohler
Principal

DATES TO REMEMBER

Date	
February 28-March 4	Winter Recess: No School
March 8	Teacher Workshop Day: No School
June 8	8 th Grade Promotion, Time: TBD

MVMS ADMINISTRATORS

Ms. Wendy Kohler	Principal
Ms. Brandy Williams	Assistant Principal
Mr. Lyle Hamel	Curriculum Coordinator
Ms. Kim Rivers	Special Education Facilitator
Mr. Josh Lewis	Dean of Students



Distance Learning Day

Here is a short video on distance learning that was shared with students: <https://youtu.be/q87c5z-6u5w>. Specific information regarding the plan distance learning days for MVMS can be found on the [MVMS website](#).

Goffstown High School Grizzlies Girls Soccer Booster Club Elections

The Goffstown Grizzlies Girls Soccer Club (GGGSC) will be holding a virtual meeting to hold elections on Thursday, February 17, at 7:00pm via Zoom. There are several parent class representative positions open. All are welcome to attend, including incoming Freshman parents with daughters who are interested in playing soccer during the fall 2022 season. The elected members meet several times a year, with most of the meetings held monthly (or as needed during the fall soccer season), to plan fundraising activities and team events, review program needs, and coordinate volunteers for the upcoming season for the GHS Girls Soccer program. Please contact Tammy Levesque at GHSGirlsSoccerBoosterClub@gmail.com for more information or to request a link/passcode for the upcoming Zoom meeting.

MVP Spring Spiritwear

The MVP Spring Spiritwear sale runs February 7th-20th. A new feature has been added to the website where parents can now put the students name and teacher under their order. Spiritwear is intended to be delivered at school when ready. Please visit this website to place your orders:

<https://www.browngraphix.com/mvms-spring-spiritwear.html>

Bus driver shortages at the Goffstown Truck Center

Superintendent Brian Balke provided important updates on the challenges we are experiencing with school bus driver shortages to the Goffstown School Board this past Monday 01/24/22. If you are interested in the full discussion, the link to the meeting is [here](#). Our continued apologies for the disruptions in busing services as we know how difficult and challenging these circumstances are for families. Anyone interested in becoming a bus driver may contact Goffstown Truck Center at (603)497-3111. GTC offers a sign-on bonus and paid training.

[Transportation Memo to GSD 1-24-2022.pdf](#)

Homework Den

Beginning in February Ms. Dunn will be facilitating Grade 7/8 Homework Den for all those students who have been attending the program since Trimester 1. As always, Homework Den will be from 3:20-4:20 PM and continue to be held in Mr. Kennedy's Room. As a reminder, there are times that Homework Den may be canceled for unforeseen circumstances.

Masks

On August 16th, the Goffstown School Board determined we will start the school year with masking being optional. Masks will not be required indoors or for outdoor classroom activities. A targeted mask model was presented to the Goffstown School Board (See the reopening plan on the SAU19 website for details). Targeted masking decisions

may be made for unique school specific case data and may be made by based on a number of cohorts or configurations such as: busses, classrooms, grade levels, school(s), etc. As, we head into the school year, masking should be viewed based on a continuum from optional to targeted to universal and may be differentiated by (and possibly within) each school. Masks will not be implemented in a binary model where masks are 'required or they are not'. Rather a specific, targeted-model, based on case data (local cases, school transmission, etc.) and NHDHHS recommendations (if applicable) will be implemented. Targeted masking will allow the SAU to respond to specific case data. The Superintendent is authorized to change or alter mask expectations and will report to the School Board.

8th Grade Washington, D.C. Trip

Attached to this newsletter is the contact form for students and families interested in attending the 8th grade Washington D.C. trip. This is not a school sponsored event. Please send an email to mvmsdctrip@gmail.com if you are interested or have any questions.

Text Messaging Opt in Process

We continue to strive to deliver timely messages to parents, guardians and staff utilizing our School Messenger service. Superintendent Brian Balke is purposeful in what methodology he uses to communicate various messages. In order to opt-in to text messaging, **send a text message of "Y" or "Yes" to our school's short code number 67587**. Refer to the attached document for more information. Mobile numbers must be in our PowerSchool system for parents, guardians and staff to receive text messages. Please reach out to the individual schools if you have additional questions about our School Messenger service.

Thank you,

SAU 19 Technology Department

Goffstown and New Boston School Districts

Paraprofessional Job Opportunity

MVMS is seeking paraprofessionals for the 2021-2022 school year. The job predominantly consists of supporting small groups of students or individual students in Grades 5 through 8 throughout their day. If interested, please contact our main office at 603-497-8288 or apply through our [district employment opportunities](#).

Safer at Schools Screenings (SASS) COVID 19 Testing Program

We are pleased to announce that SAU19 is participating in Safer at Schools Screening (SASS) COVID 19 Testing Program. SASS is another tool that supports our efforts to mitigate the transmission of COVID-19. Participation in SASS is voluntary. If you have any questions regarding testing, please reach out to our school nurses, Sara Matatall (sara.matatall@sau19.org) and Susan Potvin (susan.potvin@sau19.org).

MVP Prize

As part of the fall MVP fundraiser, students earned the opportunity to help duct tape Ms. Kohler, our principal, to the wall. There were lots of laughs throughout the process and we'd like to thank Ms. Kohler for being such a great sport. Thank you to the students and families that helped make the fundraiser such a success.

PBIS Theme of the Month – Forgiveness

Each month the MVMS community focuses on a specific aspect of character development. February's theme is forgiveness. Forgiveness is defined as to pardon, to excuse for a fault or offense, or to renounce anger from an event. Our students continue to talk about forgiveness within their classrooms.

Update from the Nurses:

Dear Parents & Guardians:

Although COVID-19 case numbers are dropping, we ask that all our students and staff remain committed to preventing the spread of COVID-19. Here are some things to keep in mind as we continue to navigate the ever-changing pandemic:

- Please **DO NOT send your child to school if they are exhibiting any new or unexplained symptoms including: headache, runny nose, cough, fever, sore throat, fatigue, diarrhea, nausea or vomiting, muscle or body aches, shortness of breath, and loss of taste or smell.** Students will still be sent home for any illness complaints and you will be required to get them a COVID-19 test before they can return to school. This includes even mild or singular symptoms.
- If your **child tests positive** for COVID-19 please contact the school as soon as possible.
- **If someone in your home tests positive for COVID-19, DO NOT SEND YOUR CHILD TO SCHOOL and call the MVMS nurses.** Quarantine is still required for unvaccinated students or those not **Up to Date** with vaccination when there is a household contact. Students who are **Up to Date** with COVID-19 vaccination must be masked in school. (See below for updated guidance on vaccination).
- If your child has had contact with someone diagnosed with COVID-19 **outside of the home**, regardless of vaccination status, they must be masked in indoor public settings for 14 days after last exposure. You should monitor for symptoms, get your child tested if they exhibit symptoms and consider a PCR test 5-7 days after the last exposure.
- SAU 19 is following guidelines from both the CDC and NH DHHS in regards to COVID-19 vaccination. In order to be considered **“Up to Date”** with COVID-19 vaccination, your child must be within 5 months of receiving the primary COVID-19 vaccine series, **or** if more than 5 months has passed since their second COVID-19 vaccine, they must receive a booster shot in order to be considered **“Up to Date”**. If your child is beyond 5 months from their second COVID-19 vaccine please schedule a booster shot as soon as possible to maintain the **“Up to Date”** status.

The MVMS Nurses are here to help with any additional questions or concerns you may have. Please feel free to contact us as needed.

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Purchase your 2022 Yearbook TODAY!

Your last chance to be guaranteed a copy of the 2022 MVMS yearbook will be March 1st! Please click the link below to make your yearbook purchase today. We will order a few extras, but there will be a limited supply of extra yearbooks this year. Please secure your yearbook by pre-ordering!! Don't miss out on this opportunity.

<https://www.jostens.com/apps/jcom/router.mvc?affiliateId=1010121>

Sports Information

Thank you for supporting our MVMS athletes. Our team schedules can be found at this link:

<https://goffstowathletics.com/main/calendar/>. As a reminder, there will be no athletic transportation to games or contests for the 21/22 school year. There is a significant shortage in bus drivers which impacts our ability to offer athletic transportation.

Information Center: Before and After School Hours

The Information Center opens at 7:45 am every morning. In the morning, students can get a pass from a bus duty teacher or the main office. After school, the Information Center is open 3:10 pm - 4:45 pm, Monday-Thursday. The information center is NOT open after school on Friday. If a student plans to come to the Information Center after school, they need to sign up in the main office by 1:00 pm. Students need to have a reason for coming to the Information Center, for example, using a computer for schoolwork, printing, checking out a book, independent reading, etc. If you have questions, please connect with Mrs. O'Riley at amy.oriley@sau19.org.

Arrival and Dismissal

Entrances by Grade Level – Students will enter the building through their assigned grade level door.

- 5th and 6th grade students will enter and exit through the door near the softball field.
- 7th and 8th grade students will enter and exit through the door near the back parking lot.

Morning Arrival – Parent/Guardian drop-offs will occur from 8:00-8:15. Please follow the updated traffic pattern (utilizing the back bus loop around the building). Bus Drop-offs will occur from approximately 8:15-8:25 AM, and will utilize the same entrances. If your student walks to school, or if you are dropping your student off **after 8:15, please use the front entrance only**. The back bus loop is only available until 8:15 to allow for busses to arrive safely and efficiently to continue their routes.

- All 5th and 6th grade students will report directly to their homeroom.
- All 7th and 8th grade students will report directly to the gymnasium.

Afternoon Dismissal – Parent/Guardian pick-up will occur during the following timestamps. Parents will continue to use the back bus loop and students will exit the building using the same assigned grade level doors as morning arrival. Parent or guardian pick-up will occur from 2:45-3:05 PM.

- A-K: Students who have a last name beginning with A-K will be dismissed at 2:45. Parents are asked to arrive between 2:45-2:55 PM to keep traffic flow. Cars may not enter the back of the building after 3:05 PM.
- L-Z: Students who have a last name beginning with L-Z will be dismissed at 2:55. Parents are asked to arrive between 2:55-3:05 PM to keep traffic flow. Cars may not enter the back of the building after 3:05 PM.
- Please do your best to arrive no earlier than the prescribed time above so we are able to keep the traffic flow safe and efficient. If you are unable to pick up your student before 3:10, please communicate this with your student so they do not exit the building early for dismissal. Families are welcome to pick their student up between 3:10-3:25, in the front of the building, if the timestamps above do not meet your family needs.
- All students taking the bus, students who are 'late' pick-ups and walkers will be dismissed beginning at 3:10 PM. Walkers should exit the front of the building.

As a friendly reminder, please drive slowly around the back-bus loop while picking up/dropping off your student. All students should also enter/exit the car from the passenger side of the vehicle at arrival and dismissal.

PowerSchool Access

Families that are new to MVMS will receive an email to sign up for PowerSchool access. Those families that already have a PowerSchool account will have access to their account using their username and password from last year. As a reminder, all 7th and 8th grade students have access to view their classes and grades in PowerSchool too!

Featured Art

Below is some art created by our 6th graders over the last few weeks.



Reporting an Absence

Parent/guardian should call (603) 497-8288, when prompted press 2 to report a student absence. Parent/guardian should be prepared to record their name, their student's name, and the name of their student's teacher(s). A note from a parent/guardian should be presented to the homeroom teacher upon return to school.

Covid Emergency Operation Plan

On August 16th, the Goffstown School Board approved a plan for our upcoming school year. The approved plan can be found by clicking here: [2021/2022 SAU19 Covid Emergency Operations Plan](#)

Emergency Release

The Goffstown School District uses a district wide notification system called School Messenger. This system allows more effective communication with parents should an emergency issue arise. This includes school cancellations, delays or early dismissals due to poor weather or building emergencies such as loss of heat, water pressure or electricity. Every means of communication will be used to notify parents and guardians. In addition to School Messenger, any school closing or delay because of weather conditions will continue to be announced on WMUR-TV, Channel 9, as well as over the radio station 95.7 FM WZID before 7:00 a.m. Please refrain from calling the school. Parents should have an emergency plan in place with their student for the rare occasion they may need to be sent home early.

The Late Bus

The Late Bus will pick students up from MVMS at 5:00 and goes to predetermined stops. Students must sign up in the front office by 1:00 to ride the late bus each day. Students can sign up for the late bus to participate in after school activities or to access the library. Stops associated with the late bus are posted on the [MVMS website](#).

School Counselors

If at any point during the year, you feel the need to consult with a counselor for advice for you or your student, please contact one of the following:

Jessica Jordan	Grade 5	Jessica.Jordan@sau19.org
Rachel Nault	Grade 6	Rachel.Nault@sau19.org
Ryanne Roy	Grade 7	Ryanne.Roy@sau19.org
Erin Sakolosky	Grade 8	Erin.Sakolosky@sau19.org

Food Service Information

Students in all grades are eating lunch in the Hilltop Café. All school meals are FREE to ALL students! Breakfast will be available at kiosks at both drop off locations. No pre-ordering is needed since we will be using the Hilltop. For bookkeeping purposes, forms for free/reduced lunches can be found by clicking: [Forms](#)

Please complete them as soon as possible. If you need further help either contact the MVMS kitchen or food service by emailing Megan Bizzarro, megan.bizzarro@sau19.org.

MVP Corner

The Mountain View Partnership is your MVMS parent teacher organization. To become a supporting member, click the link below. You will be given an option to join the MVP Student Directory and will receive a copy in return. The link is <https://my.cheddarup.com/c/mvp-membership>. You will also be enrolled to receive emails on current fundraisers and events sponsored by MVP!

MVP meets on the first Monday of each month at 6:00pm in the Information Center/Library. Everyone is welcome, we'd love to have your input, it truly takes a village! To stay informed on our upcoming events and fundraisers you may also join our Facebook Group at <https://www.facebook.com/mountainviewpartnership>

MVMS Student Musings

Written by: Kaelyn Boisvert, Emily Caouette, and Aubrey Caron

Liberty House Fundraiser

Since the Liberty House opened up their doors in 2004, Team 8-2 has been running a fundraiser to help support our veterans! The fundraiser began by Mrs. Grassett and has been continued by Mrs. Nelson. This year, helping her out is Chloe Doumit, a member of team 8-2. The Liberty House supports our veterans by allowing them to get the items they need, such as grocery store gift cards. The Liberty House is a fantastic organization to support. In a soup kitchen, \$1 provides \$20 worth of food and goods. If 25 people donate \$1 the value would be \$500. The donation bins are in the science or social studies room for each team. All donations will be brought to the Liberty House over February break.

Word of the month: Forgiveness

Forgiveness is the action or process of forgiving or being forgiven. Forgiveness is shown by a thoughtful apology, a kind gesture such as a hug, smile, or even a polite wave. Paul Boose once said that "Forgiveness does not change the past, but it does enlarge the future."

Sports

As winter sports come to an end, first we would like to wish all of the basketball teams good luck with the rest of their games. The boys A basketball team had a record of 8 wins, 4 losses, and the boys B basketball team with a record of 4 wins, 8 losses. The girls A basketball team currently has a record of 8 wins, and 4 losses, while the girls B basketball team has a record of 8 wins, 4 losses. If you go to the home basketball games, don't forget to watch the fantastic cheer team!! The wrestling team had a great championship match last weekend and placed second overall. There were 25 weight classes where four MVMS boys placed first and three MVMS wrestlers placed second. Congratulations to all athletes!

2021-2022 8th Grade Washington DC Trip
Parent Contact Information

Student Name	
Parent/Guardian Name(s)	
Home Phone	
Mom Cell	
Dad Cell	
Student Cell	
Parent Email	

Email completed form to: mvmsdctrip@gmail.com or ask your child return it to Mr. Kennedy in room 231

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Parents and Guardians

You can take advantage of our Text Messaging Service

Our school utilizes the SchoolMessenger system to deliver text messages, straight to your mobile phone with important information about events, school closings, safety alerts and more.*

You can participate in this free service* just by sending a text message of "Y" or "Yes" to our school's short code number, 67587.

You can also opt out of these messages at any time by simply replying to one of our messages with "Stop".


SchoolMessenger is compliant with the [Student Privacy Pledge™](#), so you can rest assured that your information is safe and will never be given or sold to anyone.



Opt-In from
your mobile
phone now!



Just send
"Y" or "Yes"
to 67587

 **Information on SMS text messaging and Short Codes:**

SMS stands for Short Message Service and is commonly referred to as a "text message". Most cell phones support this type of text messaging. Our notification provider, SchoolMessenger, uses a true SMS protocol developed by the telecommunications industry specifically for mass text messaging, referred to as "short code" texting. This method is fast, secure and highly reliable because it is strictly regulated by the wireless carriers and only allows access to approved providers. If you've ever sent a text vote for a TV show to a number like 40999, you have used short code texting.

*Terms and Conditions – Message frequency varies. Standard message and data rates may apply. Reply HELP for help. Text STOP to cancel. Mobile carriers are not liable for delayed or undelivered messages. See schoolmessenger.com/bt for more info.



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Goffstown Grizzlies Girls Soccer Club



Seeking Board Members!
Zoom Mtg on February 17th!

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MVMS SPRING SPIRITWEAR

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