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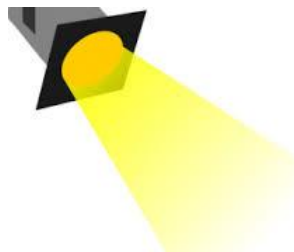
Respect, Responsibility, & Pride

Office of the Principal

Dear MVMS Community,

The Goffstown School Board has announced Jessica Milligan as the next Principal of Mountain View Middle School effective July 1, 2022. Mrs. Milligan was unanimously approved by the Goffstown School Board on March 7, 2022. Mrs. Milligan served the Goffstown School District as Assistant Principal at Maple Avenue Elementary School for 6 years before moving to the Manchester School District where she is currently the Principal of Southside Middle School. Mrs. Milligan stated, "I am so honored and excited to return to Goffstown and to work with the talented staff at MVMS." Mrs. Milligan is currently pursuing her doctorate degree at Southern New Hampshire University. Jessica lives in Hooksett with her husband and two children. We look forward to Mrs. Milligan re-joining the Goffstown community.

Sincerely,
Wendy Kohler
Principal



Student Spotlights

Cheyenne Gibbs

Cheyenne Gibb, an 8th Grade student, was chosen to represent New Hampshire at the American Youth Horse Council Symposium. Cheyanne has been a member of 4-H and riding horses in Goffstown since the 5th grade. She enjoys riding and working with Winston at Mountainside Stables. Cheyanne was selected through a competitive resume and interview process. She will be traveling to Murfreesboro, Tennessee with a group of other students chosen to represent New Hampshire. We are so proud of your hard work, Cheyanne!

James Fox

James Fox, an 8th Grade student, will be competed in the 69th Annual New Hampshire Union Leader State Spelling Bee on Saturday, February 26th. He placed 4th in the whole state! Prior to the state finals, James participated in the virtual semi-final round of the New Hampshire Union Leader State Spelling bee and placed in the top fifteen in the state.

DATES TO REMEMBER

Date	
March 15	7/8 March Fine Arts Concert
March 16	5/6 March Fine Arts Concert
April 25-29	April Vacation: 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



Spring 2022 Statewide Testing Information for MVMS

Students in grades five through eight will be participating in the Statewide Assessment System (SAS) summative assessments this spring. Please read the letter from the Superintendent ([Click Here](#)) regarding SAS assessment information and federal and state requirements. Please continue to check teachers' website for more detailed information regarding test administration as it becomes available.

TEST TAKING TIPS

- Eat a good breakfast the morning of the test. High-protein foods like scrambled eggs are often best for aiding concentration and minimizing fatigue.
- Get a full night's sleep before the test. A lack of sleep will affect your performance.
- Wear comfortable clothing.
- Bring an independent reading book in case you finish early.



Testing Schedule:

<u>Grade 8</u>		<u>Grade 7</u>		<u>Grade 6</u>		<u>Grade 5</u>	
Reading	3/23	Reading	3/28	Reading	4/11	Math	4/19
Writing	3/24	Writing	3/29	Writing	4/12	Science	4/20
Math	3/30	Math	4/5	Math	4/14	Reading	5/4
Science	3/31					Writing	5/5



Community Conversations

Civics: Get Engaged. Get Involved.

2022 is a midterm election year. Goffstown's town committees and departments are currently preparing this year's budget. How can individual citizens make their voices heard and shape the policies which affect their daily lives? How can we as a community foster the common sense of purpose and belonging which enable effective representative governance?

Join the Goffstown Public Library for the 2022 Community Conversations focusing on Civics. We will investigate how citizens can and should work together to solve public problems. Our series of programs will include book discussions, trivia, events in partnership with the New Hampshire Institute of Politics at Saint Anselm College and the Geisel Library at Saint Anselm College, along with empowering explorations and conversations about how we the people can and should steer the ship of our democracy.

March Fine Arts Concerts

The Music department is excited to host our second performance of the school year and be able to open the performance to the entire MVMS community. There will be two performance dates, one is for 7/8 grade ensembles and the other is for 5/6 ensembles. Performances are separated to allow for social distancing of audience and masking is optional for both performers and audience. Please see the schedule below.

If you have any questions please feel free to contact Mr. Saunders @ David.saunders@sau19.org or your child's music teacher.

March 15th Grade <u>7/8</u> Ensembles	March 16th Grade <u>5/6</u> Ensembles
Band Arrive 5:40 pm Perform 6:00 pm String Orchestra Arrive 6:25 pm Perform 6:45 pm Chorus Arrive 7:10 pm Perform 7:30 pm	Band Arrive 5:40 pm Perform 6:00 pm String Orchestra Arrive 6:25 pm Perform 6:45 pm Chorus Arrive 7:10 pm Perform 7:30 pm

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](#).

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.

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

Artwork

Below is some great art work submitted by our 5th graders.



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).

PBIS Theme of the Month – Perseverance

Each month the MVMS community focuses on a specific aspect of character. March's theme is perseverance. Perseverance is defined as persistence in doing something despite difficulty or delay in achieving success.

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!

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://goffstownathletics.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!

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.

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

Spring Musical:

Calling all performers of the arts, MVMS is having a spring musical. The amazing musical this spring is SchoolHouse Rock Jr. Mrs. Durford said that "This is a classical musical that I enjoyed taking part in when I went to MVMS and I'm looking forward to bringing it back to the hilltop stage." After the fall play "Romeo and Juliet Restaurant Wars" we are excited to see this new musical.

Kindness Notes:

To help the Liberty House even more, last week Student Government was selling kindness cards for 50 cents. The card came with a free lollipop for whoever received it. These were sold at every lunch for all to buy and were delivered on Thursday, February 17th. Overall, the school raised \$193.

Spring Tryouts:

Spring tryouts are coming. There are many choices to choose from including baseball, softball, track and field, and boys and girls lacrosse. Tryouts will last a three day minimum so make sure to bring lots of water. If you are planning to do track and field there are no cuts, however, all the other sports have cuts.

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Today!



**Buy your MVMS Yearbook
TODAY!**

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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