



# PAWS News

August 30, 2019

Respect, Responsibility, & Pride

*Dear Students and Parents,*

*With the start of the school year just around the corner, I wanted to take a moment to make you all aware of one of MVMS's focuses this year. A part of a teacher's repertoire in the classroom always includes tools to address not just the academic needs of the students, but also the "intangible" skills necessary to be successful. Addressing these "intangibles" is something that educators have always done, but we are now refocusing our efforts in order to be more intentional in how we improve these skills. MVMS will now address the Future Ready Skills of our students. These skills include self-awareness, self-management, social awareness, relationship skills, responsible decision-making, and executive functioning. In addressing these skills, we strongly believe that we will better prepare our students for their future in high school and beyond.*

*Sincerely,*

*Wendy Kohler  
Principal*

## **Important Dates**

Sept. 2 (Mon)	Labor Day
Sept. 3 (Tue)	First Day of School
Sept. 17 (Tue)	Grades 5 & 8 Open House - 6:00PM
Sept. 18 (Wed)	School Pictures
Sept. 19 (Thu)	Grades 6 & 7 Open House - 6:00PM

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## New News

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### **PBIS Theme of the Month - Respect**

September's PBIS Theme of the Month is Respect. Staff and students are focused on what respect looks like here at MVMS and how one should go about being respectful of others, school, and self. Be sure to chat with your student about what he/she is learning about Respect.

### **2019-2020 Bus Routes**

Please click [\[HERE\]](#) to view the bus routes for this school year. If you have any questions, you can reach Goffstown Truck Center at (603)497-3111.

### **Morning Drop-Off Reminder**

Please remember that morning drop-off does not begin until 7:45AM. Students will not be allowed inside the building until that time. If you have any questions, please contact the MVMS Main Office at (603) 497-8288

### **Meet the New Administration**

There are three new administrators who have joined the MVMS Community recently. Ms. Tamara MacAllister is the MVMS Special Education Facilitator. She joined the team back in May has an extensive background in Special Education. She comes to us from the Bow School District where she was the Director of Special Education.

Mr. Lyle Hamel is joining us as the new Curriculum Coordinator. Lyle has been a part of the Goffstown School District since 2012 when he was hired as a science teacher for Goffstown High School. Lyle has earned his Masters in Education from SNHU and is a certified chemistry teacher and certified curriculum coordinator.

Finally, Mr. Josh Lewis joins the team as the Dean of Students for the first half of the school while Mr. McMurray is on sabbatical. Josh has taught Social Studies at both MVMS and GHS and is sure to offer a great deal of knowledge and insight to the MVMS Community.

### **Summer Reading**

The start of school is just around the corner, which means that students should be wrapping up their summer reading books. For more information on summer reading, please click [\[HERE\]](#).

### **MVMS Yoga Club**

Come practice yoga with us after school! Crispin's House is pleased to once again be offering Yoga Club to students in grades 5-8 afterschool. Yoga Club for 5th and 6th graders will meet

on Tuesdays and 7th and 8th graders will meet on Thursdays. Both will get started during the week of September 23. Registration is offered at no cost and is on a first come basis but *space is limited! Reserve your student's spot by signing them up online ASAP.* The online registration reserves their spot but you will also need to compete and return the paper permission slip before your child attends Yoga Club. For all the details and to sign-up, visit [www.crispinshouse.org/yoga](http://www.crispinshouse.org/yoga) or call Crispin's House at 497-3499. To view the informational flyer and permission slip, please click [\[HERE\]](#).

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## Weekly Features

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### Sports Round-Up

To visit the MVMS Athletics website, please click [\[HERE\]](#).

To view the MVMS & GHS Athletics schedules, please click [\[HERE\]](#).

To visit the Tri-County Athletics website, please click [\[HERE\]](#). You can also view schedules and standing on the Tri-County site.

### Guidance Department Corner

#### Middle Years

Please click [\[HERE\]](#) to view this month's edition of Middle Years. If you're unfamiliar with the Middle Years publication, the purpose is to provide busy parents with practical ideas that promote school success, parent involvement, and more effective parenting.

#### What to Do About Bullying?

Please click [\[HERE\]](#) for an article regarding bullying. As always, if you have any concerns regarding your student and bullying, please feel free to reach out to your student's Guidance Counselor or an MVMS Administrator.

#### Homework Strategies for Success

Please click [\[HERE\]](#) for an article regarding successful homework strategies.

#### Partnering with Your Middle Schooler's School

Please click [\[HERE\]](#) for helpful tips on how to stay involved with your student's schooling.

#### Guidance 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:

Name	Grade	Phone Number
Ryanne Roy	5 & 6	(603) 660-5616

Laurel Forcier	7	(603) 660-5606
Melanie Cali	8	(603) 660-5607

## **Health Corner**

### **Medicine**

This is a reminder to bring in all necessary medicines and epi-pens to the MVMS Health Office ASAP. For more information, please click [\[HERE\]](#).