

TRAILBLAZER NEWS

February 2020

MARCUS WHITMAN MIDDLE SCHOOL

8TH GRADE PARENTS AND STUDENTS

South Kitsap High School would like to cordially invite the students and parents of the Class of 2024 to **“Incoming 9th Grade Parent Night” that will be held on February 11th.** This evening will give current 8th grade parents an opportunity to check out the amazing programs SKHS has to offer prior to helping their students select their 9th grade classes. We hope to have most departments represented, as well as many of our clubs and activities.

- From 5:30 to 6:30, parents and students will be able to check out clubs, classes, and activities in the SKHS commons.
- From 6:30-7:00 there will be a grade level presentation in the SKHS Main Stage.

As far as next steps in the registration process, SKHS counselors and other high school staff will be doing registration presentations to 8th grade students at Marcus Whitman on Thursday, February 20th. Expect your student(s) to bring home registration materials to review and discuss with you as they make their course selections. SKHS counselors will be back at Marcus Whitman on Tuesday, March 3rd to pick up completed registration materials.

Thank you – The 2024 SKHS Team!



Free Tutoring Opportunity for Marcus Students

Last year Marcus Whitman was invited to participate in Sammy's Place, a free tutoring and mentoring program offered through the Port Orchard United Methodist Church. The opportunity for this service is available again this year and they are looking for more students to help. A few key details about the program:

- Tutors help with homework, test prep, skyward checks, project completion, organization, etc.
- Transportation is provided to the church, parents pick up to take students home at 5PM.
- All tutors and mentors have had a background check.
- Snack's and "chill" time are provided.
- There is no religious instruction or political content to the program.
- Sammy's Place fosters positive relationships between our students and community adults.

Its free!

If your student(s) would benefit from this opportunity, or you just want more information, please contact Mr. Fogel or Ms. Waters in the Marcus Whitman Counseling Office at 360-874-6171.



Attention 8th Grade Parents and Students

Wild Waves and Year End dance/party expectations:

We want to take students that represent the best of our school.

It is an opportunity to celebrate with your classmates.

Students who have behavior/disciplinary issues will not be eligible to attend these events:

Specifically, students that have three or more referrals for behavior from now until the end of the 2nd semester will not be eligible to attend.

Additionally, students that have been placed on Out of School Suspension from now until the end of 2nd semester will not be eligible to attend.

Students with chronic attendance and tardy problems, may not be allowed to attend, but a meeting or conference with that student and their parents will be scheduled prior to determining the eligibility status for these students.

Helpful information about our Attendance Policy

Regular attendance is vital to the quality of a child's education. Parents are the key in establishing and maintaining punctual, regular attendance habits. Each school has specific attendance policies listed in student handbooks; parents are encouraged to review these policies with their students.

Early Dismissal Best practice is to send your student with a note the morning of the day you need to pick your student up. Please designate the time of pick up and if someone else will be picking them up other than yourself. Your student will be issued an Early Dismissal Pass and be released at the documented time. During school hours (not immediately before or after school) you may enter the staff parking lot and meet your student in the Main Office where you will check your student out. If a note has not been sent with your student in the morning you will need to come to the Main Office and request your student's release. **We do not accept phone calls for early release.**

Late Arrivals Students arriving after school starts are considered tardy. Tardies can be excused by a phone call, note or email to the attendance office and need to be done within 24 hours. Tardies accrue, at the fifth unexcused tardy, students receive a consequence and for every unexcused tardy following the fifth tardy will continue to result in a consequence. Students arriving more than 15 minutes late are considered truant, this late arrival, if not excused within 24 hours will receive a consequence.

Absences If a child is kept home due to illness, appointment, or any other reason, the attendance office should be notified as soon as possible. You may contact our attendance office directly by calling **(360) 874-6170**, e-mailing med-dles@skschools.org or use the Attendance Application on your Skyward account to report your student's absence. School personnel will try to contact parents if this has not been done. If you have not notified the school to excuse your student's absence, please send them with a note when they return to school.

Physicians advise that a child be fever-free 24 hours before resuming normal activity.

Homework Requests Parents may request, after the 2nd consecutive full day of absence, that their child's assignments be gathered. To make a homework request, please contact the Main Office at **(360) 874-6172**. Requests made before 9:00 a.m. will be available for pick-up in the Main Office at 2:45 on the following business day.

HIGH 5 RECOGNITION “SAFETY”



Our first celebration of our High 5 Safety students was January 17th. The students and their parents enjoyed a pizza lunch and each student was presented with a certificate. Students who demonstrated the following under our Safety High 5 were chosen by their teachers for this recognition.

SAFETY:

Make MW free of bullying, intimidation and harassment in hallway and classrooms.

Follow posted hallway, classrooms, and MW expectations.

Demonstrate respect for property

Help and support others





TWO MILE TUESDAY CLUB

Two-Mile Tuesday will begin on November 5th, 2019, Room 106. If you need information about Two-Mile Tuesday stop by and see Mrs. Fay in Room 106 or pick up the information sheet at the main office.

The Chanime Club (Chess + Anime) meets Thursdays, 2:45-3:30 PM, at P6. Mr. O'Loughlin is the Advisor. The Chanime Club is open to all Marcus Whitman students who want to learn and play chess and/or want to draw Anime.

Bible Study Club will be meeting Tuesdays, from 2:45 to 3:30 pm in Room 218.

Weightlifting Club meets every Tuesday and Thursday from 2:45 - 4:00 pm.

TSA - Technology Student Association (STEM CLUB) will be meeting Wednesdays and Thursdays in room 103 from 3 PM to 4:30 PM. It is open to any 6th, 7th and 8th grader interested. Our activities this year will be glider construction, C02 Dragster competition, and we will be defending our District Cardboard regatta Champion Boat Race.

Rubics Club will be meeting Mondays from 2:45 - 3:30 pm in P8. Permission slips are available at the Main Office.

Game Club will be moving to Friday from 2:45 - 4:00 pm. Permission slip required.

My vision for the club is that everyone can bring games they like to play to the club and there will be different things to try and play each week. I am guessing if we get enough people showing up we can break into smaller groups and be playing several different things at once. So... bring your favorite game (school appropriate) or show up and try someone else's favorite game. Mostly we just want to have fun. Fun is mandatory.

STUDENT STORE

FINES & FEES

Parents please check your student's customer ledger for any outstanding fines and fees by logging into the student Web store; <https://wa-southkitsap.intouchrecepting.com/>

Where you can view and pay outstanding fines or fees with a credit or debit card. IF you are new to using the Web store follow the instructions on how to create a new login to access this account.



LOST AND FOUND IS OVERFLOWING

As you can see Lost and Found is overflowing. We will be donating anything that does not get picked up **before February 21st**. This picture does not show the several bags of lost clothing from the PE department.

Please stop by the main office or have your student drop by if they are missing any clothing, lunch boxes, and water bottles. We also have 3 cell phones that have been at the main office for over 2 months.



WRESTLING SCHEDULE 2019-2020

All games start at 3:30 pm

DATE	OPPONENT	PLACE
Wed 2/5	Hawkins	Marcus
Tue 2/11	Cedar Heights	Cedar Heights
Thur 2/13	Kingston	Marcus
Tue 2/25	Mt. View	Mt. View
Thur 2/27	Central Kitsap	Central Kitsap
Thur 3/5	Fairview	Fairview
Fri 3/13	WSML Champion	Curtis
Sat 3/14	WSML Champion	Curtis



GIRLS BASKETBALL GAME SCHEDULE 2019-2020

All games start at 3:30

DATE	OPPONENT	PLACE
Wed 2/5	Hawkins	Hawkins
Mon 2/6	Fairview	Marcus
Tue 2/11	Cedar Heights	Marcus
Thur 2/13	Kingston	Kingston
Tue 2/25	Klahowya	Marcus
Thur 2/27	Fairview	Fairview
Tue 3/3	Hawkins	Marcus
Thur 3/5	Cedar	Cedar
Thurs 3/10	Kingston	Marcus

The South Kitsap School District provides equal educational and employment opportunity without regard to race, creed, religion, color, national origin, age, honorably-discharged veteran or military status, sex, sexual orientation – including gender expression or identity, marital status, or the presence of any sensory, mental, or physical disability, the use of a trained dog guide or service animal by a person with a disability. Equal access to activities, facilities and program is provided to the Boy Scouts of America and other designated youth groups. District procedure complies with all applicable state and federal laws.

The Title IX Officer and Section 504 Coordinator with the responsibility for monitoring, auditing and ensuring compliance with this policy are: Compliance/ADA/Title IX Coordinator: Jerry Holsten, Executive Director of Human Resources 2689 Hoover Avenue SE, Port Orchard, WA 98366 360-874-7006, holsten@skschools.org Section 504 Coordinator: Kimberly Shipp, Director Office of Special Services, 2689 Hoover Avenue SE, Port Orchard, WA 98366 360-874-3648, shipp@skschools.org