

MRMS Weekly Bulletin

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Office Hours 7:00-3:30

April 20, 2018

IMPORTANT DATES

Apr. 24

Assistive Technology Parent Night 7:00 PM @ High School Auditorium (See flyer below for more info)

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Middle School Band Festival @ Canby High School

May 3

MRMS Home Track Meet @ Heckard Field @ 4:00 PM

May 12

Mother-Son Dance @ Molalla High School \$9 presale or \$10 at the door

May 24

Regular School Day (Make up snow day)

May 25

No School (Teacher Work Day)

May 28

Memorial Day (NO SCHOOL)

A Note from The Principal

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Parents, I have made a bold stand at home. Last week I told my 8th grade daughter no more SnapChat. Bracing for the blowback, I was surprised by how short the disappointment was and encouraged that it only took about a half an hour of scowls. The decision to eliminate SnapChat came out of the blue to her as she gets good grades, she does her chores, is kind, drama free, and has done nothing wrong in the use of the application (that I know of). I made my decision to eliminate SnapChat based on my experience as an educator. I have seen more than I can stand of young lives being absolutely destroyed by social media platforms. Cyberbullying, fights, rumors, heartbreak, anger, embarrassment (usually from inappropriate photos), depression, and thoughts of suicide are all magnified to the extreme by these platforms. Our staff, including me, has spent countless, and I mean countless, hours investigating cyberbullying, disciplining students who are involved in cyberbullying, patching kids back together, doing conflict resolutions, and refereeing constant conflict, mainly due to social media interactions that happen outside of school. Unfortunately, some of our students think that drama is the norm and this is only magnified by social media. Our students need to know that life is not all drama or meant to be lived from crisis to crisis.

Obviously, SnapChat is not entirely to blame for the world's problems. However, social media platforms such as SnapChat, that allow messages to come and go without a trace, is simply

dangerous. We are constantly battling a few other social media platforms such as Facebook, Instagram and Musical.ly.

As a parent, I know how easy it is to be lulled into trusting our kids; especially when they have good attendance, good grades, and show good citizenship. However, it only takes a split second for our kids' lives to be devastated by perhaps a mean post, an adult stranger trying to connect with them, or an inappropriate picture that is sent or received. I know I have really stepped up my "parenting game" to be vigilant in protecting my children from the cyber world, and yet still realizing we live in a technology based society.

Join me in rechecking our thinking in the value of social media and finding that balance. Talk with your children about the negative impact of social media, do random phone checks, minimize social media sites, have them charge and store their phones in another room while they sleep, limit the amount of phone use at home, have a rule of no phones at the dinner table, if your kids have social media require that they allow you to join in their network by following or liking their sites. Put your foot down on any posts that are negative towards others and demand that they respect the home and learning environment. My daughter is 14 and my son is 11, they have their entire lives in front of them; I refuse to let social media ruin it for them.

Assistive Technology Parent Night

[Parent AT night flyer.pdf](#)

Track

[Track Meet Schedule.pdf](#)

After School Homework Club

Homework club is held Tuesday/Thursday in the library from 2:30-3:30. Students need to make their own arrangements home and must be picked up by 3:35 Sign-ups are in the office.

Wolverine Pride Stickers

Wolverine pride stickers are now available in the front office. Let's show our school spirit, stickers are just \$1 each. Honor Roll stickers are also available in the front office for \$2 each if you were unable to purchase one at the awards night come on in and see us!

State Testing

State testing began in March. Below is the general calendar of testing. Please bring headphones if you have them.

ELA 4/25-4/27 8th

Math 5/3-5/4 6th

Math 5/8-5/9 7th

Math 5/15-5/16 8th

ASB (Student Body Fee)

Parents, if you have not paid the \$20 ASB fee (Student Body fee) please do so as soon as possible. These fees go towards incentives, field trips, assemblies, and recognition activities for our students. We have received approximately 49% of our total student body fees for the year.

Attendance

If your student is going to be out of school to please call our attendance line 503-829-6133 opt 1 or bring in a note. Please call all absences in within 24 hours.