

Information from Mildred E. Strang Middle School

To: All Middle School Parents and Guardians
From: Mrs. Linda Grimm

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Parent/Teacher conferences are scheduled for **Tuesday, November 3**, from 1:00 pm – 8:00 pm. This is the first day scheduled for parent-teacher conferences and consequently, school will not be in session for students. If you have not been notified by your child's teacher regarding a conference on **November 3rd**, future conference days are on a half-day schedule. **November 13th** is for parents of sixth grade students and **December 2nd** is for all grade levels 6-8. Please let your child's teacher know if you especially want a conference for one of these days. Our guidance counselors also can set up parent conferences with your child's teachers at other mutually convenient times. The Guidance Office telephone number is 243-8125.

The upcoming weeks will be very busy so please check your district calendar for Middle School events. Also check the MESMS website frequently through www.yorktown.org for news, letters, Nurse's forms and updates. Some key dates are:

- Wed.-Thurs. Oct. 28 - 29 Grade 7 TerraNova Testing for all Grade 7 students
- Wednesday November 4 MESMS PTA – 9:30 am
- Thursday November 5 Picture retakes: The students **must** return entire package if they want retakes.
- Monday November 9 Modified Ice Hockey begins. **All necessary forms must be submitted to the Nurse one week prior to the start date.**
- Friday November 13 Parent-Teacher Conferences for 6th grade (½ day); 6th grade dismissed at 10:20 am
(Note: 7th and 8th grade students are in school all day.)
- Tuesday November 17 MESMS Open House 8:00 am – 10:00 am: Parents/Guardians are invited to sit in classes for a brief time. ID required. (See additional information below.)
- Thursday November 19 International Night 6:30 pm (A limited number of tickets are still available)
- Monday November 23 Modified/Freshman Winter Sports. **All necessary forms must be submitted to the Nurse one week prior to the start date.**
- Monday November 23 Grade 8 Parent Student Orientation (A-K) YHS – 7:00 pm
- Wed.-Fri. Nov. 25 - 27 School Closed – Thanksgiving Recess
- Monday November 30 Grade 8 Parent Student Orientation (L-Z) YHS – 7:00 pm
- Wednesday December 2 Early Dismissal for all students at 10:20 am. Parent-Teacher Conferences for Grades 6-8.
- Thursday December 3 MESMS Variety at YHS – 7:00 pm
- Monday December 14 MESMS Orchestra Concert at YHS – 7:00 pm
- Thursday December 17 MESMS Choral Winter Concert at YHS – 6:30 pm

****Please Note:** A tremendous amount of clothing is being found throughout the school. Lost items can be held for only **two weeks**. Please ask your child to check the "Lost & Found" table near the Cafeteria.

Since November 16 – 20, 2009 is American Education Week, we cordially invite you to visit our Middle School Open House on Tuesday, November 17, 2009 from 8:00 am - 10:00 am. When you visit our school, we request that you:

1. Sign our visitor's log in the Main Lobby of our school to receive your name tag. Your name tag must be worn prominently so that the students and teachers may know who is visiting. You will need to present a Driver's License when you sign in. Please sign out when you leave our building and only use the Main Lobby doors.
2. Plan to visit the various elements of the Middle School total program which include: Second Language, Art, Music, Library, Physical Education, Technology, Health, Home and Careers, and Computer Skills.
3. Plan to stay in a teaching area for approximately 10 minutes so that overcrowding doesn't occur. Since classes are in session, please do not use this occasion to discuss your child's progress. You may phone the Guidance Office at 243-8125 for a conference to address questions concerning your child.
4. **Do not bring recording devices and/or cellular phones into the classrooms**, as they distract students and teachers. Also, please **do not smoke** anywhere on campus.
5. Do not bring small children. They cannot be expected to understand the purpose and may cause a distraction.
6. Parking on the high school/middle school campus is **extremely limited**. Please do not park along any red curb or where "No Parking" signs are posted.

We hope you will join us on Tuesday, November 17. Please use the map on the back of this sheet to know the locations of classes you wish to visit. If you have any questions, please call the MESMS Main Office at 243-8100.