

Marshall Middle School

Weekly Update

September 19, 2021

Dear Students and Parents,

Thank you for assisting us in having a great school opening. Students were greeted by their teachers who were eager to meet them and begin the new school year. We look forward to a rewarding school year.

Middle School years can sometimes prove to be challenging both academically and socially. Students in middle school, while they may present needing less parent/adult support in meeting these challenges, require a great deal of help. This help comes best in the form of a coaching model. Students will stumble, fall, and yes in some instances fail. Sometimes it appears that the middle school years are where this happens most. Coaching your child through situations, while I admit is sometimes extremely challenging, will allow him/her to learn how to navigate difficult situations in future years. We place tremendous value on being a part of your child's education. We will support your child in meeting these challenges and foster a positive middle school experience.

Thank you for the wonderful turnout at the Back to School Night. If you were not able to attend please contact your child's teacher for the presentation or information. We hope to continue meaningful two-way communication utilizing technology as well as a phone call or an old fashion "hello" when we meet around town. Here is a list of ways to keep informed:

*Follow us on Twitter: **@mmsbps***

Visit us at: <https://www.billericak12.com/schools/marshall-middle-school>

View your child's schedule, attendance, grades, etc...:

<https://ma-billerica.myfollett.com>

*Issues, problems with the Family Portal: email **portalhelp@billericak12.com***

*Issues, problems with the Student Portal: email **jfowler@billericak12.com***

We appreciate your time and look forward to working with you this year.

Warmest Regards,

Mr. Rossi

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Weekly Notices and School Information

School Picture Day

School Picture Day is *Tuesday, September 21, 2021*. Order forms were sent home on Friday.

Early Release

The first Early Release Day for students is *Tuesday, September 21, 2021*. Students will be dismissed at 11:40 (ish). Once all of the buses have arrived we will dismiss the students.

During an early release students will attend all classes. Class times will be adjusted.

STARBASE

This year our fifth grade students will be attending the STARBASE Academy, a Department of Defense Youth Program located at Hanscom Air Force Base in Bedford, MA. The program is designed to provide students with challenging "hands on, minds on" activities in Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math (STEM). We are grateful to Mrs. Aucoin for organizing this program for our fifth grade students.

All of our fifth grade students will participate in the five day on site program on the air force base at the STARBASE labs on a rotating basis, as the facility can only hold one class at a time. Four classes will be attending this fall and four classes will be attending in the spring. Your child's teacher will inform you of the dates.

Week of... September 20th to 24th, 2021

Monday September 20, 2021 B-Day

Tuesday September 21, 2021 C-Day

· *School Picture Day*

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- *Early Release for students 11:40 (ish)*
 - *Once all buses arrive students will be dismissed.*

Wednesday September 22, 2021 D-Day

- Grade 6 and 7 Virtual Assembly **"Starts with Hello"**

Thursday September 23, 2021 A-Day

- Grade 5 "A" Team - Starbase

Friday September 24, 2021 B-Day

- Grade 5 "A" Team - Starbase

Have a great week!

"Be the best version of yourself!"