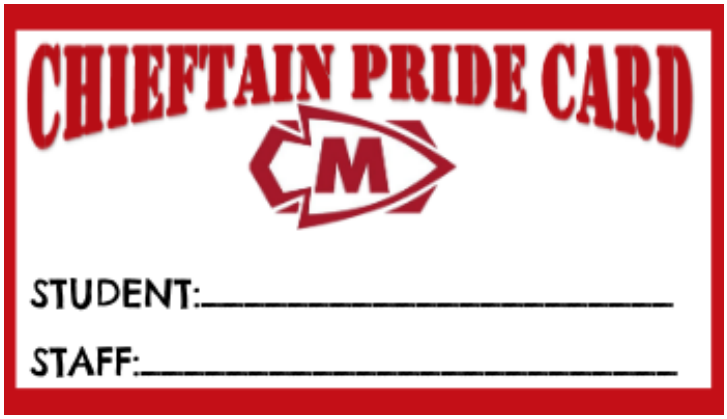
Parent & Caregiver Guide

Middle School

Use this guide for quick reference

To various general information about Masconomet Middle School and where to go for assorted school related topics.

MS Themes



MS – Themes-- Culture of Kindness/Belonging/Resiliency

At Masco MS we promote a culture of kindness at our 7th & 8th grade assemblies at the start of the school year; Chieftain Pride Cards are given to students who demonstrate the characteristics we value in the middle school. On the last day of each month there is a raffle drawing for Richardsons Gift Cards!

Chieftain Award

As a way to encourage and publicly recognize positive student behavior and attitudes that represent the core values of the Middle School, we award multiple Chieftain of the Month certificates. At the end of each month, each academic team chooses one or two students to be awarded the Chieftain of the Month. Based on teacher observations of consistent behaviors, demonstrated leadership, positive citizenship, a specific good deed observed, or a situation unique to a particular student, teams may nominate a student for any number of reasons

Dismissal, Absence & Tardy Policy

We want our students in school so, when possible, please try to make appointments outside the school day. Please limit travel within the school calendar. Attendance in school is important and learning takes place every day.

Dismissals: Students must have a note from home. If you are going to dismiss your child, please send them in with a note stating their name and time of dismissal. The note should be brought to the main office as soon as they arrive at school, no later than 7:35 a.m. They will be given a dismissal note to show to their teacher at the time of dismissal; and they will meet you at your car once you arrive. Please avoid last minute dismissals, when possible, in order to avoid unnecessary disruption to instructional time.

Absences: Please call the attendance line by 8:15 a.m. to report your child absent. The number is 978-887-2323 select 2 for Middle School and then 1 to leave the name of the student who will be absent. Without a note from a medical provider or other circumstances as outlined in the Student & Family handbook such as a death in the family, absences are unexcused.

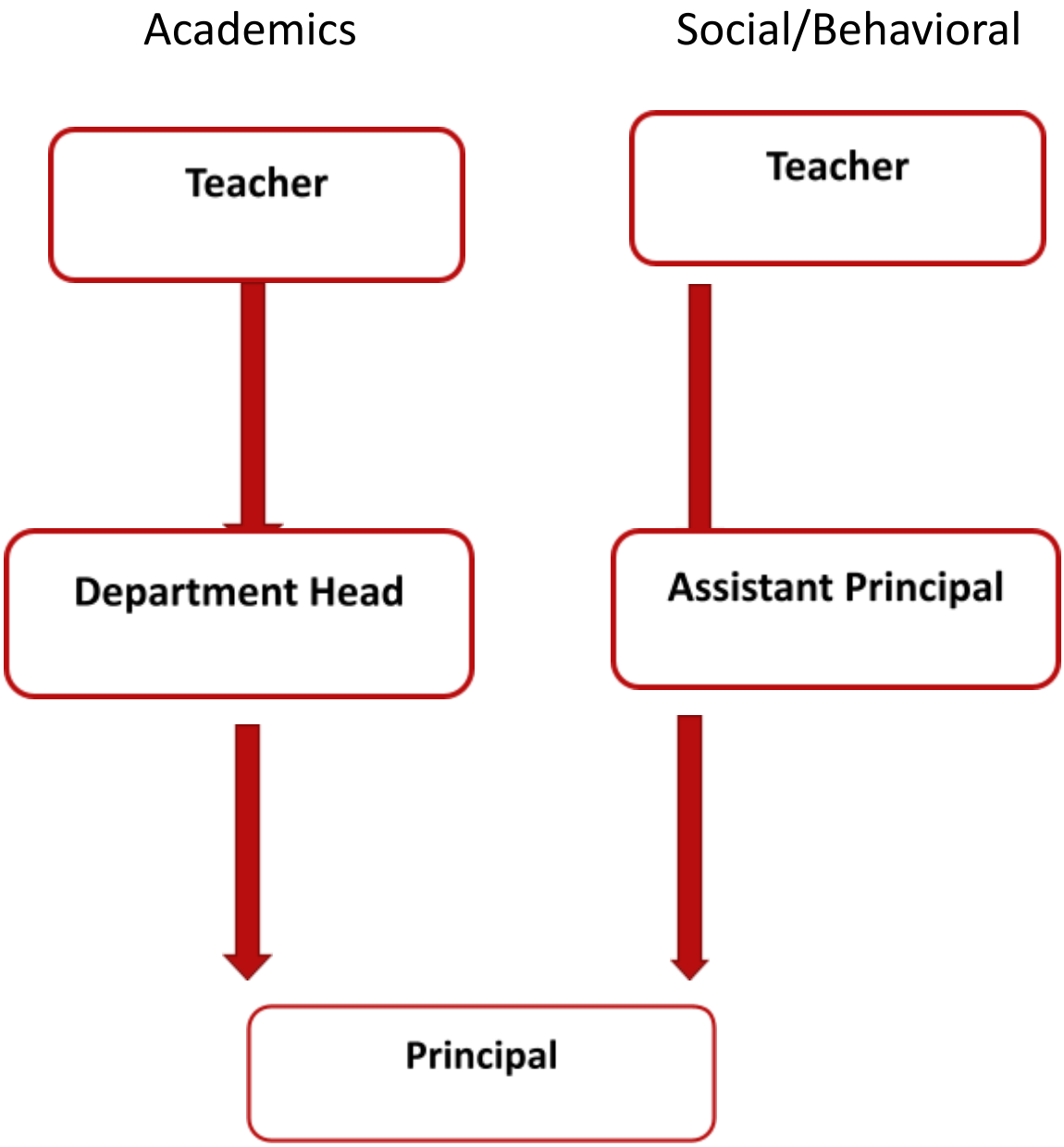
Tardies: All students who are late to school should sign in at the Middle School main office. It will be an unexcused tardy unless excused by a medical provider's note. Excessive tardy arrivals will lead to intervention by the Asst. Principal, per the Student and Family Handbook.

Make up Work: if absent, students can access Blackboard to obtain their work and email teachers if they have questions when they feel well enough if out sick. Students can coordinate with teachers when returning to school regarding class work or missed assessments.

Communication Mediums

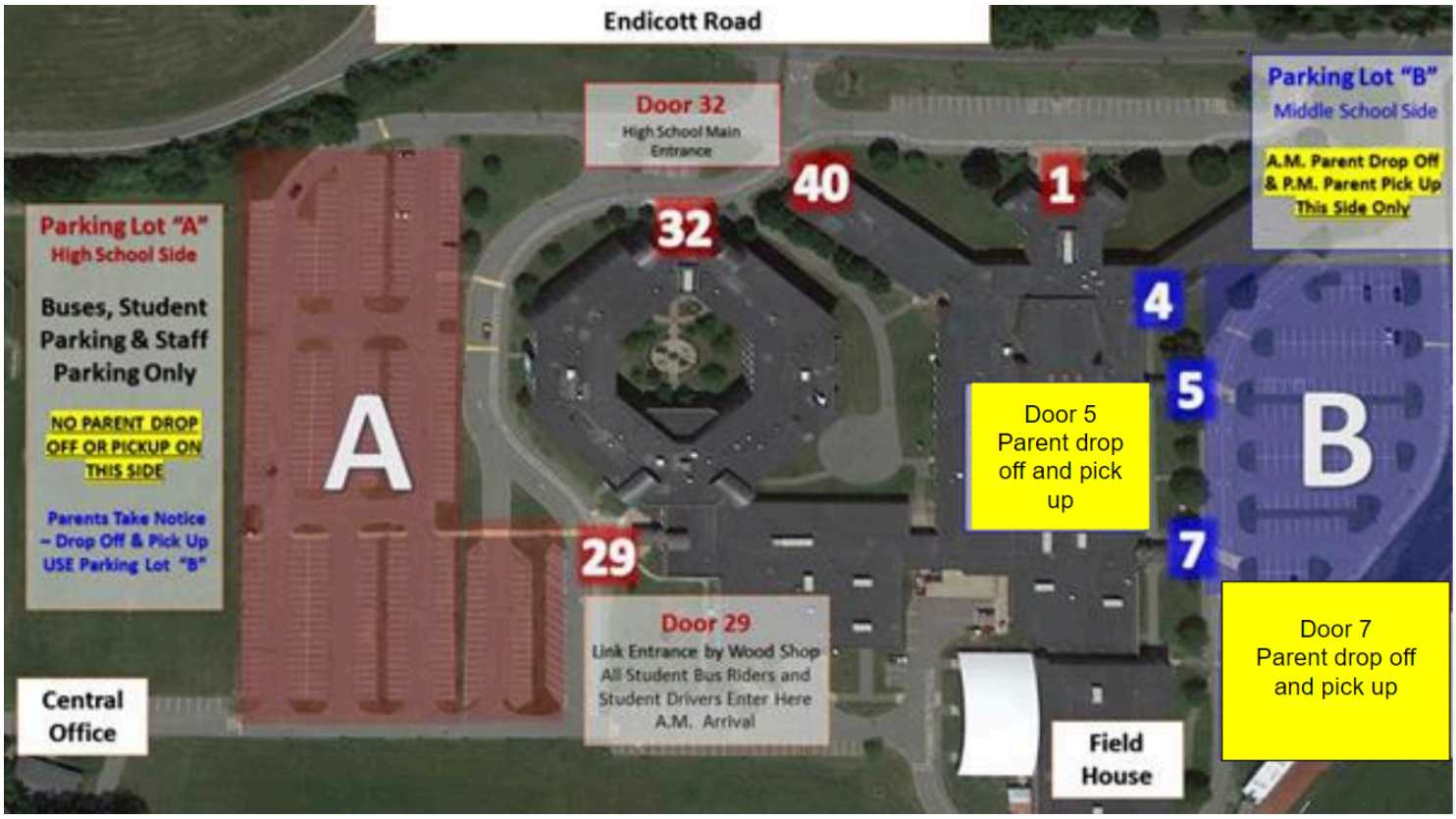
Stay Connected with Masco MS		
Type of Information	**Where to Look**	**How to Get It**
Masco App & Website; Twitter Feeds; PowerSchool App & Portal; Blackboard Learn	District Website	How to Connect Online with Masco
Principal's Weekly Newsletter	Emailed via Parentlink & posted to the MS Home Page - Weekly Update	MS families are automatically subscribed to our mailing list. Keep your primary email address up-to-date with the school
Safety Update – shelter in place; fire drill; ALIC drill; safety concerns	Emailed via Blackboard Connect	
General announcement- event reminders; bus changes; other pertinent information	Emailed via Parentlink	
Direct communication with staff members	Staff email Addresses	Staff Directory

Whom Do I Contact?



Your child's school counselor is always a good place to start!

Student Drop Off/PickUp



Students may be dropped off as early as 7:05 AM. Please help keep our staff and students safe and do not drop off or pick up on the High School side (Lot A). This interferes with student, staff and bus arrivals. Drop-off and pick-up should occur on the Middle School side parking lot, (Lot B). Students are not restricted to one door; they may use either door (Door 5 or Door 7). In order to keep traffic moving as much as possible, please pull forward as far as you can when dropping off and picking up so that others may pull in behind you. Once you are done dropping off or picking up, please continue forward around the parking lot to the exit. Use caution for pedestrians.

After School Activities

The Middle School offers a variety of after-school programs. At the beginning of each school year – announcements are made to encourage students to join our after school activities. There are plenty of opportunities to get involved at Masco!

Student Council – Our Student Council is center of our school activities. It reaches out to all students and acts as the center of communication. **Advisors: Mr. Tzortzis and Mr. Bisceglia**

Masco Excels – A variety of programs are available – cross-country, ping pong, dungeon & dragons, Old School Video Games, Anime and more! Paperwork regarding which programs will run is handed out and posted on our website each Trimester. **Advisor: Mr. Cobb**

Math Team – The MS Intermediate Math Team competes in the Intermediate Mathematics League of Eastern MA. Each school is placed in a particular cluster determined by its previous years' scores. **Advisor: Ms. Hogan & Ms. Bachry**

School Newspaper – Our school newspaper staff meet once a week to write and edit news stories, teacher interviews, book reviews, movie reviews and more. *MascoMinute* is published three to four issues each school year. **Advisor: TBD**

STEM Club –This club participates in the Future City competition, which is a hands-on cross-circular education program. More information about this program is linked here. STEM club meets weekly. **Advisor: Mr. Brown & Mr. Hogan**

Yearbook – A MS yearbook is published each year, which includes seventh & eighth graders and pictures of school activities and clubs. Both seventh & eighth graders are welcome to join the staff. **Advisor: Mrs. Malinowski**

Drama/ School Musical – The MS performs one performance each year. Announcements are made during the school year about auditioning and timing of when the performance will be. **Advisor: Meghan DelGenio**

Frequently Asked Questions

What is the MS Bell Schedule?

MASCONOMET MIDDLE SCHOOL SCHEDULE

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
1 7:35 – 8:24 (49)	2 7:35- 8:24 (49)	3 7:35- 8:43 (68)	1 7:35 – 8:24 (49)	2 7:35- 8:24 (49)
2 8:27 – 9:35 (68)	1 8:27 – 9:35 (68)	4 8:45 – 9:53 (68)	2 8:27 – 9:16 (49)	1 8:27 – 9:16 (49)
M-Block 9:38 – 10:14 (36)	M-Block 9:38 – 10:14 (36)	7 9:55-11:36 (68)*	M-Block 9:19 – 9:55 (36)	M-Block 9:19 – 9:55 (36)
3 10:17 – 11:39 (49)*	3 10:17 – 11:39 (49)*	M-Block 11:39 - 12:15 (36)	6 9:58 – 11:38 (68)*	5 9:58 -11:38 (68)*
5 11:41-12:30 (49)	4 11:41-12:30 (49)	5 12:17-1:06 (49)	4 11:41 – 12:30 (49)	4 11:41 – 12:30 (49)
6 12:33-1:22 (49)	5 12:33 – 1:22 (49*)	Early Dismissal	3 12:33 – 1:22 (49)*	7 12:33-1:22 (49)
7 1:25 – 2:14 (49)	6 1:25-2:14 (49)		7 1:25 -2:14 (49)	6 1:25-2:14 (49)
	Extra Help		Extra Help	
Drop 4	Drop 7	Drop 1,2,6	Drop 5	Drop 3

Lunch on M, T:
1st Lunch:
Lunch 10:14-10:49 (35)
Block 4 Class 10:50-11:39 (49)
2nd Lunch:
Block 4 Class 10:17-11:06 (49)
Lunch 11:06-11:41 (35)

Wednesday Lunch
1st Lunch:
Lunch 9:53-10:28 (35)
Block 3 Class 10:28-11:36 (68)
2nd Lunch:
Block 3 Class 9:55-11:03 (68)
Lunch 11:03-11:38 (35)

Lunch on Th, F:
1st Lunch:
9:55-10:30 (35)
Block 4 Class 10:30-11:38 (68)
2nd Lunch:
Block 4 Class 9:58-11:06 (68)
Lunch: 11:06-11:41 (35)

What are the MS Library Hours?

Monday, Tuesday and Thursday:	7:25 a.m. – 3:50 p.m.
Wednesday	7:25 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.
Friday	7:25 a.m. – 2:30 p.m.

What days does the late bus run?

Tuesday and Thursday only – Pick up is in front of the High School main office. Students should arrive by 3:50 p.m.

Frequently Asked Questions, Cont.

How much is school lunch? Where do I add money to my child's school lunch account?

School Lunch Information

My School Bucks

Where do I find my child's bus route?

Click here for Masco Bus Routes

How do I check my child's grades?

By using the PowerSchool student and parent portal, you can login to check grades, assignments, missing work, and teacher comments. PowerSchool login information is shared with all parents/caregivers at the beginning of the 7th grade school year. You can access PowerSchool online or via the PowerSchool phone app. Check out How to Connect with Masco for more information.

When and how will I receive my child's report cards?

Middle School report cards will be available in the PowerSchool portal at the end of each Trimester. Notices will be placed in the Principal's Weekly Newsletter pertaining to when they will be available to view. At the end of the school year, a final report card will be mailed.

What are some of the activities my child can look forward to outside of extra-curricular activities?

7th Grade: field trips, field day, Student Council events and drives, spirit weeks.

8th grade: DC trip, field trips, end of year celebration, Field Day, Moving-On Ceremony

Our Partners

Masconomet Education Foundation

https://masconometeducationfoundation.org/

TRI-TOWN COUNCIL
working together for kids

https://www.tritowncouncil.org/

Masconomet Regional School District
PAC
Parent Activities Committee
CHIEFTAINS NEVER QUIT

https://mascopac.org/

Tri-Town SEPAC

https://tritownsepac.org/index.html