

Marshall Middle School

Weekly Update

January 10, 2022

Dear Students/Parents/Guardians,

We had our first SNOW DAY on Friday. We will adjust the quarters and trimesters by one day. However, we do not change the letter days. Monday, January 10 will be a C-Day as scheduled.

Happy New Year! This past week has been one of the most trying weeks in managing a school during the pandemic. Unfortunately, I was not able to be in the building, due to testing positive, which makes me even more grateful to the Marshall staff. As we work through the challenges presented to us, we ask for your help in addressing a few items:

- If symptoms are present, your child should stay home from school and you should consult with your pediatrician.
- If you have taken your child to be tested, please keep them home until you have the negative test result.
- Please contact the school nurse regarding your child's absence and illness.
Helene Sullivan BSN, RN, NCSN
Tel (978)528-8680 or hsullivan@billericak12.com
- Students must wear a mask while in school. Please speak to your child about the mask covering both their nose and mouth throughout the day. Students receive multiple mask breaks daily.
- Make sure you wash all fabric masks daily after use, and throw away surgical masks when visibly soiled or after one day.
- Masks must be worn on the school bus.
- In addition to sinks, hand sanitizer stations are in every classroom and throughout the school. Please encourage your child to have good hand hygiene.
- Students should keep a minimum of a three foot distance from others and six feet when available during the school day.

Thank you for supporting us in maintaining a healthy and safe environment for all of our school community. Our goal is to continue full in person operation and your help is key to meeting this goal.

Many parents have been emailing staff regarding student illness and/or absences, we appreciate the communication. **Please be sure to add the school nurse on any emails hsullivan@billericak12.com regarding your child's absence and health.**

Weekly routine COVID testing occurs on Mondays each week for students. If you have not completed the consent form and would like to sign your child up for testing, please see this link: [Consent for School Based COVID-Testing](#)

In other news...

Our student council ended December on a positive note:

- We raised \$1025.72 from the Pajama Day to support the Billerica Food Pantry. BIG THANKS! [Letter from Billerica Community Pantry](#)
- The student council's "Penny Wars" raised \$1,888 that will be used for end of the school year events for the students. Congratulations to all.
 - 3rd Place - Grade 7 (-1,608 points),
 - 2nd Place Grade 5 (-580 points),
 - 1st Place Grade 6 (+6214 points)

Resolution ideas...

A New Year's resolution for many Marshall students might read, "I will charge my Chromebook each night!"

Warmest Regards,

Mr. Rossi
Principal

From the Marshall School Counselors

We have a new addition to our Marshall Website. The School Counseling Department now has their own site. This site can be used by both students and parents/guardians. You will find helpful information and resources around topics pertaining to middle school, but also resources parents can use for support. You can access the website by clicking [HERE](#) or you can visit the Marshall Middle School Website and find it under "Student/Family Resources."

Shawsheen Tech Open House Notice

Shawsheen will host an Open House on January 19, 2022 from 6-8pm. This event is intended for 7th and 8th grade prospective students and is open to anyone interested in learning about Shawsheen.

The Open House will showcase Shawsheen's academic, career, and vocational-technical programs, as well as all athletic teams and extracurricular clubs and activities. Vocational programs will have hands-on projects for guests visiting shops, and self-guided tours are encouraged. Guests will also be able to learn about district programming open to the public, as well as information regarding student-run services. At the January 19th Open House, information will be provided for adult education, the School of Practical Nursing, summer programs, project explore, as well as aquatics and swim offerings.

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Week of...January 10 - 14, 2022

- **Monday, January 10, 2021 C-Day**
 - NO Late Bus
- **Tuesday, January 11, 2021 D-Day**
 - Shawsheen Tech project Explore (Grade 7)
- **Wednesday, January 12, 2021 A-Day**
 - NO Late Bus
 - School council 3-4 PM
- **Thursday, January 13, 2021 B-Day**

- NO Late Bus
- Student Council Meeting 7:25 in the cafeteria
- Shawsheen Tech project Explore (Grade 7)
- **Friday, January 14, 2021 - C-Day**

Important Dates:

☐ January:

- ☐ January 12: School Council meeting during homeroom
- ☐ January 13: Student Council Meeting
- ☐ January 17: Dr. Martin Luther King Day - No School
- ☐ January 20: Student Council Meeting
- ☐ January 27: **Quarter 2 ends (Last day for Unified Arts Classes)**
- ☐ January 28: **Quarter 3 begins (Unified Arts Classes Change)**

ASPEN Accounts

If you encounter issues or problems with your ASPEN Account, please contact:

- Parent Portal: email portalhelp@billericak12.com
- Student Portal: email jfowler@billericak12.com

Have a great week!

“Be the best version of yourself!”

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>

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