



# Middle School Newsletter

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and Reflection-



creates the pathway to our  
learning success!

From: Dr. Flaherty  
Week of: January 23, 2017  
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## January 2017

Monday, January 23	Staff Work Day No School	
Tuesday, January 24	A Day*	After school help 2:20- 2:50 p.m. Ping Pong 3:00-4:00 p.m. Learn Italian 3:00-4:00 p.m. Winter Workouts 3:00 – 4:00 p.m.
Wednesday, January 25	B Day Trimester 2 midpoint	After school help 2:20- 2:50 p.m. Knee Hockey 3:00- 4:00 p.m. Ping Pong 3:00 – 4:00 p.m. Risk 3:00- 4:00 p.m.
Thursday January 26	C Day	After school help 2:20 – 2:50 p.m. Handy Crafts 3:00 – 4:00 p.m. Old School Video 3:00 – 4:00 p.m. Ping Pong 3:00 – 4:00 p.m. Writers' Club 3:00 – 4:00 p.m.
Friday, January 27	D Day	Volleyball 6:00- 7:00 a.m. Seussical Jr. Auditions 2:30 -5:00 p.m./Auditorium

\*Cycle reset to an A day following the staff work day

**Messages from Principal Flaherty:** Join Us on Twitter @Masco\_Principal.

## MCAS Testing Schedule

The Massachusetts Department of Education recently released a new statewide testing schedule for MCAS. Please note the updated Masco Middle School testing schedule below. **Please disregard the dates listed in the School Calendar in the Calendar Handbook.** The website calendar has been updated and the testing dates are also listed below:

### Grade 7 MCAS Testing Schedule

Date	Subject	Session
Tuesday, April 4	ELA	Session 1
Wednesday, April 5	ELA	Session 2
April 10, 11 & 12, *24 & 25	ELA	Make Ups
Tuesday, May 2	Mathematics	Session 1

Wednesday, May 3	Mathematics	Session 2
May11-17	Mathematics	Make Ups

### Grade 8 MCAS Testing Schedule

Date	Subject	Session
Thursday, April 6	ELA	Session 1
Friday, April 7	ELA	Session 2
April 10, 11 & 12,*24 & 25	ELA	Make Ups
Thursday, May 4	Mathematics	Session 1
Friday, May 5	Mathematics	Session 2
Tuesday, May 9	Science, Technology & Engineering(STE)	Session 1
Wednesday, May 10	Science, Technology & Engineering(STE)	Session 2
May 11-17	Mathematics; Science, Technology & Engineering (STE)	Make Ups

\*April 24 & 25, if needed

### Masco Excels, Session II

See the above calendar as a reminder of the day your child's activity will run. It is important that students are picked up at 4:00 p.m. A staff member will wait until students participating in Excels are picked up or a note is sent in allowing the student to walk or ride their bikes home. As such, any student that is repeatedly not picked up by 4:15 p.m. may not be able to continue to participate in their activity.

### Tri-Town Council

Please see the attached flyers from Tri-Town Council for upcoming events.

### Masco Million:

Masco Million Results: **All Team weekly** results **12,273** and the **Grand total: 584,542** pages. We only have 415,523 pages left to meet our goal. When teams all record pages read, amazing page number totals result.

Congratulations **teams** on your page totals this week! Please continue to encourage your students to enter pages read from their textbooks, short stories, or any other reading you do as a class. These figures represent the numbers logged in by 3:00 PM Thursday, January 19, 2017.

<b>Team</b>	<b>Week Total</b>	<b>Total</b>
7 Blue	492	68,087
7 Red	1,260	119,152
7 White	4,615	116,353
8 Blue	2,540	80,970
8 Red	0	90,556
8 White	3,366	109,424

### **Upcoming Dates of Importance**

February 6, 2017	Early Dismissal; 12:20 p.m.
February 17, 2017	Close at Regular Hour for Winter Vacation (homework free vacation)
March 15, 2017	Trimester 2 Ends

## **Under Construction! What Every Parent Must Know About Your TWEEN/TEEN'S Brain Development**

Dr. Ruth Potee will discuss teen brain development, its impact on risk-taking behavior, including the use of drugs and alcohol, and what this means for parents of teens. Come learn more about what parents and the community can do to keep our teens safer, healthier and substance-free throughout their middle (5th grade and up) and high school years.

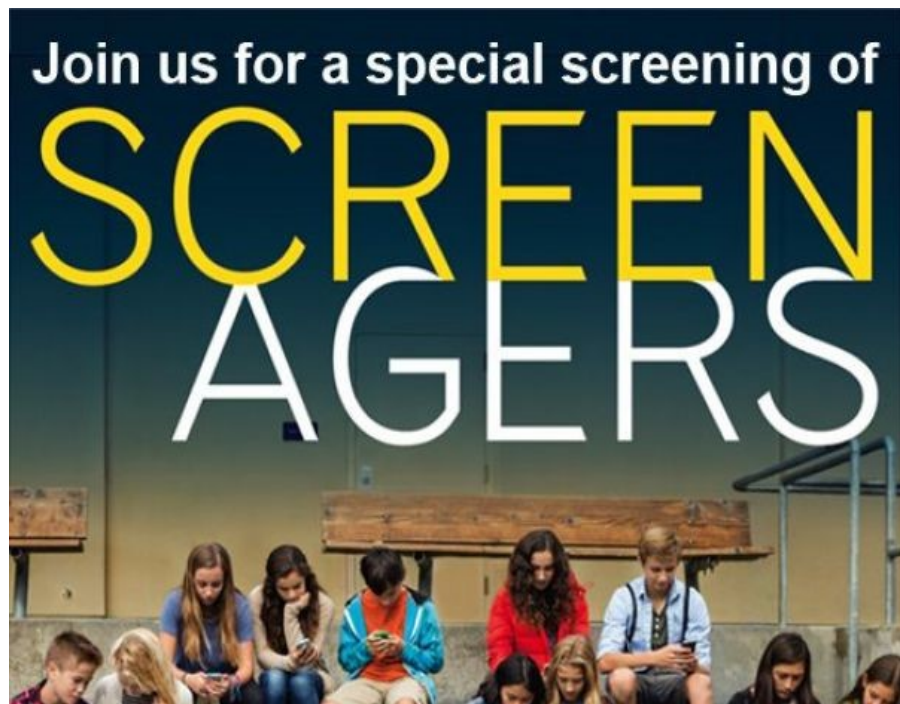


**Thursday, February 9, 2017 7:00pm—Masconomet Auditorium**  
**[REGISTER HERE](#)**

**This program is free & open to the public.**

Dr. Potee practices family medicine in Greenfield and was honored by the Franklin District Medical Society as the 2015 Community Clinician of the Year. She is Chair of the Healthcare Solutions Opioid Task Force of Franklin County and has addressed professional and community audiences on related topics throughout the state.





**Tuesday**  
**January 31, 2017**  
**Masco Auditorium**  
**7pm**  
*Followed by panel discussion*

Watch the Trailer [HERE](#)

***Are you watching kids scroll through life, with their rapid-fire thumbs and a six-second attention span?***

Physician and filmmaker Delaney Ruston saw that with her own kids and learned that the **average kid spends 6.5 hours a day looking at screens**. She wondered about the impact of all this time and about the friction occurring in homes and schools around negotiating screen time—friction she knew all too well.

In **SCREENAGERS**, as with her award-winning documentaries on mental health, Delaney takes a deeply personal approach as she probes into the vulnerable corners of family life, including her own, to explore struggles over social media, video games, academics and internet addiction. Through poignant, and unexpectedly funny stories, along with surprising insights from authors, psychologists, and brain scientists, **SCREENAGERS** reveals how tech time impacts kids' development and offers solutions on how adults can empower kids to best navigate the digital world and find balance.

**This is a FREE Program—[REGISTER HERE](#)**

**For Parents/Guardians & Educators of youth K -12**  
**students age 12+ are welcome to attend**

