



# Middle School Newsletter

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learning success!

From: Dr. Flaherty  
Week of: March 20, 2017  
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## March 2017

Monday, March 20	E Day Trimester 3 Begins PowerSchool Student/Parent Portal reopens at 3:00 p.m.	After school help 2:20- 2:50 p.m. <b>Seusiccal Jr.</b> <b>3:00 – 5:00 p.m./Auditorium</b>
Tuesday, March 21	F Day	After school help 2:20- 2:50 p.m. <b>Seusiccal Jr.</b> <b>3:00 – 5:00 p.m./Auditorium</b>
Wednesday, March 22	A Day Cookie Dough Fundraiser Pickup 1:00 – 3:30 p.m.	After school help 2:20- 2:50 p.m. <b>Seusiccal Jr. /</b> <b>3:00 – 5:00 p.m./Auditorium</b>
Thursday, March 23	B Day	After school help 2:20 – 2:50 p.m. <b>Seusiccal Jr. /</b> <b>3:00 – 5:00 p.m./Auditorium</b>
Friday, March 24	C Day	<b>STEM CLUB</b> 2:30 – 3:30 p.m.

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

### **Masco Excels**

Paperwork for Trimester 3 Excels programs was distributed this morning. Space is limited in some of the programs, so participation is on a first-come, first-served basis. All programs will run for six consecutive weeks (unless otherwise noted). Registration will end on Wednesday, March 29<sup>th</sup>. Excel programs will begin the week of April 2<sup>nd</sup>. (See below for the list of offerings).

### **Cookie Dough Fundraiser**

Please be sure to pick up your cookie dough from our recent fundraiser! Pick up time is scheduled for this Wednesday, March 22 from 1:00 – 3:00 p.m.

### **MCAS Testing Schedule**

Listed below are the upcoming dates for the ELA MCAS testing:

Grade 7: April 4 & 5  
Grade 8: April 6 & 7

## What can I do as a parent to help my child to succeed on the MCAS exams?

**Most importantly, give them a pep talk and tell them they will do great if they just put in their best effort!**

- Have students go to bed early and get a good night's sleep.
- Ensure they eat a good breakfast.
- Make sure they attend school and are on time. This is especially true for MCAS test days, as these exams are timed. If a student arrives after testing has begun he/she will need to wait and take a make-up exam. If they are truly sick, there is make-up days available.
- Unless it is an emergency please do not plan to dismiss a student prior to the end of the testing window, which will be at 10:13 a.m. each day. If they have not completed the test it will be invalidated or once the test is passed in, it will be scored as is and it will not be beneficial to the student's score or the school's overall data. Thank you in advance for assistance in the area of attendance. It is critical for both the student and the school. However, if a child becomes ill in the middle of a test we can arrange for a monitored make-up that will allow the student to finish from the point where the stopped to the end; they will not be able to go back or review any previously completed work.
- Remind them that no electronic devices including cell phones or apple watches are permitted to be with them during the testing period. If a student is found to have an electronic device with them, we need to contact the Department of Secondary Education and his/her test will be invalidated.

## Mayan Spirit Animal Fundraiser



I am very pleased to announce that our “Mayan Spirit Animal” Fundraiser was a complete sell-out and the 7-white art classes raised \$800 for NPH USA! NPH (or Nuestros Pequeños Hermanos – Spanish for “Our Little Brothers and Sisters”) is raising more than 3,400 orphaned, abandoned and disadvantaged boys and girls in Bolivia, the Dominican Republic, El Salvador, Guatemala, Haiti, Honduras, Mexico and Peru. An additional 2,300 children who live outside the homes receive scholarships, meals and healthcare. NPH community outreach services provided over 99,000 services in 2015. Thanks to all students/staff that participated in this worthy cause.

Ms. Amsler, 7<sup>th</sup> Grade Art teacher, visited two of the children's homes that NPH operates, (Peru and Guatemala,) and she can personally attest to the wonderful and loving care that is provided to the disadvantaged children that call NPH their home. The “pequeños”, as they are affectionately called, are raised with stability, comfort, and love in a home that truly feels like a huge family. For more information, please visit the website [www.nphusa.org](http://www.nphusa.org)

## Masco 8A Boys win the Cape Anne League Championship



Front Row: Coach Ciccarelli, Mark Ciccarelli, Mason Zernich, Greg Walker, Alex Gillespie, Harry Osgood Back Row: Coach Wiggins, Jermaine Wiggins, Jack Regan, Garrett Doherty, Patrick Atkins, Spencer Butterworth, Coach Zernich. Missing from photo: Nate Collins

## Masco 7 B Boys basketball team wins the D2 Eastern Basketball Championship



Front Row: Toal Lodewick, Andrew Saumsiegle, Sean Morrison and Timmy McGinley.  
Back Row: Coach Bob Dempsey, Coach Rob Morrison, Jake Cobak, Corin Canada-Hunt, Will Dempsey, Sam McCall, Charlie Stark, Aaron Cote, Dylan Verlaro and Coach Tony Verlaro and Coach Brian McGinley

## Masco 8B Boys basketball team wins the Eastern Basketball Championship



Front row (L-R), Griffin Tache, Angelo Leone, Ethan Cote, Nick Cantalupo, Haydn Kornusky. Back row (L-R), Coach Bob McCall, Alex Theriault, Griffin Saginor, Keo Kiriakos, Dan Fortin, Jack McCall, Patrick Gallagher, Coach Dan Gallagher

## Masco Youth Spring Track Program

Boys and girls in Grades 6-8 are welcome to join the Masco Youth Spring Track Program. This is a competitive program that meets three times per week at local area parks and at the high school track. Practices will be held on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays from 5:30 to 7:00. Practice sessions will start after the April break and continue through the Junior Olympic meet held at the end of June.

Events that will be competed are: 80-100 Meter Hurdles, 100, 200 and 400 Meter Dash, 800 Meter and Mile Run, Long Jump, High Jump, Shot Put, Discus, and Turbo Jav.

Cost of the program is \$50.00 and includes a running shirt. The team is also seeking volunteer coaches for the sprints, jumps and throwing events. If interested please indicate your willingness to volunteer on the registration form. The Masco Youth Spring Track Program is sponsored by the Boxford Athletic Association.

To register, please go to <http://www.baasports.info/page/show/92613-track-and-cross-country>

## Masco Million

Masco Million Results: **All Team weekly** results **11,663** and the **Grand total: 721,318** pages. We only have 278,747 pages left to meet our goal. When teams all record pages read, amazing page number totals result. Congratulations to the teams who submitted pages this week, your page totals are impressive! Please continue to encourage your child to enter pages read from their textbooks, short stories, or any other reading they do in class. These figures represent the numbers logged in by 3:00 PM Thursday, March 16, 2017.

<b>Team</b>	<b>Week Total</b>	<b>Total</b>
7 Blue	0	144,085
7 Red	2,528	135,587
7 White	7,381	129,361
8 Blue	820	89,436
8 Red	276	92,453
8 White	658	130,386

### **Upcoming Dates of Importance**

March 29, 2017	International Dinner; 5:30 – 7:30 p.m.
April 3, 2017	Early Dismissal, 12:20 p.m.
April 4 & 5, 2017	Grade 7, MCAS ELA
April 6 & 7, 2017	Grade 8, MCAS ELA
April 10 – 13, 2017	MCAS Make up testing
April 14, 2017	Close at 11:30 a.m. for Spring Vacation/Homework Free Vacation
April 24, 2017	School reopens
May 2 & 3, 2017	Grade7, MCAS Mathematics
May 4 & 5, 2017	Grade8, MCAS Mathematics
May 5, 2017	Trimester 3 Midpoint
May 5 & 6, 2017	MS Musical
May 8, 2017	Early Dismissal; 12:20 p.m.
May 9 & 10, 2017	Grade 8, MCAS Science & Technology & Engineering (STE)
May 11-17, 2017	Mathematics; STE Make Ups

May 18, 2017	Incoming 7 <sup>th</sup> Grade Parents Night, 6:30 p.m.
May 23, 2017	MS Chorus Concert
May 25, 2017	Memorial Day Assembly, 8:30a.m.
May 25, 2017	MS Band Concert
May 26-29, 2017	HW Free Weekend
May 29,2017	Memorial Day, No School

# MASCO EXCELS SESSION III OFFERINGS

## Old School Video Game

(Brown) C-212  
Monday 3:00-4:00

Do you like to play video games, old school ones! In this excel we will be dusting off our Nintendo 64 and playing games like Mario Kart 64, Tetris, and Super Smash Bros. Participants are encouraged to bring in any games if they have any. Participation is limited to 6, so sign up early!

## Handy Crafts

(Boccia) B-113A  
Monday 3:00-4:00

If you are someone who likes to make things, and/or wants to learn a new hand craft or two, then please join this group. We will be working on Decoupage, cross stitch, Origami, and embroidery. You can learn them all or just work on one craft.

## Basketball

(Monagle) –Gym  
Tuesday 3:00-4:00

Come run some drills and play hoops with Mr Monagle afterschool on Tuesdays various games can be played or straight up scrimmaging.

## Ping Pong

3:00-4:00pm

Gather up some of your pals and come play the fastest paddle game in the world! Ping Pong will meet in front of the Middle School Library each day.

**\*\*\*\*Please Specify what day you are signing up for\*\*\*\***

Surette ---Tuesday

Morris--- Wednesday

## Film Makers

(Wrobel ) B-120  
Tuesday 3:00- 4:00

Calling all actors, directors, writers, and any student interested in creating movies. In this excel, you will learn how to make your own movies. You will learn how to storyboard, film, and edit a short film. Students can use their own video cameras, cell phones(with video), or check out flip cameras from the library when available. Film Makers will meet on Tuesdays.

## Art for Fun

(Fowler) C-207  
Tuesday 3:00-4:00

Explore Art for fun.

Informal small group drawing, coloring, and painting in different mediums.

Spend an hour with your friends talking and doing art. Only 10 spots.

## Ultimate Frisbee

Tuesday 3:00-4:00  
(Tzortzis)C-203

Looking for the ultimate game to be played on two feet? Sign up and come learn what it is all about. All levels and ages are welcome.

## Book Club

(Green) Library  
Wednesday 3:00-4:00

Do you like to read? Are you hiding under the covers at night with a flashlight finishing a good book? Do you enjoy talking with friends about the book you are reading? Do you recommend books to friends or family? Then, book club is for you. We will meet three more times this year, one Wednesday in April, May and June to discuss various books. These books will be read outside of school and we will choose our next book at each meeting. Selections will be age appropriate for middle school students.

## Excels CAD and 3D Printing

(Malio)C-123  
Wednesday 3:00-4:00

ROBO Catapults!!!!

Are you interested in using computers to create CAD drawing and then printing your 3D models? In this session, students will explore CAD using Tinkercad software running on the Chromebooks. This session will familiarize the students with an overview of the software and then provide an opportunity to print their designs on our Makerbot Replicator 3D printer.

**This session will be limited to 12 students.**

**Double Dutch**  
(Fowler)C-207  
Thursday-3:00-4:00

Double Dutch anyone? How about spending Thursday afternoons jumping rope with a group of hopping friends? We will learn the basics of jumping rope with two ropes going at the same time. This is a great way to get some exercise and maybe even build a routine to music!

**Wiffle Ball**  
(Surette)gym  
Thursday 3:00-4:00

Smaller version of baseball and great for your hitting and fielding for the upcoming season. Gets some friends and aim for the rafters as they throw the heat at you!

**Ultimate Frisbee**  
(Tzortzis)C-203  
Thursday 3:00-4:00

Looking for the ultimate game to be played on two feet? Sign up and come learn what it is all about. All levels and ages are welcome.

**Risk**  
(Wilson) B-116  
Thursday 3:00-4:00

If you have ever dreamed of world domination it is about time that you signed up to play Risk with your friends and Mr. Cobb. We have room for 8 and games continue on each week until someone has conquered the world!

**Tae Kwon Do**  
(Pickup)-C-200  
Thursday 3:00-4:00

Taekwondo is a Korean martial art that uses a lot of leg offense. In this excel students will learn the 4 parts to a kick as well as different types of kicks. We will practice on kicking targets and also learn some basic movements, forms as well as some sparring drills.

**Guitar**  
(Morris)B-106  
Thursday 3:00-4:00

For those who already know the basics, Guitar Club is all about having a fun, friendly place to play, share what you know, and learn something new from other guitar players. Limited to 8 students.

**Magic the Gathering**  
(Tzortzis) C-203  
Thursday 3:00-4:00

Come learn how to play, or sharpen your skills playing one of the most popular card games in the world. We will take the time to teach new players how to play, and will run tournaments to declare the ultimate Magic champion.

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**Writers' Club**  
(LeBlanc) C-201  
Thursday 3:00-4:00

If you are a writer looking for a place to share and improve your writing, then come to the Writer's Club! If you're a budding novelist, a lover of short stories, a poet, or have always thought about writing but never tried, this is the club for you. Each week we'll do writing exercises, look at what advice & tips great writers have for writing, work on our own pieces, receive constructive feedback, and work towards creating an amazing final product. We'll also look into ways we can publish our work and learn about the submission process. If you've got a creative spark, come let it grow & burn brightly.

**Fitness Walking**  
(Green) Library  
Friday 2:30-3:30

Spring is coming and it is a great time to begin a fitness walking regime. We will walk around the outside of the school varying our pace and distance to gain the most from our walk. Enjoy the day sights and sounds of spring while we walk rain or shine.



**RC Car Club**  
(Thurlow)B-127  
Friday 2:30-3:30

Interested in building and modifying a radio controlled car?  
Students will need to bring a radio control car. Student can buy additional parts to modify their vehicle but will be encouraged to find alternative ways to modify their vehicles. Students will need to bring in basic tools i.e. screwdrivers, wrenches, pliers, to put the car together but I will also bring in tools for students to use. When students have completed their vehicles we will hold various competitions to test the skill of the vehicles and students.  
**(Limited to 12)**



# OPEN GYM & More

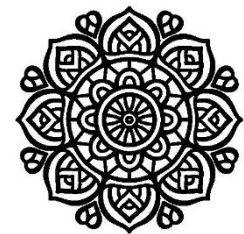
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## LAST ONE THIS YEAR!

**Saturday, March 25th from 7-9pm**

**@ Masco Field House**

**Get off that couch!  
Hoops, floor hockey, volleyball, and more!  
Just want to hang out?  
We've got board games, art stuff & more**



**Open Gym is open to current Masco Middle & High School students.**



**Get some friends together for a pickup game, board game, hang out and draw - whatever...!**

**Remember... it's FREE & FUN!**

*Please bring your Masconomet School ID and your own water bottle*

**Open Gym Nights 2017, 3/25 is the last one this season!**

**Tri-Town Council and Masco are teaming up to host OPEN GYM NIGHTS for YOU!**

**Contact TTC with your questions (978) 887-6512**

**Find us on Facebook and Twitter too!**