



Middle School Newsletter

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and Reflection-



creates the pathway to our
learning success!

From: Dr. Flaherty
Week of: January 16, 2017
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January 2017

Monday, January 16	Martin Luther King, Jr. Day No School	
Tuesday, January 17	A Day	<i>After school help 2:20- 2:50 p.m.</i> <i>Ping Pong 3:00-4:00 p.m.</i> <i>Learn Italian 3:00-4:00 p.m.</i> <i>Winter Workouts 3:00 – 4:00 p.m.</i> MS ChoralConcert, 7:00 p.m./Auditorium
Wednesday, January 18	B Day	<i>After school help 2:20- 2:50 p.m.</i> <i>Knee Hockey 3:00- 4:00 p.m.</i> <i>Ping Pong 3:00 – 4:00 p.m.</i> <i>Risk 3:00- 4:00 p.m.</i>
Thursday January 19	C Day	<i>After school help 2:20 – 2:50 p.m.</i> <i>Handy Crafts 3:00 – 4:00 p.m.</i> <i>Old School Video 3:00 – 4:00 p.m.</i> <i>Ping Pong 3:00 – 4:00 p.m.</i> <i>Writers' Club 3:00 – 4:00 p.m.</i>
Friday, January 20	D Day 11:30 a.m. Dismissal	<i>Volleyball 6:00- 7:00 a.m.</i>

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
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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

Excel programs began last week and unless otherwise indicated, they run from 3:00 – 4:00 p.m. 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.

Math Team

Congratulations Masco Math Team on a great win at Rockport Middle School last Thursday evening, January 12th. Ainsley Novack and Justin Crosby tied for first place at the meet. Well done, Ainsley and Justin! In addition to Ainsley and Justin, our meet 3 high scorers were: Corin Canada-Hunt, Jimmy Jiang, Erika Ding, Eric Malarczyk, Jacob RaboldDylan Velardo. Great meet, Masco Mathletes!

Middle School Drama Club Auditions

Please see the flyer below with details for next week’s auditions for *Seussical Jr.*

Tri-Town Council

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

Masco Million:

Masco Million Results: **All Team weekly** results **21,650** and the **Grand total: 572,170** pages. We only have 427, 895 pages left to meet our goal. When teams all record pages read, amazing page number totals result. Congratulations **8 White** on your page totals this week! Please continue to encourage your children 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, January 12, 2017.

Team	Week Total	Total
7 Blue	0	67,595
7 Red	0	116,974
7 White	192	111,738
8 Blue	1,040	78,430
8 Red	0	90,556
8 White	20,418	106,877

Upcoming Dates of Importance

January 20, 2017	Early Dismissal, 11:30 a.m.
January 23, 2017	Staff Work Day, No School for Students
January 25, 2017	Trimester 2 Mid-Point
February 6, 2017	Early Dismissal; 12:20 p.m.
February 17, 2017	Close at Regular Hour for Winter Vacation

Masconomet Regional Middle School

Drama Club Auditions



Friday, January 27th

2:30-5:00pm

Auditorium

Registration and Audition Forms are available in the Main Office and
with Ms. Richards

**Registration Forms and Payments are Due by
Friday, January 6th**

Please Bring Your Audition Form, Comfy Clothes, and Water with you
on Audition Day! You will be Acting, Dancing, and Singing!

If you have any Questions or Concerns please contact Ms. Richards
(crichards@masconomet.org)

Join us for a special screening of

SCREENAGERS



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



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.

