



Middle School Newsletter

Engagement, Assessment,
and Reflection—



creates the pathway to our
learning success!

From: Dr. Flaherty
Week of: January 14, 2019
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January 2018

Monday , January 14	F Day	After school help 2:20- 2:50 p.m.
Tuesday , January 15	A Day	After school help 2:20- 2:50 p.m.
Wednesday , January 16	B Day	After school help 2:20- 2:50 p.m.
Thursday , January 17	C day	After school help 2:20- 2:50 p.m. Math Team 3:00 – 4:00 p.m.
Friday , January 18	E day	

Messages from Principal Flaherty: Join Us on Twitter @Masco_Principal

EXCELS

Our second session of the EXCELS program sign up has been extended until this Friday, January 18. Students received the schedule of opportunities upon returning from the holiday break. Students may register for as many programs as they wish but some do have a size limit that is determined on a first-come, first served process, so sign up early! (see attached flyers)

Friday, January 25

There will be an early dismissal on Friday, January 25 at 11:30 a.m. Monday, January 28 is a staff workday with no school for students. When students return on Tuesday, January 29 it will be an A day.

Masco Chainbreakers Mountain Bike Club/Team Season

The Masco Mountain Bike/Club Team is open to any child in Grades 5-12 and is typically broken down into a Development Group and a Race Team. Being a Masco student is not required. The main objective is to get kids out on their mountain bikes and to have some fun on the local trails. Kids who are interesting in racing are encouraged to participate in the New England High School Cycling Association (NEHSCA) race series or to just try a race and see if they like it. Practice rides on local trails typically run April-June and September-October on Wednesday and Friday afternoons and occasionally on weekends (attendance is not mandatory – ride when you can!). The group also likes to volunteer to help with local trail maintenance and clean-up efforts. The team is coached primarily by parents who have backgrounds in road and mountain bike racing and share the ultimate team goal of having fun on bikes while developing new skills and friendships! A team meeting is tentatively scheduled for Wednesday February 6 @ 7:00 pm (Location: TBD). This is a great chance for kids and parents to meet the coaches, learn about the team, and ask questions. Please note that this is currently a primarily parent-run club/team and is not yet directly affiliated with Masconomet Middle/High School. For

more information, to RSVP for the Feb 6 meeting, or to join our email list, please contact Glen Gollrad, glen.gollrad@gmail.com.

Update to Community Regarding Masconomet Superintendent Search:

The Masconomet superintendent search committee would like to inform the community of the current status of our search.

A rigorous search process conducted from September through December did not result in selection of a new superintendent. Under the advisement of our search consultants from the Massachusetts Association of School Committees (MASC), candidates who demonstrated a refined set of prioritized criteria were subsequently brought forward for informal conversations with our Chair and some search committee members. This resulted in two candidates that these members felt warrant further review by the community and School Committee. At the Wednesday, January 9, 2019 school committee meeting, the decision was made to proceed with a public assessment and interview process with these candidates.

We anticipated permission to publicly announce these candidates' names to the full School Committee and community within a few days. We received this from one candidate within hours and began to make arrangements for the site visits to their district and to Masconomet. As this announcement was going to press, on Friday, January 11, 2019, we learned that the other candidate opted not to move forward, because they decided they could not leave their current district at this time.

Based on this, we can now announce that Dr. Michael Harvey is the candidate still being considered. In a separate press release, his candidate profile will be posted and we will begin the public assessment process.

We will also be posting dates and times for the staff and community to meet with this candidate very soon. We hope you will attend and provide your valuable feedback!

Masco Millions:

Masco Million Results: **All Team weekly** results **21,334** and the **Grand total: 557,068** pages. Remember, the page total reflects that we need 442,932 more pages to reach 1,000,000 pages, but we are trying to beat the year-end total from June 2017. Congratulations on the page totals read the past two weeks. Please continue to encourage your child to enter pages read from their textbooks, short stories, or any other reading they do as a class. These figures represent the numbers logged in by 3:00 PM Thursday, January 10, 2019.

Team	Week Total	Total
7 Blue	0	76,327
7 Red	760	100,126
7 White	4,826	119,079
8 Blue	0	80,200
8 Red	1,116	88,677

8 White	14,632	92,659
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Upcoming Dates of Importance

January 21, 2019	Martin Luther King Day, No School
January 22, 2019	MS Chorus Concert, 7:00 p.m.
January 24, 2019	Trimester 2 Midpoint
January 25, 2019	Early Dismissal, 11:30 a.m.
January 28, 2019	Staff Work Day, No School for students
February 4, 2019	Delayed Opening, 10:05 a.m.
February 18 – 22, 2019	Winter Vacation, HW Vacation

MASCONOMET MIDDLE SCHOOL
MASCO EXCELS
AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAM

December , 2019

Dear Parents and Students,

The after school program at Masconomet Middle School, “Masco Excels,” is again ready for your participation. The accompanying brochure describes the programs being offered this session. Please fill out the attached Co-Curricular Activity Registration Form checking off **ONLY** Masco Excels and return it to Mrs. Silva or Mr. Cobb in the Middle School Office.* Be sure to **indicate in the “Activity” block** which specific EXCEL activities you wish to participate in. If you did not participate in Excels in the fall there is an activity fee is \$65. This onetime payment allows students to attend any of the excel programs offered each trimester for the entire year. If you already participated in the fall Excels there is NO CHECK NEEDED. Just fill out the activity block as mentioned above.

Space is limited in some of the programs, so participation is a first-come, first-served process. All programs will run for six consecutive weeks (unless otherwise noted) excluding any vacation week.

If you have any questions regarding the programs or registration, please email tcobb@masconomet.org

T. Cobb

REGISTRATION WILL END ON January 11th

PROGRAMS WILL BEGIN THE WEEK OF January 14th

MASCO EXCELS SESSION II OFFERINGS

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*******

McCarthy ---Tuesday

Morris---Thursday

Knee Hockey

(Xenos) Gym
Monday 3:00-4:00

Ready for some fun. Grab your knee hockey stick and come down to room B101 with Mrs. Xenos for a competitive game of knee hockey. Knee protection optional but a good idea.....

Please specify what day on the sign-up sheet.

Sandpipers and Tribesman

(Rosario) Chorus Room
Tuesday 3:00-4:00

The Sandpipers and Tribesman is the select Middle School Chorus which is primarily made of 7th and 8th grade Chorus, Band and Music Technology members. Singing mostly advanced music without piano accompaniment. There will be three concerts a year (January, May and Memorial Day Assembly in school).

Deconstructing the Office

(Butler) M-1210
Tuesday 3:00-4:00

Do you wish you sold paper at Dunder Mifflin? Would you like to farm beets at Schrute Farm? Are you team Pam or Team Karen? Are you aware that the Emmy-winning show came from a U.K. based version? If any of this interests you then come watch various episodes of the office! Where we will be discussing the myriad nuances and subtleties of this famous show.

Comics

Comics M-2170
Tuesday 3:00-4:00

Are you a fan of comics? Come and discuss comics, superheroes, manga, graphic novels, web comics, sequential arts, or whatever else interests you. Sit and draw comics if you like. Or just come and catch up on comics old and new. Whether you are a lifelong fan or looking to start, if you're interested in comics this club is for you.

Old School Video Game

(Brown) M-1080
Tuesday 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!**
Please specify which day on your sign-up sheet as there are two running.

Winter Workouts

(Cobb) M-1230
Tuesday 3:00-4:00

Want to increase your dexterity and footwork speed for any sport you play? Sign up for footwork and keep in shape this winter for your upcoming spring sports. ladder drills, stairs etc. will be included in after school work outs inside.

Knee Hockey

(Surette) M-1200
Tuesday 3:00-4:00

Ready for some fun. Grab your knee hockey stick and come down to room B101 with Mrs. Xenos for a competitive game of knee hockey. Knee protection optional but a good idea.....

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Improv

(Wrobel) M-1220
Wednesday 3:00-4:00

Improvational Theater is a form of comedy that requires actors to think on their toes and come up with materials on the spot – it is also a lot of fun! Students in this excel will develop skits and participate in improv exercises.

Reading Warriors

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

Do you like to read? Are you hiding under the covers at night with a flashlight finishing up a good book? Do you enjoy talking with friends about the book you are reading? Do you recommend books to friends or family? Do you wish you could read all day? Then, book club is for you. We will meet six times this year, on the second Wednesday of each month to read and discuss various books. Bring the book you are currently reading to the first meeting. Selections will be age appropriate for middle school students.

Risk

(Cobb) M-1230
Wednesday 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!

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CAD

(Boepple) M-2150
Wednesday 3:00-4:00

Are you interested in using computers to create CAD drawings? In this session students will Explore CAD using Tinkercad software running on Chromebooks. This session will familiarize The students with an overview of the software. LIMITED TO 6 STUDENTS

Magic the Gathering

(Tzortzis) M-2020
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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Beginner Chess

(Cobb) M-1230
Thursday 3:00-4:00

Want to hone your skills on the chessboard battlefield? New or experienced, all players are welcome to discover the thrill of yelling CHECKMATE!

Table Hockey

(Surette) M-1200
Thursday 3:00-4:00

Do you want to play hockey? Now is the time. Can't skate? No problem! Don't have a stick? No Problem! Don't have any athletic ability? No problem! Come play table hockey with Mr. S.

Creative Writers' Club

(Kelsen) M-2230
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.