



# Middle School Newsletter

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Week of: October 15, 2018  
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Engagement, Assessment,  
and Reflection-



creates the pathway to our  
learning success!

## October 2018

<b>Monday, October 15<sup>th</sup></b>	E Day	<b>No School</b>
<b>Tuesday, October 16<sup>th</sup></b>	F Day	<b>Volleyball 6:00 am – 7:00 a.m./Gym</b> After school help 2:20- 2:50 p.m. <b>Deconstructing <i>The Office</i> 3:00 – 4:00 p.m.</b> <b>Old School Videos 3:00 -4:00 p.m.</b> <b>Sandpipers &amp; Tribesman 3:00 -4:00 p.m.</b> <b>CAD -2 3:00 – 4:00 p.m.</b> <b>STEM Team 3:00 – 4:00 p.m.</b>
<b>Wednesday, October 17<sup>th</sup></b>	A Day	After school help 2:20- 2:50 p.m. <b>CAD 3:00 – 4:00 p.m.</b> <b>Let's Make Duct Tape Stuff 3:00 – 4:00 p.m.</b> <b>Improv 3:00 – 4:00 p.m.</b> <b>Ultimate Frisbee 3:00 – 4:00 p.m.</b>  <b>SEPAC Speaker: Transition Boot Camp 7:00 – 8:30 p.m. Middle School Library</b>
<b>Thursday, October 18<sup>th</sup></b>	B Day	After school help 2:20- 2:50 p.m. <b>Magic the Gathering 3:00- 4:00 p.m.</b> <b>Old School Videos 3:00 -4:00 p.m.</b> <b>Table Hockey 3:00 – 4:00 p.m.</b> <b>Math Team 3:00 – 4:00 p.m.</b>
<b>Friday, October 19<sup>th</sup></b>	C Day	

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

## **Guidance Information Night for Parents and Guardians**

Seventh and Eighth grade parents and guardians are invited to attend a School Counseling Parent Information Session to learn more about the Middle School Counseling Programming. Topics such as the counseling mission, services, grade specific programming, communication and resources will be discussed.

This event will take place on Monday, October 29, 2018 at 6:15pm. in the Middle School auditorium. Mark the date in your calendars! Hope to see you there!



### **Grade 7 Spirit Night/Football Game**

We thank PAC once again for their generosity in giving each 7<sup>th</sup> grade student a t-shirt on orientation day! The students had a great time; wish we had a win too!



### **AMC Annual America Mathematics (AMC)**

Please see the flyer below for more information about the annual AMC math competition open to students in grades 7 and 8. If you love math and want to compete, register early as only 50 students are allowed to participate.

### **Important Opportunity to Learn About Essex Technical High School**

It is hard to believe that it is already time to be thinking about next school year. However, it is true, the time is here for eighth graders to think and plan for high school. If you or your child is considering Essex Technical High School, or you believe an experience at an agricultural, technical or vocational high school would best match your child's learning style then please keep reading to see of a wonderful opportunity for students to gain important information. A representative from Essex Technical High School will be coming to Masco Middle School **on October 24, 2018, at 9:33 a.m.** to speak to interested eighth grade students about Essex Technical High School. Essex Technical High school is a public school that admits students from Boxford, Middleton, and Topsfield (among 14 other local communities) to their 24 career technical, animal science, and agricultural programs. During this presentation (approximately one period), students will gain a better understanding of all that Essex Tech has to offer. This will include how to apply to Essex Tech during their eighth grade year. If you would like your student(s) to attend this in school presentation, please sign the permission slip attached allowing them to attend and have your child bring it to his/her guidance counselor.

### **Private School Applications**

Any student applying to a private school should stop by the Guidance Office to pick up a packet outlining the Masconomet guidelines for the application process. This packet contains a checklist, a student activity form and the Masconomet deadlines for return.

### **Upcoming Dates of Importance**

October 16, 2018	Trimester 1 midpoint
October 19,2018	Picture Retakes
November 1, 2018	National French Week Begins
November 12, 2018	Veterans' Day Observed, No School



## ARE YOU INTERESTED?

34<sup>th</sup> Annual American Mathematics  
Competitions' AMC 8  
Tuesday, November 13<sup>th</sup>

Open to students in grades 7 & 8

Students have 40 minutes to complete 25  
multiple choice problems (no calculator)

To register, please have parents e-mail the  
following information to Ms. Tenanty  
([dtenanty@masconomet.org](mailto:dtenanty@masconomet.org)) no later than  
Wednesday, November 7:

- Your first and last name
- Your grade
- Your date of birth

Practice tests with solutions will be included  
with a confirmation e-mail.

Registration is limited to 50 students.



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*Middle School  
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If you have any questions, please feel free to reach out to his/her guidance counselor.

I give permission for my child, \_\_\_\_\_, to attend the in school presentation given by Essex Technical High school on October 24, 2018 at 8:30 a.m.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Parent/Guardian Signature

Please sign and return to the Middle School Guidance office by Friday October 13<sup>th</sup>, 2017.

## **Surviving Adolescents: Outwit, Outplay, Outlast!**

**Presented by Mark Altman, [Mindset Go](#)**

**For parents/caregivers of youth in grades 7 and 8**

**Due to the interactive nature of the workshop, space is limited to 40.**

Do you wonder what teens are really thinking? How about what they fear or why they don't share their fears? When kids are little, they crave our attention, but when they get older, their priorities and interests lie elsewhere. Children communicate to us through their behavior. Teens and Tweens often struggle to find the words to advocate for themselves and express their feelings.

**In this workshop, we will discuss how to:**

- **establish mutual respect with your teen**
- **open communication channels**
- **avoid the traps our teens set for us and the ones we set for ourselves**
- **and establish a healthy relationship with our adolescents.**

Participants will develop the skills to help their teens/tweens feel comfortable advocating for themselves, manage their own expectations, apply new approaches and implement ideas to support your teen's health and happiness.

**Kids are changing and constantly evolving. Are you?**

**Thursday, October 25, 2018 7:00-9:00pm**

**Masconomet Middle School Library (2nd Floor)**

**REGISTER HERE (REQUIRED) \* limited to 40**

Mark Altman founded [MindsetGo](#) with the mission of training people of all ages and abilities to be more confident and skilled communicators. His non-traditional non-therapeutic approach helps parents and children shift mindsets and embrace generational perspectives to improve family relationship dynamics. He shows parents how to more effectively model the behavior they seek from their children and each other through empathic communication and listening.

His experience includes over two decades of speaking and training on interpersonal skills, self-advocacy, growth mindset, social skills, and student engagement. Mark is a native of Boston and enjoys spending time with his three active children. He has also been a passionate youth sports coach for the last 15 years, and a freelance sports reporter for the Associated Press (AP) covering home games for the Boston Red Sox, Celtics and Bruins.





## TRANSITION BOOT CAMP Fall 2018

Please join us for a series of informative workshops to help guide and prepare individuals, caregivers and professionals by providing information and resources for the transition into adulthood years for ages 14-22 and beyond.

The series is sponsored by *The Arc of Greater Haverhill-Newburyport* in partnership with local Special Education Parent Advisory Councils (SEPAC's)

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### Guardianship & Alternatives

***Wednesday, October 17, 2018***

7:00 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.

Masconomet Middle School Library  
20 Endicott Road, Boxford

Barbara Green Whitbeck from the Department of Developmental Services (DDS), will discuss guardianship; when it is required or necessary, when the Department of Developmental Services can help. She will describe the process of obtaining a guardianship on your own if necessary. In addition, there are alternatives to guardianship that can be explored.

To register [click here](#) or contact Andrea Morris:  
[Andrea.Morris@TheArcofGHN.org](mailto:Andrea.Morris@TheArcofGHN.org) or (978) 373-0552 x211

*This workshop is being hosted by the Masconomet SEPAC*

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For more information, please contact Andrea Morris, Education & Outreach Manager  
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***Achieve with us***

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## **Please Join Us For the First Annual TTU Parent University**

The TTU Parent University is an opportunity for parents and guardians in Boxford, Topsfield, and Middleton to come together and learn ways to support their children in their educational journey.

Parent University is designed to support parents and families across a variety of relevant topics including understanding the methods and practices of school curricula, exploring best supports for social emotional learning, navigating digital citizenship, and prioritizing parent wellness as a critical component.

This year's event will be highlighted by keynote speaker, [Dr. Bill Daggett](#), who will enlighten parents to the fourth industrial revolution and the role of relationships, rigor and relevance in the school setting. Following the keynote, a series of engaging presentations and discussions focused on the elementary student will provide insight and perspective on topics ranging from academics, character education, and preparing students for the journey ahead, including middle school, high school, and the world beyond.

When?: Saturday, October 20, 2018 from 8:30am-12:15pm

Where?: Howe Manning School at 26 Central Street Middleton, MA

Who?: Any parents, guardians, caregivers in Boxford, Middleton, and Topsfield  
Childcare available

The following link has all the information about the TTU Parent University including the registration form.

<https://sites.google.com/boxfordschools.org/ttu-parent-university-2018/home>

We hope to see you there!

*Sarah O'Leary, Principal - Proctor School, Topsfield*

*James Sforza, Principal - Howe Manning School, Middleton*

*Kathryn Castonguay, Principal - Spofford Pond School, Boxford*

*Brian Middleton-Cox, Principal - Cole School, Boxford*

*The TTU Parent University Planning Team*

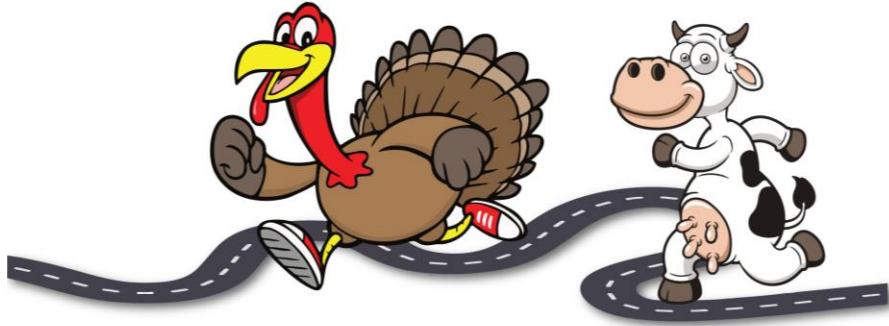
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What: 5K (3.1 mile) Road Race  
When: Thursday, November 22, 2018  
Time: 8:00AM  
Where: Lollipop Course starts/finishes behind  
Flint Public Library, Middleton MA  
Email: [middletonturkeytrot@gmail.com](mailto:middletonturkeytrot@gmail.com)  
Register: [www.middletonturkeytrot.racewire.com](http://www.middletonturkeytrot.racewire.com)  
Promo Code: **gobble** (Save \$5 on **Adult Reg** before Oct 31<sup>st</sup>)

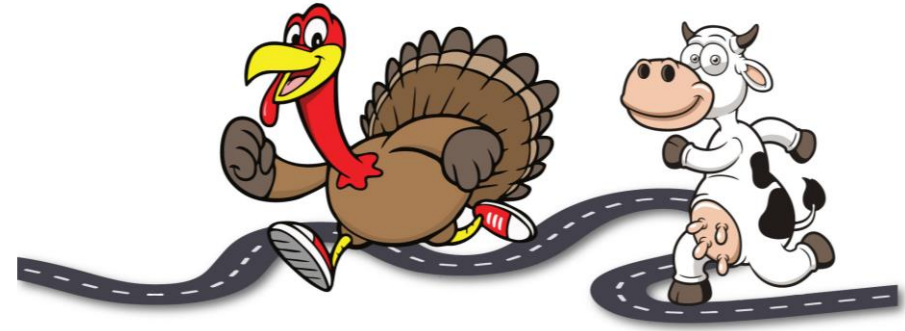


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