



Middle School Newsletter

From: Dr. Flaherty
Week of: October 9, 2017
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Engagement, Assessment,
and Reflection—



creates the pathway to our
learning success!

October 2017

Monday, October 9	No School, Columbus Day	
Tuesday, October 10	A Day	After school help 2:20- 2:50 p.m. CAD & 3D printing 3:00 – 4:00 p.m. Ultimate Frisbee 3:00 – 4:00 p.m. Writers' Club 3:00 – 4:00 p.m.
Wednesday, October 11	B Day	After school help 2:20- 2:50 p.m. Improv 3:00 – 4:00 p.m. Ping Pong 3:00 -4:00 p.m. Movie Club 3:00 – 4:00 p.m.
Thursday, October 12	C Day	After school help 2:20- 2:50 p.m. Comics 3:00 – 4:00 p.m. Magic the Gathering 3:00 – 4:00 p.m. Math Team 3:00 – 4:00 p.m. Old School Video Games 3:00 -4:00 p.m. Ping Pong 3:00 -4:00 p.m. Risk 3:00 – 4:00 p.m. Wiffle Ball 3:00 – 4:00 p.m.
Friday, October 13	D Day Picture Retakes	Art Explorations 2:30 – 3:30 p.m. RC Car 2:30-3:30 p.m. Stem Club: 2:30 -3:30p.m. Student Council Dance; 7:00 – 9:00 p.m.

Messages from Principal Flaherty: Join Us on Twitter @Masco_Principal

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 8th 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 17th, 2017 at 8:30 a.m.** to speak to interested eighth grades 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.

Masco Excels

Please 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.

Student Council Dance

If your child attends the dance this Friday evening, please note that the drop off and pick up is at the doors by the cafeteria/morning bus drop off. If students leave prior to 9:00 p.m. an adult must come in to pick up the student. At 9:00 p.m., all students will be dismissed and can plan to meet their ride outside. Please plan to pick students up promptly at 9:00 p.m.

Masco Youth Basketball

TRAVEL BASKETBALL TRY-OUT DATES + TIMES

5th Grade Boys: 10/17 + 10/19 6:00-7:30pm

5th Grade Girls: 10/11 6:00-7:30pm + 10/15 12:00-1:30pm

6th Grade Boys: 10/10 + 10/16 6:00-7:30pm

6th Grade Girls: 10/13 + 10/18 6:00-7:30pm

7th Grade Boys: 10/17 + 10/19 7:30-9:00pm

7th Grade Girls: 10/11 7:30-9:00pm + 10/15 1:30-3:00pm

8th Grade Boys: 10/10 + 10/16 7:30-9:00pm

8th Grade Girls: 10/13 + 10/18 7:30-9:00pm

All Try-outs are held at the Masco Field House. Attendance at one session is required; attendance at both sessions is highly recommended. Wear sneakers + a t-shirt; bring water + a ball

Volunteers Needed

Boxford Halloween Party @ Spofford Pond School on Friday, October 27. Volunteers needed to decorate, serve food, facilitate games, activities and clean up. 4:00 - 9:00pm. Volunteers can help the whole time or part of the time. There will be a pre-planning get together on Wednesday. Up to 7 community service hours. Contact Jill Thorpe 508.523.2302 or jillbthorpe67@gmail.com.

Upcoming Dates of Importance

October 17, 2017	Trimester 1 midpoint
October 23, 2017	Early Release Day, 12:20 p.m.
October 30 – November 3, 2017	National French Week
November 2, 2017	Parent Conferences
November 6, 2017	Early Dismissal, 12:20 p.m.
November 10, 2017	Veteran's Day, No School



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*Middle School
Guidance Department*

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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 17th, 2017 at 8:30 a.m.

Parent/Guardian Signature

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

Annual Masco Music Parents Electronics (& More!) Recycling Fundraiser

Saturday, October 14, 9am to 12pm

Masconomet Regional High School Parking Lot
20 Endicott Road, Boxford

Do you have old computers or broken electronics cluttering up your home or office?
What about those old, unwanted appliances taking up space in your garage or basement?
Here is your chance to *responsibly recycle* them AND *support the music programs and music students* at the Masconomet Middle and High Schools.

Items We Accept and What We Charge to Take It:

Fill a Shoe Box \$5

Examples:

Cables/chargers
cell phones
razors/cameras
modems/routers
hair dryers
ipods/mp3 players

\$10 items

Examples:

Laptops/CPU's/keyboards
printers/fax machines
VCR's/DVD players
stereos/speakers
small microwaves
countertop appliances
leaf blowers/bicycles
lawnmowers *(drained)*

\$15 Items

Examples:

grills *(tanks removed)*
exercise equipment
sump pumps/larger
microwaves
snowblowers
(drained)

\$25 Items

Examples:

air conditioners
humidifiers/dehumidifiers
generators
hot water heaters
(drained)
stoves/washers/dryers
dishwashers

\$35 for refrigerators

\$30 for TV's up to 32"

\$35 for TV's 32" – 46"

\$50 for TV's over 46"

\$20 for each CTR/Flat Screen monitors (with or without computer)

Batteries - Alkaline \$1.00/lb (NiCad, Lithium and Rechargeable batteries are free)

Cash or Check payable to MMPA.

Items We Cannot Accept:

Anything containing PCB's or mercury, propane gas tanks, car batteries,
light bulbs and plastic toys.

We reserve the right to refuse questionable items.

For questions or information please visit mascomusic.org
or email us at mascomusic@gmail.com.

SPORTS SALE

NOVEMBER 4, 2017 9:00AM-1:00PM
@ PROCTOR SCHOOL GYM

PROCEEDS GO TO TOPSFIELD AND BOXFORD ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS

WINTER SPORT GEAR



SPRING SPORT GEAR



NEW AND USED

PLUS CAMPING, HORSEBACK RIDING GEAR, STROLLERS, SCOOTERS & MORE...



**FEATURING SKIS AND SNOWBOARDS
FROM WENHAM SPORTS STOP**



DONATE YOUR EQUIPMENT

NOVEMBER 3, 2017 4:00PM-8:00PM
@ PROCTOR SCHOOL CAFETERIA
60 MAIN STREET, TOPSFIELD MA 01983

CAFETERIA ENTRANCE IS BEHIND SCHOOL ON TOWN HALL SIDE

Volunteers get Early Bird access to sale items!!!

Sign up to volunteer at <https://tinyurl.com/sportsale17>

Questions? email sportsaleplanning@gmail.com



Social Media: Exploring Strategies that Support & Empower Girls to be their Authentic Selves!

A Mother (or special adult) & Daughter Program

For Adults & Girls in Gr 5, 6, 7 & 8

October 17, 2017 7pm-8:30pm

Presented by Michelle Cove founder & Executive Director of [MEDIAGIRLS](#) teaching middle-school girls how to harness the power of media for positive change.

WHAT WE WILL EXPLORE TOGETHER:

- ♦ How girls view the pros and cons of social media
- ♦ Understanding the unspoken "girl rules" of Instagram and Snapchat
- ♦ Ways girls can re-write the rules of social media to serve them & their relationships
- ♦ Social media role models inspiring girls to be their authentic selves
- ♦ And new strategies for being on-line that are positive, supportive and empowering!

Let's do Some Big & Courageous Thinking Together!

[REGISTER HERE](#)

(pre-registration helpful and preferred)



Empowerment
Friends
Relationships
Self-Esteem
Technology
Respect
Values
Instagram
Safety
Influence
TV
Magazines
Phones
Kindness
Authenticity
Social-Media
Confidence
Resilience

Middle School 1/2 Day (until 4pm) Event
Action, Explore, Fun & Teambuilding
Danvers Y & TTC Have a Great Day for You!
October 23rd 12:20-4pm (rain or shine)



TTC will provide one-way bus transportation from Masco
Pick-up time is 4pm



DANVERS YMCA
STILES POND CAMP

Location

Stiles Pond Y Camp,
Stiles Pond Rd. Boxford
Rain location: Danvers YMCA,
34 Pickering St., Danvers

- Explore !
 - Games, Outdoor challenges & more
 - Bring a friend and make new ones!
- And don't forget the....*
- **SNACKS!**

Questions to Meredith Shaw at
mshaw@tritowncouncil.org

or 978-887-6512

Register by Friday, October 20th
space is limited

REGISTER HERE