

MMS Shared Vision

MMS is a place where we are Responsible, Respectful, Fun, Fair, and we use Honesty, Humor, Teamwork, and Treat others the way we want to be treated.



**Tuesday Newsletter
January 3, 2012**

I hope everyone had a safe and enjoyable holiday. Welcome to 2012!

Educate Training for Parents

Grade 7-12 parents-There will be a training session for all parents of students in grades 7-12 at Monmouth Academy on Jan. 11th at 6:00 PM. This training will show parents how to access their son/daughters Educate account and be able to check on student progress at any time. Parents will be given their own account passwords and instruction on how to navigate through Educate. We are requesting that you come with your son/daughter and that they bring their school issued laptop with them for this hands-on training.

Grade K-6 parents-There will be a similar training session for you (see above) on Jan. 18th at 6:00 PM here at MMS. Parents will be given account passwords and instructions for accessing your child's academic progress from home. Some school laptops will be available to work with in small groups for this training.

Student Pick-up in the Afternoon

Parents please stop into the office and sign out your child/children if you are picking them up before the dismissal of walkers. I know this may seem like an imposition at times but it is a safety issue for us. We need to know who is picking up students. We have a number of restrictions that parents have given us pertaining to who may and may not pick up their child. It is also a check for us when a bus driver asks about a student that has not gotten on the bus. Please note that we will not release a child to someone not listed on our information sheet without a signed note or verbal OK.

Spectator Game Etiquette

Student spectators attending basketball games need to remain in the gym or cafeteria area of Monmouth Academy. Students should remain in the gym unless they are buying concessions or using the restroom. Students are not allowed to be in the hallways. Student spectators may not leave the event unless they are leaving school grounds. Students may not leave the building and return to the event without special permission from the administrator or designee. Thank You and GO MUSTANGS!!!!

Appropriate Dress

Please try and make sure that your son/ daughter is appropriately dressed for school and outside recess. Students have a least one short recess each day. Inclement weather, wind, extreme temperatures or any combination of the two may determine if students go out each day. So please make sure that your son/daughter is dressed properly and prepared to go outside.

MONMOUTH RECREATION SKIERS & SNOWBOARDERS!

PLEASE PLAN TO BE AT MONMOUTH ACADEMY AT 4:45 P.M. THIS FRIDAY, JANUARY 6TH! THE BUS LEAVES PROMPTLY AT 5:00 P.M.

DRESS WARMLY & THINK SNOW!

Absenteeism and Athletic Participation

Just a reminder to all parents and students participating in winter school sports activities: Students are not allowed to participate in sports activities if they are absent from school unless there is a valid excuse and they received permission from the Athletic Director or Principal to participate. This policy is clearly stated in the Parent/Student Co-curricular Handbook that student athletes received at the start of their seasons.

Standards Based Learning

There have been a number of questions asked about our direction in educating our students K-12 in RSU #2. We have tried to answer many of those questions through our weekly newsletters and web site. Our superintendent has made it a point to try and address these questions through parent forums, Q&A sessions, etc. There still seem to be some questions. I would be more than willing to take some time in the morning before school or after school to sit and discuss questions around SBL. Please give me a call and I will arrange a time.

Snowmobiles

While we may not have snow yet it is the season when students inquire about riding snowmobiles to school. Past practice has been to allow snowmobiles to be ridden directly to school and parked outside the building. Students must let the office know of their intent to bring their sled. All school guidelines must be adhered to and we request that students please do not ride on any athletic field. Failure to comply with safety and school guidelines will result in revoking the privilege to bring a sled to school.

Note to Parents

Our school's success rests, in large measure, on parental concern and involvement. Our middle school staff welcomes your concern and views education as a partnership between home and school. If you have any questions please do not hesitate to call us.

Math Help

If you struggle helping your son/daughter with their math you may be interested in the following sites.

- <http://mah.quantiles.com/>
- <http://www.khanacademy.org/#browse>

This second site will take you to over 2100 short videos/100 self paced exercises and assessments from basic arithmetic to college calculus. If we really want to accelerate our student learning then this web site is a great place for students (and parents). It can be used by students as an intervention to help them understand concepts that they may be struggling with.

MMS Upcoming Events:

- School Board Meeting, MMS, at 6:00 PM
- Boys' B (5:45) and Girls' B (4:30) basketball game, Thurs, Jan 5 vs Richmond
- Boys' B (4:30) and A (5:30) basketball game, Mon, Jan 9 vs Cony
- Girls' B (4:30) and A (5:30) basketball game, Mon, Jan 9 at Cony
- Grade 7-12 Parents Educate training at MA at 6:00 PM, Jan 11
- Boys' B (3:30) and A (4:30) basketball game, Thurs, Jan 12 vs Gardiner
- Girls' B (3:30) and A (4:30) basketball game, Thurs, Jan 12 at Gardiner
- Grade K-6 Parents Educate training at MMS at 6:00 PM, Jan 18