

October Update

ANNIE SULLIVAN MIDDLE SCHOOL

BACK TO SCHOOL NIGHT ON OCTOBER 12TH

On Thursday, October 12th, we welcome all parents and guardians to attend Back to School Night. This is a great opportunity to learn more about the middle school experience, to meet teachers, and to follow a modified version of the students' schedules.



At 6:30pm, we will all gather in the ASMS Cafeteria for a brief introduction and opening remarks. From there, parents/guardians will attend "classes" to meet the teachers and learn more about each subject for the year. Prior to the evening event, students will bring a copy of their schedule home for parents/guardians to follow that night.

The next day, on Friday, October 13th, we will have our annual ASMS Cookout. Thank you to our many volunteers for donating items and time to this fun event. Click [here](#) to sign up to donate or volunteer.

MIDDLE SCHOOL ADVISORY PROGRAM

All three middle schools follow a shared vision and purpose for our Advisory program. A committee of teachers and administrators provide topics and activities for students to participate in each week. We use Second Step as a research-based social-emotional learning program designed to improve students' social-emotional skills, such as emotion management, impulse control, problem solving, and empathy. Second Step skills and concepts are designed to help students both in and out of school. The program is aligned with the five CASEL SEL Competencies: self-awareness, self-management, social awareness, relationship skills, and responsible decision-making.

The Second Step Middle School curriculum is broken into four units. Advisory will focus on three of the four. These include:

- **Unit 1 - Mindsets and Goals:** Students learn how to develop a growth mindset and apply research based goal-setting strategies to their social and academic lives.

- **Unit 2 - Recognizing Bullying and Harassment:** Students learn how to recognize bullying and harassment, stand up safely to bullying, and respond appropriately to harassment. (This unit will be taught in all middle school Health classes, grades 6-8)
- **Unit 3 - Thoughts, Emotions, and Decisions:** Students learn how to recognize strong emotions and unhelpful thoughts, and apply strategies to manage their emotions and reduce stress.
- **Unit 4 - Managing Relationships and Social Conflict:** Students learn strategies for developing and maintaining healthy relationships, perspective-taking, and dealing with conflict.

Having a common tool to help facilitate discussion and learning in these areas will ensure that all students have an opportunity to explore these important SEL topics and will create a more consistent Advisory experience across the three Franklin middle schools.

EMERGENCY DRILLS

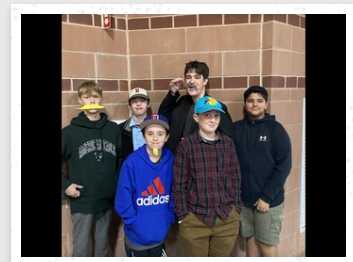
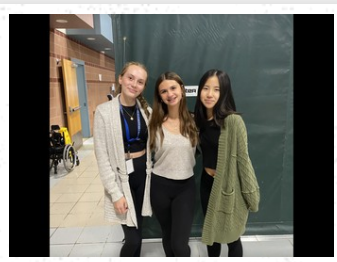
As we do every year to ensure safety at school, we practice Fire Drills and Lockdown Drills. We typically have two fire drills and one lockdown drill in the fall. Teachers review all of the emergency procedures and expectations with students so that they are familiar.

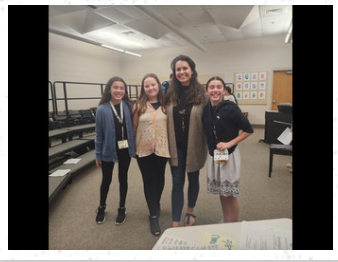
ASMS SPIRIT DAYS 2023-2024

We will continue with our monthly spirit days this year! We have a dedicated group of 8th grade students who have been working hard to plan and promote the spirit days. The themes will be shared the week of the spirit day on morning announcements.

The spirit day for the month of October is on Friday, October 27th. Later in the month is Halloween and as a reminder, students should not dress up in costumes on October 31st.

Here are some pictures of our first Spirit Day: Role Swap Day. Students dressed as teachers and teachers dressed as students.





FLU SHOT CLINIC

The Franklin Health Department is offering a free Youth Clinic for flu shots. Flu shots will be free for all children 18 years old and younger on Wednesday, October 11 from 3-6pm at the Franklin Senior Center. Use this [link](#) to register for an appointment.



FOOD ELVES FOR THE FRANKLIN FOOD PANTRY

Calling all Food Elves!

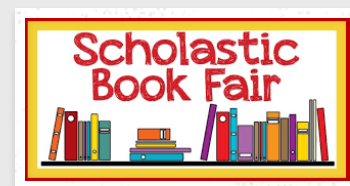
Middle and high school students, join the Food Elves to raise funds for the Franklin Food Pantry!

Your participation earns you community service hours and ensures that our neighbors have a brighter holiday season!

Click here to learn more about our largest fundraiser of the year and to register, <https://www.franklinfoodpantry.org/get-involved/volunteer/franklin-food-elves/>

Please reach out to Jen Johnson at jjohnson@franklinfoodpantry.org with any questions.

ASMS BOOK FAIR (OCTOBER 10–OCTOBER 17)



Our PCC is working with Scholastic to offer a Book Fair to our students as a way to inspire lifelong readers and learners. All proceeds will benefit the PCC and our students.

Families can use this [website](#) to browse the selection, purchase items, and set up an e-wallet for students to use.

We are looking for volunteers to help monitor and sell items to students during Flex periods. Please use this [link](#) to sign up.

CHROMEBOOK REGISTRATION AND INSURANCE WINDOW CLOSING 10/13

The Franklin Public Schools Chromebook optional insurance program provides coverage against accidental damage (drops, spills, etc.) There is no deductible and no limit to the number of claims that can be made for a Chromebook. Insurance can be purchased only via online payment and only during the open enrollment window, beginning now through October 13, 2023

Coverage Option - The cost for coverage is \$45 per year, per device with lower rates for those who qualify for free/reduced meals. Coverage includes Accidental Damage from cracked screens and liquid spills, liquid submersion, fire, flood damage, vandalism, natural disasters, and power surge due to lightning.

NOT COVERED: Intentional damage, case carvings, broken chargers, will not be covered. Additionally, if a device is lost or stolen (as determined by our insurance provider), families may be responsible for the total cost of the device. Please note that full loss due to theft is only covered when accompanied by a police report. Finally, under no circumstances, will the insured be entitled to retain ownership of the damaged device. All devices are the property of Franklin Public School District and ownership may not be transferred to a private citizen.

Note: While the insurance is OPTIONAL, those choosing NOT to insure devices will be responsible for the full replacement cost of \$250.00 should an accident or loss occur. Full replacement cost will be the only option available and partial costs to repair a damaged chromebook will not be considered regardless of the damage as we do not repair these devices in-house. This form must be completed for each device your child/children may have.

ASMS PCC

We are always looking for new members to join our Parent Communication Committee. We meet monthly to discuss happenings at our school and are interested in your input.

Our next meeting will be on Friday, October 6th at 10am. Here is a [link](#) to join us virtually.

If you are interested in joining our PCC or if you have any questions related to these events, please send an email to pcc6asms@gmail.com.

YOUTH RUGBY OPPORTUNITY

Wrentham Youth Rugby was established in 2013 and is open to all boys and girls in the greater Wrentham area in both MA and RI. We have programs for students from 3rd thru 12th grade. The Fall season is for skills and development, a perfect time to learn the game.

Season runs thru 11/19/2023, new players always welcome to try a session.

For more information:

website: www.barbariansrugby.com

email: info@barbariansrugby.club

phone: (508)740-0482



IMPORTANT DATES:

October:

- Tuesday, October 3: BLAST at ASMS (during Flex)
- Monday, October 9: No School (Indigenous Peoples Day)
- Tuesday, October 10-Tuesday, October 17: Scholastic Book Fair
- Thursday, October 12: Back to School Night at ASMS (6:00pm)
- Friday, October 13: ASMS Cookout (lunch time)
- Wednesday, October 18: Half Day for Students (10:45am dismissal)
- Friday, October 27: Spirit Day (theme: TBD)

November:

- Thursday, November 2: Picture Retakes and Team Pictures
- Tuesday, November 7: No School (Election Day)
- Thursday, November 9: Half Day for Students (10:45am dismissal)
- Friday, November 10: No School (Veteran's Day)
- Wednesday, November 15: Half Day: Teacher/Parent-Led Conferences (10:45am dismissal)

- Thursday, November 16: Half Day: Teacher/Parent-Led Conferences (10:45am dismissal)
- Friday, November 17: Spirit Day (theme: TBD)
- Wednesday, November 22-Friday, November 24: No School (Thanksgiving Break)



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