

# October Update

ANNIE SULLIVAN MIDDLE SCHOOL

## BACK TO SCHOOL NIGHT ON OCTOBER 20TH

On Thursday, October 20th, 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 21st, we will have our annual ASMS Cookout. We will be looking for parent/guardian volunteers.

## AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS

This year, we have a variety of after school clubs to offer students. Students can sign up for the clubs at anytime during the year. Clubs will begin after dismissal at 2:00pm and will conclude at 3:00pm. Students may either be picked up, walk, or take the late bus home after the clubs.

The late bus will pick up any student and takes them to Horace Mann Middle School to then board a bus depending on the location of home. Students will let the bus drivers know where they live in order to be dropped off at or near their typical bus stop. There is a fee of \$1 for any student who does not already pay to ride the bus (6th graders over 2 miles from ASMS and students who do not typically ride the bus). A pass can be purchased in the ASMS office each day.

The following clubs will be offered:

**Mondays:** Dungeons and Dragons, Disc Golf, 6th grade Intramurals (begins October 31), STEM club (begins October 31)

**Tuesdays:** Board Game/Trading Card Club, Jazz Band, Book Club

**Thursdays:** SAGA Club, Best Buddies (TBD), 7th/8th grade Intramurals (begins November 1)

Please see a previous email communication with descriptions of each club.

Students will have the month of October to join and participate in clubs. After that, all students will be required to pay a fee of \$75 for continued involvement in clubs. The fee can be paid with this [website](#) (search: Franklin Public School-->Extracurricular-->ASMS Extracurricular).

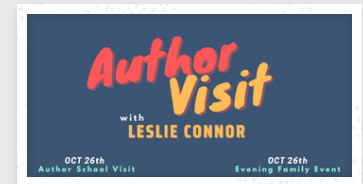
## BLAST!

In collaboration with the Franklin Public Library, BLAST (Bringing Libraries and Schools Together) will be at ASMS on Tuesday afternoons from 12:15pm-1:45pm. All students are welcome to come to the ASMS library to meet the youth librarians to sign up for a library card, check out books, talk about new titles, etc.

This is a great partnership with the community and is a way to put more books in students' hands.

## AUTHOR VISIT: LESLIE CONNOR

We are so excited to welcome back Leslie Connor to Franklin as our annual Author Visit. Leslie has written many middle-level novels, including "Mason Buttle", "All Rise for the Honorable Perry T. Cook", "Crunch", and many more.



Leslie Connor will visit ASMS on **Wednesday, October 26** for a full assembly for our 6th, 7th, and 8th grade students followed by a readers workshop and a writers workshop in which a small group of students will be able to work closely with her.

All three middle schools will have a Stop, Drop, and Read day on **Friday, October 7th** in which they will have the opportunity to read her texts.

Other important dates:

- Wednesday, October 5 - Friday, October 7: Book Fair at Escape into Fiction
- Wednesday, October 26 (6:00pm-7:00pm): Author Evening Event for families

## SNACKS AVAILABLE FOR PURCHASE

Students will be able to purchase water and snacks at lunch for \$0.50. Students may pay cash or will need to have a positive balance on their accounts in order to purchase these items.

To create or access your account, use this [link](#) to make online payments, monitor purchases and transactions, set up automatic payments, view the balance, or transfer funds between accounts.

Menus can be found using this [website](#).

# CHROMEBOOK REGISTRATION AND INSURANCE

All Franklin Public School middle and high school students will have a Chromebook assigned to them.

Parents/Guardians of seventh and eighth grade students will need to register the Chromebooks as soon as possible using this [link](#). Once the device is registered, the Chromebook will be activated for another year of school. If the Chromebook registration is not filled out, the Chromebook will be disabled on August 27th and will only be reactivated once the device has been successfully registered (within 24 hours). The devices (and chargers) should be brought to school daily.

Sixth grade and new students to ASMS will receive a Chromebook and charger on the first day of school. These devices will be active and families will have the first week of school to register the Chromebooks.

During the registration process you will have the opportunity to purchase OPTIONAL Chromebook insurance for the year. 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 15, 2022. This form must be completed for each device your child/children may have.

**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.

**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.

## 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 7th at 10am. Here is a [link](#) to join us virtually.

*We are specifically looking for help with the ASMS Cookout on October 21.*

If you are interested in joining our PCC, please fill out this [contact information form](#).

## ASMS SCHOOL COUNCIL

As the year is getting underway, we will be re-establishing the School Council at Annie Sullivan Middle School. This is an advisory group that meets monthly with the school's administrative team. The Council provides invaluable feedback about the school's short and long-term goals and assists with reviewing the school's handbook.

The Council typically meets on Monday afternoons from 2:30-3:30pm. The first meeting this year will be held on Monday, October 24th at ASMS. During that session, a schedule of additional meetings will be discussed.

If you are interested in joining ASMS School Council, please complete this [form](#) and if you have any questions, please reach out for clarification.

## IMPORTANT DATES:

October:

- Wednesday, October 5: No School (Yom Kippur)
- Wednesday, October 5 - Friday, October 7: Book Fair at Escape into Fiction
- Friday, October 7: Half Day for Students (10:45am dismissal)
- Monday, October 10: No School (Indigenous Peoples Day)
- Thursday, October 20: Back to School Night at ASMS (6:00pm)
- Friday, October 21: ASMS Cookout (lunch time)
- Wednesday, October 26: Leslie Connor Author Visit at ASMS
- Wednesday, October 26: Evening Author Visit Event for Families
- Friday, October 28: Half Day for Students (10:45am dismissal)

November:

- Thursday, November 3: Picture Retakes and Team Pictures
- Tuesday, November 8: No School (Election Day)
- Wednesday, November 9: 1/2 day (Parent Conferences)
- Thursday, November 10: 1/2 day (Parent Conferences)
- Friday, November 11: No School (Veteran's Day)
- Wednesday, November 23-Friday, November 25: No School (Thanksgiving Break)





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