

01/06/2023

Dear MJMS Families,

We are very happy to have our students back, and we have eagerly started on the new semester. The Mt. Juliet community suffered a huge loss during the Christmas break with the tragic loss of Ambria McGregor, and that loss makes us even more mindful of the precious lives that have been entrusted to us each day. One of the things I love most about school is that January brings a new start for all of us. Every student (and adult) has a chance to make this semester better than the one before it. We want all of our students to feel safe and cared for at this school so they can concentrate on the learning that takes place. We also encourage all students to find a spot where they can plug in with a sport, club, or organization. Here are a few events we have coming up to help students engage with our school community outside the classroom.

- **Yearbooks:**
 - Order here:
https://yearbookforever.com/schools/mount_juliet_middle_school_buy_yearbook_332898/jEmMYu3aQoB7rropP5PIbE70
 - The price of yearbooks is going up to \$55 beginning January 9th.
 - The deadline for 8th grade tributes is February 4th. There will be no extension to this deadline.

- **TE21:** Scores were returned to teachers, and we spent time Wednesday analyzing strengths and weak areas. TE21 is not the “end all and be all,” but it is one tool we have to track student progress throughout the year. Here are some things your student should know. If your student doesn’t know this information, ask the teacher to share it with you!
 - What did your student score on the first and second TE21?
 - What is your child’s current proficiency level for each core class (this goes from 1- to 4+)? A goal for the next TE21 is to increase that level (example: go from a 2+ to a 3-).
 - What percentage correct does your student need to show positive growth?

- **Soccer Tryouts:**
 - Tryouts will be held at MJMS (back of school, on football/soccer field)
 - 6th graders will tryout on January 9th from 4 - 5:30 pm
 - 7th/8th graders will tryout on January 10th from 4:15 - 5:30 pm
 - Students need to bring the following: current physical, soccer ball size 5, shin guards, water
 - Please sign up on the google form if interested in trying out: <https://forms.gle/Kmp2FnMC3qQbBVWy9>
 - We will have a parent meeting Jan. 12th (5:30 pm) - **this will only be for players that make the team.**

- **Track Interest Meeting:** Monday, January 23rd (NOT Jan 16), 6:30 pm, MJMS auditorium

- Auditions for The Little Mermaid, Junior:
 - Sign up at <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0F48ABAF2EABFCC25-auditions2>

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~THE LITTLE MERMAID JR~
JAN 10,11,12 @ MJMS Theater 4-6:00pm

To Audition You Must Sign Up
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Audition Info on the Sign UP Genius Page & Google Classroom
Code to Join Google Classroom: capwpye
Search: The Little Mermaid - Drama Bears
~ Invited Callbacks for Lead Roles 1/13 4-6pm

Bear Pride in the Middle,
 Candis Angle

Looking ahead:

- January 9 – yearbook prices goes up to \$55
- January 9-10 – soccer tryouts
- January 10-12 – auditions for spring musical
- January 16 – no school, MLK day
- January 23 – track interest meeting
- January 27 – PTO meeting at 11:00
- February 4 – last day to purchase an 8th grade yearbook tribute
- February 4 – winter formal