

Dedham Middle School

OFFICE OF THE PRINCIPAL

March 6, 2023

Dear DMS Families,

Happy first full week of March! It's a bit too early to celebrate Spring but it sure was nice to have the window open in my office today.

Here's what's going on this week:

- **Spring Sports Registration:** Athletic Director Traister will be sending out information regarding our spring sports. [Here](#) is the link to register. We offer baseball and softball to grades 7 & 8 and track and field to all 3 grades.
- **Community Flyers:** Click [here](#) for information on upcoming events around the district. You may want to mark your calendars for the Family Folk Dance Night on March 21st at Oakdale!
- **Term 2:** The second trimester will end on March 20th. Now is a great time to check PowerSchool and check in with your child regarding their academics.
- **Grade 8 News:**
 - **8th Grade Transition Assembly at DHS:** Next Monday, March 13th, all 8th grade students will visit Dedham High School for an annual 8th Grade Transition Assembly after lunch block. This will provide all 8th graders with an opportunity to meet the DHS Principals and the Counseling Department, learn about DHS and the courses offered, and meet current high school students through a Q+A session.
 - **Electives Fair at DHS:** Following the Transition Assembly on March 13th, all 8th grade students will visit the DHS Cafeteria to learn about the many elective courses offered at DHS! Here 8th graders will interact with DHS teachers and students and have the opportunity to hear more about new and exciting course offerings.
 - **2023-2024 Course Scheduling:** On March 15th and March 16th, all 8th grade students will work individually with a school counselor to request courses for the 2023-2024 school year. Please review the [2023-2024 DHS Course Directory](#)!
- **Questions of the week:**
 - **Grade 6:** If Earth's inner core stopped spinning as scientists say it has, what does that mean about the magnetic field on Earth?
 - **Grade 7:** When a news article or opinion article describes a law as "dystopian" what do they mean?
 - **Grade 8:** What is the difference between a *criminal* case and a *civil* case?

I hope your week is off to a marvelous start!

With gratitude,
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