

Dedham Middle School

OFFICE OF THE PRINCIPAL

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Dear DMS Families,

How was your weekend? While adjusting to Daylight saving time can be a challenge, the extra sunlight is a nice treat!

Here's what we've got going on this week:

- **Spring Sports Registration:** Registrations close on March 30th. Click [here](#) to sign up your student. We offer baseball and softball to grades 7 & 8 and track and field to all 3 grades.
- **Trimester 2:** The second term ends next Monday, March 20th. Students will begin Trimester 3 electives next Tuesday.
- **Library Makerspace:** Beginning this week and for the remainder of March, students will have the opportunity to try out numerous Makerspace activities such as 3D printing, Robotic Coding, paper folding crafts, Perler Bead keychains and a sticker mosaic. More information can be found by signing up for the Google Classroom-(2wmifzv) or by attending a lunchtime activity. Finished projects will be posted online on Twitter - follow Mrs. Matthews at @DedhamMSLibrary.
- **Avery Institute:** The Avery Institute is looking for middle school and high school help! Your student has received a link to sign up in my weekly email tonight. And bonus...rising 9th graders can count their volunteer hours towards their high school community service requirement. Any questions? Contact Mrs. Serpis at hserpis@dedham.k12.ma.us.
- **Drop Off Procedure:** We continue to see families using Whiting Avenue as a drop off. As a reminder, this is not a safe drop off location and causes traffic to back up.
- **Grade 8 Transition Assembly & Electives Fair:** This afternoon, all 8th grade students visited Dedham High School to participate in an in-person assembly led by DHS students, administrators, counselors, and educators to learn more about DHS, student opportunities, and elective course offerings. The assembly [slidedeck is linked here for your review](#).
 - As a reminder, all 8th grade students will participate in course scheduling for the 2023-2024 school year this Wednesday, 3/15 and Thursday, 3/16. The [2023-2024 DHS Course Directory is linked here](#).
- **DHS Open House:** This night has been rescheduled for Wednesday April 5th. More details to follow.
- **Sources of Strength Event:** Our friends in Sources of Strength are hosting a Mentor Madness Volleyball Tournament on Thurs. March 30th. Students will receive an email tonight to sign up.
- **Questions of the week:**
 - **Grade 6:** What two changes did Akhenaten make to Ancient Egyptian society?
 - **Grade 7:** Do you consider the Sui and Tang dynasties of China to be a "golden age" of Chinese history? Why or why not?
 - **Grade 8:** In Roll of Thunder, who is a better friend for Stacey: T.J. or Jeremy? Why?

Stay safe in this week's storm!

With gratitude,
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