

MES Family Update – September 30, 2021

Good evening MES Families,

We hope everyone is having a nice week. It's hard to believe that today is already the last day of September.

A few things for you today:

\*We appreciate everyone's patience and understanding as we make last minute adjustments to our bus transportation. We will continue to provide you with as much notice as possible when we are alerted to a situation by DATTCO. As we've mentioned previously, there are no available substitute bus drivers when a driver is out for any reason. The result is usually having a driver(s) do multiple runs in the morning and dispersing students onto other buses in the afternoon.

\*The current Bus 4 situation will continue until further notice - with students being picked up about 20-25 minutes later than normal in the morning and students being divided up onto other buses/vans in the afternoon.

\*We are looking forward to the return of the MES PTO Trunk or Treat event on Friday, October 29th from 6:00-8:00 p.m. Although we'll need to make some changes to ensure safety for all, we are very excited that the event will be back in the MES Community Room parking lot. The event flier will be out soon and posted on the website. *If anyone would like to donate candy, please drop it off on one of the benches outside of the front doors.*

\*A number of area school districts and MES have been experiencing phone issues lately. If you have trouble connecting or the call continually drops, please email any of the Main Office staff. Main Office staff names and email addresses were sent out earlier today in a Blackboard email message.

Please see the following new fliers in the Flier section on the website -

<https://www.marlborough.k12.ct.us/MarlboroughSchoolDistrict>

- AHM Family Fest - October 23 - <https://www.marlborough.k12.ct.us/site/handlers/filedownload.ashx?moduleinstanceid=253&dataid=7123&FileName=AHM%20Family%20Fest%20October%2023.pdf>
- Marlborough Lions Club - Masquerade 5K - <https://www.marlborough.k12.ct.us/site/handlers/filedownload.ashx?moduleinstanceid=253&dataid=7122&FileName=Lions%20Club%20Fall%20Race%20October%2031.pdf>
- Marlborough Lions Club - Generator Raffle - <https://www.marlborough.k12.ct.us/site/handlers/filedownload.ashx?moduleinstanceid=253&dataid=7121&FileName=Lions%20Club%20Generator%20Raffle%20October%2031.pdf>
- Marlborough Lions Club - 5K Shirt Design Contest - <https://www.marlborough.k12.ct.us/site/handlers/filedownload.ashx?moduleinstanceid=253&dataid=7120&FileName=Marlborough%20Masquerade%205K%20Shirt%20Design%20Contest.pdf>

Please see the information below regarding COVID testing sites across the state:

<https://www.marlborough.k12.ct.us/cms/lib/CT02204190/Centricity/Domain/8/State%20Supported%20COVID%20Testing%20Sites.pdf>

Please see the following regarding the Governor's new Executive Order No. 14:

***Mask Mandate in Schools To Continue Through February 15th***

***Governor Ned Lamont announced that as the Connecticut General Assembly has given final legislative approval to renew the COVID-19 civil preparedness and public health emergency declarations through February 15, 2022, he has signed an executive order – Executive Order No. 14 – authorizing nine previously issued executive orders to remain in effect through the duration of the renewed declarations, and revising and narrowing two previously issued executive orders. The governor explained that this new executive order is necessary so that certain previously issued orders can continue beyond September 30, 2021, which is the date that the declarations had previously been scheduled to expire.***

***Executive Order No. 14 takes the following actions:***

***It extends the duration of nine previously issued executive orders through February 15, 2022. Those that are pertinent to schools include:***

***Executive Order No. 13F and Executive Order No. 13G, which require long-term care facility workers, state hospital workers, state employees, PreK through 12 school workers, and the staff of childcare facilities to get vaccinated, with test-out options for those not working in long-term care facilities and hospitals.***

***Executive Order No. 9, Section 1, and Executive Order No. 13A, which provide the authority to require masks in schools, childcare facilities, and certain higher-risk settings, as well as providing municipal authority to require universal masking in certain settings.***

**We hope everyone has a nice night, a terrific Friday and a great first weekend of October.**

**Dan & Kim**

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