

Asa Mercer International Middle School

Dear Mercer Families,

Welcome to the 2016-17 school year! As we begin to settle in and work toward supporting our students' success, I want to take a moment to highlight systems we use toward strong school and family communication. Knowing whom to contact, staying up to speed with the events and activities, and being aware of student progress are all keys to strong school and home partnerships. Below are systems we use as ways to communicate and for you to stay connected to your student's learning.

1. Monthly Newsletter

At the beginning of each month you can access a monthly newsletter. The purpose of the newsletter is to capture news and events at Mercer. The newsletter will be linked on our [website](#) and go out via email to all Mercer families.

2. Mercer Website

Our website is a great place to visit for a range of school information that includes events, activities, and important information. To access our website please visit: www.mercerms.seattleschools.org

3. E-News

This electronic communication of events and activities will go out to families via email. To sign up for this more frequent, twice monthly, E-News email please visit our [website](#) and complete the sign up information in the lower right corner.

4. Source and Schoology

The [Source](#) is a great resource for students and families for viewing academic information including grades, test scores, and attendance. [Schoology](#) is a platform that allows students and families to interact with teachers regarding specific items related to a class, such as assignments. Parents/Guardians must first be logged onto the Source to receive an access code for Schoology.

Lastly, on Friday afternoon your student brought home home 3 important pieces of information. Please see page 3 of this newsletter for more detail. Please ask your students about:

1. **Picture information**
2. **Healthy Youth Survey Information**
3. **Verification Forms**

Whom to Contact?

For classroom questions or concerns please connect with your teachers via email. Contact information is posted on our [website](#). If you have other questions or concerns regarding academic information, scheduling, discipline, or health concerns please do not hesitate to connect with your grade level administrator, counselor, or school nurse.

We are looking forward to an exciting year of learning. Please do not hesitate to contact us for questions you may have. We look forward to seeing you this Thursday at Open House, 6:00 pm.

Go Mustangs!
Principal Carter

Contact Information

Main Office: (206) 252-8000

Ms. Hodges and

Ms. Nouch

Grade Level Administrators

6th: Ms. Encarnacion

7th: Ms. Simmons

8th: Ms. Gerlitz

Grade Level Counselors

6th: Mr. Malaki

7th: Ms. Chappelle

8th: Ms. Bradley

Attendance: (206) 252-8004

Ms. Kolner

Nurse: (206) 252-8007

Ms. Eckerdt

Registrar: (206) 252-8010

Ms. Holmes

Bilingual Office: (206) 252-8008

Mr. Adan – Somali

Mr. Andebrhan - Tigrinya

Ms. Almendarez- Spanish

Ms. Bunnell – Tagalog

Ms. Chung – Chinese

Ms. Deloya - Spanish

Mr. Siew– Chinese

Mr. Tran – Vietnamese

After School

Activities: (206) 252-8020

Damien Hicks

School Based

Health Center: (206) 762-2394

Coordinator

PTSA Meeting: October 12, 6:30 – 7:30 PM

Participating in or joining Mercer's PTSA is a great way to get connected and get involved at Mercer. Please visit the [PTSA webpage](#) for more information.

Open House, Thursday, September 22, (6:00-7:30 pm)

Our Open House is this Thursday evening. We will begin at 6:00 pm in our cafeteria with a welcome and brief introduction from Principal Carter. We then move to our Open House format which allows for movement to your student's classes where you can meet your teachers and find out about what he/she will be learning this year. We look forward to seeing you here!



Automatic "Robo" Call Information

We have an automated voice calling system that allows important messages to be sent via the telephone. At Mercer, we do not use this too much. However, families do have an option to "opt-out" of receiving phone calls. You should have received a district message Thursday evening on how to "opt-out".



NEWS AND INFORMATION

After School Activities Begins October 3rd

After School Activities or Out of School time (OST) begins on October 3rd. You can register on-line and course forms will be available starting Monday, September 19th for student pick-up on our bulletin board and accessible on our [website!](#)

After school activities offer a range of free programs that begin at 3:25pm and run through 4:45 pm Monday-Friday. Please complete your registration form ASAP!

Fall Sports

The fall sports season begins next week. The fall sports season consists of Girls Soccer and Coed Ultimate Frisbee. Games are on Saturdays. Schedules for fall sports can be found [here](#).

Girls Soccer begins Tuesday, 9/20 and Ultimate Frisbee begins Wednesday, 9/21.

In order to participate students MUST have a physical completed and on file.

September 23, Friday Forms – PLEASE REVIEW

Your student brought home information on Friday afternoon. Please take a moment to review the following information:

1. **Picture information** - Grade 8 and most of Grade 7 will take pictures on Tuesday, 9/20. Grade 6 will take pictures Wednesday, 9/21. Pictures will be taken during students' Reading and Writing blocks.
2. **Healthy Youth Survey Information** – Each year students are surveyed in grades 6 and 8 about important risk factors. The information going home explains the purpose of the survey, which will occur in October.
4. **Verification Forms** – Please review the emergency contact information listed in our system. If there are changes, please correct the form and return to our main office ASAP.

IMPORTANT SEPTEMBER DATES

- 19:** OST registration and course forms available
- 19:** Locker distribution Gr. 8 & 7
- 20:** Locker distribution Gr. 6
- 20:** Picture Day for Gr. 8 & Most of Gr. 7
- 21:** Picture Day for Gr. 6 & Some of Gr. 7
- 28:** 2-hr Early Dismissal (1:15 pm)

October Dates:

- 3:** OST/After school program session #1 begins
- 7:** Mid-quarter progress reports
- 12:** PTSA Meeting (6:30 pm)
- 14:** No School – Teacher Professional Development Day

