

Dec. 20, 2019

## Millstone River School Weekly Update

**All WW-P Schools will have an early dismissal today, Dec. 20, 2019. All schools will be closed Monday, Dec. 23, 2019, through Wednesday, Jan. 1, 2020. The board offices will be closed Tuesday, Dec. 24, 2019, through Wednesday, Jan. 1, 2020. All schools and the board offices will reopen Thursday, Jan. 2, 2020. This will be the final newsletter of 2019.**

### PTA News

- **All yearbooks will ONLY be sold online this year.** Order your 2019-20 Millstone River Yearbook **by Dec. 31** and save! Please click [here](#) to place your order.
- **Jan. 14, 9:30 a.m. - PTA General Meeting:** All parents are welcome! More details to come.
- **Jan. 24: Candy Bar Bingo Family Fun Night!** Join us for one of the most loved family nights with your friends and family. Possible winnings include various small prizes and candy. Entry is \$2 per person and will be donated to the charity of your choice. The fun begins at 6:30 p.m.!
- **Millstone River School PTA would like to thank all of its volunteers and PTA members for their tremendous support and partnerships in 2019!** We look forward to creating a stronger school community in 2020!

**Useful links:** [PTA Facebook](#) | [PTA Website](#) | [Join the PTA](#) | [PTA Twitter](#)

### SEPTSA

- **Dec. 28: Lego Buddies - 9:45 a.m.** Join our informal gathering of elementary students with IEPs or 504s to socialize through Lego play at the West Windsor Library.
- **Jan. 7: Transition to College Talk & Pizza - 6:30 p.m.** High schoolers with IEPs or unclassified issues who are considering a two/four-year college are invited to Romeo's Pizza (10 Schalks Crossing, Plainsboro), to eat pizza and discuss navigating higher education with collegians who faced similar challenges.

- **Jan. 30: PTSA Meeting “Understanding How to Improve IEPs and 504s” - 7 p.m.**, at Community Middle School (55 Grovers Mill Rd, Plainsboro). The speaker, Beth Manes, J.D., Special Needs Attorney, will help parents understand how to effectively use IEP documents and evaluations to improve your child's school experience.

Please contact Jennifer Riccards ([jenballen@yahoo.com](mailto:jenballen@yahoo.com)) for questions or to RSVP.

**Links:** [WW-P SEPTSA Facebook](#) | [WW-P SEPTSA Website](#) | [Membership Form](#)

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## School News

**PTA - THANK YOU:** Thank you to the MRS PTA for their continued support of students and programs. Theater Week ended with a fabulous performance with 90 students fully engaged in a lively show. Despite the rain and parents juggling multiple after school practice schedules, the final product was well worth it. Our PTA continues to focus on opportunities for students. Please support our PTA through your membership and volunteerism.

**Winter Break:** The faculty and staff at MRS would like to wish our students and their families a restful winter break. Enjoy time with family and friends. We look forward to the return of our students on Jan. 2, 2020.

**Chorus Announcements:** Chorus students have been preparing songs from a variety of cultures in different languages, keys and time signatures. We have been working diligently on finding our unison sound and then challenging our independence through singing in rounds, partner songs and harmony. We are excited to share our music with you in the upcoming concerts!

### Chorus Concert Schedule:

**ALL CONCERTS ARE ON WEDNESDAY, JAN. 8 and take place in the Millstone River Cafeteria**

Period 1: Grades 4 + 5 chorus in-school assembly

Period 8: Grade 3 chorus in-school assembly

6 p.m.: Grade 3 chorus evening concert call time (Start time is 6:30 p.m.)

7:30 p.m.: Grade 4 + 5 chorus evening concert call time (Start time is 8 p.m.)

### **Concert Attire:**

Should be worn Jan. 8 at assemblies and evenings concerts!

Grade 3: Class t-shirt and black pants/skirts with black shoes. (Dark colors can be substituted for black.)

Grades 4 + 5: White shirt and black pants/skirts with black shoes. (Dark colors can be substituted for black.)

### **Evening Concert Logistics:**

Grade 3: Students meet in the cafeteria at 6 p.m. Parents will form a line in the hallway and be welcomed into the concert space 10 minutes before the concert.

Grade 4 + 5: Students will meet in the cafeteria at 7:30 p.m. Parents will form a line in the hallway and be welcomed into the concert space 10 minutes before the concert.

As you wait... please be patient as we do not rehearse in the space we perform and need 20 minutes to warm-up our voices.

Parking is limited. Feel free to park at High School North and enter through the front doors. Please avoid blocking any doors, traffic patterns or walking paths.

**Genesis:** Make sure your **emergency contacts in Genesis are UPDATED.**

**Important Upcoming Dates:** Check out the [important upcoming dates for January and February.](#)

**Communications:** Make sure you are signed up to receive text messages from WW-P Schools? Click [HERE](#) for the district's communication process and make sure your phone

numbers and email addresses are up-to-date in Genesis. To sign up to receive additional messages from the townships please follow the links below:

- [Plainsboro Township/Police Alerts](#)
- [West Windsor Township/Police Alerts](#)

### **Millstone River School - School Spirit Days**

- Jan. 3: Super Hero Day - Who's your Superhero? Pick one and dress the part!
- Jan. 31: Sports Day (Due to the Super Bowl) - Wear your favorite team jersey, uniform, hat (pro/college/HS/rec).
- Mar. 2-6: Dr. Seuss Day - Door Decorating Contest - (special activities TBA all week). Dress in Dr. Seuss colors, or costume, or hat... be creative and unique!
- Apr. 3: Crazy Hair Day - Wear your hair in the most outrageous or silliest way! Be creative!
- May 1: Buddy Up Twin Day - Get a partner and dress alike! Have fun. Be interesting!

### **Around the District News**

- [WW-P athletes and fans can now find out about game and practice cancellations by calling our athletic hotlines.](#)
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### **District Updates**

- [District Website](#) | [Academic Calendars](#) | [Event Calendar](#)

### **Counseling and Wellness**

- **Parent University:** A special Parent University event will be held Thursday, Jan. 16, 7 p.m. at High School North. The topic: Is Video Gaming Addiction Real? will examine the impact of video gaming on children and adolescents. Check out the 2020 dates for our upcoming [Parent University Events](#) or review the previous presentations.

## Community Education

- [Winter After-School Enrichment](#) is open for registration. Registration closes Tuesday, Jan. 7, 2020.
- **Extended Day Program** registration is ongoing throughout the school year. [Sign up by clicking here.](#)
- Space is available in the morning and afternoon **Kindergarten Extension!** [Register by clicking here.](#)
- **Upcoming SAT Programs** - Community Education sponsored classes through [Kaplan](#), [Princeton Review](#), and [Lentz & Lentz](#) are offered throughout the school year at High School North and South.

## Community Events

- Are you looking for programs, clubs and things to do around WW-P? Check out the [community event section](#) on the district's website!

## WW-P Board of Education

- Check out the upcoming [Board of Education Meeting](#) dates. Agenda and materials for Board meetings are published after 3:30 p.m. the Friday prior to the meeting.

**Make sure to follow the district on WW-P's official social media pages.**

[Twitter](#) | [Facebook](#) | [Instagram](#) | [LinkedIn](#) | [Youtube](#)