



Parent Update  
August 29, 2011

Thank you to everyone who made the start of the year at MSA spectacular!! We had an awesome week, and got the school year kicked off right!! Please note the following important items:

- Beginning in one week, on September 6, 2011, the City of Palmetto will begin roadwork on the traffic circle on Haben Blvd. The traffic circle will be at the corner where Haben turns, just to the south end of the school property. Although this traffic work will at times allow vehicles through, the traffic patten from this side of Haben will be much slower. We are encouraging everyone to enter from the North – by the bank and the old Desears building. There will be times that traffic will be stopped from the other way.



6<sup>th</sup> grade assembly on the first day of school

- We will begin our first fundraiser of the school year on Wednesday – the annual cheesecake fundraiser!! Please be on the lookout for students bringing home this important information and help support the programs here at our school. (See the attached flier)
- A quick note on Friday shirts – Friday shirts that are allowed this year are **only** official club shirts, shirts from major productions, and our standard MSA Friday shirts (gray or black with the logo or PE shirts). Shirts from activities that students have done outside of school will no longer be allowed. Thank you for helping us enforce the dress code.
- Thank you to everyone who has helped make the dismissal process during the first week a success – it is this teamwork and understanding that helps the process move much more smoothly for everyone!!
- Please continue to be prepared for rain!! We are in the most rainy time of the year for Florida, and we are expecting to get wet at dismissal before we get out of the rainy season... with that said, please note the following rainy day procedures and expect that dismissal on those days will take longer than normal. Together, we will keep our students safe, get them home as dry as possible.

*In the event of severe weather, we will change our release procedure to ensure the safety of our students. **We will release all bus riders first.**  
After all buses are gone, we will move the vehicles from the car rider loop to the front of the*

*school. There will be a staff member in the car rider loop to let you know when to move. Do not come into the front parking lot until you are released from the car rider loop. Cars in the front parking lot will hinder the movement of the buses and will slow the entire release process.*

*We will have all students who are car riders waiting in the cafeteria. We will call the students out once you have moved to the front of the school. Please talk to your student about being quiet and patient while waiting.*

*We realize that this procedure will lengthen the time it will take to get the students home, but with your patience and support we will be able to get all students out of the school as safe and dry as possible.*

- If you have any questions or concerns about classes, procedures, or how things work at MSA, please contact us. Everyone's contact information is listed on the website, and we would be happy to help in any way possible!!
- Attention all 7th and 8th grade parents! A **Seacamp** meeting will be held **September 13th at 6pm in Room 34**. All interested 7th and 8th grade students and their parents are invited to attend this meeting to learn more about the experiential marine science weekend. Any questions, please contact [rlentz@msfta.org](mailto:rlentz@msfta.org).
- The Scholastic Book Fair will be opening on Friday, September 16th and closing the following Friday, the 23<sup>rd</sup>. Make sure to stop by the library to buy some GREAT books!!
- Yearbooks are on sale and can be purchased in room 203 for \$45.00 (Cash or Checks made payable to MSA). Deadline to purchase a book is 12/19/11, no extra books will be sold at the end of the year.

Thank you for all your support in making this one of the best school years EVER!! Together, we can make it happen.

### **Upcoming Events**

#### August

31 Cheesecake Fundraiser Kickoff

#### September

5 No School – Labor Day

13 School Pictures

13 Seacamp Meeting 6:00

15 School Pictures

16 Senior Class Meeting 2:30 (during the walk)

16-23 Scholastic Book Fair

17 HEAT Dance Clinic 10:00-4:00

20 Middle School “Back to School” Night 6:00

22 High School “Back to School” Night 6:00

#### October

10-13	Spirit Week	
14	No School – Records Day	
21	Senior Class Meeting	2:30
20-22	Into the Woods	7:00
21	End of the First Quarter	
24	No School – Records Day	
27-29	Into the Woods	7:00

November

10	Payback Night	6:30
11	No School – Veterans Day	
18	Senior Class Meeting	2:30
23-25	Thanksgiving Break	

For more information, check out our website at [www.msfta.org](http://www.msfta.org)