



Manchester Essex Regional High School

Upcoming Dates

- 11/20 Fall Sports Awards 6:30pm
- 11/22 Early Release 11am
- 11/23 No School – Thanksgiving break
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- 12/14 Grade 11 Parent Program 6pm
- 12/14 High School Winter Concert 7pm

Gardner Project Information

The Global Issues class is partnering with OneSight, an NGO that sends used and new eyeglasses to over 46 developing countries across the globe. We are holding a 2 month drive for to collect eyeglasses, running until the end of December.

Join our efforts and donate new or used eyeglasses to the cause. Bins are located for drop off outside the high school main office. Every pair counts!

Deck the Halls!

The Robotics Team invites the MERHS Community to its annual Holiday Plant Sale. Orders must be placed on or before November 27, 2017. Items on the attached flyer will be available for pick up on Saturday, December 2nd from 10 to 2 in front of 4Beach, the family fun gift store located next to Richdale's in downtown Manchester. Team 2084 will also have a limited number of holiday kissing balls available for sale on December 2, 2017 but all other items need to be ordered in advance. Please make checks out to MERSD Robotics Team 2084. Please complete the order form and email to baileybuchanann@hotmail.com and drop your check into the office. Please contact Bailey Buchanan at baileybuchanann@hotmail.com with any questions. Net proceeds benefit the M/ERHS's national championship robotics team, Robots by the C, Team 2084.

Library News

The Manchester and Essex Public Libraries will visit the student body on Monday, November 20th from 12-1pm and host a Library Card Registration Event. Stop by their display and fill out a form for your very own library card. Learn about the various resources and perks available to you as a public library patron. Receive your card and a voucher for a door prize upon your first visit to either library!

Military Opt Out

U.S. Army has requested the lists of names and contact information for this year's juniors and seniors. If you do not want your child's information release send an email to Laurie Carlson (carlsonl@mersd.org) stating that you wish to opt out.

Athletics Review Update

Thank you to all of the parents and students who have given feedback to Nancy O'Neil for the Athletics Review. Based on the School Committee schedule, the report will be presented publically at a meeting on January 9th.

NHS Study Sessions

National Honor Society is hosting after school study sessions on Mondays and Thursdays from 2:20-3pm in B119. Students can drop in if they would like a study partner, homework help, or just a quiet place to work. Contact Ms. Coleman with questions colemanj@mersd.org.

Yearbook Class of 2018

Jostens Ad Services is an easy way to design online a loving and celebratory message for your son or daughter. If you have any questions or need help in the production of the message, please contact the help desk at 877-767-5217. To reach the site, go to <http://jostensadservice.com?REF=A03493700>

To purchase a yearbook, please click on <http://jostensyearbooks.com/?REF=A03493700>
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Absence Policy Reminder

Student Absences And Excuses (District Policy)

Regular and punctual school attendance is essential for success in school. The Committee does recognize that parents of children attending our schools have special rights as well as responsibilities, one of which is to ensure that their children attend school regularly, in accordance with state law.

Therefore, students may be excused temporarily from school attendance for the following reasons:

1. Illness or quarantine.
2. Bereavement or serious illness in family.
3. Weather so inclement as to endanger the health of the child.
4. Observance of major religious holidays.

A child may also be excused for other exceptional reasons with approval of the school administrator.

Accordingly, parents will provide a written explanation for the absence and tardiness of a child. This will be required in advance for types of absences where advance notice is possible.

In instances of chronic or irregular absence reportedly due to illness, the school administration may request a physician's statement certifying such absences to be justifiable.

NEASC Accreditation Process (send previously in separate email)

Please help us in our accreditation process by completing the survey linked below. It should take approximately 15 minutes. This survey is required for successful accreditation. Before beginning the survey, please read the background of the survey and related definitions. The survey will remain open until December 1st.

<https://surveys.neasc.org/s3/NEASC-CPS-Family-Survey-Manchester-Essex-Regional-High-School>

Background

During the 2020 school year MERHS will take part in the accreditation process by the New England Association of Schools and Colleges (NEASC). MERHS will be one of the first schools to take part in this process under NEASC's new standards for accreditation. The first step in the process is a Self-Reflection. MERHS School Council will serve as the Self Reflection committee. In order to initiate this process, students, families and faculty are asked to complete surveys designed to provide the school with feedback about how MERHS meets NEASC's standards. The data from the survey, along with other evidence, will be used to identify areas of strength and areas for growth. A school improvement plan will be developed from the data. During the accreditation visit in 2020, the NEASC visiting committee will review our progress in the implementation of the improvement plan.

Definitions

There are several terms used by NEASC that we thought could use further explanation; they are listed below:

The **vision of the graduate** includes the transferable skills, knowledge, understandings, and dispositions necessary for future success.

Transferable skills are the essential skills students need to be able to confront new challenges both in and outside of school. Transferable skills include creativity, critical thinking, communication and collaboration, for example.

Dispositions are the patterns of behavior and thinking necessary for success in and out of school. Dispositions include persistence, flexibility, empathy, courage, and accuracy, for example.

Survey Development

The survey is a newly developed tool by NEASC. The School Council has reviewed the survey questions. We have reported grammatical errors, questions about substance and length, as well concerns about clarity to NEASC. They acknowledge the errors, but will not make changes at this time. Please understand MERHS is not able to alter this survey in any way.

Student Surveys

Every student will have an opportunity to complete the survey during the school day on December 6th. If you are interested in reviewing the student survey, it will be available in the main office during normal school hours. If you prefer that your student not complete the survey, please send a note to the main office with that request by December 6th

We appreciate your time and participation in this process.

MERHS School Council