



PARENT NEWSLETTER

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FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Mahone Families,

Thank you for a wonderful start to the school year! We have welcomed several new faces at Mahone and have been busy building a community of academic athletes and true leaders. You play a big role in the success of our students and we sincerely appreciate your cooperation and support.

GRADING

We are focusing on consistency and clarity this year at Mahone. One way we are working towards this is by providing consistency and clarity in our grading across the building. You will notice that all grade books have two categories this year, practice and assessment. Practice consists of assignments where students are just beginning to practice skills. Practice will make up 10% of students' grades. Assessment consists of projects, quizzes, tests, and any other assignment where we are gathering evidence of student learning. Assessment will make up 90% of students' grades. Teachers will provide opportunities for students to retake large assessments to give students additional opportunities to demonstrate their learning. The purpose of grades is to communicate how well students are learning the skills of a given class. We want grades to be a clear reflection of how much a student is learning in a given class. This setup is very similar to what is used in high school and will help to prepare our students for high school.

PARENT CONFERENCES

Please complete the attached conference form to schedule a conference.

YEARBOOKS

Yearbooks can be purchased through the Jostens link that is on our website. The cost is \$35.00.

PTO AND VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

PTO is looking for volunteers to help with the book fair from 10/28 to 11/1. You can sign up to help at the link below.

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0C4FA5AF2AA1FACE9-51264678-fall#/>

PTO is selling football cards this year. They cost \$20. You can win up to \$400 each week based on the NFL teams you are assigned and how many points they score. 80% of the money raised goes to Mahone. Click the link below to buy.

<https://forms.gle/drgMLnSpQaWri1ij7>

STUDENT MESSAGES

It is extremely difficult for us to deliver personal messages to individual students on a daily basis. Please make transportation/ arrangements prior to the start of the day with your child. Due to the high office traffic in the afternoon, **no personal phone messages will be delivered after 3:15pm.**

Sometimes students forget things they need for school and will call you from the classroom phone. All out-going calls will display the main office number (262-359-8100). If you receive a call from the main number and do not have a voicemail, **please do not call the office asking who called. All phone lines show the main office number and we will not interrupt classes to find out who called or why.**

Upcoming Events:

- October 8 - PTO Meeting in the Library
- October 25 – 8th Grade Dance (5-7 pm)
- November 1 - No School (Teacher Workday)
- November 2 – Fall Fest (3:30-5:30 pm)
- November 4 – End of First Quarter
- November 6 & 7 – Parent Conferences (5-7 pm)
- November 8 – No School (Teacher Professional Learning Day)
- November 12 - PTO Meeting in the Library
- November 21 – Choir Concert (Mahone, 7:00 pm)
- November 27-29 – No School (Thanksgiving Break)
- December 3 – Orchestra Concert (ITHSA, 7:00 pm)
- December 5 – Band Concert (ITHSA, 7:00 pm)
- December 6 - 7th Grade Dance (5-7 pm)
- December 13 – No School (Teacher Professional Day)
- December 23-January 3 – No School (Winter Break)

MAHONE MIDDLE SCHOOL
PARENT-TEACHER CONFERENCE RESERVATION FORM

Our first quarter Parent-Teacher Conferences will be held Wednesday, November 6 and Thursday, November 7 from 5-7 pm. Please circle your first and second choice for date and time to meet with a teacher from your child's house. Return this form as soon as possible to school with your child and you will receive a confirmation of your time from the house teacher.

Student Name _____ Grade _____

Wed, Nov 6

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Thurs, Nov. 7

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_____ Will you need an interpreter? If so, are you able to bring someone to interpret for you?

_____ Yes, I will have someone with me other than my Mahone student to interpret.

_____ No, I will need to schedule a time when an interpreter is available. Please contact me by telephone or email at _____ to set up a time.