

Dear Milton Public School Parents and Guardians:

We hope you had an enjoyable summer with your families. With school opening next week, we thought it would be helpful to review a few "frequently asked questions" with our parents/guardians. We hope you find this information useful. The Superintendent's E-blast newsletters will begin next week.

Thank you.



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Superintendent of Schools

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Q: When does school start?

A: The first day of school for grades 1-12 will be Wednesday, August 31<sup>st</sup>. Students will attend school on Wednesday and Thursday. There will be **no school** on Friday, September 2<sup>nd</sup> or Monday, September 5<sup>th</sup> (Labor Day). Kindergarten and Preschool will begin on Tuesday, September 6<sup>th</sup>.

Q: What are the start times for each school?

A: Start times are as follows:  
Collicot: 8:20am to 2:44pm  
Cunningham: 8:20am to 2:44pm  
Glover: 8:50am to 3:14pm  
Tucker: 8:50am to 3:14pm  
Pierce 7:48am to 2:21pm  
Milton High: 7:50am to 2:19pm

Q: Where can I find information on bus routes?

A: The 2011/2012 bus routes will be published on our school website, [www.miltonps.org](http://www.miltonps.org) or click the following link: <http://www.miltonps.org/departments-transportation.php>. Bus routes and schedules will also be printed in the Milton Times. Also, please be aware that during the first week or two of school, buses may be a bit early or a bit late. Please be patient while we work out the kinks.

Q: I need before and after school programs for my child. What should I do?

A: We have programs for elementary school students. Please visit <http://www.miltoncommunityschools.org/> to print out registration forms for the Early School Arrival Program and/or the After School Enrichment program.

Q: How much do school meals cost and how should I pay for it?

A: The Milton Public Schools offer both breakfast and lunch in all schools every day that school is in session. Breakfast is \$1.25 per day at all schools. Lunch prices are \$1.75 at our elementary schools; \$2.00 at Pierce Middle School; and \$2.00 at Milton High School. "Old Neighborhood Thin and Trim" Deli Bar and fresh-made salads are \$2.25 (Milton High School only). The Food Service Department accepts checks but strongly encourages parents to register and make on-line payments through the MPS website. Go to [www.miltonps.org](http://www.miltonps.org), choose "Food Services" from the drop-down menu under "Departments" and click on the [MyNutrikids.com](http://MyNutrikids.com) link. If you do not know your child's eight-digit ID number, email Food Service Director Jackie Morgan, [jmorgan@miltonps.org](mailto:jmorgan@miltonps.org) and include your child's first and last name. If you prefer to pay by check, checks must be made out to the Milton School Food Service and placed in the boxes provided in each school's main office or cafeteria before school begins.

Q: What should I do if I have concerns about my child's teacher and/or schedule?

A: Teachers from the prior year work in grade level teams to balance classes by size, academic abilities, and social groups. If you have questions about your class placement and/or schedule, please contact the school principal.

Q: My child is interested in playing high school sports. How do we register?

A: Before trying out for a team a student must obtain a "Clearance Card". In order to participate in the Milton High School Athletic Program, a student athlete must:

- Have academic eligibility by passing 5 courses of school work each term. (all incoming freshman are eligible)
  - Have a current copy of their physical from a physician (within 13 months)
  - Have a check made payable to MHS Athletics for \$250 or \$500 for Ice Hockey
- Have a signed Parental Permission form

If the above criteria are met and approval is given by the Athletic Office, a Clearance Card will be issued to the student athlete. The prospective student athlete must present this Clearance Card to the coach before he/she can try out for a team. This is the **FINAL WEEK** for fall sports sign-ups. From August 22<sup>nd</sup> to August 25<sup>th</sup>, 7am to noon students may sign up at the Milton High School Athletic Office. Please bring a check or a receipt from an on-line payment.

Q: How do I find out about this year's dates for No School days and School Vacation weeks?

A: Visit [www.miltonps.org](http://www.miltonps.org) and click under "Calendar" or visit this link: [http://www.miltonps.org/documents/2011-12SchoolCalendar\\_000.pdf](http://www.miltonps.org/documents/2011-12SchoolCalendar_000.pdf)

Q: When will last spring's MCAS scores be mailed out?

A: You should receive your child's MCAS results by mid-to-late September, 2011.

Q: When will the first School Committee meeting be held?

A: The School Committee will meet on Tuesday, August 30, 2011 at 7pm at the Milton High School library.

Q: My child still needs to finish their summer reading. Where can I find the reading lists?

A: All summer reading lists can be found on the Milton Public School website, [www.miltonps.org](http://www.miltonps.org).

Q : My child was prescribed a new medication this summer. What steps do I need to take?

A: The following are requirements for the administration of medication during the school day:

- Written, signed and dated request from the student's primary care provider
- Written request from parent/guardian
- Medication must be in a container properly labeled by the pharmacy (you can ask your pharmacist for an extra labeled bottle when filling your prescription)
- Medications should be delivered to school by a parent/guardian or responsible adult designee
- No more than a thirty (30) day supply of medication should be delivered to school at a time
- For short term dispensing of an antibiotic, a signed parental permission form and proper labeled container from the pharmacy are required

Medication permission forms are available from each school nurse and can be downloaded from our Edline.net web site in the Health Services content area. Each medication permission/request is required annually. All medications must be picked up the parent / guardian at the end of the school year or they will be disposed of by the school nurse. It should be understood that the school district is rendering a service in this matter. Special attention should be given to expiration dates of epi-pens and inhalers.