



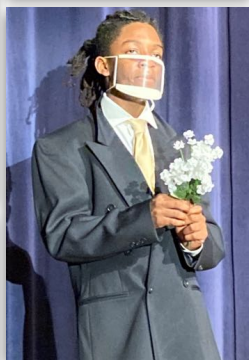
PIERCE PAGES

MARCH 6, 2022

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The Sound of Music

The hills were alive at Pierce this week as Pierce Players put on four amazing performances of *The Sound of Music*! Congratulations to the cast and crew, and a special thanks to Mr. Deschenes, Ms. Okoh, Ms. Royster and Ms. Tobin for all their hard work!



GRADE 9 COURSE SELECTION

On March 3, MHS Counselors showed the course selection video to 8th graders in assembly, explained scheduling process, then answered questions. Course recommendations are now available in Plus Portals. Course selections must be completed by March 11. Follow the instructions below to complete the process.

- Read the [Program of Studies](#) to determine what courses your child wants to take in 9th grade. Pay attention to prerequisites on the [9th grade course selection sheet](#).
- Have a conversation with your child about choosing appropriate courses and levels for grade 9
- If you have questions about course recommendations, you and/or your child should contact the teacher directly.
- Watch the [Course Selection "How to" Video](#).
- Attend the Program of Studies Night virtually @ 6:00 pm on March 8 if you have any questions.
- You and your child should select courses and submit them via Plus Portals by March 11. Your child's courses must add up to 35 credits
- Verification forms will be emailed home to all students/guardians on March 18.
- If your child needs to make any class changes, do the following by March 25:
 - ▶ print the verification sheet
 - ▶ mark the changes
 - ▶ return sheet to Mrs. Veldran

Student schedules will be available on Plus Portals in August.



HEALTH INFORMATION

Massachusetts mandated school-based screenings will begin in the next few weeks and continue throughout the school year. If your child is followed by a specialist, has already had some of these screenings done this year, or if you choose not to have your child screened, please email Nurse Perry at bperry@miltonps.org to OPT OUT. Please include your child's full name and the screening they are being excused from.

- Grade 7...Vision, BMI, Height Weight, SBIRT,
- Grades 6, 7 and 8...Scoliosis

These screenings are a tool to indicate if there is a need for further evaluation and not meant to provide a definite diagnosis.



ORION READING CHALLENGE

8th Grade Orion students have been engaged in a reading challenge since January 31st. To date, the team has collectively read 4,904,163 words! The students have until March 31st to log words read. The class and two students who read the most words will be rewarded.



FITNESS CLUB

Beginning Monday March 14 every Monday and Wednesdays students can participate in the Fitness Club. Using the Pierce fitness, cardio rooms and facilities, students will learn proper form and technique using Nautilus equipment, Keizer equipment, free weights and exercise balls. Students will also work on improving their cardiovascular fitness through a variety of activities. This is a great opportunity for students to increase their strength, stay fit and prevent injuries. All are welcome.

PIERCE TRACK AND FIELD INFORMATIONAL MEETING WEDNESDAY, MARCH 16

Any students interested in joining Pierce Track & Field should attend the meeting after school on March 16 in the cafeteria. Click [HERE](#) to read more detailed information.



Congratulations to the Pierce Boys Basketball team (pictured above) on a great season!

UPCOMING EVENTS

SCHEDULE OF DAYS THIS WEEK:

Monday - D3, Tuesday - D4, Wednesday - D5, Thursday - D6, Friday - D7

March 17...Parent Conferences; **March 18...**No School for Students - Professional Day; **April 7...**Early Release Day

HELPFUL RESOURCES



Ms. Perry - School Nurse
• bperry@miltonps.org or 617-696-4575



Marti McKenna, Family Outreach Liaison
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Ms. Benjamin - Gr. 6 Guidance Counselor
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Ms. Jaquette - Gr. 7 Guidance Counselor
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Ms. Veldran - Gr. 8 Guidance Counselor
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