



# MUSTANG MEMO

Addenbrooke Middle School Newsletter / January 9, 2025

## A Note from the Principal

As we settle into the second semester, you might have noticed some changes in the schedules. The middle school now features a daily double period for Math and English Language Arts. Additionally, seventh and eighth-grade students will attend a double period of Science or History each day. After evaluating the effectiveness of advisement, we observed that many students were not utilizing this time well. As a result, we decided to extend our class periods slightly. Our enrichment sessions will now occur once a week on Wednesdays, during which we will have abbreviated classes, with the last hour dedicated to enrichment. This program aims to enhance student engagement and help them connect with topics that spark their interest, integrating all core subjects into these sessions.

This week, the cold weather has arrived. On Tuesday, I saw many enthusiastic students arriving in snow pants and boots during morning carline, and I was hopeful that we could venture outside. However, the temperature dropped below 20 degrees. Interestingly, the students don't seem to mind the cold when snowflakes are falling!

In the past, we kept students outside from 7:15 to 7:30 unless there were wet or slushy conditions, allowing teachers to prepare their classrooms while the students followed their routine. However, I understand that some parents have raised concerns about this, so we will bring students into the commons starting at 7:15 a.m. when temperatures fall below twenty degrees. We will not be doing this during afternoon car-line as I believe parents would dislike this approach in the afternoon carline, as they might be unhappy about waiting longer in line for their students. Therefore, we will aim to go outside every day for afternoon carline, unless weather conditions or emergencies prevent us from doing so.

I want to remind parents that we have requested students to come to school dressed appropriately for outdoor activities, as we have noticed many arriving without the necessary gear quite frequently. Our principle of Love and Logic is that students will still go outside and learn to bring the appropriate gear next time.

For legal reasons we will not have staff doing the corner (street) when there are icy conditions, while this will make traffic slower we do not believe it is safe for the team to be in the street and there is a liability concern. If your child is walking to campus they will not be a crossing guard at that location so please plan to bring them through the car-line on those days. Also after discussing the car-line with our team we are working on a trial of new flow and will be sending home communication about this soon.

<b>National Junior Honors Society Applications Due</b>	<b>January 10</b>
<b>Dress out of Uniform Day for \$1 (Western Theme Day)</b>	<b>January 10</b>
<b>PACS Meeting</b>	<b>January 10</b> 8:00 am, Elementary Commons
<b>Middle School Boys Basketball Tryouts</b>	<b>January 14</b> 3:30-5:00 Gym
<b>K-8 Narrative Writing Contest (Entries due by 1/24/25)</b>	<b>January 13-24</b>
<b>Board of Directors Meeting</b>	<b>January 14</b> 6:00 - 8:30 pm, 3rd floor HS building
<b>Prospective Parent Meeting</b>	<b>January 15</b> K-8 Campus 6:00 High School Campus 6:45
<b>Kindergarten Cap &amp; Gown Pictures</b>	<b>January 16</b>
<b>Skate City</b>	<b>January 16</b> 6:00 - 8:00 pm
<b>Holiday-MLK Day</b>	<b>January 20</b>

