



## McAuliffe International School

McAuliffe School News | August 25, 2016

### Principal's Message

Hello, McAuliffe Parents!

Now that your student is nearly three weeks into the new school year, take a moment to check in to see how he or she is adjusting, not just in their classes but also socially. For students who are new to McAuliffe, we find that getting involved in a sport, a club, or a service program is a great way to make new friends and to be a part of the larger school community.

Even for our returning 7th and 8th graders, participating in a new activity helps forge new relationships and build confidence as they approach the transition to high school.

Be sure to check out information below about clubs, athletics, service learning trips, and our upcoming talent show. These opportunities are also shared with students via Edmodo and during grade-level morning meetings.



Home of the Sun Devils

#### IMPORTANT DATES

**Tues 8/30**

Mars Bus  
Experience

**Wed 8/31**

Washington DC trip  
meeting, 5:30pm

**Fri 9/2**

First Friday Coffee,  
8:00am in library

**Mon 9/5**

No school - Labor

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## TOP NEWS

### Office Reminders

The school office does not accept notes for excusing a student or for another parent to pick up their student. Parents must call the office to notify of an absence, tardy or if another adult is picking up their student. Also, students are not permitted to leave school early without a parent/guardian coming into the office to sign the student out for the day.

### Need to Order School Pictures?

If you did not already submit your order envelope and payment for school pictures, the McAuliffe office is no longer accepting orders but you can still order online. To order, go to [mylifetouch.com](http://mylifetouch.com) and use school code CG946588Y0.

Make-up/Retakes picture day is September 23rd. Unlike on our first picture day, students must wear their McAuliffe uniform on September 23rd but can change into their picture outfit for their picture, then return to wearing their uniform.

### Club Information for 2016-2017

We're in the process of posting information on our website about some amazing Clubs running this year, including the following (see details [here](#)). And watch for information coming soon about our Fall After-School Enrichments.

Day

**Mon 9/12**

Tryouts start for  
Students on Stage

**Thur 9/22**

Late start at  
10:30am

**Wed 10/19 - Thur  
10/20**

Students on Stage  
talent show, 6:00pm

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- Math Team
- VEX Robotics
- Good Readers Book Club
- Philosophy Club
- Destination Imagination
- World Affairs Challenge
- National Geographic Bee
- Creative Erratum Literary Journal Club
- 100 Mile Club
- Yoga Club
- National History Day Club (8th grade only)

### **Fall Sports, Club Sports and Intramurals Info**

We have a flurry of sports information to share – please check our Athletics section below!

### **Mars Experience Bus - Permission Slips Due Aug. 26th**

If you have not returned your signed permission slip for your 8th grader to ride the Mars Experience Bus on Tuesday, August 30th, please do so by tomorrow, August 26th. Details of this experience and a printed Lockheed Martin permission slip have been sent home with students via their Math teachers. [View the permission slip here](#) if the printed copy has been misplaced. See more details about this incredible opportunity [here](#).

### **Traffic Alert for August 29th and 30th**

Due to the Mars Experience Bus event, we are asking families to avoid driving and doing drop-off and pick-up on August 29th and 30th anywhere on Holly St. in front of the school and on 26th between Holly and Ivanhoe St. Setup is taking place on August 29th, and the event itself is on August 30th. We recommend doing drop-off and pick-up further away from this NW area of campus, either further

east or west on 26th or a block or more away from campus at a pre-arranged meeting place. Thanks for your patience making room for this amazing event!

### **Service Learning Trips**

We are excited to start the service learning trips with our students in September. Fall trips will be to Dahlia Square, Ronald McDonald House, local elementary schools, Metro Caring, and Montbello Manor. Students can access information and the Google sign-up form via the Activities Edmodo group to be included in the trips. Our goal is to get everyone on a trip this year, but we need you to complete the form in order to participate. Any questions to Laura Rogers at [laura\\_rogers@dpsk12.org](mailto:laura_rogers@dpsk12.org)

### **Students On Stage! - October 19th and 20th**

Got talent? Calling all actors, musicians, singers, magicians, and talented McAuliffe students to show your stuff at the 2nd annual *Students on Stage* talent show. This two-night performance will be Wednesday, October 19th and Thursday, October 20th at 6:00pm. All proceeds from this event will go to the student trip scholarship fund.

Tryouts will be held during the week of Sept 12th at lunch and after school in room B12. Please view all details about tryouts, performance schedules, 8th grade emcees, and parent volunteers on our Top News page [here](#).

<b>McAuliffe Students on Stage Tryouts</b>				
Auditions will be in room B11 and 3 minutes in length.				
Monday, Sept 12th	Tuesday, Sept 13th	Wednesday, Sept 14th	Thursday, Sept 15th	Friday, Sept 16th
7th & 8th Grade LUNCH (11:55-12:50)	7th & 8th Grade LUNCH (11:55-12:50)	7th & 8th Grade LUNCH (11:55-12:50)	7th & 8th Grade LUNCH (11:55-12:50)	NO TRYOUTS
Bands/Musicians	Dance Acts	Singers/Hip Hop/Rap	Any act (magicians, skits, video productions, comedy, etc.)	
6th Grade LUNCH (12:55-1:50)	6th Grade LUNCH (12:55-1:50)	6th Grade LUNCH (12:55-1:50)	6th Grade LUNCH (12:55-1:50)	
Bands/Musicians	Dance Acts	Singers/Hip Hop/Rap	Any act (magicians, skits, video productions, comedy, etc.)	
		AFTER SCHOOL (4:00-5:00)		
		Any act (magicians, skits, video productions, comedy, etc.)		

## GT Update

Parents, if you have a student who is identified as gifted and talented, you should have received an email this last weekend. The email contained information about the program, a code for the GT Edmodo page and a flyer for the academic enrichments. If you did not receive this email, please first make sure it is not in your spam folder then email [becky\\_middleton@dpsk12.org](mailto:becky_middleton@dpsk12.org).

## Wellness Team

Our first Wellness Team meeting of the 2016-17 school year will be on Tuesday, September 6 from 4:15- 5:15. We welcome any and all of you with an interest in health & wellness! This is a partnership with Be Well, and we hope to continue to make improvements at McAuliffe in regards to staff, student and community health and wellness. Please contact Kendra Collings at [Kendra\\_collings@dpsk12.org](mailto:Kendra_collings@dpsk12.org) if you have any questions or concerns.

## DPS High School Information in Our Newsletter

Parents of current 8th graders: We share information about open house events and shadowing at local high schools as we receive the information. This is posted in our District and Community News section at the bottom of each newsletter. In the event that information is updated by high schools after being published in our

newsletter, we strongly advise that you check each high school's website to confirm current information. East High School information appears now.

### **First Friday Coffee - September 2**

Please join us for our First Friday Coffee on September 2nd at 8:00am in the library. Hosted by Activities Coordinator Sherry Beardshear and held on the first Friday of each month (except holidays), this is a chance to learn about upcoming school events, how to get involved, hear from different staff members, and socialize with other parents. On September 2nd our coffee will begin with a quick introduction and welcome from our administrative team. Hope to see you there!

### **McAuliffe Open House and Tour Dates**

We have begun posting information about our Open House events and school tours (running late September to January) on our [Enrollment page](#) for prospective students.

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## **COMING EVENTS**

### **Washington DC Trip Meeting – August 31st**

There will be one FINAL trip meeting for enrolling students on this year's Washington DC trip. The meeting will be held on Wednesday, August 31st at 5:30pm in room 312. We already have 55 8th grade students enrolled for our May 2017 trip! Don't miss out on this opportunity to explore this incredible city. Please visit our [trip website](#) for more information and to sign up by September 6th at the current price. Let us know if you have any questions by emailing Sarah\_Frederick@dpsk12.org. We look forward to

having your 8th grader join us on this trip!

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## ATHLETICS

### **Questions about Physicals and the Athletics Forms**

The most common question is about the need for an update with your student's physical. Answer: your student's physical exam is good for one year from the date of the exam! Find athletics forms on our [Athletics page](#) under Athletics Policies and Information.

### **Fall Sports - Competition Schedules**

Early Fall Sports competition schedules are now posted on our [Athletics page](#) for Boys Soccer, Girls Softball, and Cross Country.

### **Intramurals**

Next week on Tuesday, August 30 and Thursday, September 1 we will kick off the intramural season with soccer! Please email Mr. Keeney with any questions or concerns at [logan\\_keeney@dpsk12.org](mailto:logan_keeney@dpsk12.org).

### **Club Sports Update**

Boys Golf, Competitive Tennis, and Recreation Tennis are all under way and we have a great turnout! Please bring your paperwork and payment into the office by Friday, August 26th. The following people have stepped up to coach the following sports (we are so grateful -- thank you all for your support!):

- Boys Golf: J. D. Praeger, Keith Baker, Kevin Crowder, Jason Dembeck and Rich Morris
- Competitive Tennis Team: Jordan Lutz
- Recreation Tennis: Meredith McGrath



Reminder of the club sport practice schedule:

- Boys Golf: Tues & Thurs 4:00- 6:00 @ Common Grounds. Carpool leaves McAuliffe at 3:30. Season ends Oct. 6
- Competitive Tennis Team: Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday 4:10- 5:30. Season ends Oct. 13
- Recreation Tennis: Mondays & Fridays 4:10- 5:30. Season ends Oct. 7

### **Futsal Information**

Futsal (indoor soccer) will start Wednesday, September 7. Our coach is Diego Pulgarin (Spanish teacher here at McAuliffe). Practices will be Mondays and Wednesdays 4:00-5:00. The season will end Oct. 19. We will continue to collaborate with [303 Futsal](#). This is a great opportunity for students to improve on their speed, agility and foot skills. If you have been wondering about those stacks of sport court by the tennis courts, that is our Futsal Court and will be installed this fall!

Futsal is a “small-sided” and highly creative version of soccer that is typically played indoors or outdoors on a space roughly the size of a basketball court (there are many tactical and technical similarities to basketball). Futsal (and "street soccer") is played in a variety of forms by boys, girls, men and women of all ages and ability, all around the world, and its popularity is growing rapidly in North America. Street Soccer is played on the street, on basketball courts or nearly any open stretch of dirt, grass or pavement where there is a ball and people ready to play.

### **Late Fall Sports (DPS)**



Sign-ups for the following Late Fall (DPS) Sports will take place the from September 26th-September 30th during lunch and tryouts will be on October 3rd at 4:15:

- Flag Football (try-out required)
- Girls Volleyball (try-out required)

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## WEEK IN REVIEW

### **Welcome Meeting for New 7th and 8th Graders**

Last Friday we held a special get-together with our 7th and 8th graders who are new to McAuliffe to welcome them and address any questions or concerns they have. Mr. Dennis and all 7th and 8th grade administrators and counselors plus some of our SHINE Crew leaders joined us, and doughnuts were served as a special treat. Parents of new 7th and 8th graders, please reach out to us if your student would like more help making the transition to McAuliffe.

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## REMINDERS

### **GT Enrichments and Clubs**

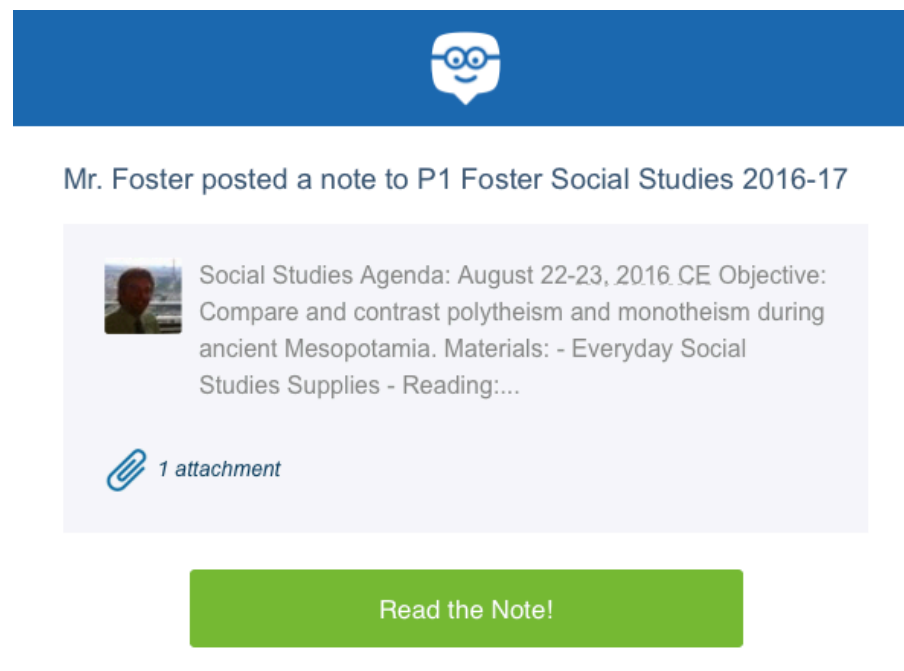
We have grade-specific Gifted & Talented (GT) offerings for GT-identified students, including Night of the Notables, Independent Project, and In-Depth Object Study. Approximately 50% of our student body is identified as GT, so we also provide a broad range of [Clubs](#) – including Destination Imagination, Good Readers, Spelling Bee, Geography Bee, Math Club and more – that is open to all students, plus a wonderful array of [After-School Enrichments](#). For GT-identified

students, please also visit our [GT page](#) for information about university talent search opportunities and Advanced Learning Plans.

## Setting Up Your Edmodo Parent Account

Questions about setting up your Edmodo Parent account or connecting to your student using the unique 'parent code' for your child? Please find more details on our website [here](#), and scroll down to the Edmodo section.

What does an Edmodo message look like in your email? Here's an example!



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## DISTRICT AND COMMUNITY NEWS

### East High School – Shadowing for Current 8th Graders

Shadowing at East High School for current 8th graders will begin near the end of September and go through January. The website to make an appointment will go live on September 1st at 8:00am. Appointments are limited and fill up quickly, so please mark your calendars to get

signed up on 9/1! If you are unable to get a shadowing appointment, there will also be a group tour and information session on Thursday, December 8th at 9:00am. Visit the [East website](#) to confirm current information.

### **Endorphin Youth Weightlifting**

Endorphin is offering an 8-week (2 days/week) coaching intensive program geared to introduce pre-teens and teens to weightlifting guided by an experienced, certified coach. Students learn proper movement patterns, gain athletic skill, increase strength and power, make refinements in balance and coordination, and also, build mental fortitude. Click [here](#) to enroll (use your child's name when creating an account). Contact Neil Allman at [neil@myendorphin.com](mailto:neil@myendorphin.com) / 720-955-3677.

#### **TIMES, DATES, LOCATION:**

Fall – Monday/Wednesday 8-Week Session for Ages 11-17, cost \$250

4:15-5:30pm @ 4605 Quebec St (ask about carpool from school)

September 26 - November 16

Fall – Tuesday/Thursday 8-Week Session for Ages 11-17, cost \$250

5:30-6:45pm @ 4605 Quebec St

September 27- November 17

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# HELPFUL LINKS

**Website:** <http://mcauliffe.dpsk12.org/>

**Calendar and Bell**

**Schedule:** <http://mcauliffe.dpsk12.org/about-mis/calendars-bell-schedule/>

**McAuliffe app:** Available for [iOS](#) and [Android](#) devices!

**Order school uniforms:** [McAuliffe store page](#) on [www.saiteamsports.com](http://www.saiteamsports.com)

**McAuliffe Facebook**

**page:** <https://www.facebook.com/groups/702585036483556/>

**DPS Parent Portal:** [myportal.dpsk12.org](http://myportal.dpsk12.org)

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