



Mt. Abram Regional High School

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Dear Students, Parents, and Guardians,

Our Winter Sports Season has officially started! Head over to the Athletic Department of our school district website for the most up to date information about Basketball, Nordic Skiing and Alpine Skiing.

A few upcoming events include:

- December 1st-2nd Annual Vestival
- December 6th-NHS Induction Ceremony 6:00pm
- December 18th-21st-Spirit Week:
 - December 18th-Ugly Sweater Day
 - December 19th-Winter Character Day
 - December 20th-Wacky Wednesday
 - December 21st-Christmas/Winter Dress Day & Abram Idol
- December 21st-Early Release at 11:30am

Yankee Candle Fundraising online sales continue until January 10, 2018. This fundraiser brings in 40% profit for each class that goes toward their Senior Class Trip and Prom. A great way to shop for Christmas and support our students! Visit www.yankeecandlefundraising.com and type in the Group Number 990100392 into the "Start Shopping" box. Thank you for your continued support!

New to our website! Check out the new page "Academics" that you will find under the Mt. Abram High School tab, located under the "Schools & Departments" tab. The Academics page will be used to update parents, guardians and students for important Academic news. This will be a place to find information about PBE (Proficiency Based Education), Graduation Standards for the Graduating Class of 2021 and beyond as well as additional information regarding PBE. Please stay tuned as this page is currently under construction as we build it and add valuable information!

Shared messages for you from our Welcome Back Letter:

To continue to support you, our students, we offer RTI for all students during Seminar time. This is a 33 minute time block after lunch where students will work with a current teacher to enhance the skills needed to be successful in academic areas. There will be "priority" days for Math and ELA (Language Arts) as well as "tag" days for Science and Social Studies for the 2017-2018 school year. If a student does not need RTI on a priority day they will have a guided academic support to allow time to complete course work to support them with their busy school, sport, and work schedules. **Seminar time will follow this schedule: Monday-Academic Check In and Academic Goal Setting; Tuesday-Open Tag Day for 4 core content areas; Wednesday-RTI-ELA; Thursday-RTI-Math; Friday-Academic Goal Reflection and Open Tab Day for 4 core content areas for**

the 1st-3rd Friday of the month. The 4th Friday of the month is an Academic Goal Celebration for specific achievement of each student meeting a goal or goals they set.

To assist with communication and to assist our students, each student has a planner. This planner is used for communicating to students about RTI priority days and where to report. **Planners are required for every student and are necessary for RTI.** Planners are also used for documenting homework, special events or activities and additional important information they need to keep track of for their school year. These student planners were funded for our students by our Gear Up Grant.

The ASC (After School Club) is on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday from 2:30-4:30 every week. Lindsay Dakers and Brad Cobb are working with students at each of these sessions. We strongly encourage students to use this time to support their academics. There may be times that a teacher or administrator will call home and ask that you support your young adult in attending a tutoring session or multiple sessions. This is a great opportunity and will assist in helping our students be successful.

Be sure to visit our NEW and UPDATED MSAD #58 School District website at www.msad58.org. This is where you will find sports paperwork, sports schedules, the MTA Student & Parent Handbook 2017-2018, School Counseling information including scholarships and financial aid information, current events at MTA and current newsletters.

Attendance is so important for every student. I encourage each of you to attend daily and to be on time to school. When you are not here we miss you! You also miss very valuable information that is critical to your success in high school and in life. If you do need to be absent from school or tardy, we ask that you follow all procedures to make up your work as outlined in our Student Handbook. If excessive tardies or absences occur, I will be reaching out to parents to request a meeting to develop a plan for each individual student.

I am here to support each of you; students, parents, and guardians. Please feel free to contact me for any questions or concerns. I can be reached at 678-2701 ext. 4101 or mtranten@msad58.org. I will continue to update you on our new website with important information, events and dates.

Remember, high school is what you choose to make it. Get involved with a sport, a club, an activity that you are passionate about, that you love, that you enjoy. Don't be afraid to try something new. You may find that you love it. Whatever you do, be involved and be active.

I love seeing what each of you accomplish each and every day! Keep up the excellent work!

Sincerely,

Mrs. Michelle S. Tranten, M. Ed.
Principal

