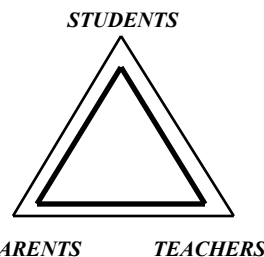


MORAN TRIAD

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Mission Statement

Moran Middle School is committed to guiding students through adolescence by encouraging independent thinking, self-worth and mutual respect necessary to become responsible, productive citizens in our ever-changing society. We strive to provide a safe, nurturing environment throughout our quest for academic excellence.

THE MORAN TRIAD

The TRIAD is our monthly school newsletter. The triangle logo depicts the 3 major components needed to support a student's success in school. They are the student, teacher and parent working in harmony for the total well being of the child. The purpose of the TRIAD is to foster that harmony through good communication between all members of the Triad.

TRIADS will be sent electronically to parent via e-mails that we have record of. Parents, please expect the TRIAD each month. It is also available on line at www.wallingford.k12.ct.us. Please keep us updated with the e-mail where you would like to receive the TRIAD. If you do not have e-mail access please let us know so that we can provide your child with a hard copy each month. In addition, copies will still be available in the main office for those who would like one. The TRIAD will be distributed around the third Friday of each month from October through May.

NEW STAFF

We at Moran would like to take this opportunity to introduce and welcome some new members to our staff:

Joseph Piacentini	Principal
Julie Foss	Asst. Principal
Eliza Baker	Grade 8 Counselor
Stefanie Sonstrom	Grade 8 Spanish
Glorianne Rusate	ELL
Tom Tricarico	Custodian (11/12)
Dave Gaetano	Custodian

IMPORTANT

Arrival & Dismissal

Students enter the building at 7:40 am. **Homeroom begins at 8:00 am.** Students entering the building after 8:00 am will be marked tardy unless accompanied by a note from a doctor. They will then be marked excused tardy. Dismissal begins at 2:25 pm.

Notes should be sent for any change in dismissal routine or early dismissal and given to the homeroom teacher. Please have all notes include the STUDENT'S full name. If you are unable to send a note please call the office as early as possible.

Attendance

When your child is going to be absent from school, please remember to call our office at 741-2901 or 741-2900 to report the absence before 9:00 am. Please state your child's name, homeroom, reason for absence and relationship to child. Homework requests should be made after a student has been absent for two or more days.

Updated Information

It is important that your child's information be updated when there is a change in address, home or parent's workplace or cell phone numbers. Please visit the **Parent Portal** in Power School to make sure all of your information is up to date. You have until **Septemer 30, 2012** to make changes in the parent portal. After the 30th please send a note with the updated information to the main office. Please keep us updated with your current e-mail information also.

Building Hours

Between the hours of 7:40 am and 3:45 pm all visitors must use the buzzer system to enter the building. Please come into the office when buzzed in.

From 3:45 pm until 9:00 pm the building will remain open for scheduled night activities and retrieval of student work. Use of the buzzer system will not be necessary during

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

9/25 PTO Meeting Lib/Media Ctr. 6:30 pm

10/8 Columbus Day—No School

10/12 PTAC Meeting Library/Media Ctr 6:30 pm

10/30 PTO Meeting Lib/Media Ctr. 6:30 pm

10/13 Mid Point of 1st Marking Point

Parents are encouraged to check in the Parent

Portal for current grades, no progress reports mailed at this time

those hours.

GUIDANCE COUNSELORS

The Guidance Counselors are available during school hours. The Guidance office phone numbers is 741-2907. Students are assigned to counselors by their current grade level. School Counselors will travel with their assigned students until they are promoted to the high school.

Grade 6 **MRS. BARBER-DEVINE**
Grade 7 **MRS. FUNARO**
Grade 8 **MRS. BAKER**

CAFETERIA

Students can buy a hot lunch each day using the Point of Sale program which most of our students used at their elementary schools. Middle School lunch prices is \$2.25 and milk is \$.50. Student PINs that were assigned in elementary school remain the PINs in middle school. Parents can send money in with their child to be deposited in the student's POS account or deposit money electronically through the district web site www.wallingford.k12.ct.us then click on District Departments, Food Services, Meal Pay. Parents can request a print out of student purchases through the Food Service Department.

Any student who forgets his/her lunch and does not have money in their account can charge a lunch. This involves going to the desk and filling out a form which the student uses to purchase lunch. The student is expected to pay back the charge on the next school day **CASH ONLY**. Snacks can be purchased separately or in addition to a lunch. We also have a Snapple vending machine and a Dasani vending machine. No food is allowed to leave the café.

If you have any questions about the café or the POS program please contact Meal Pay Plus Parent Support at 877-237-0946.

Guidance News

In response to the growing youth health crisis, the Wallingford YMCA will once again offer the Fit To Go program. In this program, middle school students will learn about healthy living and nutrition, develop a focused and realistic work-out program they can stick with, have fun doing healthy activities, make new friends and feel better about themselves. There are two program—one for girls and one for boys. Both are after school two times a week and transportation is provided to the YMCA from school. Parents will have to do pick up at the YMCA at 5:30. We are looking for students who may benefit from this type of program. If you think your child may benefit from learning about healthy snacks with a nutritionist, fitness classes with a certified personal trainer, and fun activities, then please contact Guidance at 203-741-2907 for more information and an application. Space is limited. It is a great program!

MORAN PTO

Please be sure to support Moran by joining our PTO the cost is \$10 per family. You may send your membership form and money to the main office, forms included with this e-mail. The Moran PTO supports students by providing resources and opportunities for students. They support these ventures through fundraisers and numerous events for students held throughout the year. PTO funds have bought computers, smart boards, classroom materials, and supported guest speakers and team events.

We have created an email address specific for the Moran PTO. If you have any questions regarding anything PTO related, please email us at moranpto@gmail.com.

6th Grade Parents:

The Moran PTO is looking for your help. This year the entire PTO is made up of 8th grade parents. We need you to get involved in order to keep a lot of the great Moran programs and support going over the years while your students are at our school. The middle school PTO is not overwhelming and does not take a lot of time.

The PTO meetings are held in the school Media Center on the last Tuesday of the month at 6:30pm. We hope to see you there!!!!

8th Grade Parents:

We are looking to form a committee of 8th grade parents to plan the end of the year activities. This includes the dance, outing and awards ceremony. The committee will work directly with an 8th grade teacher to coordinate these events with the school schedule.

If you are interested in being on this committee please email your contact information to MoranPTO@gmail.com.

OTHER WAYS TO SUPPORT OUR SCHOOL

Other ways to support our school include:

1. Stop and Shop—on line registration
2. Shop Rite –form attached
3. Big Y-form attached

Just be sure to stop by the courtesy desk at the store to sign up and help out Moran just by shopping. Please use the attached sign up sheets for you and any family, neighbors or friends who shop at any of these stores.

We also collect box tops for education.

SPIRIT WEAR

Please use the enclosed form to purchase Moran Spirit Wear. Great for students and parents. Makes a great gift.

From Principal Piacentini's Desk:

Welcome to the 2012 / 2013 school year at James H. Moran Middle School. I am the new Principal here at the middle school. I wanted to take this opportunity to thank you and your children for an excellent start to our year. Mrs. Julie Foss, Assistant Principal, and I were so impressed with how well the first three weeks of school have gone. Perhaps opening after Labor Day was the key to success. I hope you find this first issue of our 'Moran Triad' informative. It is one of the many tools we plan on using to keep an open line of communication between our parents, our students, and our school staff. In addition, Mrs. Foss and I have an open door policy. Should you have any questions for us please do not hesitate to visit the school, call, or e-mail us. I am looking forward to a successful first year at Moran Middle School. Thank you for all of your support!

CROSS COUNTRY TEAM SCHEDULE

DATE	OPPONENT	TIME	SITE
Sept 21	Panther Fall Fest	3:00	E. Hampton MS
Sept. 26	Strong/Rocky Hill	3:00	Allyn Brook Pk
Oct 1	DePaolo	3:15	Moran MS
Oct. 4	Dodd	3:15	Moran MS
Oct. 6	Wickham Invt'l	9:00	Wickham PK
Oct 11	DePaolo	3:15	DePaolo MS
Oct 13	McGee Invt;l	9:15	Sage Pk
Oct 15	Kennedy MS	3:15	Moran MS
Oct 19	Dag	3:15	Moran MS
Oct 25	Cheshire Invt'l	4:00	Cheshire Pk
Oct 26	GHOST RUN	7:00pm	Moran MS
Oct 29	Dag	3:15	Dag MS
Nov 3	CT MS State Championships	12:00	Wickham Park (Manchester)

For Directions to all away meets
go to the Moran Cross Country website.
<http://wallingford.ccsct.com>

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Coach: Mr. Scursso