



# DUXBURY MIDDLE SCHOOL

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## IMPORTANT DATES:

**September 13**  
**Camp Cody Outdoor Classroom Forms and Payments Due**  
[Forms](#)

**September 13-20**  
**DMS Book Fair**

**September 19**  
**DMS School Council Library Conference**  
Room  
3pm

**DMS Open House**  
6pm-8:30pm  
[Invitation](#)

**October 11**  
**No School**  
**Teacher Professional Development**

**October 14**  
**No School**  
**Columbus Day**

Dear Parent/ Guardian,

I hope you all had a wonderful long weekend! We are headed into our second week of school, and have begun our regular schedule of rotating periods and classes throughout the day.

We have a number of events coming up quickly this month. First, and I've noted this in our Announcements section as well, our 8th grade families should take note that final payments and forms for Camp Cody's Outdoor Classroom experience are due September 13th, 2019. I've linked the website which houses our forms below, and any questions can be directed to Mrs. Coyne at [jcoyne@duxbury.k12.ma.us](mailto:jcoyne@duxbury.k12.ma.us). I'd also like to take a moment to solicit any chaperone volunteers for this trip, which is taking place from October 15-18, 2019. We are in need of both male and female parent chaperones, and would love for you to join us if you can! Please reach out to Mrs. Coyne with your interest and availability!

Next week, we will be kicking off our co-curriculars. Below, I've linked a brochure for students and parents to review. I want to encourage all of our students to participate in a co-curricular this year, as it is a wonderful opportunity to get involved in the DMS community and explore passions and interests. In order to participate in any of our co-curriculars (with the exception of Homework Club, which is open to all of our students Monday- Thursday afternoons in the library), there is a \$110.00 fee that can be paid through our UniPay system. There is financial assistance for families that qualify, and any questions can be directed to Mrs. Coyne at [jcoyne@duxbury.k12.ma.us](mailto:jcoyne@duxbury.k12.ma.us). This fee is a one-time cost for the year, and allows your student to participate in as many co-curriculars as they would like. We hope your child will take part!

Lastly, next week, we will be holding our Open House on Thursday, September 19th from 6-8:30pm. This is a parent/guardian only event, and I would like to invite all parents/guardians to join Mrs. Coyne and me in the cafeteria at 6:00pm to begin the evening. We will introduce ourselves, welcome you to our school, and begin with an informational session regarding our new Chromebook devices. Immediately following this information session, we will invite our 8th grade parent/guardians to remain in the cafeteria for information regarding the upcoming 8th grade trip to Camp Cody's Outdoor Classroom (previously known as Nature's Classroom). [Please see our invitation to this event, and schedule for the evening.](#)

### **Announcements:**

*Camp Cody's Outdoor Classroom:* Our annual 8th grade trip to Camp Cody will be taking place from October 15-18, 2019. Final payments and [paperwork](#) are due September 13th, 2019, and [can be found on our website by clicking here.](#) On Thursday, September 19, 2019, we invite all 8th grade families to join us in the

**October 15-18**  
**8th grade to Camp**  
**Cody Outdoor**  
**Classroom**

cafeteria for an information session immediately following our Chromebook Information session during Open House. An email went out recently to families of 8th graders with important information regarding these deadlines and completing appropriate forms.

*Co-Curriculars/ DMS Sports:* At DMS, we offer a variety of co-curricular activities for students. Information regarding the activities, the associated fees, and the meeting times and locations will be coming next week! Additionally, we have two sports opportunities this fall with DMS Cross Country and DMS Field Hockey. If your child is interested, [please click here for more information on these opportunities!](#)

*DMS Open House:* [Please see this invitation for our Open House on September 19, 2019 from 6-8:30pm.](#) We hope to see you there!

*DMS School Council:* I am seeking two parent representatives to serve on our School Council this year. The aim of the School Council is to advise me on pertinent issues facing DMS, specifically in regards to School Improvement Plans, the budget, and student handbook review. If interested, please email me at [smcguire@duxbury.k12.ma.us](mailto:smcguire@duxbury.k12.ma.us) by **Monday September 9**. For more information, [take a look at our website which houses last year's members and the minutes from all of our meetings.](#) Should I have more volunteers than spots allow, we will hold an election at the DMS Open House to determine the representatives.

*Scholastic Book Fair:* Our Bookfair will be running in the DMS Library from September 16-20th, including during the evening of Open House on Thursday September 19th. [Please click here for more information!](#)

*Scoliosis Testing:* As a part of our health screenings at DMS, all students in PE classes will be screened for scoliosis between August 30 and September 10, 2019. Students will be notified prior to the screenings. [For more information on the screenings, please read this announcement.](#)

*Update from DMS Nurse Donna Doyle:* [Please click here for important information from our school nurse.](#)

*Traffic:* Please be mindful of pedestrian traffic as well as students who bike to school. By adhering to the pick up and drop off traffic patterns and expectations described below, we will ensure everyone arrives and departs from school safely. [Please see this message from our School Resource Officer regarding safety and traffic around the school.](#)

*Parent Drop Off/ Pick Up:* For students who are driven to school, all student drop offs should occur at the DMS entrance. [Please review this traffic flow map and these drop off directions to ensure the safety of our students as they arrive to school.](#)

*Dropping off Items to Students:* We have a Parent Drop Off Table in the front office where you are welcome to leave your student's item (please have their name clearly posted on it). However, in an effort to best serve our students and not interrupt the learning process, please understand that once the item is left at school, it is the student's responsibility to retrieve that item.

*Communication:* I will be sending regular newsletters such as this one, and tweeting from the account @Duxbury\_MS to provide you with up to date and pertinent information throughout the school year. Our assistant principal, Mrs. Coyne, will also be on social media. I encourage you to follow her @MrsCoyneAP.

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### **Community**

*PTO:* The PTO is getting a running start! [Click here to go to our website for all our back-to-school news](#), or type [www.duxbury.k12.ma.us/dmspto](http://www.duxbury.k12.ma.us/dmspto) into your browser.

You'll find info on how to:

- join/donate to the PTO
- volunteer to be a Team Parent
- step into a Board or Co-chair position
- learn more about the September Scholastic Book Fair and how you can help
- connect on Facebook and Twitter
- register your Stop&Shop card for an easy way to raise money for the school
- mark your calendar for our monthly meetings

*Picnic Shelter:* [Please see this flyer](#) for information regarding a DHS student and his project to contribute to our Duxbury fields. [The brick order form can be found here.](#)

*Sport Performance Training:* Registration for after school Sport Performance Training with Coach Ferreira is open! Register online through DHS Athletics.

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If you have any questions or concerns regarding the information in this newsletter, don't hesitate to reach out to the DMS Main Office at 781-934-7640.

Best,

Sarah McGuire  
Principal, Duxbury Middle School