

Dear Parents,

Happy New Year! We hope everyone had a peaceful and restful Winter Break. Please remind your Greyhound that tomorrow, Monday, January 6, is a **PURPLE** Day.

**MPVA Calendar** – Check out this week’s events at MPVA [here](#).

**Boy Scouts Open House** – We are partnering with the Boy Scouts of America to provide both Boy Scout and Girl Scout opportunities to our students. Attached is a flyer inviting you to an Open House on January 8 at Westbury United Methodist Church to learn more. Scoutmasters will also be coming to MPVA on January 7 during all lunches to pass out information to all interested students. Scouting is an excellent way to help students learn how to build community within smaller groups in a productive and service-minded setting.

**MPVA Winter Wear** – Per our Dress Code Policy:

- Sweatshirts, jackets or sweaters: solid white, gray, purple, or black may be worn during the day. Solid sweatshirts, jackets may have logos that are no larger than 2x2 inches in size.
- Other jackets may be worn to school and placed in lockers during the school day.

The MPVA sweatshirts are \$20, are very warm and durable, AND all of the profit goes back to MPVA. It’s a win-win! PTO volunteers come in at least once a week to meet with parents/students for sales. Please follow the provided link to take a look at items offered à <https://www.ptojms.org/prntufirmsale.html> . For more information about uniform sales, or to make an appointment to purchase uniform items, please contact our PTO volunteer responsible for uniform sales, Ms. Shawna Robertson at [shawnaandb@aol.com](mailto:shawnaandb@aol.com).

**Social Media Help for Parents** – We are making gains as we continue to look for ways to help parents keep their children safe from the harms of social media, our Information Technology teacher, Mr. Smith, created this [webpage of helpful apps](#) to help you better monitor or limit the social media use of your Greyhounds: <https://www.houstonisd.org/Page/178563>. This resource can also be located on [our website](#) under [Parent Resources](#).

Let’s make this a great year!

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TROOP 455 CANOE CAMPOUT

**BSA Troop 455**  
 for Boys and  
 BSA Troop 1705  
 For Girls  
 New Scout Invite  
 Open House-  
 Wednesday  
 Jan. 08, 2020  
 7:30-8:45 pm in  
 the Scout Room  
 5200 Willowbend  
 Parents and youth  
 welcome to visit.

TROOP 455 OPEN HOUSE INVITATION

**Camping, Canoeing, Fishing, Hiking,  
 Swimming, Mountain Biking, Rock  
 Climbing, Rappelling, Archery,  
 Camp Fires, Ghost Stories, Smores,**

**Summer Camp, Camporee, Jamboree,**

**Capture the Flag, First Aid Meet, Cooking,  
 Merit Badges, Nature Observation, Knot Tying**

**Two words:**

**BSA Scouts**

**Come join the adventure of a lifetime**

**Join BSA Troop 455 for boys**

**Chartered at Westbury Methodist since 1956**

**BSA Troop 1705 is now open for girls to join**

**All meetings are held in the Westbury UMC Scout Room**

Contact Troop Committee Chair- Donald Scherer at

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