

Dear Parents,

MPVA Calendar – Check out this week’s events at MPVA [here](#). Friendly reminder that there is no school next Monday in observance of Martin Luther King Jr. Day.

Lock-Down Drill – Our faculty and students did a great job during our Lock-Down Drill on Friday. Thank you to those of you that encouraged your Greyhound to take this seriously.

Grade Level Assemblies – Last week we had grade level assemblies to re-orient students to our school-wide expectations and guidelines. Our PALS group also presented to our student body sharing the work they do in regards to peer-mediation and inviting any students to self-refer if they find themselves in a conflict with a peer that they would like help resolving. Referrals to our PALS group of students are vetted by our Deans and Counselors to make sure they are appropriate for peer mediation. The PALS peer mediation process has been working extremely well and we are encouraged by the positive response that we have received from those who have participated. We continue to work diligently towards fostering a safe, positive, and inclusive school culture.

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/prntufrmsale.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.

Let’s make this a great week!

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