

Meigs Memos

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Dr. Underwood; Executive Principal

Dear Meigs Parents:

Unfortunately, we have seen a number of incidents where students are not being picked up or dropped off according to our school's procedures. We understand that everyone is in a hurry, but our school procedures and city parking ordinances are in place to maintain the safety of students, parents, and those in the surrounding community. Please review the following procedures, and please do your part to abide by them.

According to school drop-off and pick up procedures, students must be dropped off or picked up in the back of the building (this includes Fun Company). If parents do not want to drop off or pick up students in the back, they may choose to park at the end of 7th street (in the parking spaces adjacent to Douglas Park, but not on 7th street), or they may park on Ramsey street (but not in the front driveway of the school which is the MTA bus lane). However, if parents chose to park next to Douglas Park or on Ramsey Street, they must walk their children up to the school's sidewalk starting at 7:30 am.

The following are other procedures to be mindful of:

If you arrive early and will be dropping off a student, they must stay in the car with you until 7:25 am. At this time, Mr. King or Mr. Beasley will begin the process of unloading.

If you arrive early to drop off a student (prior to 7:25 am), please park in the left lane and leave a space open so staff members can access the back parking lot. The right lane should only be used by parents who are dropping off students enrolled in Fun Company.

*Fun Company parents we will start a new morning drop system on Monday 8/18/14. We will close off the drive way by the first portable, and will ask that you park behind the portables and walk your child to the cafeteria. This should make it safer to sign your students into Fun Company. You will exit the back parking lot behind the portables.

If your child is not in Fun Company and the right lane is full, feel free to park in the back parking lot spaces by the soccer fields and then rejoin the right lane of traffic starting at 7:25 am.

Please refrain from entering the school parking lot from 7th street. This is an exit only. It is clearly marked as an exit. Entering this way could cause a serious accident and may result in a traffic ticket.

Please do not park on 7th street along the side of the building in the morning or afternoon. There are signs that clearly state it is illegal to park there during these times. This may result in a traffic ticket. In addition, it creates an unsafe situation for parents who are exiting the parking lot.

If you park at the end of 7th street (in the parking spaces adjacent to Douglas Park, but not on 7th street) in the afternoon, you will need to walk up to the back of the school to pick up your child or carpool. It is unsafe for us to allow students to walk to the street during dismissal without adult supervision.

Please do not drop your students off in the street, or double park in the street (i.e. Ramsey street).

This creates an extremely unsafe situation for students and other drivers. We had a student almost hit by a car on Monday morning because a parent dropped their child off in the street.

In the afternoon, please do not block or park in the area next to the first portable. This area is used to park parents from the car line. When people park there it blocks and slows down the car line.

We appreciate your cooperation in this process!

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OPEN HOUSE

Open House is on Thursday, August 14th at 5:30. Parents should report to their child's 1st period class by 5:30. Please make sure you know your child's 1st period class so that you can report to the correct classroom. Parents will actually attend each of their child's classes on an abbreviated schedule so that you have an opportunity to meet each teacher. 5th-7th grade will end at 6:40; 8th grade will end at 7:00. Also, if your child comes with you, it is important that they stay with you as there will be no one available to supervise them in the hallways. We look forward to seeing you there!

TCAP SCORES

TCAP scores will go home on Friday, August 15 with all students that attended Meigs last year. For those students that are new to Meigs, TCAP scores will go home once we receive them from their previous school.

PTO News

Meigs Mart Store Will Be Open Thursday.

Meigs Mart will be open this Thursday at drop off from 2:45 till 3:15.

The Mart will also be open during the Meigs Open House on Thursday evening. We will have more stock with more sizes.

PLEASE sign up to help specifically with OPEN HOUSE - - HERE-

<http://www.signupgenius.com/go/20f0b4daea8292-meigs> You will get a chance to say hello to your child's teacher. If all the volunteer spaces are filled, just come join us. We are happy to help you learn about volunteering for Meigs Mart. There is also a shift to help fold new inventory from 3:00 until open house starts at 7:30.

We are still looking for Thursday afternoon help in the weeks to come. Sign up here.

<http://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0545afae2ca2f85-meigs>

Watch facebook for new items.

<https://www.facebook.com/MeigsMart>

Soccer:

Tryouts for 6th, 7th, and 8th grade girls interested in soccer will be held on Tuesday, August 12th and Wednesday, August 13th from 3:15-4:45. Girls interested in trying out should have an updated sports physical on file along with parent consent/insurance forms. If your child needs a packet of forms, please stop by the office to pick it up. If you have any questions, please contact Coach Sanders at wajahah@hotmail.com. The girls should have cleats and shin guards for tryouts. Forms should be turned in to the office no later than Monday morning (8/11).

Girls on Track

Exciting News! **Girls on Track**, the middle school branch of **Girls on the Run Nashville**, is

teaming up with Meigs Middle School this fall! After a very successful spring season, Girls on Track is thrilled to continue this collaboration with the first practice beginning on **September 4th** at East Park Community Center, less than half a mile from Meigs on Woodland Avenue! Girls on Track is an after-school program that uses running to work through important conversations that middle school girls deal with on a daily basis including topics like positive self image, collaborative leadership, nutrition, social media and community engagement. The East Park team will meet twice a week (Tuesday/Thursday) for an hour and a half, culminating in a 5K run (3.1 miles) at the end of the season. Keep an eye out for registration details from Ms. Holloway and visit www.gotr Nashville.org to learn more.

Attention Interested Meigs Swimmers:

Meigs Swim Club Registration begins soon. Participation is capped at 30 swimmers to accommodate swimmers safely in the pool. We are thrilled that Coach Abbey McDowd will be coaching again this year.

A Meigs Swim Club Meeting will be held very soon for interested swimmers and parents --- watch for more details coming soon! If your child would like to swim with the Cavaliers, please contact Donna Ackerman at Donna.Ackerman63@gmail.com.

UPCOMING EVENTS

We have a wonderful tool for parents, students and faculty to use that will allow you to access a calendar that lists anything and everything that is going on at Meigs! Please use the link below to access the Meigs Calendar to see all the wonderful and exciting things we have coming up. You can also access this page through the Meigs home page under the calendar and news link.

<http://www.flyparsons.org/MNPS/meigscalendar.html>