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THE HEADLINER

Anti-Racism Efforts to “Come in Strong”

What's happening: MSMHS principal Ms. Amatrudo has promised that inclusivity education will “come in strong” this September. The plans include a Black History event being planned by student groups, as well as inclusion-focused training and discussion sessions with the Anti-Defamation League.

Here's why: The push for inclusivity comes, in part, as a response to split feelings found in a school climate survey last year. Some

students felt that the school was very inclusive, while others felt that much more needs to be done.

Of note: The new inclusivity plans display the focus of the school administration and student groups on correcting past oversights. Last year, the date for a Black History event was tentatively announced, but the event was never held. This year, however, a student group has already been formed to create more concrete plans.

SNAPSHOT



Signs on the front lawn of MSMHS welcomed incoming freshmen and sophomore transfers to an orientation event in August. After touring the school and meeting with ambassadors, new students competed in teams in a schoolwide scavenger hunt.

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EVENTS & HAPPENINGS

First Day of School
AUG. 30

Labor Day (No school)
SEPT. 4

PTO Meeting
SEPT. 5, 6:30 PM

Shark Bite Fundraiser at the Groton Panera Bread
SEPT. 13, 4:00-8:00 PM

Early Dismissal (Staff Development)
SEPT. 20

Back-to-School Night
SEPT. 21

The Amazing Race, an MSMHS Community Event
SEPT. 29, 5:00-7:30 PM

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Fixing Accountable Talk

School discussions can often feel forced and awkward. Here's one way to make it less painful: Be OK with silence. It can be uncomfortable at first, but these pauses allow people to take a break and reset.

You Can't Go On the Roof

On top of MSMHS, there's a green roof with perennial plants, cactuses, and shrubs. The only way up is through a fire escape ladder, so legal reasons prevent any students from ever seeing it in person.

Snakes in Your Backyard

Connecticut isn't known for its exciting wildlife. But the northern water snake is different. Measuring 2 to 4 feet in length, this snake uses its size to overpower prey and swallow them whole.