



## **MileStone Messenger**

### **September 2016**

**STAY INFORMED WITH REMIND** – In an effort to keep parents informed about school closings, field trips and other pertinent events at school, MileStone Academy uses REMIND, an app that allows the school to text information directly to you and your child’s cell phone device. Please be sure to sign up. If you haven’t received an invitation directly to your phone just follow these directions:

**TEXT: @msahigh to the number 81010**

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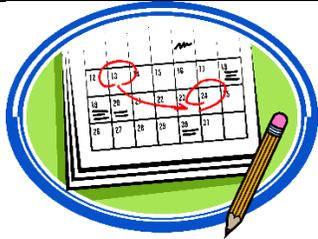
#### **TALK TO YOUR TEEN ABOUT INTERNET SAFETY**

- 1. Think twice before you post or text:** Before you press the “send” button, imagine the last person in the world that you would want seeing what you’re about to share. Remember that everything you post or text can be saved, copied, and sent far and wide.
- 2. Ditch the drama:** When rumors and fights start online, there’s a clear record of who got involved and when. It’s also not worth the chance that you and your friends will end up feeling upset. Take the high road, and find positive ways to support those who are being teased or harassed.
- 3. Give and get credit:** We all have a responsibility to respect one another’s creative work, especially online. Illegal downloading, digital cheating, and cutting and pasting other people’s stuff may be easy, but that doesn’t make those activities right.
- 4. Nothing is as private as you think:** Check out the privacy policies on sites and apps you use most, then change your account settings accordingly. Never share your passwords or private information online.
- 5. Make this a world you want to live in:** Spread the good stuff, and contribute to your online world in positive ways!

*SOURCE: Common Sense Media*

## SHOW YOUR SCHOOL SPIRIT EVERY FRIDAY

Be sure to show your school spirit every Friday by wearing your MileStone Academy gear. Not only our gear, but feel free to wear appropriate fashions that advertise the college or technical schools you like or see yourself attending.



### **MARK YOUR CALENDAR**

- Oct. 3<sup>rd</sup> – No School – Rosh Hashanah
- Oct. 12<sup>th</sup> – No School – Yom Kippur
- Oct. 31<sup>st</sup> – No School – Professional Development

### **- A Brief Note from the Head of School -**

As MileStone Academy journeys into our second year in operation I wanted to take this opportunity thank you for entrusting us with educating your children. This is an endeavor both the faculty and I take seriously. Private schools such as MileStone embrace our unique partnership with families who advocate for the best educational setting for their child.

Collectively, our goal this year is to ensure that MileStone Academy is no longer the “best kept secret” in the area with respect to educating students with language-based learning needs and varying school-related concerns. Please accept the challenge to help us in this endeavor by spreading the word! Moreover, if you or someone you know has unique idea or skill that will help us in our quest to grow in our commitment to serving the youth in our community, please reach out to either myself or our Admission Director, Carol Wolf.

Finally, I would like to extend my appreciation to those families who were able to join us recently for Back to School Night. Many of you were able to experience first-hand the program that has been tailored to meet the specific learning needs of your child.

Many thanks,

Mr. DuPell – Head of School

