

Many new students fear the crazy myths and rumors about Merrick Avenue Middle School. There may be a district-wide swim team, but there is no pool on the third floor. That's one thing that gets every student excited, that there is a pool on the third floor. First of all there is no third floor. There is a basement, a first floor, a second floor, and a lighting room above the auditorium. Do not try and look for this pool because you will never find it and it has never existed. What every student fears the most though is the dreadful hours of homework they will get. Truthfully a regular homework day will take you at most an hour. Obviously projects and essays will take longer, but those aren't scary either. Lots of projects are fun and most essays you write you have some choice in what you write about.

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One thing that makes new people of middle school nervous is myths. A myth that you can be tricked by is the third floor pool pass. Well, there is no pool and people do not even know if there is a third floor. There is not even a school swim team! Another myth people tell newcomers is about teachers. People tell the new seventh graders that the teachers are really tough and mean. But, they are actually really nice and the only times they are mean is when you are bad. They are tough to make you do better. Middle school is really not bad; it is great and you should not be nervous at all when you enter the doors to Merrick Avenue Middle School.

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Seventh graders hear false facts about everyone. You might be afraid of the teachers because of all the myths and rumors you hear about them. Get to know the teachers and determine whether you like them or not; do not trust everything you hear because they may not be true. Most of the seventh grade teachers are nice and understanding. But if you're in honors, study hard because it gets tougher and tougher along the way. If you need some extra practice, the teachers are always willing to help in the after school extra help program. After school, there's always something fun to do. You can join clubs or do a sport. Merrick Avenue Middle School is full of wondrous activities that everyone enjoys.

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There are many myths about middle school, but most aren't true. One example is people getting shoved into lockers and beat up in the hallways. With only four minutes to get to class, there isn't much time for anything else. Also, lockers are too cramped for anything but a few books and a coat. Another example of a false myth is that there is too much homework to handle. There is more homework, but it's nothing a seventh or eighth grader can't handle. It doesn't take long to get used to more homework and studying, and some weeks go by more easily than others. Most of the many myths about middle school are fictitious, so you shouldn't worry.

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Some think that assemblies are only good to get out of doing work. On the contrary, each assembly has its own meaning. During your time at MAMS you will learn character education. We sometimes have assemblies to show how to demonstrate good

character. Another thing that is a total myth is that almost all the assemblies have nothing to do with you. Actually the only reason we have assemblies is to educate you. The purpose of each assembly is to have a discussion on what you were just watching. Now you know what a little bit of MAMS is like.