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Maryssa Bergantino, student representative for the Alan Shawn Feinstein Middle School Parent Teacher Student Association.

Middle schooler becomes rep for parent teacher student association at ASFMS

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COVENTRY — A middle school student is taking the reins as the student representative for the Alan Shawn Feinstein Middle School Parent Teacher Student Association and has a plan to spread the word to keep good thoughts and actions going at the school.

Maryssa Bergantino, an eighth-grader, has decided to rally her peers and form a committee where their work has created Talon Tickets.

“We’re the Falcons and falcons have talons so we named it talon tickets where the teachers give out these special, color-coded tickets to students, based on their good behavior and these tickets can be turned in at a store that we’ll create that will sell phone cases, Chromebook cases and other items,” she explained.

Bergantino said the goal is to be more respectful, more reliable, and more responsible to the school.

“We broke the committee

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down into smaller groups where one would focus on the store, another would focus on the community aspect,” she said.

Bergantino has always had an interest in stepping up and doing something within her school, to build pride and ‘those three R’s,’ as she calls them.

She began attending meetings with another student for the PTSA and when the other student could no longer attend, she was asked to continue.

“One of our goals is to have the teachers come up with a uniform way of awarding the tickets to students, to avoid one being more strict than another,” explained the rep. “We’re still working out the value of the

tickets.”

Another thing she put together was asking parents to take part in a brief survey during the open house to get an understanding of what types of workshops they would like to see take place at the school.

“The top three were internet safety, Chromebook use and building bonds and social networking,” she said.

When the committee gets together, they share their expectations. She said she’s able to see how far they’ve come from last year and is learning how to work together. It showed her what she is capable of.

She and the members of the committee will be presenting their ideas to parents and teachers Wednesday night.