



MHS Newsletter

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Events

- October 6:** Homecoming
October 11: *HS Late Start at 8:40 a.m.* PSAT Testing
October 12: Picture Retakes
October 13: Senior pictures due
October 18: *HS Late Start at 8:40 a.m.*
October 19 & 20: No school
October 23: Financial Aid Presentation at 6:00 p.m.
October 25: *HS Late Start at 8:40 a.m.*
October 30: Winter Sports Meeting at 6:00 p.m.
November 1: *HS Late Start at 8:40 a.m.*
November 2: P/T Conferences from 4:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.
November 6: P/T Conferences from 4:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.
November 8: *HS Late Start at 8:40 a.m.*
November 15: *HS Late Start at 8:40 a.m.*
November 22-24: No school
November 29: *HS Late Start at 8:40 a.m.*
December 6: *HS Late Start at 8:40 a.m.*
December 13: *HS Late Start at 8:40 a.m.*
December 20: *HS Late Start at 8:40 a.m.*
December 25-January 1: Winter Break
January 2: School Resumes

Notes from the Principal

Menomonie High School students and staff fully engaged in the positive spirit brought about by the start of the new 2017-2018 school year. The MHS Link Crew, which is a volunteer service club of upperclassmen, continues to welcome and assist the Class of 2021. Link Crew orchestrated the wonderful first day for 9th graders and also provided several tutorials during ELT about the high school experience, a practice which will continue periodically during first semester. All of our fall sports teams are actively competing, and the fall play, "The Mouse that Roared," has already been cast and is currently rehearsing. Thank you to all students, staff, and families for helping make the start of the school year at MHS a wonderful experience.

Holocaust Survivor Eva Schloss visited Global Issues Seniors, presenting and taking questions about her experiences during this terrible time in world history. Her presentation is in support of a new documentary "No Asylum" by writer/producer Paula Fource. This was a rare opportunity for some of our students that will be remembered for a lifetime. MHS was honored by her presence. After Homecoming, we will be welcoming athlete Loretta Claiborne. She is a Gold Medalist

in the International Special Olympics and a motivational speaker. Loretta travels the country sharing important life messages and lessons she has learned as a person with a disability.

The Homecoming 2017 theme this year is 'Under the Sea'. Homecoming activities will start October 2nd and run through the final assembly, parade and game on Friday, October 6th, with the student dance on Saturday. Please pay special attention to the Homecoming flyer at the end of the mailing which details all of the events for MHS Homecoming Week 2017.

Parent-Teacher Conferences will be held on November 2nd and November 6th at Menomonie High School. I will also be hosting larger group parent meetings in the tiered lecture hall on both days in order to answer questions for parents and to provide a snapshot into operations and goals for MHS this year. All parents are welcome at conferences, but if parents cannot make it, please feel free to reach out to teachers anytime via email or phone call, depending on preference. Parents are always welcome to contact teachers, counselors, or administration at any time.

MHS Homecoming is October 6th!


**More information about the activities
for the week on the back page.**

Attention Seniors and Parents

The counseling office will meet with seniors as a group to discuss the college application process and how to request transcripts. If your student did not have the Junior conference with their counselor last fall and you still have questions about post-secondary planning, please make an appointment with the appropriate counselor at your earliest convenience at (715) 232-2606 (extension below).

Kayla Hostetter, A-He x41371 Angela Ruchti, Hf-Q x41372 Juan Ramirez, R-Z x41377

The goal is to have students submit applications to institutions before Thanksgiving break, if they are pursuing college next fall. A separate Financial Aid presentation will be coming up in January to discuss the FAFSA and financial aid. Details will be in a future newsletter, so mark your calendars!



Jostens at MHS

Sophomores
Friday, October 13th for information on class rings during ELT.
Turn in ring orders during lunch on Wednesday, October 18th.

Seniors
Wednesday, October 18th for information on graduation during ELT.
Turn in graduation orders during lunch on Wednesday, October 25th.

Please Note:
Picture retakes
are Thursday,
October 12th.

Attention Juniors and Parents

Juniors who are interested in participating in the Senior Internship program next year are invited to attend an informational meeting with parents during Parent-Teacher Conferences on November 6th at 6:30 in room 108. This informational meeting is for Juniors and

their parents who would like to learn more about the different components of the Senior Internship program. Juniors who are interested will then apply, interview and register with the program coordinator in the career interest area, prior to class registration for 2017-2018.

ASPIRE/ACT/WORKeys/PSAT

This year all high school students in grades 9-11 will participate in the State of Wisconsin administration of the ACT suite of assessments to measure college and career readiness at no cost to families.

- Grade 9 - ACT Aspire Early High School (Spring 2017 - Late April/May)
- Grade 10 - ACT Aspire Early High School (Spring 2017 - Late April/May)
- Grade 11 - PSAT is recommended for the top 15% of the Junior class on October 11, 2017. Students qualifying for the National Merit Scholarship must take the test on this date.

ACT and ACT WorkKeys employment readiness assessment:

- ACT February 27, 2018 (makeup March 20, 2018)
- ACT WorkKeys—February 28, 2018 (makeup March 20, 2018)
- Special Note: All 11th Grade students in Wisconsin will be taking the ACT at no cost to families.

For more information, please contact School District of the Menomonie Area Director of Instruction, Brian Seguin.

Reminder for Freshmen & Juniors

Please schedule your conference with your counselor.

Fall Sports Meetings

Monday, October 30, 2017 at 6:00 p.m.

Boys Basketball, Girls Basketball, Dance, Gymnastics, Boys Hockey, Girls Hockey, Boys Swim, and Wrestling

Don't know if you need a physical? Look on the Health Info tab on **Family Access** for the most recent physical date.

Check the MHS website or the Menomonie High School Facebook page for more information closer to the date. Paperwork and payment can be handed in before the meetings starting at 5:30 p.m. or go online to goo.gl/LvKNPZ.



We're here to help you! Know what office to talk to when you call.

Attendance Office - Martha Peabody - ext. 41001 or 715-232-2993

Student will not be at school

Student is leaving school early—appointment

Student has a planned absence—vacation

Have a question about your student's attendance

Nurse's Office - Melissa Kuhn - ext. 40105

Student is sick and would like to leave school

Student is out ill and you would like to request homework from teachers

Food Service - Julie Neubrand - ext. 42124

Questions about lunch account

Guidance Office - Linda Jolicoeur - ext. 40137 or 715-232-2992

Have a question about your student's schedule

Need a copy of your student's grades

Requesting a transcript

Athletics/Activities Office - Sheila Stori - ext. 41102

You have a question about your student's activity fees or sports paperwork

Would like to purchase an Activities Pass

Want to know if a game has been canceled, what time, or where a game is? Go to www.bigriversconference.org

Main Office - Andrea Gores - ext. 41002

Have a question about your student's fees—tech print fee, parking, CPR, Water Safety, etc.

General information—date of homecoming, spring break, prom, graduation, last day of school, etc.

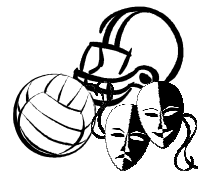
All Activities Season Passes

The All Activities Season Passes are available for sale in the Activities Office. It can be used at any sporting event or play throughout the 2016-2017 school year except playoff games. The cost is:

Family Passes—\$100

Dual Pass—\$50 (For adult & one guest)

Student Passes—\$20



Attention Class of 2018 Seniors



The deadline for submitting your Senior pictures in the yearbook is Friday, October 13th.

Photos will not be accepted after the deadline so please plan accordingly. Photos will be accepted in digital (preferred) or print formats. Please submit your picture to

Kayla Oliver. If you would like your photo via email, please send it to hs_yearbook@msd.k12.wi.us. If you would prefer, there will be a day in the fall where we can take pictures of individual students at the high school so they have a nice picture included in the yearbook. Please contact Kayla Oliver or the yearbook staff if you are interested in this. Photos do not need to be professionally taken. If you have questions, feel free to contact Kayla Oliver through email or call (715) 232-2606 ext. 40152.

Purchase Your Yearbook Online Now!

Reserve your copy of the 2017 Yearbook by going online. To purchase go to www.jostensyearbooks.com. Buy now while the yearbooks only cost \$55. Then, it will go up to \$60 after November 6th!

Did you know? When purchasing a book on www.jostensyearbooks.com, buyers have the option of paying in 3 equal installments. This new service will make purchasing the book more affordable to families. If you have questions, email

hs_yearbook@msd.k12.wi.us. Fall pictures that parents and students want to share with the yearbook staff can also be emailed to the same address or shared on the free app "Replay it" from Jostens!



Notice of Public Health Outreach Services at Menomonie High School:

Dear Students, Parents, and Staff:

Hello! There are a variety of services that are offered at Menomonie High School to help promote student well-being and learning. Some of these services include school counseling, school psychology, school social work, and health services. Another service available to students is public health nursing adolescent outreach services. Public health nurses are available to meet with students individually or in a group setting. Public health nurses from Dunn County Health Department (DCHD) will provide prevention, education, health counseling, consultation and referrals for adolescent health issues. If you do not want your son/daughter to access these services at Menomonie High School please contact the health office at 715-232-2606 ext. 40105.

Please contact Ramie McMahon, RN if you have any questions or concerns. Thank you for your time!

Free and Reduced Lunch

Families who may be experiencing financial hardship are encouraged to apply for the free and reduced lunch program. Guidelines change and family circumstances change as well. Applications are available in the high school office, as well as the district office. Many times our families are struggling to make "ends meet" and if they are eligible for assistance, it could really help their family. In addition, students who meet free and reduced eligibility are often times eligible for other programs. However, if an application is not submitted, they cannot receive that service. To learn more about eligibility criteria or receive an application, contact the Food Service Office at 715-232-2606 ext. 42124.

Parent-Teacher Conferences

Thursday, November 2: 4:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.

Monday, November 6: 4:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.

Parents are encouraged to attend the conferences. This is a time to meet with your student's teachers to check on their progress, as well as to ensure they aren't in jeopardy of failing their classes.

Introducing...

We have several new staff members at Menomonie High School for the 2017-2018 school year and we wanted you to know who they are. With each newsletter you will find biographies about a few of our new staff members. If you have any opportunity throughout the year, please take the time to say hello and welcome them to MHS and the community!

Michael Hasapopoulos - Michael joined the MSH administrative team as Assistant Principal in August, coming from 17 years as an English teacher and administrator for Robbinsdale Area School District in the Twin Cities. Mr. Hasapopoulos earned his Bachelor's degree at Iowa State University, his Master's degree at the University of Minnesota, and his administrative license through Hamline University in St. Paul. Michael is married with 7 children, so working with children of all ages is his passion.

Caleb Hundt - First and foremost, Caleb, our new Associate Principal/Activities Director, is excited to be a MUSTANG! The early parts of Mr. Hundt's career were devoted to teaching special education and coaching football and softball. Caleb then continued as an Athletic Director and Assistant Principal near the Madison area. "I absolutely love working with kids and am devoted to serving this community in the greatest capacity possible."

Notes from the Nurse

All students are required to have an up to date immunization record on file by the 30th school day. Parents may sign a waiver for religious, medical, or personal conviction reasons. If your child is out of compliance with the state immunization requirements, you will be contacted. Please contact the Dunn County Health Department at (715) 232-2388 or your health care provider as soon as possible to get the needed vaccinations.

Earn Money for Our School Two Ways!

Shoparoo

Turn your shopping receipts into donations for our school. Just download the Shoparoo app and select the school you want to receive the donation.

Earn an extra cash donation for our school when you submit your first receipt with the code HUSP4880 or go to the following link at

<https://app.shoparoo.com/r/husp4880>.

Shop: Shop for any product, at any store

Snap: Take a picture of your receipts

Earn: Shoparoo donates to your school



Where does the donation money come from? Their founders are former teachers and retail executives who have found a novel way of matching schools' need for financial support with major consumer brands' need for market research. When you use the Shoparoo app to raise money for your school, your receipt data along with any answers you provide to optional surveys is made anonymous and summarized in market research reports that brands purchase. All research data remains anonymous, and this enables them to give money back to schools!

More Rewards at Marketplace Foods

Coborn's, Inc. has a strong tradition of community caring, service, and support. They emphasize the importance of being involved and giving back. That's why they are pleased to announce that for the 2017-2018 school year, Coborn's is committed to donating \$150,000 to local schools as part of their new MORE School Rewards program - which replaces their Labels for Learning program.

Sign up at www.MoreRewards.com or through the mobile app and designate your preferred school.



Shop at Marketplace Foods for their store brands (Food Club, Full Circle, Top Care, etc.) to earn points for your school. There's more than 3,000 qualifying items!

Parent/Family Online Access

Online Family Access is available for all families in the district. To obtain a username and password, contact the district office at (715) 232-1642. Please, for security reasons, do NOT share your parent login with your child. The beginning of the year forms are available online through Family Access. Go to www.sdmaonline.com and click on the **Parent Info** link.

DA LY ANNOUNCEMENTS

Like to receive daily announcements and newsletters about upcoming events? You can have them emailed directly to you. Go to <http://menomonie.ss7.sharpschool.com/newsletter> and click Subscribe button in the upper right corner to enter your email address.

MHS Coaching Openings

MHS is accepting applications for various assistant coaching positions. Please check WECAN Employment System for positions available. If you are interested, please contact Caleb Hundt at caleb_hundt@msd.k12.wi.us.



MHS Field House Job Openings

The MHS Field House is accepting applications for lifeguards. This position provides an excellent way for individuals interested in part-time employment with the MHS Field House to gain experience and requisite knowledge that could aid their future employment consideration.

The School District of the Menomonie Area will only accept applications through the WECAN Employment System. If you have questions about these positions, please contact Kale Proksch at 715-232-2606 ext. 42138.

COLLEGE & CAREER READINESS

Our school counseling department goals are to assist *all* students at MHS to take a variety of courses that will build personal & academic skills and interests in potential college or career areas. In addition, we hope to assist you in exploring different career pathways and college choices by using a variety of tools and delivery methods.

“Time-line” of expected experiences at MHS:

- **9th grade:** Students complete the ASPIRE Tests (pre-ACT) and get results that can be used to monitor college/career readiness and assist in planning for 10th grade courses. Freshmen students and families will conference with their counselors. ***If you would like text reminders for this grade level, text to the number: 81010 with the message “@383397”.***
- **10th grade:** Students complete the ASPIRE and WKCE Tests (pre-ACT) and get results that can be used to monitor college/career readiness and assist in planning for 11th grade courses. ***If you would like text reminders for this grade level, text to the number 81010 with the message “@2020mh”.***
- **11th grade:** Students and their parents meet individually with their school counselor for the Junior Educational & Career Planning Conference in the fall of junior year; Students will likely complete some form of college/military entrance test (ACT/SAT/ASVAB/PSAT) that will be used to monitor college/career readiness and assist in planning for 12th grade courses/internship options. ***If you would like text reminders for this grade level, text to the number 81010 with the message “@2019gu”.***

SENIORS....are you ready?

- Make sure you have a full 7.0 credits for the year and that you have English (1.0), Economics/Global Issues (1.0), and have made up any failed courses. If NOT - see your counselor ASAP! We are working on Transcripts/Credit Checks and will be mailing home a formal notification to all seniors in the coming weeks to verify that you are “on-track” to graduate with your class on May 27, 2017!
- If you will need some assistance with college applications, make an appointment with your counselor in the coming weeks, as WI colleges begin processing applications now! Request transcripts from the guidance office and stay tuned for a senior class meeting to review details of the application process. October is college application month.
- Make sure you get your senior portrait taken soon for the year book, the deadline is early October 16th!
- Financial Aid/Scholarship information will be posted on the school website and a “senior email” will go out to all seniors and senior parents a couple times each month with important reminders. If you did not come to a Junior Conference with your counselor/parents - provide an email address to Mrs. Ruchti to be added to that group email list. ***If you would like text reminders for this grade level, text to the number 81010 with the message “@2018m”.***

If you are still “undecided” as to your post-secondary plans, please, see your counselor - we can help! Have a great year - seek us out if you need help with your planning! Link for Career Cruising: <http://careercruising.com>.

If you have forgotten your login/password, see your school counselor.

MHS Counseling Team:

Kayla Hostetter (A-He): kaylahostetter.youcanbook.me

Juan Ramirez (R-Z): juanramirez.youcanbook.me

Angela Ruchti (Hf-Q): angelaruchti.youcanbook.me

Linda Jolicour (Registrar/Secretary)

Overview of Homecoming Week

Homecoming Theme: Under the Sea

Friday 9-29

Skit Practice during ELT. Freshmen and Seniors Chairs must attend

Monday 10-2

Spirit Theme: Beach Day

Skit Practice before school. Sophomores and Juniors chairs must attend from 6:45 to 7:15 a.m.

Commons Walls Decorating after school to 6:00 p.m.

Come join the Menomonie High School Pep Band for an outdoor concert at Wilson Park. This will be a great kick-off event for the school year as well as a great community kick-off to homecoming week! This is open to all members of the Menomonie Community!

6:00 p.m. There will be games, beverages, and refreshments available

7:00 p.m. Homecoming Kickoff Concert featuring the MHS Pep Band at Wilson Park

Tuesday 10-3

Spirit Theme: Sea Life

Commons Wall Decoration Judging before school

Wednesday 10-4

Spirit Theme: Class Color Day

Freshman—Blue

Sophomore—Green

Junior—White

Senior—Black

Staff—Maroon

Skit Assembly 9:55-11:00 a.m.

Thursday 10-5

Spirit Theme: Pirate

Homecoming Coronation Assembly Rehearsal at ELT

Friday 10-6 Homecoming!

Spirit Theme: MHS Colors—Show your mustang pride!

12:30-1:30 p.m. Alumni Tea Reception with FCCLA in High School Library. MHS Alumni and spouses are invited.

1:40 p.m. Homecoming Coronation Assembly in the gymnasium.

4:00 p.m. Homecoming Parade beginning at the Leisure Services Center

7:00 p.m. Football game and presentation of Homecoming court at Don and Nona Williams Stadium against Eau Claire Memorial. Halftime announcements of winner of spirit week and parade floats.

Saturday 10-7

8:00-11:30 p.m. Homecoming dance at MHS gymnasium. Tickets are \$8 in advance on Monday and Tuesday, \$9 in advance on Wednesday and Thursday, and \$10 on Friday and at the door.

