



MHS Newsletter

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Events

- August 14:** Freshmen Orientation, Seniors and International Students Schedule Pick-up 10:30-5:30, Picture Day
- August 15:** Freshmen Orientation, Junior and International Students Schedule Pick-up 7:00-2:30, Picture Day
- August 16:** Freshmen Orientation, Sophomore and International Students Schedule Pick-up 1:00-7:00, Picture Day
- August 28:** Freshmen Only Day, New Students, and International Students at MHS.
- August 29:** First Day of School
- September 4:** No School, Labor Day
- September 5:** Picture Retake Day
- September 6:** *HS Late Start at 8:40a.m.*
- September 13:** *HS Late Start at 8:40 a.m.*
- September 20:** *HS Late Start at 8:40 a.m.*
- September 22:** Homecoming
- September 27:** *HS Late Start at 8:40 a.m.*
- October 4:** *HS Late Start at 8:40 a.m.*
- October 5:** & Picture Make-up Day
- October 11:** *HS Late Start at 8:40 a.m.*
- October 13 & 16:** No School
- October 18:** *HS Late Start at 8:40 a.m.*
- October 25:** *HS Late Start at 8:40 a.m.*
- October 26:** Teacher Conferences 4:00-7:30 p.m.
- November 1:** *HS Late Start at 8:40 a.m.*
- November 2:** Teacher Conferences 4:00-7:30 p.m.

Welcome back to Menomonie High School students and parents! It's a great time to be a Mustang! #MenomoniePride 2023-2024 School Year

It is my privilege to work with Menomonie High School students, families, staff and community partners to provide opportunities for all of our students to develop their skills, explore their passions, and prepare for the next stages of their lives. Your support over the past years has been an invaluable part of the meaningful experiences we have been able to offer each student. Each year the MHS staff prioritizes creating positive relationships with all students, providing individualized support, creating outstanding learning experiences, and facilitating worthwhile co-curricular opportunities. During the 2023-2024 school year we will continue to provide a comprehensive educational experience so that our students are best prepared for future success regardless of what their passions may be.

The dates for Schedule Pick-ups and New Student Orientation are August 14th, 15th, and 16th. During this time we will provide schedules, take ID pictures, and start the transition to the new school year for all of our students. I encourage students and families to follow the assigned pick-up schedule, to pay fees, resolve any schedule questions with their counselors, and to electronically sign the required permission forms. Completing these tasks assists in creating a smooth transition back into our academic year.

The School District of the Menomonie Area will again provide district-owned Chromebooks for all students. All students will be issued a new device at the begin-

ning of the school year. Chromebook parent/student user agreements will be available through Skyward Family Access. Please encourage your student(s) to respect their Chromebook, as this is a powerful educational tool and important investment for our students.

As the upcoming school year approaches, I recommend all students to reflect on their current interests, passions, and goals. Having an idea of these aspects will assist MHS in providing an experience tailored to each student. We can assist students in developing a plan for the desired post-secondary aspirations along with providing the appropriate support while attending MHS. Our Academic and Career Planning activities in classes and throughout the school year can be extremely helpful in reaching these goals and having students actively participate in this process is helpful. I would also recommend all students to become involved in a few of the school associated activities. These additional opportunities for students can enhance the overall experience and assist in the development of many life-skills. We have many activities, clubs, organizations, performing arts opportunities, and athletic teams which reach across a wide variety of student interests. Please consider being a part of these enjoyable high school experiences.

On behalf of the Menomonie High School staff, welcome to the 2023-2024 school year.

Casey Drake, MHS Principal

Start-Up Information for 2023-2024 School Year

Schedules and Fee Payments: All fees must be paid before picking up schedules. Fees can be paid online through Family Access or during the following dates:

August 14: Freshmen Orientation— 11:00am, 1:30 pm, and 4:00 pm

Seniors and International Students Schedule Pick-up —10:30 am to 5:30 pm

August 15: Freshmen Orientation—7:30 am, and 12:00 pm

Juniors Schedule Pick-up—7:00 am to 2:30 pm

August 16: Freshmen Orientation—2:00 pm and 5:30 pm

Sophomores Schedule Pick-up—1:00 am to 7:00 pm



Orientation and Schedule Pick-Up will be at Menomonie High School. Any request for schedule changes must be completed before the start of school. School counselors will assist with any schedule changes during the schedule pick-up times. ***Students will also have their pictures taken during these times. Seniors will need to have their picture taken for student IDs and it will not be in the yearbook if they provide a separate senior picture.***

Monday, August 28th: The first day of school for 9th grade with drop off starting at 7:30 a.m. Breakfast and Lunch will be available. We will end with all 9th graders in the commons to view all the clubs, activities, and athletics available at MHS.

Transportation will not be provided.

Tuesday, August 29th: The first full regular day for all students. Class starts at 7:40 a.m. The buses will run as usual. [MHS 2023-2024 Calendar & MHS Bell Schedule](#)

Bell Schedule: Monday through Friday 7:40 a.m.—3:15 p.m. Bus routes and times are the same as last school year. If you did not utilize Menomonie Transportation last year, please call 715-235-4995 to set up your pick-up time and location.

SCHEDULE CHANGES

☞ CAN I CHANGE MY SCHEDULE?



All class changes, drop or additions must originate with a counselor and be approved by the administration.

Withdrawal after 2 weeks of the start of class will result in an F.

YES, IF:

CLERICAL ERROR

- Missing a core academic course
- Open period or two classes in the same period
- Not in correct placement (AP, math sequence, etc.)
- Course overload



NO SCHEDULE CHANGES WILL BE GRANTED FOR:

TEACHER REQUESTS



I don't want that teacher
I heard that teacher is strict
I want the same as my sister had

FRIENDS



I don't know anyone in class
My friends have a different lunch
My friends are in this section...

ELECTIVE CHANGES



I want PE a different hour
I don't want that class anymore
I want to leave school early

https://mhs.sdmaonline.com/student_services/student_services

MHS Went Green!

We no longer mail out paper copies of our newsletter. We will continue to post it on the MHS website and email it out through Skylert provided your email is up to date through Family Access. If you would like to continue to receive a paper version of the newsletter, please contact the MHS Office at 715-232-2606 or email julie_neubrand@msd.k12.wi.us



Student Parking Passes

Students parking in the high school lot are required to purchase a \$10 permit for the year. Any students that park in the school lot without a permit will be ticketed by Menomonie High School. Passes may be purchased during schedule pickup times. The following requirements apply:

- **All fees/fines must be paid in full**
- Valid Wisconsin driver's license
- Completed [parking permit application](#) that is signed by a parent .
- \$10 to purchase the permit



Picture Days

Student pictures will be taken during the Orientation Days on August 14, 15, and 16. Order pictures online at mylifetouch.com, Enter ID: **EVTCHX9V**

Picture make-up day will be on Tuesday, September 5th. Picture retakes are scheduled for Thursday, October 5th.

MHS Homecoming Parade & Football Game September 22, 2023

All Activities Season Passes

The All Activities Season Passes will be available for sale on Wednesday, August 9th in the Activities Office beginning at 10:00 a.m. The cost is:

Family Passes - \$100

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

Student Passes - \$20



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 accept applications through the WECAN Employment System or pick up at the Field House Front Desk. If you have questions about these positions, please contact 715-232-5420.

Fall Sports Meetings

Sunday, July 30, 2023 at 5:30 p.m.

For 10th-12th Grade Football

Wednesday August 2, 2023 at 5:30 p.m.

For Cheer, Girls & Boys Cross Country, 9th Grade Football, Boys Soccer, Girls Swim, Girls Tennis & Volleyball

**ALL REGISTRATION WILL BE DONE ONLINE
SIGN UP AHEAD OF TIME**

PHYSICALS

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 for more information on physicals. Activity fees can be paid at any time.

School Supplies at MHS

Menomonie High School students typically need 5 of each of the following: notebooks, pens, pencils and folders. Menomonie High School is filled with choices which can make each individual student schedule very different due to the large number of educational options. Calculators are optional as we have them available in all math classrooms and on each chromebook. Upper level math courses may require a graphic calculator. Students signed up for Physical Education classes will need tennis shoes.



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; samantha_hoyt@msd.k12.wi.us



ATTENTION CLASS OF 2024!

The deadline for submitting your **SENIOR PICTURES** for the yearbook is **FRIDAY, OCTOBER 27th**. 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 Mrs. DeLong in room 114 or via email at hs_yearbook@msd.k12.wi.us. If you would prefer, there will be a day in the Fall where the yearbook staff will be taking senior portraits for students. Be sure to check your email for this opportunity. Photos do not need to be professionally taken, but should meet the necessary guidelines sent to all seniors in the mail (mailings will be sent out in early August). All students are encouraged to check the list outside of room 114 to confirm their photo has been received and check the spelling of their name. If you have questions, feel free to contact Mrs. DeLong through email or call (715) 232-2606 ext. 40114.

Backpacks

Menomonie High School will be continuing the rule requiring backpacks be kept in lockers while students are in school.

Backpacks can be brought into school to lockers and stored for the day. All students are assigned lockers for the purpose of storing jackets, backpacks and other personal items while they are in class. This has freed up space in hallways and classrooms, allowing for better access and a less cluttered environment throughout the building.



Cell Phones

Cell Phones are prohibited in MHS during instructional time unless approved by the individual teacher. Students need to keep their cell phones out of sight during class time. Students not following this rule will be subject to disciplinary action in the student handbook.



Study Hall

All Menomonie High School students will have a study hall this year during 3rd period. Students will have the ability to access academic support from their classroom teachers if needed, along with opportunities to further their Academic and Career Planning through a variety of activities.

Dress Code

As families begin shopping for school clothes, please keep in mind that the outfits that are acceptable during the summer months may not be appropriate for school. Please work with your student to ensure that clothing is school appropriate and that coverage is compliant with our student handbook policies.

PURCHASE YOUR YEARBOOK NOW!



Reserve your copy of the 2024 Yearbook by going online TODAY! The yearbook is currently being sold for **THE LOWEST PRICE OF THE YEAR!** To purchase go to www.jostensyearbooks.com. Buy now while the yearbooks are available for **\$55** until **Sept. 15th**. If you have questions, email hs_yearbook@msd.k12.wi.us. Parents and students, as always please share your pictures for the Yearbook 2024!

School Nutrition Program Breakfast/Lunch

The school district nutrition program is excited to continue to offer free breakfast to all students. USDA does not allow us to offer lunch for free, but the district has decided to keep the price of meals the same as it was during the 2019 school year. It is very important that you fill out the [free/reduced application](#) if you think you might qualify, or anytime during the year circumstances change which may make you eligible. A new application must be submitted every year.

Ala Carte is available but your student must have cash or enough money in their lunch account to cover the purchase. It is important to keep a positive balance in your lunch account. You can check your balance in Family Access.

Any question please contact stacy_nelson@msd.k12.wi.us or call 715-232-1642 x 11064

2023-24 Lunch prices are:
LUNCH - \$2.45
REDUCED - Free



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!

Daily 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.

Attendance Reminder

Good school attendance is one predictor of academic success. All Menomonie High School Students are required to be in attendance from 7:40 a.m. to 3:15 p.m. Additionally, students are reminded that they have a maximum of 10 school days that can be missed during the school year for personal illness, religious services, and family activities. If a student needs to attend an appointment during school hours, a note from that business office needs to be turned into the Attendance Office upon returning to school so that the absence does not count towards those 10 days. ***If your child will be absent or is leaving during the school day, please call the Attendance Office at (715) 232-2993.***



Notes from the Nurse...

Nut Allergies: We have several students with allergies to nut products attending our high school. These allergies are potentially life-threatening. These students cannot eat or even touch peanuts and/or tree nuts or foods made with these products. MHS may serve products that are made with peanuts and/or tree nuts in the food service program. These products will be clearly labeled as containing peanuts or tree nuts. In addition to closely monitoring food labels to avoid exposure, it is important for everyone to wash hands before and after eating, not share food or eating utensils, and to make sure surfaces are clean and without peanut or tree nut residue. Please see the resources at the links below with more information on how to help keep people with food allergies safe.

<https://www.foodallergy.org/resources-for-schools/classroom>

<https://www.foodallergy.org/schools/cafeteria>

<https://www.foodallergy.org/be-a-pal>

<https://www.foodallergy.org/resources/teens>

Immunizations: State Law (252.04 Wis.) states the following are the minimum required immunizations for each age/grade level. These requirements can be waived only if a properly signed health, religious or personal conviction exemption is filed with the school. In order for your student to enter school, this information must be completed and on file prior to admission to school, or shortly thereafter. The requirements can be viewed at <https://www.dhs.wisconsin.gov/publications/p44021.pdf>



RECEIVE DENTAL CARE RIGHT AT SCHOOL!

Oral Screening, Dental Cleaning, Fluoride Varnish, Sealants, Silver Diamine Fluoride, Referral Assistance

Services are provided during the day and visits are held throughout the school year.

Bridging Brighter Smiles, Inc. accepts Forward Health/BadgerCare Insurance Only.

Any Questions Please Call Bridging Brighter Smiles at (262) 896-9891 or visit www.bbssmiles.org

ENROLL NOW!

<http://enrollment.bbssmiles.org/>

Earn Money for Our School !

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 2020-2021 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 ext. 11142. Please, for security reasons, do NOT share your parent login with your child. Many forms typically completed on Orientation Day will be available beginning Monday, August 2nd. Go to www.sdmaonline.com and click on the **Parent & Community** for the [Skyward Family Access Link](#).



We're here to help you! Know what office to talk to when you call 715-232-2609.

Attendance Office - Christa Ogden 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 - Zong Vang 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 - Michelle Belanger - ext. 42124

Questions about lunch account

Counseling 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 - Martha Peabody - ext. 41102 or 715-232-2600

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 or what time/where a game is? Go to www.bigriversconference.org.

Main Office - Julie Neubrand - ext. 41002

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

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

Device Insurance and Case Fee

Beginning this school year, the annual \$25 insurance fee for student Chromebooks will no longer be needed. An accidental insurance plan has been included in the purchase of all new grade 6-12 devices.

A one-time fee of \$27 will be charged when students in grade 6-12 receive their new district device. This one-time case fee will pay for the student's Chromebook case. Devices/cases are expected to last three years. This specific case must be on the device to file accidental warranty claims.

Manufacturer Warranty

Chromebooks have a manufacturer warranty. This limited warranty covers mechanical breakdown or faulty construction and will provide replacement parts necessary to repair or replace the Chromebook.

All repairs or replacements will be handled through the district technology department.

Accidental Damage

The District provides ChromeCare accidental warranty coverage on Chromebooks. Accidental damage claims will be handled by ChromeCare. **Coverage includes accidental breakage (drops, falls, collisions), liquid damage, electrical surge, damaged or broken screens due to pressure or drops.**

Students are responsible for any of their actions that void the warranty (**i.e. take the Chromebook apart; remove parts, etc.**). Students will be held responsible for the full cost of any parts replaced and associated labor costs due to such actions up to and including the cost of total replacement of the device.

The following is not covered: cosmetic damages that don't impact the functionality of the device (**dents, scratches, etc**), loss or theft of the Chromebook and/or accessories (charger, case). Students should report lost or stolen devices to the technology department or building administration for support in recovering the device.

The District reserves the right to charge for the entire replacement cost if negligence is determined. Examples of negligence include, using the device in a manner other than that intended by the manufacturer; willful acts of abuse or misuse of the device including prying or picking keys off the keyboard or bending the screen bezel; unexplained damage such as keys "falling off" or screens breaking on their own.

