



MHS Newsletter

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Events

January 3: School Resumes
January 5: *HS Late Start at 8:40 a.m.*
January 12: *HS Late Start at 8:40 a.m.*
January 17: *No School*
January 19: *HS Late Start at 8:40 a.m.*
January 20 & 21: Finals
January 21: End of Semester I
January 26: *HS Late Start at 8:40 a.m.*
February 2: *HS Late Start at 8:40 a.m.*
February 9: *HS Late Start at 8:40 a.m.*
February 16: *HS Late Start at 8:40 a.m.*
February 18: *No School*
February 23: *HS Late Start at 8:40 a.m.*
March 2: *HS Late Start at 8:40 a.m.*
March 9: *HS Late Start at 8:40 a.m.*
March 15-19: Spring Break
March 22: ACT-Juniors only
March 23: *HS Late Start at 8:40 a.m.*
March 30: *HS Late Start at 8:40 a.m.*
March 31: PT Conferences 4:00p.m. to 7:30p.m.
April 5: PT Conferences 4:00p.m. to 7:30p.m.
April 6: *HS Late Start at 8:40 a.m.*
April 13: *HS Late Start at 8:40 a.m.*
April 15: *No School*
April 18: *No School*
April 20: *HS Late Start at 8:40 a.m.*
April 27: *HS Late Start at 8:40 a.m.*
May 4: *HS Late Start at 8:40 a.m.*
May 11: *HS Late Start at 8:40 a.m.*
May 18: *HS Late Start at 8:40 a.m.*
May 25: *HS Late Start at 8:40 a.m.*
May 29: Graduation

Notes from the Principal

Happy New Year Menomonie High School Community! I hope this newsletter finds you healthy and safe. Menomonie High School is looking forward to continuing to offer engaging, challenging, and productive school experiences for our students throughout the second half of the school year.

The end of first semester is right around the corner and MHS will have a modified schedule for January 20th and 21st, which is included in the newsletter. Now is a great time for you to have a discussion with your student(s) about the importance of taking finals seriously and finishing the semester on a high note.

The MHS Student Services Team will be leading the course registration process beginning in January and concluding around the time of finals. This is an important time of the year for students and families to think about how MHS can best prepare all you for your post-high school plans. Please assist your student(s) in taking this process seriously so having accurate information is vital for our ability to best serve our students.

Each January MHS hosts our Mustang Preview Night. This night is designed for families and students to meet with representatives from each department to ask questions and gather more information to assist in selecting appropriate courses and individualizing their experience. The MHS Mustang Preview Night will be January 13th starting at 5:30 pm

in the MHS Auditorium. Normally this event has been heavily attended in the past by 8th grade families because they may be new to what MHS has to offer. However, this event is a great way to look at what path your student(s) is currently on and how that coincides with their post-secondary plans.

Recently, MHS conducted an all-school safety drill. This drill focused on the ALICE procedures which were reviewed earlier in the school year. The procedures practiced and the follow-up conversations about this topic are important so everyone can be as prepared as possible.

Please look for upcoming information about the Start College Now and Early College Credit opportunities for the summer and fall of 2022. This could be a valuable post-secondary academic experience for your student(s) while still attending Menomonie High School.

Finally, I wanted to thank everyone for the support and understanding you have displayed over the 2021-2022 school year. This year has been full of added challenges for our community, families, students, and staff and your support is a vital component of our success. Please know that we continue to be committed to providing a great experience for all students at MHS.

Casey Drake
MHS Principal

2022-2023 Class Registration

Student will register for classes for the 2022-2023 school year during the week of January 3 –7.

Parent Teacher Conferences



Thursday, March 31st: 4:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.
Tuesday, April 5th: 4:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.

We are requiring that all conferences be schedule ahead of time. You will have the choice of either a phone, virtual, or in-person meeting. We are asking that the option for scheduling in-person meetings be limited to families who feel they need to meet at MHS with a staff member and cannot conduct the meeting via phone or virtually.

PHYSICALS

Spring Sports Meetings

Monday, February 21, 2022 at 6:00 p.m.

For Baseball, Boys Golf, Girls Soccer, Softball, Boys Tennis, Boys & Girls Track & Field.

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.

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

MUSTANG MANUFACTURING



Looking for some help with woodworking projects? Our internship program at MHS has a group of five senior students that run Mustang Manufacturing. A business aimed at helping the community and school by providing help in the woodworking areas. We make signs, jewelry boxes, bean bag boards, coasters, just to name a few. We can also personalize it using our laser engraver. If you have any projects regarding vinyl work or woodworking please contact; mustangmanufacturing@msd.k12.wi.us. Or visit our website; menomoniemustangmanufacturing.weebly.com

Purchase Your Yearbook Online Now!

Reserve your copy of the 2021 Yearbook by going online. To purchase go to www.jostensyearbooks.com. Buy now while the yearbooks only cost \$60. Last day to purchase a yearbook for this school year is **January 29th**.

Did you know? When purchasing a book on www.jostensyearbooks.com, buyers have the option of paying in 3 equal installments. This service will make purchasing the book more affordable to families. This payment option is only available online.

If you have questions, email hs_yearbook@msd.k12.wi.us. The yearbook staff is also very appreciative of picture for us to use. Please email hs_yearbook@msd.k12.wi.us with any pictures you are willing to share.



Introducing...

We have several new staff members at Menomonie High School for the 2021-2022 school year and we wanted you to know who they are. In the 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!

Kate Gallman-Delong

I grew up in Menomonie and attended UW-Stout, receiving a degree as a Family and Consumer Education teacher. I began my teaching career in Sheboygan, WI and worked at different levels and schools for 19 years. Three years ago, my husband got a teaching and coaching job at UW-Stout and we moved back to the area. It has been fun being back and teaching at my alma mater! My favorite free time involves spending time with my family, including my three children.

Kristina Larson

Hi, I am a mom of 2 boys and a step-mother to one more. In my free time I enjoy creating anything that would fall under the definition of arts and crafts, upcycling, repurposing and just art! Summer is my favorite time of year and I love the water. Working with students is an extremely rewarding experience and I am so excited to be a member of MHS staff!

John Samb

Hi, my name is John Samb. I started with the district in July as the Director of Academic Supports. I am coming to SDMA from my previous 9 years working at Eau Claire Memorial as a School Counselor, high school football assistant coach, and one of my years as a Teacher on Special Assignment (Dean of students). At Memorial I also worked as a High School Summer School coordinator and Virtual Program Coordinator. Before Memorial, I was a School Counselor at Preble High School in Green Bay, WI. I live in Chippewa Falls with my wife Jessica who is a Special Education teacher at Chi-Hi, our two children: Claire (10) and Nolan(2), and our golden retriever Bucky. As a family we love to be outside, the Packers and Badgers, and are busy with kids activities.

Jason Collins

Jason Collins teaches English. He taught at the middle school for 15 years and five years prior in Portland, Oregon. He studied literature in Chicago and resides in the city limits while keeping two horses in the backyard. You can find him around town on his bicycle, planting flowers and vegetables, throwing Kubbs or playing the saxophone.

Mike Sinz

My name is Mike Sinz and this is my first year working for the School District of the Menomonie Area. I am teaching special education at the high school and also coaching football and track. I have previously taught for the Eau Claire Area School District and the School District of Mondovi.

Jessie Weinberger

My name is Jessie Weinberger. I grew up in River Falls, WI and went to college at UW Stevens Point. I got a degree in Science Education and started teaching Chemistry in Watertown WI. After two years there, I moved to Eau Claire where I taught Physics for 14 years. While in Eau Claire, I received my masters in Physics Education from UW River Falls. I currently live in Menomonie with my husband and two children. In my free time, I enjoy golfing, bowling and spending time with my family.

Kimberly McKay

My name is Kimberly and I am the new Attendance Secretary. I like my new position at the High School and being able to get to know the students. In my free time I enjoy hanging out with friends and family up at our family cabin, crafting, baking, and spending time outdoors. I recently had my first child and enjoying spending time with him.

Kim Navarro

I am originally from San Diego, Ca. where I taught history at San Marcos High School for 10 years. I moved to Menomonie in 2015 with my husband Mark, a retired firefighter, & son Jacob (12). I actually started in the district in Oct. 2016 as an LMC at Wakanda Elementary, & went back to school to acquire my Library Media Specialist certificate. I will apply to finish up some classes and start pursuing a masters in Library Information Science this summer. I love to read, & sew which is nice when the snow is on the ground. P.S. I also have 4 cats who all desperately wish they were the only cat in the house, and the reason we have not put up a Christmas tree in several years.

Also new to MHS this year:

Alex Auden - Choir
 Brain Daniel - Math
 Nanette Goodman - Business/Marketing
 Storm Harmon - Phy Ed.
 Mae Simpson - Special Education
 Kurt Mueller - School Counselor
 Kristine Larson - Para Education
 Jessica Kammeyer - Para Education
 Nicole Carlson - Para Education
 Xeng Xiong - Para Education
 Kyle Moore - Para Education
 Zong Vang - School Nurse
 Samantha Ekblad - ESS

Cabin Fever Week!

This year Student Council will sponsor Cabin Fever week after finals the week of January 24-29.

Events involving student teams of 10 people (5 girls and 5 boys) will compete for points. Competitions during study hall include challenges and games played indoors and outdoors. Teams can earn points for dressing up in themes, scavenger hunt, and attending school events. Fun awards will be given out at the end of the week.

Junior and senior men are invited to form teams and compete in a volleyball match at 6:30 on Wednesday January 26th.

Talented and creative MHS students will be featured in a talent show. The students will be invited to send in recordings of their talent and faculty will choose 5 winners. These students will be featured in a video shared with the school during Cabin Fever week. The final event of the week will be a dance on Saturday night in the commons from 7:30pm-10:30 pm. The theme is NEON.

Dress up days:

Monday: Pajamas

Tuesday: Beach

Wednesday: Jersey

Thursday: Lumber Jill/Jack

Friday: Team Theme

Saturday dance: Neon

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. Go to www.sdmaonline.com and click on the **Parent Info** link. You can access your child's attendance, grades, fees, and lunch balance. Please remember to update your information and emergency contacts on Skyward Family Access for your student(s). You can also pay online fees for the high school and sports fees.



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, please call (715) 232-2993.



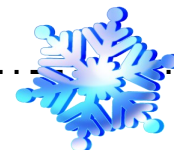
Reminder for Freshmen & Juniors

Please schedule your conference with your counselor.

No School

Spring Break - March 14-18

April 15 & 18



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.



Senior Fees

All fees must be paid in full by Thursday, May 26th. Please check your office fees through Skyward Family Access. If you have any questions about your student's fees or would like to set up a payment plan, please contact the MHS Office at 715-232-2606 ext. 41002 or julie_neubrand@msd.k12.wi.us.

Earn Money for Our School Two Ways!

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 2021-2022 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!

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

Attendance Office - Kimberly McKay - 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 - Stacy Nelson - ext. 42124

Questions about lunch account

Student Services - 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

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 - Julie Neubrand - 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.

MHS Mustang Preview Night



A night to welcome incoming 9th graders and families.

January 13, 2022 5:30 pm to 7:00 pm

5:30 - 5:55 pm Auditorium Welcome & Introduction to Menomonie HS

5:55 - 7:00 pm - Commons - Curriculum

MHS Department Websites

<u>Agriscience</u>	<u>Activities/Athletics</u>	<u>Art</u>	<u>Business & Marketing</u>
<u>English/Language Arts</u>	<u>Family and Consumer Science</u>	<u>Math</u>	<u>Music</u>
<u>Physical Education & Health</u>	<u>School Counseling</u>	<u>Science</u>	<u>Social Studies</u>
<u>Technology & Engineering</u>		<u>World Language</u>	

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Final Schedule 1st Semester 2021-2022

Thursday January 20th

7:40-9:10 (1st Period)
9:15-10:00 (Study Hall)
10:05-11:35 (3rd Period)

11:35-12:05 (A Lunch)
12:10-1:40 (6th Period)

11:40-1:10 (6th Period)
1:10-1:40 (B Lunch)

1:45-3:15 (7th Period)

Friday January 21st

7:40-9:10 (4th Period)
9:15-10:00 (Study Hall)
10:05-11:35 (5th Period)

11:35-12:05 (A Lunch)
12:10-1:40 (8th Period)

11:40-1:10 (8th Period)
1:10-1:40 (B Lunch)

1:45-3:15 (Make-up and Remediation)