

# MHS Newsletter

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## *Events*

**January 3:** School Resumes  
*HS Late Start at 8:40 a.m.*

**January 10:** *HS Late Start at 8:40 a.m.*

**January 17:** *HS Late Start at 8:40 a.m.*

**January 18 & 19:** Finals

**January 19:** End of Semester I

**January 24:** *HS Late Start at 8:40 a.m.*

**January 31:** *HS Late Start at 8:40 a.m.*

**February 7:** *HS Late Start at 8:40 a.m.*

**February 9:** No School

**February 12:** No School

**February 14:** *HS Late Start at 8:40 a.m.*

**February 21:** *HS Late Start at 8:40 a.m.*

**February 28:** *HS Late Start at 8:40 a.m.*

**March 6:** *HS Late Start at 8:40 a.m.*

**March 11-15:** Spring Break

**March 20:** *HS Late Start at 8:40 a.m.*

**March 26:** ACT - Juniors only, PT  
Conferences 4:00p.m. to 7:30p.m.

**March 27:** *HS Late Start at 8:40 a.m.*

**March 29:** No School

**April 3:** *HS Late Start at 8:40 a.m.*

**April 4:** PT Conferences 4:00p.m. to 7:30p.m.

**April 10:** *HS Late Start at 8:40 a.m.*

**April 15:** No School

**April 17:** *HS Late Start at 8:40 a.m.*

**April 24:** *HS Late Start at 8:40 a.m.*

**May 1:** *HS Late Start at 8:40 a.m.*

**May 8:** *HS Late Start at 8:40 a.m.*

**May 15:** *HS Late Start at 8:40 a.m.*

**May 22:** *HS Late Start at 8:40 a.m.*

**May 26:** Graduation

**May 27:** No School

**May 29:** *HS Late Start at 8:40 a.m.*

**June 3 & 4:** Finals

## Notes from the Principal

Happy Holidays Menomonie High School Community! I hope this newsletter finds you happy and healthy. Menomonie High School is looking forward to a strong finish to the first semester along with an engaging and productive second semester. We continue to be committed to providing outstanding curriculum, great support, a wide range of co-curricular activities, and assistance for students as they explore and plan for their post-secondary options. Thank you for all you have done to support our mission.

With the end of first semester right around the corner, now is a great time to talk with your student(s) about the importance of finishing the semester strong. Additionally, final assessments for the first semester play a significant role in our courses, so it is beneficial for the students to approach these seriously. These assessments will take place on January 18th and 19th. A detailed schedule is included in this newsletter. Your encouragement is greatly appreciated and important to student success.

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. Also, the course registration process and associated course requests assist us in creating our building schedule for the 2024-2025 school year. Please assist your student(s) in

this process so that we have accurate information to best serve each student.

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 for their high school experience. The MHS Mustang Preview Night will be January 8th starting at 5:30 pm in the MHS Auditorium. This event has been heavily attended in the past by current 8th grade families, however, this can be a great opportunity for our current MHS students and families to reevaluate their high school plan as it is related to post-secondary options.

Please look for upcoming information about the Start College Now and Early College Credit opportunities for the summer and fall of 2024. These opportunities could be valuable college course experiences for your student(s) while still in high school.

Finally, I wanted to thank everyone for a tremendous start to the 2023-2024 school year. Our students' experiences are greatly enhanced by your support. Thank you for all you do to assist your student(s) and our programs. Please reach out with questions or concerns.

Casey Drake  
MHS Principal

## 2024-2025 Class Registration

Student will register for classes for the 2024-2025 school year during the week of January 8-15.

## Parent Teacher Conferences



Tuesday, March 26th: 4:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.

Thursday, April 4th: 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 not only check on their progress, but to also to ensure they aren't in jeopardy of failing their classes.

## Spring Sports Meetings

Monday, February 26, 2024 at 5:30 p.m.

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

### 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 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](http://goo.gl/LvKNPZ).



## Seniors - Scholarship Deadline is February 16th @ 3:30pm

Check out

[MHS Student Service Website](#)

(for more information)



## Reminder for Freshmen & Juniors

Please schedule your conference with your counselor.

## Purchase Your Yearbook Online Now!

Reserve your copy of the 2023 Yearbook by going online.

To purchase go to [www.jostensyearbooks.com](http://www.jostensyearbooks.com). Buy now while the yearbooks only cost \$60. Price goes up to \$65 on January 27th. Last day to purchase a yearbook for this school year is **February 23rd**.



*Did you know?* When purchasing a book on [www.jostensyearbooks.com](http://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](mailto:hs_yearbook@msd.k12.wi.us). The yearbook staff is also very appreciative of pictures for us to use. Please email [hs\\_yearbook@msd.k12.wi.us](mailto:hs_yearbook@msd.k12.wi.us) with any pictures you are willing to share.

## Senior Fees

**All fees must be paid in full by Thursday, May 23<sup>rd</sup>.** 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](mailto:julie_neubrand@msd.k12.wi.us).

## Introducing...

We have several new staff members at Menomonie High School for the 2023-2024 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!

### Courtney Dildy

I live with my husband, daughter, and son. I've mainly worked as a caregiver so this position was out of my comfort zone but have gotten more comfortable and feel like I'm making connections with students.

### Michelle Guyant-Holloway

Wauwatosa East-8yrs as AD, UW-Parkside-2yrs as Associate AD, Mount Mary-1yr as AD, Shenandoah University-6yrs as Head Coach Womens' Basketball & Compliance Coordinator, Northern Michigan University-7rs as Assistant Women's Basketball Coach & Sr. Women's Administrator.  
Grew up in Milwaukee, WI, attended Pius XI High School during the haydays of girls sports at the school. Member of the team with longest winning streak in Wisconsin - 92 game winning streak. Played college basketball at NMU, where in my senior year the team went to the Elite Eight.  
Husband Phil and son Logan. I enjoy all sports, exercising, being outdoors, reading and hanging out with family and friends. Looking forward to exploring the Menomonie area's outdoor recreation opportunities.

### Nick Peterson

I grew up in Merrill, WI. Graduated from UW- La Crosse in 2018 and most recently taught Special Education at Holmen High School. In addition to teaching I have coached football, basketball, and track and field, as well as helped with a few other extracurricular activities. I will be coaching a few of these at Menomonie as well! Outside of teaching and coaching I enjoy hunting, fishing, anything outdoors and active, and being around my family and friends!

### Alyssa Belko

"After 9 years I made my leap from MN to WI, I'm enjoying my time here in Menomonie and getting to know many of you already!. Beyond my passion for helping learners and their families navigate those important pieces of high school today, you can count on me to have a cup of coffee, a smile and words of encouragement."

### Also new to MHS this year:

**Kalley Hagen**

**Pete Smith**

**Kalsey Leach**

**Sophia Polglaze**

## Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA®)

FAFSA - the FREE Application for Federal Student Aid, is the application all MHS seniors who are attending a postsecondary school next year will need to complete in order to determine your eligibility for any possible aid toward the cost of attending your school. This application should **ONLY** be accessed through the official government website: [www.fafsa.gov](http://www.fafsa.gov)

Normally this application becomes available October 1st each year, however due to improvements to the form, this year the release is delayed. At this point the projected release is by December 31, 2023. Since this will likely take place while we are on break here are a few tips to prepare.

1. Create your FSD ID - this is how you will "sign" your application once completed:

\*Both the student AND a parent/guardian will need to create their own for this here: <https://studentaid.gov/fsa-id/create-account/launch>

2. Remember this is a FREE application, don't pay anyone to complete this for you.

\* There are some websites that will claim to complete it for you at a cost to you, these tend to be scams!

3. Check the website regularly to see if it has been released, if desired. [www.fafsa.gov](http://www.fafsa.gov)

4. Here are some videos for more information!

[https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLtr3wy4M\\_CJ18cBXJb2r5mzyFoh9e9mcl](https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLtr3wy4M_CJ18cBXJb2r5mzyFoh9e9mcl)

**Please note: Schools will likely not begin processing applications until later in January.**

# MHS STUDENT SERVICES

## CVTC COLLEGE CREDIT OPPORTUNITIES

- High School Academies are a series of CVTC courses in a career pathway based on career interests and are available to students currently in grades 9-11. Academies provide greater access to CVTC courses and remove registration challenges for students. See all high school academy options at this webpage: [www.cvtc.edu/hsacademies.edu](http://www.cvtc.edu/hsacademies.edu)
- The [Start College Now Program](#) allows students in grades 11 and 12 to apply for individual CVTC courses. [\*separate app!]
- Transcribed Credit (TC) courses are taught at the high school by a high school teacher.



**APPLICATIONS DUE: APRIL 1ST, 2024**



***\*WEL WILL NOT APPROVE APPLICATIONS THAT ARE SUBMITTED AFTER APRIL 1ST\****

***IF YOU CHOOSE TO DROP A COURSE YOU APPLY FOR, A WITHDRAW FORM IS NEEDED BEFORE JUNE 1ST TO AVOID BEING BILLED TUITION!***

### MENOMONIE HIGH SCHOOL ACADEMY

**CNA ACADEMY**

[CVTC Program Outcomes—CNA](#)

[MHS CNA Application](#)

**PRE-NURSING/HEALTHCARE ACADEMY**

[Pre-Nursing/Healthcare Academy Info](#)

[Academy Brochure](#)

**BUSINESS MANAGEMENT ACADEMY**

[Business Management Academy Info](#)

[Academy Brochure](#)

**PARENT MEETINGS FOR NEXT YEAR'S COHORT FOR BOTH THE BUSINESS MANAGEMENT & PRE-NURSING/HEALTHCARE ACADEMIES WILL BE:**

*Wednesday, January 17th, 2024 - 5:30 pm Business Management Academy*  
*Wednesday, January 17th, 2024 - 6:30 pm Pre-Nursing/Healthcare Academy*

Location: MHS Tiered Lecture Hall

## Save money & earn College Credit?!

### Early College Credit Program

### Start College Now

- 9th - 12th Grade student may apply
- Earn Credit through the **UW-Systems System**

- 11th-12th Grade students may apply
- Earn Credit through the **Technical College System**



*UW Systems*

*Technical Colleges*

**Application Deadlines: Summer '24: due by Feb. 1st @ 3:30**

**Fall '24: due by March 1st @3:30**

***FIRM DEADLINE, NO EXTENTIONS WILL BE GRANTED!\**** ***\*\*See your Counselor for more Information\*\*\****



## Cabin Fever Week!

This year Student Council will sponsor Cabin Fever week after finals the week of January 20-26.

We will kick off the week with a WINTER FORMAL DANCE on Saturday, January 20th in the HS commons from 7:30-10:30

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 in the pool. Teams can earn points for dressing up daily, completing a scavenger hunt, and attending school events. Fun awards will be given out at the end of the week.

Wednesday during study hall the Leadership and Unified PE students will be hosting a basketball game.

Also, Wednesday evening Junior and senior men are invited to form teams and compete in a volleyball match at 6:30 p.m. on Wednesday January 25th. Student Council is partnering with DECA, all concession and ticket profits will be donated to a charity from this event.

### Dress up days:

**Saturday dance:** Winter Formal Dance

**Monday:** Pajamas

**Tuesday:** Bikers vs Surfers

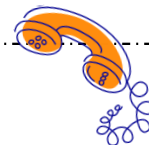
**Wednesday:** Jersey

**Thursday:** Business formal on top – casual on bottom

**Friday:** Team Theme

## 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](http://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 predicator of academic success. All Menomonie High School students are required to be in attendance from 7:40 a.m. to 3:15 p.m. unless a modified schedule has been approved by administration. 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 when the student returns. This way the absence does not count towards those 10 days. If your child is absent please call (715) 232-2993 or email [mhs\\_attendance@msd.k12.us](mailto:mhs_attendance@msd.k12.us).

Within this newsletter you will find a graphic of the steps MHS takes throughout the truancy process. Please note that we may refer a truant student for a potential municipal truancy ticket if they do not attend regularly. This is a new addition to our process. If you have specific truancy related question please contact Mr. Harmon, MHS Assistant Principal, at (715) 232- 2609 ext. 40111. Our goal is to have students here as much as possible so that they can benefit from the outstanding educational experienc-



# 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.

## 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](http://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 - 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

**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](http://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 8, 2024 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**

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

Visit us at <http://mhs.sdmaonline.com/>

## **Final Schedule 1st Semester 2023-2024**

### **Thursday January 18th**

7:40-9:10 (1st Period)  
9:15-10:45 (2nd Period)  
10:50-11:35 (Study Hall)

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 19th (No Study Hall)**

7:40-9:10 (4th Period)  
9:15-10:45 (5th Period)  
10:50-12:20 (8th Period)

12:20-12:50 (Lunch)

12:20-3:15 (Make-up and Remediation)

[2024 Semester I Early Release Permission letter](#)