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**Attendance,
Tardiness, & Going
Home Early**

When you combine the statewide school shutdown last spring of 2020 with quarantines, isolations, and the county-wide school shutdown in the Fall of 2020, students have missed a tremendous amount of face-to-face instruction. As a result, consistent attendance is more important than ever. Therefore, it is essential that students are on-time for school. Additionally, we have been seeing an increase in students leaving school early. With a school nurse stationed in the building full-time, it is essential that your child be evaluated in order to determine whether they truly need to go home. We are asking parents not to work around our protocol. Students who do not feel well are to come to the main office to be evaluated by our full-time nurse stationed in the building. Parents should encourage students to see the school nurse, before they make a predetermination. If you need tips to help your student improve their attendance, you can consult with the Maumee High School Administrative Office at 419-893-8778.

Bringing Attendance Home
BUILD THE HABIT OF GOOD ATTENDANCE EARLY

School success goes hand in hand with good attendance!

DID YOU KNOW?

- Starting in kindergarten, too many absences can cause children to fall behind in school.
- Missing 10 percent (or about 18 days) can make it harder to learn to read.
- Students can still fall behind if they miss just a day or two every few weeks.
- Being late to school may lead to poor attendance.
- Absences can affect the whole classroom if the teacher has to slow down learning to help children catch up.

Attending school regularly helps children feel better about school – and themselves. Start building this habit in preschool so they learn right away that getting to school on time every day is important. Good attendance will help children do well in high school, college and at work.

WHAT YOU CAN DO

- Set a regular bed time and morning routine.
- Lay out clothes and pack backpacks the night before.
- Find out what day school starts and make sure your child has the required shots.
- Introduce your child to teachers and classmates before school starts.
- Don't let your child stay home unless she is truly sick. Keep in mind complaints of a stomachache or headache can be a sign of anxiety and not a reason to stay home.
- If your child seems anxious about going to school, talk to teachers, school counselors or other parents for advice on how to make him feel comfortable and excited about learning.
- Develop back-up plans for getting your child to school if something comes up. Call on a family member, a neighbor or another parent.
- Avoid medical appointments and extended trips when school is in session.

When Do Absences Become a Problem? (Hours in a school year)	Less Than 65 Total	More than 30 Unexcused	More than 72 Unexcused
	SATISFACTORY	WARNING SIGNS	CHRONIC ABSENCE





M.H.S. Continues Positive Behavior Intervention Strategies

This year Maumee High School has implemented our unique Positive Behavior Intervention Strategies (P.B.I.S.) Program. Now in our second year of full implementation, our program focuses on Four Main Behavioral Expectations (**Responsible, Open-Minded, Appreciative, and Resilient**) that are represented in our **R.O.A.R.** acronym. Staff have increased their attention to and efforts in recognizing students' positive behaviors. Also, much effort has been put forth in promoting **R.O.A.R.** throughout the school and incorporating the "Positivity Project" curriculum into targeted lessons in our 9th, 10th, & 11th grade homerooms. The senior class has had the opportunity to listen to guest speakers from the greater Toledo Community.

In the month of March the High School will transition to daily announcements about the importance of our Behavioral Expectations and providing students with ongoing examples of these expectations in our school building and on our school campus. Trivia Friday's in the cafeteria will focus on our Behavioral Expectations and students will have the opportunity to win valuable prizes.

German-American Virtual Exchange (G.A.V.E.) Program

For the second year in a row, Maumee High School 11th grade German honors students will have the opportunity to participate in a virtual exchange. This year, the Americans will be paired with German students who have similar interests. These students will have the opportunity to interview people in various careers: German students will be interviewing Americans in Maumee who have different jobs. American students will be interviewing city council members in Germany, as well as a member of the police department. This is a great way for students on both sides of the Atlantic to learn about potential future careers!

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The Panther Pride Foundation is pleased to announce a new \$225,000 Capital Campaign fundraising effort to update and refresh the Performing Arts Center at Maumee High School.

Facts

- Completed in 2005, the PAC has never had a comprehensive refresh of the physical facility or stage.
- An upgrade to the sound system including sound board, speakers, and wireless was completed in 2019 to comply with new FCC frequency rules.



Needs

Phase #1 - \$42,000 - COMPLETED BY PPF IN FALL, 2021

- Carpet replacement in PAC and PAC Lobby
- Painting of non-carpeted flooring and wall surfaces

Phase #2 - \$225,000 - CAMPAIGN KICK OFF IN SPRING, 2022

- Stage Lighting System Upgrade
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Senior Stuff 2022

SENIOR SCHOLARSHIP LIST IN THE GRADUATION PROGRAM

An important piece of the graduation program is the senior scholarship list. Every senior who receives a scholarship - whether they accept the scholarship or not - is recognized by name along with the scholarships awarded. We rely on the senior students and parents to provide this information as we may not always receive notice of scholarships that the students receive. Please bring a copy of any scholarship that your student receives to the guidance office at Maumee High School. You can also scan a copy of the letter and email to guidance secretary Michelle Leasor at mleasor@maumeek12.org We will make sure that all scholarships for which we have notice are properly listed by the student name in the program.

SENIOR SLIDES

All MHS and MHS-Penta Career Center seniors need to update and complete their senior slides with the information requested and a formal senior picture. These slides may be used in the graduation ceremony. All seniors have access to their own slide for editing. Completed slides are due by **March 31st**.

JOSTENS GRAD GEAR DELIVERY DAY

Jostens will be at Maumee High School on Thursday, March 17th to drop off graduation gear. Your account must be paid in full or you must pay the balance due to receive your graduation gear.

MEDALLIONS, CORDS, STOLES AT THE 2022 GRADUATION CEREMONY

Maumee High School ONLY PERMITS THE USE OF SCHOOL ISSUED MEDALLIONS, CORDS, or STOLES at the graduation ceremony. No other adornments will be permitted at the graduation ceremony. Caps are not to be decorated.

Medallions at the Maumee High School Graduation Ceremony are reserved for those students who have earned an Ohio Honors Diploma. Freshman, Sophomores, and Juniors who want to be recognized with this distinction at their graduation ceremony should ask their school counselor if they are on track to earn an Ohio Honors Diploma. Counselors can make sure that they are registered for the appropriate courses to be eligible.

Cords at the Maumee High School Graduation Ceremony are reserved for those students who are active members of the National Honor Society (gold) or the National Technical Honor Society (purple).

Stoles at the Maumee High School Graduation Ceremony are reserved for those students who have earned a National Merit distinction as a national merit finalist, semifinalist, or commended scholar.

SENIOR COMMUNICATIONS

Seniors are responsible for checking their email regularly and following the **senior class website** (<https://sites.google.com/a/maumeek12.org/maumeeseniorklass/>). All seniors - early graduates, MHS, MHS-PCC, and MHS-CBI - are responsible for knowing the details for their senior events in the final 1/3 of the school year. Event details and changes will be communicated via email and senior class website.

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PROM

Prom will be held at Parkway Place on Saturday, May 21st with check in starting at 7 pm. Dinner will be served at 7:30 am. Event ends at 10:30 pm.

After Prom will be held at Kalahari. Buses will load in the MHS parking lot at 11:00 pm. Students will return around 5:00 am. Students must arrive on the bus to be admitted to the water park (no one can drive themselves).

GRADUATION CEREMONY

The Maumee High School Commencement Ceremony will be on Saturday, May 28th at 12:00 pm in the Stranahan Theater. In order to participate in the ceremony, seniors need to (1) meet all local and state graduation requirements prior to the ceremony date, (2) attend graduation practice (Monday, May 23rd @ 9 am in the Stranahan Theater), (3) not be serving any consequence for discipline over graduation weekend and (3) paid all outstanding school fees and fines prior to the ceremony date.




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Wednesday, April 27, 2022
 Performing Arts Center
 and Learning Commons
 at Maumee High School

- Select Choir
- String Ensembles
- 6th, 7th, and 8th Grade Bands
- 6th, 7th, and 8th Grade Orchestras
- High School Band and Orchestra

5:30 - 8:30 p.m. Fine Arts & STEAM Exhibit - Hundreds of pieces of fine art, technology and science works by Gateway Middle School and Maumee High School students (PAC Lobby & Learning Commons)

5:30 - 6:30 p.m. Orchestra Performances (PAC)

6:45 - 7:15 p.m. Select Choir Performances (Learning Commons)

7:30 - 8:30 p.m. Band Performances (PAC)

MHS Brings Back Symphony Orchestra Performances

Despite having to cancel the MHS Symphony Orchestra concert on Feb 17 due to the ice storm, "The show must go on". We were excited to welcome in family members for our in-school concert on February 24th. The band and orchestra combined to create 2 symphony orchestras- the Philharmonic Orchestra and Symphonic Orchestra. Selections performed included *Into the Storm*, *Unfinished Symphony*, *Themes from Scherezade*, *Dark Adventure*, *Reformation Symphony* and Selections from *Pirates of the Caribbean*. The music department was excited to bring this opportunity back after it was not able to occur last year. Directors include Wasim Hawary, Chris Murphy and Eric Boswell with BGSU Student Teacher Alex Pawsey.

TREX Plastic Film Recycling Program at MHS

This year, Maumee High School, with the support of the district, has been participating in the TREX Plastic Film Recycling Program. The program looks to educate students on how we can recycle materials that previously were considered unrecyclable, especially plastic bags. TREX uses these plastic bags to melt them down and create composite lumber to make outdoor furniture, decks, and more. Maumee City Schools has been doing awesome recycling plastic bags and other plastic film. To date, we have recycled 278 pounds of plastic film since September. Plastic bags can be dropped off at any Maumee City Schools building through April 30th. This will be the last day to recycle plastic at all Maumee City School buildings for this school year. After that date, we encourage people to continue to recycle this film at local retailers that accept plastic film recycling such as Meijer and Kroger. Thank you to our community for supporting this effort and helping our environment at the same time.



Dr. Chris Murphy (asst. Band Director) conducts Maumee High School Symphonic Orchestra

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Winter Sports Awards Recap

NORTHERN LAKES LEAGUE HONORS

- Boys Basketball: Cole Graetz (12) Third Team
- Girls Basketball: Lucy Porter (9) Second Team; Jessica Roper (12) Third Team
- Bowling: Michael Iwinski (12) Second Team; Andrew Bick (12), Third Team
- Gymnastics: Courtney Crawford (11) & Cassie Durham (12) Second Team

NW DISTRICT & OTHER HONORS

- Boys Basketball: Cole Graetz (12), Second Team; RJ McCoy (12), Honorable Mention (District 7)
- Girls Basketball: Lucy Porter (9) & Jessica Roper, Second Team; Hannah Binkowski (10) & Taylor Westrick (12), Honorable Mention (District 7); Sydney King, Peyton Phillips, Skyelar Warncke, Taylor Westrick & Lynkin Williams, All Academic District Award
- Gymnastics: Kylie Gerkan (9) OHSAA Sportsmanship Award
- Swimming: Maddy Simpkins (9) Division II District Qualifier
- Wrestling: Tommy Gast (11) - Division II District Qualifier

STATE TOURNAMENT PARTICIPANTS

- Competition Cheer: Qualified for State Championship; Game Day - 6th, Traditional - 4th
- Dance Team Qualified for State Championship

NORTHERN LAKES LEAGUE ALL-ACADEMIC (SENIORS ONLY)

Cumulative 3.5 GPA

- Girls Basketball: Sydney King, Peyton Phillips, Jessica Roper, Skyelar Warncke, Taylor Westrick and Lynkin Williams
- Bowling: Zane Deitering, Ashton Heckman, Hyeongu Hwang, Alex Leasor, and Gavin Yu
- Cheer: Isabella DiMauro, Cassie Durham, Jolie Sobb and Josie Vargo
- Dance: Anna Simakova and Lily Tolbert
- Gymnastics: Cassie Durham
- Wrestling: Austin Gast

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Many families got up to half of their estimated 2021 Child Tax Credit as advance payments last year. Here are **three** steps to getting the rest of your credit:

Step 1: Review Letter 6419

- You should have received this letter in January 2022 if you received advance Child Tax Credit payments in 2021.
- It shows the amount of advance payments you received and the number of qualifying children the payments were based on.
- You or your tax preparer will use this information to figure your remaining credit accurately.
- If you misplaced your letter, you can look up your information using the IRS's **CTC Update Portal** or **Online Account**.

Step 2: Claim the Rest of Your 2021 Child Tax Credit

- File your 2021 federal tax return and claim the Child Tax Credit, if you're eligible.
- Choose direct deposit if you're getting a refund. Make sure your bank account information is correct.

Step 3: Get Paid!

- After you file your return, you can check on the status of your refund using the **Where's My Refund?** tool on IRS.gov or the mobile app **IRS2Go**.
- You can check within 24 hours of e-filing or within four weeks of mailing a return. Updates to the online tool are made daily, usually overnight.
- To use this tool, you need your Social Security number, filing status and the exact whole dollar amount of your refund.

Important Information

- » Filing a tax return is the only way to get the remainder of your 2021 Child Tax Credit.
- » Electronic filing with direct deposit is the safest and fastest way to get a tax refund.
- » Many people qualify for free e-filing through **IRS Free File** or at a volunteer tax preparation site.

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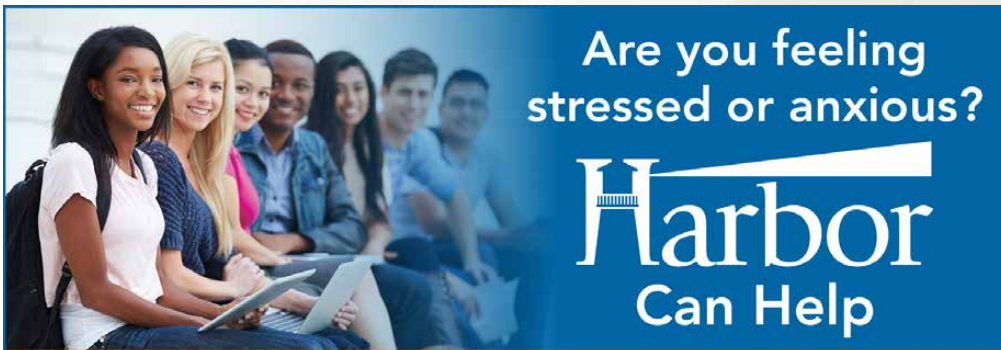


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