

Menomonee Falls Messenger

"Pursuing Excellence One Student At A Time!"

From the Desk of the Principal



Mr. Robert Vitale

I cannot believe we are approaching the end of the 2021-22 school year. We are entering 4th quarter and the Class of 2022 are completing their last days of their high school careers. This class has done an OUTSTANDING job navigating through the last four years. This group of seniors has followed the high expectations set for them and have represented MFHS with class. I cannot say enough for the Class of 2022. As I finish my 33 years in education I cannot say THANK YOU enough for what SDMF has done for me and my family. When I arrived at MFHS back in 1998 I had no idea what I was stepping into, but it has been the best transition I have made in my career. I want to THANK all the staff I have worked with over the last 25 years. I want to especially THANK the staff I have worked with the last 6 years. I want to THANK ALL the students, it is you who have made my time at MFHS so enjoyable. I have memories and stories I will cherish the rest of my life. Finally to the parents and community, THANK you ALL for your support. Please continue to support our schools. We have unbelievable schools, staff and students!!!!

Important Dates

- Early Release** May 4, 11, 18, and 25
June 1, 8
- No School** May 30 Memorial Day Weekend
- Final Exams** June 2, 3 *Seniors Only*
June 8, 9, 10 9th, 10th, 11th graders

Important Dates

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| May 2-13 | AP Testing | May 26 | NHS Induction |
| May 9 | Academic Awards Night | June 10 | Last Day of School |
| May 18 | SOE Breakfast | | Graduation |
| May 19 | Senior Pennant signing | | |
| May 20 | Senior Holiday | | |
| May 21 | Junior Prom | | |
| May 23 | Senior Athletic Awards | | |
| May 25 | Scholarship Night | | |

Check our school website calendar for other dates and times.

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ADMINISTRATION

Mr. Robert Vitale,
Principal

Mr. Jeff Haubenreich,
Associate Principal for students with last names, A-J

Mr. Kirk Woosencraft,
Associate Principal for students with last names, K-Z

Mr. Brian Heimark,
Director of Athletics/Activities

ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANTS

- Mary Zentgraf
- Kathy Sanders
- Tammy Strupp
- Heidi Wood
- Heather Slaats
- Lisa Seebach-Kolbow



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Respect Everyone, Respect Education, Respect the Environment!

Go Phoenix! Falls Pride!

Mr. Vitale



Important Dates 2021-22

APRIL

- 15-18 ***No School*** Break
- 25-29 **Aspire Testing** (9-10)

MAY

- 2-13 **AP Testing** (Gray Gym) TBD
- 9 Academic Awards – 6:00-7:30pm Burgundy Gym
- 11 Senior Athletic Awards 6:30 pm
- 16-20 AP Late Testing
- 18 SOE/Youth Apprenticeship Employer Appreciation Breakfast (7:15am-9:15am)
- 19 Senior Pennant Celebration – Burgundy Gym 2nd Period EVEN 9:45-10:30
- 20 Senior Holiday – Davian's
- 21 Junior Prom
- 25 Scholarship Night – 7pm
- 26 Transition Day – 8th Grade Tours
- 26 NHS Induction – Auditorium 7pm
- 30 ***No School*** Memorial Day

JUNE

- 2 & 3 **Senior / Final Exams**
 - 4 Band Bunch Metals Recycling Drive 8:00am-12-Stadium Parking lot
 - 8-10 **Grades 9, 10, 11 / Final Exams**
 - 9 **Grad Practice**-Seniors/Burgundy Gym 1:45 -2:45pm
 - 10 Last Day of School – Half Day
 - 10 **Graduation** – 7:00 – 9:00pm – Schumann Stadium or Burgundy Gym if rain (tickets required –limit 4 inside)
- Graduates pick up Diploma/Grad Grams after ceremony in Gray Gym



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Step 1: Scheduling a College Visit

You can schedule a campus visit on most colleges' websites. Search "campus visit" on the search bar at the top of the college website, or check the Undergraduate Admissions page of their website.

Step 2: Things to do on a College Visit

- Tour campus
- Ask to eat in the cafeteria
- Visit a dorm room
- Ask to sit in on a class
- See the sports complex & gym
- Go to the library & check out the tutoring or study groups
- Have an IEP or 504 in high school? Visit the college's Accessibility Services office
- Tour the city around the campus
- Eat at an off-campus student hangout

Step 3: Ask Questions! When you see a student, considering asking...

- What do you like about this college?
- What do students do on the weekends?
- What are classes like?
- What are the other students like?
- What do you think of the professors?
- Why did you choose this college?

Step 4: Take Notes

You may think you'll remember the details, but the more colleges you visit the more they'll start to blend together. Write down your thoughts about the campus as soon as you finish each visit. Include things like:

- What did you learn about your major at this college? Include details like classes, popularity of the major, professors, or experiences outside of the classroom.
- If you're undecided about your major, what is the experience like for undecided students at this college? Include details like advising, general requirements, and the variety of courses available.
- What clubs, sports, or other activities might you join at this college? Are they a good fit for you?
- What are your impressions of the students at this college? Do they seem like people you'll want as your future roommates, friends, and classmates?



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From the Desk of Associate Principal
Mr. Kirk Woosencraft

Spring is upon us! The semester is moving by at a rapid pace. Students please continue to show Falls pride by making good choices at school, and in our community. Also, let's remain focused on our academics as we move into the 4th qtr.

A few ideas below for students and families as we go through 2nd semester on ways to continue to stay on task and prioritize:

To do well in school, students must learn to focus. They must be able to concentrate on one thing and not be distracted. To strengthen your teen's ability to stay focused:

Help them recognize when they are not focused. Say, "I think you've lost your focus" when you see them fidget, daydream, yawn or stare into space.

Don't make lack of focus a crime. Your student needs to be able to admit when they lost their concentration. Blaming them only makes them defend themselves. They are likely to make excuses instead of figuring out ways to focus.

Help them prioritize. It will be easier for your teen to focus when they know what to do first, second and third.

Encourage them to break large tasks into smaller ones. Students lose focus when a task is overwhelming.

Slow things down. Don't move or talk too fast yourself. And comment when you see your student speeding up. Ask, "Are you taking your time?" and "Have you stopped to check your work?" Get your student to relocate. If they lost focus, it might be easier to refocus in another place, free from distractions.

Minimize distractions. Make rules about TV and phone time, computer and video games. Schoolwork should come first.

Avoid interrupting. When your teen is working on schoolwork, don't remind him them to do something else.

Always give your best and make everyday a new day! If you have any questions, please contact me at (262) 255-8444, visit the school during the regular school hours, or email me at wooskir@sdmfcschools.org.



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