

MENOMONEE FALLS HIGH SCHOOL

Menomonee Falls Messenger

"Pursuing Excellence One Student At A Time!"

From the Desk of the Principal

Hello All,

As the 2020-21 school comes to a close I want to thank all parents and students for your patience and support during this pandemic. I want to give a BIG THANK YOU to ALL MFHS Staff who have worked extremely hard to uphold our high academic standards and assist ALL students. This is a school year which will go down in the record books, but again I will not allow COVID 19 to take away from ALL the positives our students have accomplished.

We will go into the 2021-22 school year with a new A/B Block schedule. The schedule has not yet been built, we are in that process right now. As soon as the schedule is completed we will get information out to all families. This schedule change is a result from feedback from students, staff and parents.

This portion of the newsletter is directed to our seniors and parents. Please make sure that your student(s) have all their required courses and credits completed. If you need that information, contact your student(s) counselor. Also, please make sure all fees, laptops and charger cord are returned. Graduation will take place Friday Night at 7:00 inside Schumann Stadium weather permitting, you will and have already received information.

If your student(s) need to attend Summer Academy, please get them registered. If your student(s) are looking for summer employment, check the job board outside of Student Services. Please note, that ALL events will be guided by Waukesha County CDC guidelines. I would also ask that if you are dropping/picking up your student(s) to please pick them up out on Titan Dr., please do not come into the parking lot and pick up.

I ask that you please continue to have conversations with your student(s) with washing hands, wearing your mask, practicing social distancing and being proactive watching for cold and flu symptoms. If your student(s) are not feeling well please keep your student(s) home.

Have a great end of the school year and a Safe Summer!

Important Dates

Early Release	May 5, 12, 19, and 26 June 2, 7	Testing	WI Forward April 15, 16 ASPIRE April 19, 20, 22, 23 AP May 3-14 Senior Final Exams June 3, 4 Final Exams 8, 9, 10
No School	May 28, 3 June 10 Last Day of School		

Check our school website calendar for other dates and times.

RESPECT EVERYONE, RESPECT EDUCATION, RESPECT THE ENVIRONMENT!

If you have any questions, or if I can be of any assistance, please contact me at 262-255-8444, visit the school during the regular school hours, or email me at vtarob@sdmfschools.org. Thank you for your continued support!

Go Phoenix! Falls Pride!
Mr. Vitale

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What's New?

Special Education Resources for Families

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Special Education Resources for Families

Julie Mlagan, SDMF Transition Coordinator, recently launched the **Special Education Resources for Families** web page which offers resources and information to support students with disabilities. Mlagan's vision for the resource page is to connect students and families with community, offer post-secondary opportunities, and assist with funding supports.

For questions or more information, please contact Julie Mlagan, SDMF Transition Coordinator at mlagjul@sdmfschools.org. or (262) 946-2102.

MFHS Art & Design Department

Pewaukee Student Show

The Pewaukee Area Arts Council hosted their annual high school arts scholarship to students in southeast WI. Menomonee Falls High School had over 70 students submit their artwork to the show. Three of our students received recognition and awards for their artwork! These students received a cash prize, ribbon and certificate. A big congratulations to:

Honorable Mention - 2D

Chipmunk

Abby Gomand

Menomonee Falls HS

Honorable Mention - Digital/Photo

Frostbite

Naomi Wilson

Menomonee Falls HS

Honorable Mention - Digital/Photo

A Rainy Glow

Gemma Crownover

Menomonee Falls HS



Important Dates

- National Art Honor Society Applications, Due April 30th



New Art & Design Website

Love art & design or want to learn more about the Art & Design Department? Now you can! Visit the Art & Design Department's new web page to see the variety of course offerings, galleries of artwork, clubs, contact information and more! <https://www.mfhs-art-design.com/>

Apply to Become a Member of the National Art Honor Society

The MFHS chapter of the National ART Honor Society is now accepting applications. Students must have completed 2 art classes with an A-average and a B average overall GPA can apply. Applications can be found by going to <https://forms.gle/6VnJ3FxbdjG1PPJU8>.

Completed applications are due by **April 30th**. If you have any questions, please contact Ms. Gonyer gonycor@sdmfschools.org.



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Save The Date

SPRING METALS RECYCLING DRIVE SATURDAY, June 5th, 2021



The Menomonee Falls School District in conjunction with the Band Bunch Booster Organization will be holding **their Spring Metals Recycling Drive at the High School Stadium parking lot on Saturday, June 5th, from 8 am - 12 p.m.**

This is a great way to unload that scrap metal **for free** while helping to raise funds and support the Menomonee Falls School District's Band and Music program. **What can be donated?** Any old appliances, snow blowers, lawn mowers, grills, shelving, fire pits, fireplace sets, brass, bicycles, swing sets, dehumidifiers, patio furniture, old siding stainless steel, electrical wire, plumbing pipe, old window screens, old Christmas lights, and more. Just about anything goes.

If nothing else, please simply save your aluminum cans for the event.

FYI: No Television Sets, Computer Monitors or Upholstered Furniture!

*This recycling event is free and open to the community so help spread the word to family, friends and neighbors. Thank you in advance for your support. Every little bit helps! If you have questions, please contact Barb Nienow at (262) 251-8968.

MFHS Writing Center

The Writing Center is available both in-person and virtually for help with essays and writing projects at all levels. Students can drop in to the LMC or to a Google Meet for assistance with brainstorming, outlines, rough drafts and revisions. Students can also submit a draft or questions to the Google classroom for feedback within 24 hours.

Seniors: Drop by and Mrs. Kollm will help you brainstorm ideas for scholarship essays as well review your drafts before you submit your applications.



Writing Center Hours

Monday-Friday
5th-8th periods

Access

In-person: In the LMC, by Tech Help
Google Meet: Writingcenter
Google Classroom: 7st5egp

Make an
Appointment
calendly.com/
mfhswritingcenter

If you want to utilize the Writing Center, but are not available during 5th, 6th, 7th or 8th period, email Mrs. Kollm at kollste@sdmfhschools.org to arrange a time that works for you.

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From the Desk of Associate Principal, Mr. Kirk Woosencraft

This has been a challenging semester with a lot of different changes but our students, families, and teachers continue to persevere through it all. We appreciate all the communication and teamwork. We are rapidly approaching the conclusion of this school year. One thing to focus on is your students maintaining and improving school life and you can help. Your attention and involvement in this effort will reinforce the importance you place on your child's school experience and have a tremendous positive effect on his/her school life. Even with our change of routine we still know our students can finish strong with the support of our amazing families and teachers!

Study Strategies that Work

Whether it's for a unit assessment, an AP test, or a final exam, knowing and using effective study techniques can make a huge difference in your performance and confidence. Test anxiety is generated from a number of factors, but one of the biggest is the lack of study skills and time devoted to studying. The following strategies will not only help you get a better grade on the test, but you will retain more of the information you're learning as well.

Finishing Strong

1. **Talk to your student** about his/her social, extra-curricular, and academic realities. High school can be stressful and these conversations will help you both by providing insight and new perspectives. Academics are important, but few of us have memories of those challenges. Instead, we tend to remember high school relationships and social experiences, but life was better during this time if we were confident about grades.
2. **Reinforce** positive and successful school habits. Homework, test preparation, and attendance are key factors.
3. **Access and review** your student's class progress, attendance
4. **Talk to your student** about ways to improve school life. You've 'been there/done that', and probably know how you might have improved your experience.
5. **Help your student to increase focus and effort.** 'Coasting' is a natural, but not a good tendency at the conclusion of the school year.



Your involvement is a tremendous positive factor for a successful high school experience. Your interest, willingness, and dedication to helping your child succeed provides an unmistakable message. Your child will thank you for it - someday.

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@sdmfschools.org.



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Menomonee Falls Scholarship & Educational Foundation

The Scholarship Foundation is a non-profit organization formed to raise money for scholarships and provide funds to help with teacher classroom projects. As part of the Community Scholarship Program the Foundation donated \$60,000 for scholarships to the Class of 2021. The Foundation is the organization who does the planning and implements the Community Scholarship Program for Menomonee Falls High. The community organizations, families, businesses will also be part of the program. The Foundation is thrilled to be working year after year with donors and always welcome new donors.

The Menomonee Falls Scholarship & Educational Foundation will be hosting an in-person Community Scholarship Night on Tuesday, June 8, 2021. We are excited to be sponsor this program again in 2021. Without the generous donors this program would not be able to happen. The night is always exciting as seniors will be recognized for their high school accomplishments. Every donor chooses their recipient, so some students will receive more than one scholarship.

ANNUAL SCHOLARSHIP FUNDRAISER UPDATE

Friday, November 5, 2021 at the Hilton Garden Inn. Something for everyone! New ideas!

If you have any questions about the scholarship process, or any events please call Lynn Zindl, Scholarship Foundation Secretary, @ 414.651.8681.






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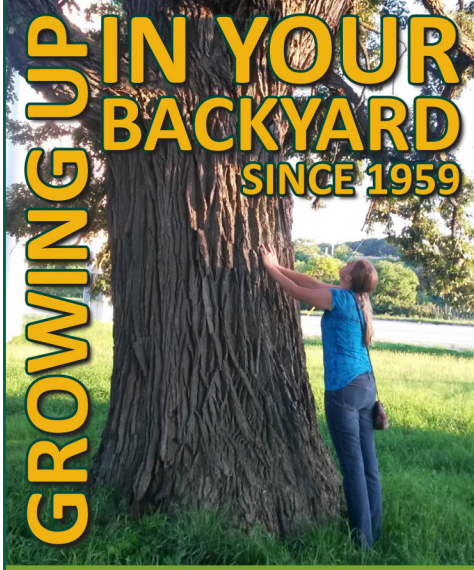



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Falls Summer Academy

We are thrilled to announce that our summer school offerings will be back in a face-to-face setting this summer. Please consider the following information and call or email if you have any questions. Jeff Haubenreich / haubjeff@gmail.com / 262-255-8508

WHERE TO FIND INFORMATION

- Visit FallsSchools.org.
- Under "Divisions", choose "Community Ed & Rec"
- Click on "Summer Activity Guide"
- High School Summer Academy information begins on page 37

DATES

- Session I June 21 – July 2
(Must Register by June 10)
- Session II July 12 – July 23
(Must Register by July 1)
- Classes held Mon-Fri, unless noted
- No classes July 5–9

CLASS TIMES

- Block 1: 8:00 am - 10:00 am
- Block 2: 10:15 am - 12:15 pm

COURSES

- Credit Recovery:
 - Algebra / Geometry / Algebra II / English 9-12 / US History / World History / US Government / Earth & Space / Biology
 - Credit recovery courses run through both sessions
 - Students can only make up 1 semester credit per block
- For-Credit Courses: Online courses / 21st Century Wellness
- Enrichment courses:
 - AP course prep courses, Study Skills, High School Sneak Peek, Robotics, Theater, Crafting for a Cause
- Athletic
 - Diamond Development / Speed, Strength & Agility / Running Phoenix / The Complete Female Athlete /

HOW TO REGISTER

- www.fallsrec.org
- If the course requires a class code, please see your counselor or instructor

COVID-PROTOCOLS

- We will be following the same practices used in the school currently (masks, social distancing where possible, etc.)
- Changes will be announced and will be based on updated CDC and Waukesha County Health Services recommendations



Important Dates 2020-2021

APRIL

19, 20, 22 & 23 Aspire Testing-Block Schedule

MAY

TBD Senior Athletic Awards
 3-17 AP Testing – TBD - (Gray Gym) No AP Testing May 13th
 10 Academic Awards – TBD (possible only seniors) Main Gym
 18-21 AP Exam - Late Testing - TBD
 20 Senior Pennant Signing Celebration – Outside – Time TBD
 20 NHS Induction – Auditorium 6:00pm - TBD
 21 Senior Holiday – Davian's/Only Senior Class allowed – more details to follow
 28 ***No School*** Built in snow day
 31 ***No School*** Memorial Day

JUNE

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Seniors Final Exams

Scholarship Award Night – 7:00 – 9:00 pm – MFHS Burgundy Gym

Final Exams – 9, 10, 11 grade

Last Day of School – Half Day

Seniors – Grad Practice 11:30 am - 12:30 pm

Graduation – 7:00 – 9:00 pm – Schumann Stadium – Distribution of Diplomas/Grad Grams after ceremony in Gray Gym

Graduation Rain Date – 11:00 am – Schumann Stadium

Junior Prom – 7:30 pm – 10:00 pm – Schumann Stadium – Grand March 7:30 pm Rain date June 13

Schumann Stadium

ACT Exam offered at MFHS (Saturday)



2021 Advanced Placement Exam Schedule

Week 1	Morning Session – 8:00 a.m.	Afternoon Session – 12:00 (or 2:00 p.m. if specified)
Monday, May 3	United States Government and Politics (Gym/Grey)	Physics C: Mechanics (Gym/Grey) Physics C: 2:00 p.m. Electricity & Magnetism (Library)
Tuesday, May 4	Calculus AB – (Gym/Grey) Calculus BC – (Library)	German Language & Culture – (Library) Human Geography – (Gym/Grey)
Wednesday, May 5	English Literature and Composition – (Gym/ Grey)	Physics 1: Algebra Based (Gym/Grey) Studio Art Portfolio – (Art Room)
Thursday, May 6	United States History - (Gym/ Grey)	Art History – (Library) Computer Science A – (Gym/Grey)
Friday, May 7	Chemistry – (Gym/ Grey)	Physics 2: Algebra – Based – (Gym/Grey)
Week 2	Morning Session – 8:00 a.m.	Afternoon Session – 12:00
Monday, May 10	World History: Modern – (Student Services)	Macroeconomics - (Gym/Grey)
Tuesday, May 11	Spanish Language & Culture – (Library)	Psychology – (Gym/Grey)
Wednesday, May 12	English Language and Composition - (Gym/Grey)	Microeconomics – (Gym/Grey) Music Theory – (Library)
Thursday, May 13	No Exams	No Exams
Friday, May 14	Biology – (Gym/Grey)	Chinese – (Student Services) Environmental Science – (Gym/Grey)
Monday, May 17	Computer Science Principles – (Gym/Grey)	Statistics – (Gym/Grey)

Absences

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1. Student Name/Grade
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4. Reason for Absence

