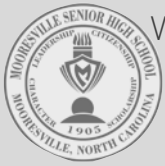


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PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Greetings MHS Students and Families!

It's only mid-July, but the new school year is nearly upon us. While I know that this short summer is a hard pill to swallow for all of us, we are excited for the benefits our new school calendar will provide to our students! Just to name a few, our students will be able to take their final exams before the Winter Break, our calendar will align with Mitchell Community College which is crucial for our students who take classes through College and Career Promise, and students will get a week-long Fall Break after the 1st Quarter.

Here on campus, the maintenance and custodial staffs are busy making improvements to the physical environment of MHS, while school counselors are finalizing schedules, all to enhance the academic, social and personal growth for each student. While we are making changes here, summer is also a great time for students and their parents or guardians to make adjustments at home to increase academic success during the 2019-20 school year.

I encourage parents and guardians to establish a solid home-study discipline with your student as this vital daily activity will improve your student's attitude and performance at school while instilling a work ethic that will serve him or her for a lifetime.

Here are some helpful pointers:

1. *SET A SCHEDULE: Establish a regular timeslot for this important daily activity. Seek your child's agreement and commitment to reserve this time each day for homework and study. Encourage this discipline. In many ways, it's his/her job and should be an important part of the daily routine, but your support and involvement in your student's home-study effort makes a huge difference.*

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PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

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2. *CREATE THE ENVIRONMENT: Students can be easily distracted. Create an atmosphere conducive for concentration. Minimizing social media/phone access, loud music, and other detractors will improve effectiveness and retention. If you notice distractions or deterrents, suggest possible remedies. Having a defined study area works with some students but not all. The most important factor is the discipline of doing it every day.*
3. *OBSERVE AND ENGAGE: Psychologists suggest that it takes three weeks to replace an old habit with a new habit. When school resumes, commit three weeks to observe your students daily routine. Make good homework practices a habit for both of you. Your daily assistance and attitude toward school have a huge impact on your student's success.*

As always, the Blue Devil Dispatch includes several important messages for students and families of all grade levels. Please read through it carefully and keep it for future reference.

Should you have any questions regarding the information in this newsletter, please contact the school.

Enjoy the rest of your summer and GO BLUE DEVILS!

Eric Schwarzenegger
Principal

OPEN HOUSE

We know that when parents and guardians and teachers build strong relationships early in the semester, students benefit. Therefore, we invite all parents and guardians to attend our Fall Open House on **Thursday, August 15th from 5:30pm-7:00pm**. Please make plans to attend so that you can meet each of your child's teachers to ask questions or simply introduce yourself. Our Open House is a floating, drop-in event, so you may come anytime that is convenient for you between 5:30-7:00pm.

ATTENTION PARENTS/GUARDIANS - A NOTE FROM THE SCHOOL NURSE

All immunization records must be current and up to date. Students who are new to MGSD must provide their immunization records on or before the 30th day of school. After the 30th day, if records have not been received, your child will not be allowed to attend classes. This is a North Carolina state law and is followed in our district. It is the parent/guardian's responsibility to make sure the previous school sends the record.

If you have further questions, please call our school nurse, Ms. Johnson, after August 21st (704-658-2583).

SUSPICIONLESS DRUG TESTING POLICY

In June of 2018, the MGSD School Board passed Policy 4326, Random Suspicionless Student Drug Testing, which will be continue to implemented during the 2019-20 school year.

In order for MHS students to purchase a parking pass, participate in athletics, or competitive clubs and organizations, a parent/guardian must consent for their student's participation in the random suspicionless drug testing program. Parents/Guardians may also voluntarily elect to have their student involved in the program by completing a consent form.

Parents, guardians, and students are encouraged to review the policy in its entirety, which is located on the MGSD School Board website.



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SUMMER OFFICE HOURS

During the summer, the MHS offices will be open on the main campus ONLY. Through July 18th, the office will be open Monday-Thursday from 8am-4pm and closed on Fridays. Starting July 22nd, the office will be open Monday-Friday from 7am-3:00pm.

2019-2020 HOURS

Regular School Day: 7:30am-2:30pm

Early Release Day: 7:30am-12:26pm

Main & Magnolia Office Hours: 7:00-3:00pm

CLASS OF 2023 FRESHMEN ORIENTATION EVENT


MHS Staff and Students are excited to welcome the Class of 2023 to our Freshmen Orientation event on Wednesday, July 31, 2019 from 8am to 12pm in the Main Gym! This event will be led by a few of our staff members, but primarily by a select group of students called LINK Leaders. This is a STUDENTS ONLY event in which incoming freshmen will meet their upperclassmen mentors, be given their schedules, and receive a tour of the campus. Students should dress comfortably and are not required to bring anything with them. ALL freshmen are expected to be in attendance.

STUDENT SCHEDULES

Student schedules will be mailed home on July 30th for sophomores, juniors and seniors. Freshmen will receive their schedule during Orientation on July 31st. Our administration and counseling staff has worked very hard to honor student course requests by building our master schedule around those requests. Due to the continuous efforts of our school counselors to keep class sizes at an appropriate level and offer as many engaging elective courses, there will be **no schedule changes**. Thank you for respecting this necessary practice by honoring your course requests. If you have any questions, please contact your student's counselor.

FOOD POLICY

Students are not allowed to bring food or consume food from an outside restaurant during school hours. Food from outside restaurants will be confiscated from students and returned to them at the end of the school day. Additionally, students may not leave campus during the school day to purchase food from outside restaurants or order food from delivery services such as Uber Eats, Door Dash, etc.



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CALCULATOR RENTALS & LETTER

Parents and families are encouraged to look for deals this summer on a graphing calculator for your student. Although it is not a requirement for students to own a calculator, we do encourage families to consider purchasing a **TI-83 Plus** graphing calculator for your student to use during their math and advanced science classes. The calculator will be used during all four years of high school math and in college as well. Be sure to check local stores and websites for discounts on graphing calculators!



Students who do not have their own calculator can sign-out a TI-83 Plus graphing calculator from the Media Center. If a student loses or does not return the school-issued graphing calculator, he/she is required to replace or pay \$100 for the calculator. Students who have not returned a graphing calculator from the previous year are expected to pay for or replace the TI-83 Plus calculator prior to renting another one, withdrawing from school, receiving their diploma or purchasing parking permits and prom tickets.

STUDENT PARKING

In order to purchase a parking permit, you must complete the pre-approval form. We have put this step in place to reduce the wait time for students to purchase their parking pass. Go to tinyurl.com/2019MHSParking to complete the form that went live on June 12th. Once the form is complete, you will receive further instructions on when you may come to the school to purchase your parking permit.

Students will be assigned to park in a lot, not an individual space. This will be their assigned lot for the entire school year. We will attempt to honor as many requests as possible. Students must park only in their assigned lot and will not be allowed to change parking lots during the year, nor share their permit with other students.

Students will not be approved to purchase a parking permit if they have any outstanding fines or fees. Students that do not have internet access may visit the Main office Monday through Thursday between the hours of 8:00am and 4:00pm to submit their request for approval.

Seniors that submit and meet the requirements for approval, will have first priority. Once approved, students will be instructed to bring in the necessary documents and money to the main office to purchase the permit. The necessary items include:

- 2019-20 Parking Permit Application/Guidelines - read and signed by parent and student.
- Valid Driver's License
- Vehicle Registration
- \$60 in the form of cash or check

Remember that parking on campus is a privilege and not a right, and can be revoked at any time by the school administration, without cause. If you have any questions regarding student parking, please call the Mooresville High School office and speak to Ms. Amy Wilson.



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ATTENDANCE & TARDY INFO



We believe that good attendance and punctuality are life skills that we have the responsibility to teach each of our students. Attendance should be a major priority for all students and families.

A STUDENT MUST PROVIDE A NOTE WITHIN 3 DAYS OF AN ABSENCE. PLEASE BRING YOUR NOTE TO A CAMPUS OFFICE ASAP. DO NOT GIVE ATTENDANCE NOTES TO TEACHERS.

The following are reasons for temporary non-attendance of students:

Excused Absences

1. Illness, injury, and quarantine
2. Death in the immediate family
3. Medical or dental appointments (with proper documentation)
4. Court proceedings
5. Religious observances with prior notification to the principal
6. Educational opportunities with prior approval from the principal

*Educational opportunities do not include family vacations, athletic-related camps or tournaments.

Unexcused Absences

Any absence that does not meet the requirements of an excused absence will be coded as an unexcused absence.

Students who miss more than 6 days in a course will not receive credit for that course. ALL absences (whether excused or unexcused) count towards the 6-day limit.

Students whose course credit may be withheld due to the violation of the attendance policy have the right to appeal. In cases of **extreme** hardship (extended hospitalization, serious extended illness) the principal or appeals committee may decide to award course credit. Appeals packets may be picked up in a designated location and must be returned by the specified due date near the end of each semester along with all appropriate and/or required documentation.

The appeals committee will not waive absences due to routine illnesses (flu, colds, etc.), OSS, skipping school, or truancy.

Punctual, reliable transportation to and from school is a student's responsibility. Students can achieve this by riding a school bus. Students who choose to provide their own transportation accept full responsibility for getting to school on time.

The following is a list of valid excuses for tardiness:

- Illness
- Medical or dental appointments
- Injury
- Court proceedings
- Daycare responsibilities
- Religious observances
- School-related activities
- Others w/ approval of an administrator

NOTE: The following circumstances are not valid tardy excuses: missed bus, missed ride, late ride, oversleeping, and routine traffic delays.

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MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

Senior Night - Regardless of your plans after high school, this is a great event for Seniors, and their parents/guardians to learn what to expect during senior year. This event will be held on August 20th, starting at 6:30pm, Mooresville Performing Arts Center.

Southern Recognition Assembly

- On August 22nd, at 9 am, our graduation supplier, Southern Recognition, will meet with seniors in the Performing Arts Center to distribute cap and gown ordering information and juniors for class ring ordering information. For additional information, you can visit their website (www.southernrecognition.com).

SENIOR PORTRAITS & YEARBOOK PHOTOS

Seniors should have received a packet in the mail regarding their senior portrait time and all necessary information from Lifetouch/Prestige Portraits. If you misplace the mailer, you can call the Lifetouch office at 704-628-4600 or visit www.prestigeporraits.com.

All seniors **must** get their tux or drape photo taken by Lifetouch/Prestige Portraits to appear in the yearbook. We will not accept photos from other companies/family members/friends for the photo sections. Seniors who just need to take the tux or drape photo with Lifetouch/Prestige can do so September 6 at school and don't need to worry about coming this summer or paying a sitting fee.

If you have any other questions, email Ms. Chapman at allisonchapman@mgsd.k12.nc.us.

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MHS COUNSELING INFO

The most up to date information will be coming to you in our newsletter which will be mailed home with your schedule on July 30th. In this newsletter, you will find the link to our new and improved website, important dates for your grade level and tips for a successful school year!

PSAT

MHS will be giving the PSAT on Saturday, October 19th at 7:30am at Mooresville Middle School.

To take the PSAT, you will need to sign-up at <http://tinyurl.com/mhspSAT2019>. The deadline to sign up for the PSAT is Friday, September 13. This test is geared to 10th and 11th grade students. However, 9th graders who would like to take the PSAT for experience and practice, are also welcome to sign-up! For information on the PSAT and how it will benefit you, please visit www.psat.org or www.collegeboard.org. If you have questions, please contact Beth Mical (bmical@mgsd.k12.nc.us).

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IMPORTANT UPCOMING DATES

July 29.....LINK Leader Training @ 8:00am
 July 30.....Schedules Mailed Home (10th, 11th, 12th grade)
 July 31.....Freshman Orientation @ 8am-12pm, Media Center
 July 31.....AP Boot Camp @ 12:30-3:30pm, Media Center
 July 31.....Fall Sports Meeting @ 6:00pm, Performing Arts Center
 July 29.....Laptop Deployment @ 8:30am-7:30pm, MIS
 July 30.....Laptop Deployment @ 4:30pm-7:30pm, MIS
 July 31.....Laptop Deployment @ 8:30am-7:30pm, MIS
 August 1.....Beginning of Fall Sports Season
 August 3.....Laptop Deployment @ 10am-3pm, MIS
 August 6.....FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL for Students
 August 20.....Underclassmen Pictures
 August 20.....Senior Night @ 6:30, PAC
 August 22.....Senior Assembly with Southern Recognition
 August 30.....Teacher Workday
 September 2.....Labor Day--NO SCHOOL
 September 5.....Progress Reports
 September 6.....Final Senior Picture Makeup Date
 September 18-19.....MHS Theater presents VOICES @ 6pm
 October 4.....End of First Quarter
 October 7-11.....Fall Break
 October 15.....Financial Aid Night @ 6:30, PAC
 October 19.....Blue Devil Classic
 October 21.....Homecoming Week
 October 24.....Quarter 1 Report Cards Issued
 October 29.....Winter Sports Meeting @ 6:00 pm PAC
 October 30.....Underclassmen Makeup Pictures
 October 31.....Early Release Day



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DIGITAL CITIZENSHIP TIP

Are You Being Phished?

Everywhere you turn online today your information is being mined to get personal information from you. Phishing, the fraudulent practice of sending emails purporting to be from reputable companies in order to induce individuals to reveal personal information, such as passwords and credit card numbers, is on the rise. The best way to guard against such attempts is to be aware of what it is so you can best be suited to not get caught!

Take a minute to fill take the Google Phishing Quiz (tinyurl.com/mhsgooglephish). See if you can tell which emails you get are fake or real. Good Luck!

MHS AP BOOT CAMP

Mooreville High School will host its annual AP Boot Camp for new Advanced Placement students. All incoming freshmen registered for either AP World History or AP Environmental Science are strongly encouraged to attend. AP Boot Camp will be held on July 31st at 12:30pm in the Media Center. If you have not registered your child or have any questions please contact Mrs. Tiffany Dunn (tiffanydunn@mgsd.k12.nc.us).

LAPTOP DEPLOYMENT

Students will receive their laptops before school begins again this year! A parent or guardian must attend in order for students to receive their laptops.

We will deploy laptops at Mooreville Intermediate School (1438 Coddle Creek Highway) during the following dates and times:

- Monday-July 29, 2019 - 8:30 am - 7:30 pm
- Tuesday-July 30 2019 - 4:30 - 7:30 pm
- Wednesday-July 31, 2019 - 8:30 am - 7:30 pm
- Saturday-August 3, 2019 - 10:00 am - 3:00 pm

MHS students and parents/guardians may choose which date and time to attend deployment. In order to receive their laptop, students and a parent/guardian **must**:

- complete a short training
- sign the Responsible Use Policy (RUP)
- bring a school-issued backpack
- pay a \$50 student usage fee

You can save time easily by completing the majority of the work by visiting <http://deployment.mgsd.k12.nc.us>