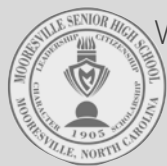


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Devil Dispatch

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Greetings Blue Devil Families,

The 2019-20 school year is well under way and, believe it or not, we are near the end of our first quarter.

As parents and guardians, you play critical roles in the success of our students. Here are 5 things you can do to help ensure your student's success in high school.

1. **GET AND STAY CONNECTED.** Register and access our online parent access to Canvas to monitor your student's progress on a weekly basis and communicate with your student's teachers if you have questions, concerns, or if you'd like to request additional information regarding resources that may help your child master course standards. Be aware of what's happening in your student's school life and TALK ABOUT IT. Your interest and involvement has a tremendous effect on your student's performance and attitude at school.
2. **CREATE AND SUPPORT A LEARNING ENVIRONMENT AT HOME**
 - Establish a routine and schedule for homework and studying
 - Create an environment free of distractions, especially social media
 - Observe and Engage with your student by showing interest in their learning
 - Hold them accountable at home to help them build productive habits
3. **MAKE DAILY ATTENDANCE THE EXPECTATION:** Very few things have as much negative effect on academic performance as poor attendance. Be clear in your attitude towards attending school every day. In the working world, attendance is equated with dependability.
4. **ENCOURAGE EXTRA-CURRICULAR ACTIVITY:** Involvement in any of our many clubs, sports, and arts programs improves academic performance, attendance, and discipline issues. At MHS, we have something for everyone. A list of all of our extracurricular clubs and organizations can be found on the student section of the MHS website. Participation in these activities enhances school life and looks good on career

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and college applications.

Also, help your child plan and execute community service, which is often a determining factor in college scholarships.

5. **HELP YOUR STUDENT PLAN FOR POST-GRADUATION:** Talk to your student about career interests and passions. Assist with a search for colleges or technical training programs that will prepare them for a career that interests them. Learn the entrance requirements and costs associated with attending those colleges or programs. Our school counselors and Ms. Keating, our College Advisor, is here to help. No matter what they dream of doing after graduation, planning for the next step is a wise choice. Post high school education contributes to a better quality of life. But whether or not they go on to a college, university, career or technical school, the information and skills they learn in high school will always be important in the working world.

Thank you for your ongoing support and GO BLUE DEVILS!

Eric Schwarzenegger
Principal

WINTER ATHLETES MEETING

All Winter Athletes **AND** parents must attend the meeting on Monday, October 23 at 6:00 pm in the Main Gym. Students and parents who attended the Fall Athlete Meeting do not need to attend. This meeting will cover important topics regarding concussions, the Student-Athlete Code of Conduct, and the Random Suspicionless Drug Testing Policy. There will be another meeting for Spring Athletes later in the school year, however spring athletes are welcome to attend this meeting in advance of their season.

OUTSIDE FOOD POLICY

Students are not allowed to bring outside food to school for consumption during the school day. Parents are reminded that food from local fast food restaurants is not permitted during the school day. Also, students are reminded that they are not to leave campus during the school day or during lunch. When a student is assigned to lunch, they are only permitted in the cafeteria and the amphitheater.

DRESS CODE REMINDER

Mooresville High School maintains a dress code to promote attire that is appropriate for an educational setting and promotes dress standards for the workplace. The complete dress code can be found in the Student Handbook, but below are a few points of emphasis.

- Tops must cover shoulders (at least 3 inches)
- Skirts and dresses must come to fingertip length when student is standing upright
- Shorts must come to the lowest knuckle when student is standing upright and making a fist.
- Holes in pants must not be above knuckle length when student is standing upright
- Hats and hoodies are not permitted inside the buildings
- Shirts must not show midriff or torso below the armpit
- Pajamas or other sleepwear are not permitted

Students who violate the dress code will be provided with the option to wear school issued clothing to prevent the loss of instructional time.

ATTENDANCE REMINDERS

Daily attendance, active participation in each class, and appropriate behavior are critical parts of student success in school. These expectations also prepare students to be successful after high school. Therefore, students are expected to attend school everyday. Attendance is the responsibility of the student and parents/guardians. If a student is absent from school, please provide the proper documentation within 3 days of returning to school to any campus office. Students who have more than 6 absences after factoring in "attendance recovery time" will be invited to appeal absences for extenuating circumstances (ex: death in the family, hospitalization).



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THE FIVE MENTORING PROGRAM

Attention Freshmen Families! Be one of the first ever to be a part of this new mentoring program. Unlike other mentoring programs, students will be connected to individuals from around the nation to support their goals and interests, using an app on their smartphone. For more information or to sign-up, check on the links on the Parent section of the MHS website.

PARKING ON CAMPUS REMINDERS

Students who park on campus must remember to abide by the following:

1. Park in your assigned lot.
2. Make sure the sticker is attached to the windshield in the proper location.
3. When driving a different car, to sign it in with the office to avoid a ticket.



Failure to follow these rules may result in a loss of driving privileges.

STUDENT DROP-OFF

Parents who drop off students in the morning must use the drop-off lines at the front of Main or Magnolia campuses. For student safety, students should not be dropped off on the street or in the school parking lots.

PARKING OFF-CAMPUS

Students who park off-campus are encouraged to pay close attention to posted parking restrictions. Mooresville Police has informed the school that they will closely monitor the surrounding area and enforce the posted parking restrictions throughout the day.

SHUTTLE BUS AND PARKING AT N.F. WOODS

During each class change, students are shuttled between the Magnolia Campus and N.F. Woods. Students are not permitted to use their own vehicles to transport themselves, or others, between campuses during the day. Only students that are scheduled for N.F. Woods for their first class and last class are permitted to park at N.F. Woods. These students must contact Ms. Scott for permission to park on the N.F. Woods campus.

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SENIOR ADS

Don't forget to salute your senior and buy your senior ad today! Play close attention to prices and dates as they increase after the first quarter.

- Full pages are \$300, 1/2 pages are \$200 and 1/4 pages are \$100. Space is limited and those prices will go up \$50 after October 4, so order soon.
- Visit yearbookforever.com to submit digitally or drop off your photos, message, and payment to the Main Office to order. The last day to submit orders is December 20.
- Contact pitchforkadsales@mgd.k12.nc.us or allisonchapman@mgd.k12.nc.us with questions or to set up an appointment to create your ad!

YEARBOOK ORDERS

Order the 2019-20 edition of "The Pitchfork" by going to yearbookforever.com. Books are selling quickly, so get yours today!

Also, if you have a small business to advertise or would like to purchase a book for a child who cannot afford one, please contact Allie Chapman at allisonchapman@mgd.k12.nc.us for more information.

CAPSTONE JUDGES NEEDED!

All Seniors at Mooreville High School are required to participate in the Capstone Project as part of their graduation requirement. Each student chooses a topic that is of interest, completes a minimum of 15 hour of hands-on learning about the topic, researches the topic, then writes an annotated bibliography on the topic. Once completed, the students create a digital portfolio of their learning experience. The Capstone Project culminates in a 15 minute presentation on the topic to a panel of 3-5 judges.

We are in search of community members and parents who are willing to donate two hours of an afternoon to judge Capstone Projects. As a member of the Capstone Project Review Board, you will have the opportunity to view the student's portfolios, listen to their oral presentations and ask them questions.

Presentations are scheduled for December 4, 2019 from 3:00pm to 5:00pm and on May 6, 2020 from 3:00pm to 5:00pm. If you are willing to serve or need additional information, please send an email to mhscapstoneproject@mgd.k12.nc.us.

THEATRE DATES

VARIETY SHOWCASE OF THE ARTS

A cross section of Fine-Art students perform in a series of music, dance, scenes, monologues and the kitchen sink in an evening of joyous entertainment. Join us in this fund-raising showcase of fun.

- Performances: Thursday, September 12 & Thursday, Oct 3 at 7pm
- Location: Performing Arts Center.
- Tickets: \$10.00

VOICES

Performances feature work from Theatre-Beginning and Theatre-Intermediate Classes and is commensurate to our Band or Chorus concerts.

- Performances: Wed/ Thur, September 18-19, at 7pm
- Location: Performing Arts Center.
- Tickets: Free

NC THEATRE CONFERENCE

Mooreville High School will proudly host one of eight regional festivals on November 1-2 in the Performing Arts Center. Several area schools will compete at the festival for the right to move on to the State tournament in Greensboro on Nov 21-22. Mooreville High school will compete in a regional festival at Rocky River HS on Nov 8-9. These festivals are free to the public, more info can be found at <https://www.nctc.org/>.

Mooreville High School will hold two public performances of our submissions for NCTC regional festival at Rocky River HS. **These short plays deal with sensitive subject matter and are not intended for audiences of high school age or older.**

- *Miss Beth* by Don Zolidas
- *Her Story* by Michael Norman Mann
- Performances: Thursday, October 24 and Wednesday, November 6 at 6pm
- Location: Performing Arts Center.
- Tickets: \$5.00

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You can schedule a meeting with Ms. Keating at <https://calendly.com/mhs-keating> or email her at akeating@mgsd.k12.nc.us.

WHAT TO FOCUS ON (FROM YOUR COLLEGE ADVISER)

SENIORS: register and take the ACT/SAT; create a college list; fill out applications (before the deadline!); ask for letters of recommendations and visit schools you're interested in

JUNIORS: work hard to get good grades in your classes; take challenging classes; get involved in interesting jobs, clubs, or other non-academic activities; study for the ACT/SAT online through Khan Academy; research colleges and universities online through Big Future's college search webpage.

SOPHOMORES and FRESHMEN: work hard to get good grades in your classes; take challenging classes; get involved in interesting jobs, clubs, or other non-academic activities; talk to your counselors, teachers, family members, and peers about your ideas for after high school. It's never too early to start looking.

Who's → Who

AT MOORESVILLE HIGH SCHOOL

Do you have a question or concern? Save yourself time by contacting the right person. Email addresses can be found on the MHS website.

School Counselors Assignments:

- Mary Royal: Last Names A-D
- Brian Landis: Last Names E-K
- Allyson Morris: Last Names L-Q
- Beth Mical: Last Names R-Z
- Melanie Allen: MIWAYE Counselor
- Ann Keating: College Adviser

Administrator Assignments:

- Eric Schwarzenegger: 12th grade students and English Dept. & EC Dept.
- Yamaro Scott: N.F. Woods Campus and the Mi-Way Program
- Meredith Bost: 11th grade students and Social Studies Dept.
- Michael Few: 9th grade students, Career & Technical Education Dept.
- Samone Graham: 10th grade students, Science Dept.
- Tracey Waid: Math and World Languages Dept.
- Kevin Wilson: PE Dept., Arts Dept., and NJROTC
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Parent Teacher Student Organization

All MHS parents are invited and encouraged to join our PTSO on the second Tuesday of each month at 6:00pm at the Main Office. If you have any questions, please email bluedevelopsto@gmail.com.

The PTSO is also looking for your support through financial donations. We are asking for (at least) \$5 donations per student and they are tax-deductible. Checks can be made out to MHS PTSO and dropped off at the Main Office or donations can be paid on the MGSD online payment website. The MHS PTSO sponsors meals for the teachers and staff, special events for our students, and Teacher Appreciation Week each year.

TARDY PLAN

Students are expected to report to each class on time to maximize instructional time in the classroom. Failure to report to class on time will be tracked and consequences will be assigned accordingly. The consequences reset at the start of each semester.

Tardy #	Consequence
Tardy # 1	Conference with Student
Tardy # 2 & 3	Warning and Parent Contact
Tardy # 4 & 5	After School Detention (30 min) or Lunch Detention or Other Discipline as determined by the administrator
Tardy # 6 & 7	After School Detention (1 hr) or In-School Suspension or 1 Hour Saturday School or Other Discipline as determined by the administrator
Tardy # 8+	In-School Suspension or Other Discipline as determined by the administrator and Loss of Privilege List (until end of next quarter)

- A "Tardy" is defined as being up to 5 minutes late for class and will follow the above guidelines.
- "Excessive Tardiness" is being 6+ minutes late for class and carries a consequence of After School Detention on the 1st offense.
- More than 30 minutes late to class will be coded as an absence including the "excessive tardy" consequence.

CELL PHONE ENFORCEMENT PLAN

Mooresville High School embraces the benefits of technology in teaching and learning. Additionally, the district and school devotes significant resources to training teachers and students on the proper use of technology in the classroom to enhance instruction. However, the prevalent and disruptive use of cell phones by students during class has a negative impact on instruction as they become distracted by notifications, the use of social media, and the time teachers take to address inappropriate cell phone use.

Therefore, when a student chooses to use a cell phone during class without permission from the teacher as part of an educational activity, he/she will receive a printed notification that he/she was observed using a cell phone inappropriately. An office referral will be submitted by the teacher. An administrator, or designee, will confiscate the phone. The phone will be logged and locked up until a parent or guardian comes to school to pick it up from school during school office hours.

For more details on our Cell Phone Enforcement Plan, please visit the Student Handbook located on the MHS website.

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LOSS OF PRIVILEGES PLAN

Participation in extracurricular activities, whether it be as a student-athlete, club member or spectator, is a valuable experience for any high school student. Extracurricular activities are a source of school pride, provide opportunities for students to engage in their passions, and challenge students in a variety of ways that are not always possible in the classroom. Extracurricular activities are also a privilege, and certain, but rare, circumstances merit the revocation of these privileges. This school year, Mooresville High School will implement the Loss of Privilege Plan (LoP Plan) to determine when, and for how long a privilege should be revoked. Additionally, this plan lays out the steps by which a student may appeal the revocation of his/her privileges.

There are two ways in which a student may lose his/her privileges, each with a defined period of time for the revocation of privileges:

1. Accruing 8 unexcused period tardies in a semester.
2. Assigned 5 or more Out-of-School Suspension days, cumulatively, over the course of a school year.

For further details on the LoP Plan and the appeal process, please click on the link located on the homepage of the MHS website.

PRE-ACT

All 10th grade students will take the Pre-ACT on October 31st during the school day. Not only does this test prepare students for the ACT (taken by all 11th grade students) but it also provides students and parents with valuable information. After taking the Pre-ACT, students are provided a detailed score report that identifies areas to improve in preparation for the ACT, and possible career paths based on the interest survey and performance on the Pre-ACT.

PSAT

MHS will be giving the PSAT on Saturday, October 19th at 7:30 at Mooresville Middle School. If you have questions, please contact Beth Mical at bmical@mgsd.k12.nc.us. The deadline to sign up for the PSAT is Friday, September 13th. Please fill out the following form if your student would like to participate: tinyurl.com/MHSpSAT2019

This test is geared to 10th and 11th grade students. However, if you are a 9th grader, and would like to take the PSAT for experience and practice, please feel free to sign up, too! For information on the PSAT and how it will benefit you, please visit or www.psat.org or www.collegeboard.org.

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Support the MHS Pride in Motion Marching Band by purchasing a mattress at their annual mattress sale on Saturday, September 14th from 10:00am - 5:00pm in the Magnolia Gym.



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UPCOMING DATES

October 1	Midterms - CTE and World Language	November 7-8	13.5 Week Assessments
October 2	Midterms - English and Social Studies	November 11	NO SCHOOL- Veteran's Day
October 3	Midterms - Math and Science Theatre Variety Show - 7pm	November 13	Pre-ACT Make-ups
October 4	End of 1st Quarter	November 14	Progress Reports
October 7-12	Fall Break	November 21	MHS Dance Concert - 7pm - PAC
October 15	Financial Aid Night - 6:30pm - PAC	November 26	Early Release Day (12:30 Dismissal)
October 17	Southern Recognition on Campus	November 27-29	Thanksgiving Break
October 19	PSAT @ MMS Campus Blue Devil Classic - Stadium	December 3	MHS Winter Choral Concert
October 21-25	College Application Week Homecoming Week	December 4	Capstone Presentations 3:00pm - 5:00pm
October 24	1st Qtr report Cards	December 5	ACT WorkKeys (for Early Grads) MHS Winter Band Concert - 7:00pm - PAC
October 29	Winter Athlete Meeting - PAC - 6pm	December 9	MHS Band Percussion Concert - 7:00pm - PAC
October 30	Underclassman Picture Make-ups	December 11	Southern Recognition on campus Class Ring Ceremony - 6:00pm - PAC
October 31	Pre-ACT for Sophomores Early Release Day (12:30 dismissal)	December 11-19	1st Semester Final Exams
November 1	NO SCHOOL - Teacher Work Day	December 20	End of 2nd Quarter Early Release Day (12:30 Dismissal)
		Dec 23-Jan 6	Winter Break