



# THE HURRICANE FORECAST

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*"It is going to be a great year in Cane Country as we strive to keep MDHS Empowered for Excellence!"*

## Who's Who at MDHS

**Principal:** Marlene Straughan

**Assistant Principals:** Mike Hay, Kimberly Walker, Dr. Catherine Slack and Stephanie Bence

**Counselors:** Debbie Ortega, Christie Wilson, Angela Harris

**Mental Health Liason:** Kim Capstraw

**ESE School Specialist:** Ted Dwyer

**ESE Clerk:** Kathy Relford

**Graduation Resource:** Anjanette Lannon

**Literacy Coach:** Lizz Schlotter

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**Attendance/ Discipline Clerks:** Stacy Carver and Amy Mikler

**Main Office:** Deb Pfiffner and Denise Long

**School Resource Officer:** Officer Darla Oringderff, MDPD

**School Guardian:** James Wolfe

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## From the Principal's Desk...

Hurricane FAMILY,

I am honored and privileged to be your principal at Mount Dora High School. The 2023-2024 school year will mark my 4th year as principal at MDHS. Mount Dora has always been close to my heart and I'm so excited to continue this journey with you. After working as a deputy sheriff with the Lake County Sheriff's Office for several years, I became a career-switcher in 2008 and started my educational career teaching social studies at MDHS. It has always been a blessing to return home to where it all began.

I'm proud to say that Mount Dora High School made a tremendous amount of gains in student achievement! We earned 66% of the total points and are at the top among the other district high schools! This is thanks to the hard work and efforts of our amazing faculty and staff, students, parents and community stakeholders. While there is still a lot of work to be done, we have a lot to celebrate and be proud of. While school grades are traditionally out by now, we won't receive an official grade for 2023 until December.

Those who truly know me will tell you I'm a firm believer in teamwork. I coached various sports in Lake County for nearly two decades, so I understand and value the power of teamwork. Thank you for your continued support of our school, and please know my door is always open.

Here's to year 102 for Mount Dora High's rich tradition and history, and the continuation of many more accomplishments! We are excited to have our community partners and stakeholders visit Cane Country and see the amazing things our school has to offer. We are One Team. GO CANES!

With Hurricane Pride,

Marlene L. Straughan

*Principal*

*Mount Dora High School*

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## 2023-2024 Cane Bell Schedule

### Huddle Time

7:15	First Bell
7:20 - 8:10	First Period (50)
8:15 - 9:00	Second Period (50)
9:05 - 9:50	Third Period (45)
9:55 - 10:25	Huddle Time (30)
10:30 - 11:15	Fourth Period (45)
11:20 - 12:40	Fifth Period
11:20 - 11:50	Lunch A (30)
11:55 - 12:40	Fifth Period A (45)
11:20 - 12:05	Fifth Period B (45)
12:10 - 12:40	Lunch B (30)
12:45 - 1:30	Sixth Period (45)
1:35 - 2:20	Seventh Period (45)

### NO Huddle Time

7:15	First Bell
7:20 - 8:15	First Period (55)
8:20 - 9:10	Second Period (50)
9:15 - 10:05	Third Period (50)
10:10 - 11:00	Fourth Period (50)
11:05 - 12:30	Fifth Period
11:05 - 11:35	Lunch A (30)
11:40 - 12:30	Fifth Period A (50)
11:05 - 11:55	Fifth Period B (50)
12:00 - 12:30	Lunch B (30)
12:35 - 1:25	Sixth Period (50)
1:30 - 2:20	Seventh Period (50)

### Wednesday

7:15	First Bell
7:20 - 8:02	First Period (42)
8:07 - 8:49	Second Period (42)
8:54 - 9:36	Third Period (42)
9:41 - 10:23	Fourth Period (42)
10:28 - 11:45	Fifth Period
10:28 - 10:58	Lunch A (30)
11:03 - 11:45	Fifth Period A (42)
10:28 - 11:10	Fifth Period B (42)
11:15 - 11:45	Lunch B (30)
11:50 - 12:32	Sixth Period (42)
12:37 - 1:20	Seventh Period (43)

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## LAKE COUNTY SCHOOLS

## 2023-2024 Student Calendar

(180 Days)

Board Approved: 02.27.2023

School Month			Student Days
AUGUST	August 10	First Day of Classes/First Grading Period Begins (Thursday)	16
SEPTEMBER	September 1 September 4	Non-Student Day (Friday) Labor Day/Student Holiday (Monday)	19
OCTOBER	October 12 October 13 October 16	End of First Grading Period (Thursday) Non-Student Day/Teacher Work Day (Friday) Classes Resume/Second Grading Period Begins (Monday)	9 Total Days 44 12
NOVEMBER	November 20-24	Thanksgiving Holiday/Student Holiday (Monday-Friday)	17
DECEMBER	December 20 December 21-29	End of Second Grading Period (Wednesday) Winter Break/Student Holiday (Thursday-Friday)	14 Total Days 43
JANUARY	January 1 January 2 January 3 January 4 January 15	New Years Day/ Student Holiday Non-Student Day (Monday) Non-Student Day/Professional Development Day (Tuesday) Non-Student Day/ Teacher Work Day (Wednesday) Classes Resume/Third Grading Period Begins (Thursday) Martin Luther King, Jr. Birthday/Student Holiday (Monday)	19
FEBRUARY	February 19	Presidents' Day/Student Holiday (Monday)	20
MARCH	March 7 March 8 March 11-15 March 18 March 29	End of Third Grading Period (Thursday) Non-Student Day / Teacher Work Day (Friday) Spring Break/Student Holiday (Monday-Friday) Classes Resume/Fourth Grading Period Begins (Monday) Non-Student Day (Friday)	5 Total Days 44 9
APRIL			22
MAY	May 24	Last Day of Classes/End of Fourth Grading Period (Friday)	18 Total Days 49
Storm Make-up Days will be determined as needed			180

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## RevTrak Account

## Welcome to the 2023-24 school year at Mount Dora High School.

Your student may need to pay fees/dues during this school year. It is recommended that you create a RevTrak account so it will be easy for you to pay these fees/dues on-line. Below you will find the link to our RevTrak on-line payment page and a QR code is also included for your convenience.

<https://lake.revtrak.net/high-schools/mdhs/#/list>



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## Student Dues and Fees

### High School Fees

Type	Important Information	Amount	Comments
PE Uniforms	Parents will have the option to purchase the specified t-shirt and/or shorts from another provider.	\$12	
CNA Fees	Scrubs and stethoscope and an extra book will need to be purchased for participation in the program. Students will keep the purchased items upon completion of the course.	\$40	Fees will be listed in the course/ curriculum guide. Students can purchase the items from the school or from an outside vendor.
Culinary	Cost includes jacket and chef hat. Students keep the items purchased upon completion of the course.	\$40 (Not to Exceed)	Fees will be listed in the course/ curriculum guide. Students can purchase the items from the school or from an outside vendor.
Art	The supplies purchased are specific to the art program being offered. Costs may include specialized supplies and materials such as clay, paint, brushes, sketch pads, etc. All traditional school supplies for the course will be provided by the school.	\$25 (Not to Exceed)	Fees will be listed in the course/ curriculum guide.
Class Dues	Class dues are used to offset the cost of trips, graduation, homecoming prom and other special events. Class dues for seniors cover the cost of graduation, senior luncheon, buses for senior trip, and other senior year events.	9th-\$20 10th-\$20 11th-\$20 12th-\$20	Fees stay within a class account and roll with the class each year.
PE/Hall Lockers	Pays for the lock - \$3.00 each if the student wants a PE and a hall locker. Not all students want both.	\$3	
Band	There is no fee for students who take band during the school day as an elective. Fees may be collected for extra curricular events. Fees may vary by school based upon competitions and trips, etc.	\$0	Band boosters and other funding sources assist with fees for students unable to pay.
Parking Fees	Fees help with the upkeep of parking lots including signage and safety equipment. Purchasing a parking space is not required. Seniors who want to personalize their parking space may do so for an additional \$10.	\$40	

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Fees stay within a class account and roll each year.

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### Criminal Justice



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### Criminal Justice Early College Academy

The Criminal Justice Early College Academy is a specialized program at Mount Dora High School that gives students an opportunity to achieve their Associate of Arts degree while still in high school. Students will take college credit courses while engaging in various experiential learning activities.

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## Mount Dora High School ID Policy

2023 - 2024

### Purpose

To ensure the safety and security of all individuals on Mount Dora High School campus, all employees, students, and guests will be required to obtain and wear a school issued identification (ID) badge while on campus.

ID's are important for safety and security. Everyone knows at a glance who is "official" and it is a quick way for emergency personnel who may not be familiar with our students to know who is who in an emergency situation. We want to provide a safe and orderly environment to foster student learning, and the ID badges will assist in the security of everyone on campus.

In addition, the ID's will help Mount Dora High School students prepare for the world after high school, where real-world identification is often needed. Identification badges are required in government and military facilities, colleges and universities, and in most work-places to emphasize the importance of identification and security. We believe that school is an important place too.

ID's provide the school with an efficient way to manage our computerized library and cafeteria systems thus improving services to students.

### Policies and Procedures

1. Each student will be issued an ID card on the first day of school.
2. Students must **WEAR** their ID at all times while on campus.
3. ID badges are to be worn above the waist on the outermost garment.
4. ID's may not be changed or altered **IN ANY WAY**.
5. The first ID and one (1) from fall pictures are free. Since IDs are required, the cost of additional replacement ID's is \$5.00. ID's may be obtained at the Front Office.
6. Students are to adhere to the following guidelines, procedures, and consequences:
  - a. Damaged or defaced ID cards will be confiscated and must be replaced at the student's expense.
  - b. Students are responsible for their ID cards. A student who has lost his/her identification card should apply for a replacement in the Front Office.
  - c. ID badges shall not be duplicated.
  - d. Any student with unauthorized possession of an ID card not belonging to him/her will be subject to disciplinary action.
  - e. A student must surrender his/her ID card to any staff member upon the staff member's request.
  - f. Anyone without an ID badge may be stopped and questioned as to their purpose.
  - g. Students withdrawing from school must return the ID badge in order to complete the checkout process.

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# Mt. Dora High School ATHLETICS



## Athletic Clearance

All students must be cleared with a current physical that is uploaded to [www.AthleticClearance.com](http://www.AthleticClearance.com) prior to participating in any conditioning, practice or athletic contests. Please see Mr. Larkin, Athletic Director if you need assistance.

## School Volunteers

Anyone interested in volunteering, chaperoning field trips or working with students must be an approved volunteer. Please fill out the volunteer application at [www.lake.k12.fl.us](http://www.lake.k12.fl.us) and let Dr. Slack ([Slackc@lake.k12.fl.us](mailto:Slackc@lake.k12.fl.us)) know you applied. The process takes approximately 2 weeks.

## Transcript Requests

Part of the college application process involves having an official transcript sent from MDHS. Students can request a transcript by coming into Guidance and filling out a transcript request form. Paper transcripts are sent for a fee of \$2.00 per transcript.

## Deliveries to the Office

Please do not deliver food items to the office for students other than your own. Due to food allergies we cannot allow you to bring food for students other than your own.

## Instructional Performance Assessment

Florida Statute 231.29 requires that parents be given an opportunity to provide input into the instructional performance assessment of teachers. During the course of the school year, your comments and suggestions are welcome. Please feel free to contact the school or send any commendations or concerns relevant to your student's education.



## Athletic Department Contacts

2023-2024

Athletic Department	Name	Email
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### Fall Sports

Sport	Name	Email
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Cross Country (G)	Cody Adkinson	<a href="mailto:adkinsonc@lake.k12.fl.us">adkinsonc@lake.k12.fl.us</a>
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### Winter Sports

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### Spring Sports

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### JV Football Schedule

8/24/2023	Eustis	6:30 PM	Away
8/31/2023	South Lake	6:30 PM	Home
9/7/2023	Umatilla	6:30 PM	Home
9/12/2023	East Ridge	6:30 PM	Away
9/21/2023	Lake Minneola	6:30 PM	Home
9/28/2023	Leesburg	6:30 PM	Home
10/5/2023	Tavares	6:30 PM	Away

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Athletic Director: Kevin Gifford (Giffordk@lake.k12.fl.us) & Ted Dwyer (dwyert@lake.k12.fl.us)



### Varsity Football Schedule

8/18/23	Palatka (Preseason)	7:00 PM	Away
8/25/2023	Mount Dora Christian Academy	7:00 PM	Home
9/1/2023	Central	7:00 PM	Home
9/8/2023	Leesburg	7:00 PM	Away
9/22/2023	South Lake	7:00 PM	Away
9/29/2023	Umatilla	7:00 PM	Away
10/6/2023	Pine Ridge	7:00 PM	Home
10/13/2023	Villages Charter	7:00 PM	Away
10/20/2023	Tavares	7:00 PM	Home
10/27/2023	Eustis	7:00 PM	Home
11/3/2023	Lake Howell	7:00 PM	Away

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### XC Schedule

Date	Race	Location
8/19/23	Pirate XC Relays	Matanzas HS
8/25/23	Cecil Field Summer Classic	New World Sports Complex
9/02/23	Harmony XC Invitational	Harmony Acres HS
9/9/23	Astronaut Invitational	Chain of Lakes Park, Titusville
9/15	3D Distance Classic	Little Everglades Ranch
9/29/23-9/30/23	Pre-State	Tallahassee, FL
10/7/23	Flrunners	Holloway Park
10/14/23	2023 Hawks' Last Chance Open	Lake Minneola HS
10/21	Lake & Sumter County Championships	East Ridge High School
TBD	Districts	Weechi Wachi
TBD	Regionals	TBD
TBD	States	FSU

### Volleyball Schedule

Day	Date	Opponent	Location	JV Time	Varsity Time
Tuesday	8/22	Wildwood	Wildwood	5:30pm	6:30pm
Thursday	8/24	Umatilla	Umatilla	5:30pm	6:30pm
Monday	8/28	Wekiva	Wekiva	5:30pm	6:30pm
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>8/29</b>	<b>South Sumter</b>	<b>Mt. Dora</b>	<b>5:30pm</b>	<b>6:30pm</b>
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>8/31</b>	<b>Eustis</b>	<b>Mt. Dora</b>	<b>5:30pm</b>	<b>6:30pm</b>
Monday	9/4	Pinecrest Lake Prep	Pinecrest Lake Prep	5:30pm	
Tuesday	9/5	Leesburg	Leesburg	5:30pm	6:30pm
Thursday	9/7	Horizon	Horizon	6:00pm	7:00pm
<b>Monday</b>	<b>9/11</b>	<b>Lake Minneola</b>	<b>Mt. Dora</b>	<b>5:30pm</b>	<b>6:30pm</b>
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>9/12</b>	<b>Umatilla</b>	<b>Mt. Dora</b>	<b>5:30pm</b>	<b>6:30pm</b>
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>9/14</b>	<b>Wildwood</b>	<b>Mt. Dora</b>	<b>5:30pm</b>	<b>6:30pm</b>
<b>Monday</b>	<b>9/18</b>	<b>Pinecrest Lake Prep</b>	<b>Mt. Dora</b>	<b>5:30pm</b>	
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>9/19</b>	<b>Tavares</b>	<b>Mt. Dora</b>	<b>5:30pm</b>	<b>6:30pm</b>
Thursday	9/21	South Sumter	South Sumter	5:30pm	6:30pm
Tuesday	9/26	Tavares	Tavares	5:30pm	6:30pm
Thursday	9/28	Eustis	Eustis	5:30pm	6:30pm
Monday	10/2	Forest Lake Academy	Forest Lake Academy	5:30pm	6:30pm
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>10/3</b>	<b>Leesburg</b>	<b>Mt. Dora</b>	<b>5:30pm</b>	<b>6:30pm</b>
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>10/5</b>	<b>Wekiva</b>	<b>Mt. Dora</b>	<b>5:30pm</b>	<b>6:30pm</b>
Tuesday	10/10	Lake Minneola	Lake Minneola	5:30pm	6:30pm

August 21 – First Week Regular Season

October 10 – Last Week Regular Season

Head Coach: Kevin Gifford (giffordk@lake.k12.fl.us)

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\*Bold Denotes Home Game

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## Varsity Bowling Schedule

		AMF Leesburg Lanes		Lakeside Lanes		Clermont Lanes	
TBD		VHS @ LHS					
22-Aug	Tu			LHS @ THS		SLHS @ LMHS	UHS @ ERHS
23-Aug	We	MDHS @ LHS	THS @ VHS				
24-Aug	Th				ERHS @ EHS	LMHS @ UHS	VHS @ SLHS
29-Aug	Tu			LHS @ EHS	VHS @ UHS	MDHS @ SLHS	THS @ ERHS
30-Aug	We	SLHS @ LHS	EHS @ VHS				
31-Aug	Th			MDHS @ THS		ERHS @ LMHS	
5-Sep	Tu			VHS @ MDHS	EHS @ UHS	THS @ LMHS	LHS @ ERHS
6-Sep	We		ERHS @ VHS				
7-Sep	Th			UHS @ THS	LMHS @ MDHS	EHS @ SLHS	
12-Sep	Tu			EHS @ THS	ERHS @ MDHS	UHS @ SLHS	
13-Sep	We	UHS @ LHS	LMHS @ VHS				
14-Sep	Th				EHS @ MDHS	LHS @ LMHS	SLHS @ ERHS
19-Sep	Tu			LMHS @ EHS	MDHS @ UHS	THS @ SLHS	
		* 2nd Half		Teams in full uniforms			
20-Sep	We	THS @ LHS	MDHS @ VHS				
21-Sep	Th			SLHS @ EHS	LHS @ UHS		VHS @ ERHS
26-Sep	Tu			VHS @ THS		ERHS @ UHS	MDHS @ LMHS
27-Sep	We	EHS @ LHS	SLHS @ VHS				
28-Sep	Th			LMHS @ THS		LHS @ SLHS	MDHS @ ERHS
3-Oct	Tu			UHS @ MDHS	VHS @ EHS	LMHS @ SLHS	
4-Oct	We	ERHS @ LHS					
5-Oct	Th			LHS @ MDHS	THS @ UHS	EHS @ LMHS	ERHS @ SLHS
10-Oct	Tu			SLHS @ THS		UHS @ LMHS	EHS @ ERHS
11-Oct	We	LMHS @ LHS	UHS @ VHS	THS @ MDHS			
12-Oct	Th			ERHS @ THS	MDHS @ EHS		
17-Oct	Tu			THS @ EHS	SLHS @ UHS	LMHS @ ERHS	
18-Oct	We		LHS @ VHS				
19-Oct	Th			SLHS @ MDHS	UHS @ EHS	VHS @ LMHS	

\* Key Dates: 1st Game - Aug 21st. Last Game - Oct 21st \* Districts - TBD Oct 23rd - 26th at Lakeside Lanes Entry Fee \$8  
 \* States- Oct 31st - Nov 2nd at Boardwalk Bowl

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# GO CANES!

## Swim Schedule

8/29	vs Leesburg	(home)	3:30pm
9/5	vs Eustis	(home)	3:30pm
9/7	vs Leesburg	(away)	(no time yet)
9/19	vs Eustis	(away)	3:30pm
9/26	vs Umatilla	(home)	3:30pm
10/5	vs The Villages	(away)	(no time yet)
10/12	vs Umatilla	(away)	4:00pm

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## ATTENDANCE MATTERS

Attendance is required at Mount Dora High School. Please make sure you read the FULL attendance policy in the Student Code of Conduct. Some items to note are:

- A habitual truant is defined by law as a student who has 15 unexcused absences within 90 calendar days, with or without the knowledge or consent of the parent or legal guardian. [Section 1003.01(8), Florida Statutes] Accumulated tardies and early departures shall be considered unexcused absences. Three unexcused tardies or early releases will equal one unexcused absence for the purpose of defining a habitual truant.
- The superintendent must provide the Department of Highway and Motor Vehicles with the name of each habitual truant, age 15 and above. The Department of Highway and Motor Vehicles may not issue a driver's license or learner's driver's license to, and shall suspend any previously issued license of any such student. (Sections 322.091 and 1003.27, Florida Statutes).
- Families receiving public assistance for a student through the State of Florida Learnfare program may have that assistance withdrawn if the student is identified as habitually truant or has dropped out of school. [Section 414.1251, Florida Statutes]
- More than 10 excused/unexcused absences in a semester is considered to be excessive. A written statement from a licensed practicing physician verifying an illness or injury must be provided after that point for the absence to be considered excused. In cases where a student is experiencing a long-term illness or injury, only one written statement per year from a licensed practicing physician is required. However, the parent/guardian will need to continue to submit a note explaining the reason for each absence.

### TARDIES:

- A student is considered tardy to class after the bell rings unless excused by a note from school personnel.
- 3 tardies per 9 week period = 1 unexcused absence
- Missing 15 minutes or more in a traditional schedule or 30 minutes or more in a block schedule of a class constitutes an absence

### SUSPENSIONS:

- 2 or more suspensions out of school the days are counted as UNEXCUSED.

### ATTENDANCE IS REQUIRED TO PARTICIPATE:

STUDENTS with more than 10 UNEXCUSED ABSENCES IN A SEMESTER will not be able to participate in the following without an executed attendance contract and compliance with the contract:

- ATHLETICS
- CLUBS
- HOMECOMING
- PROM
- GRADUATION ACTIVITIES and CEREMONY

## Congratulations to Mrs. Bellamy

Congratulations to Mrs. Bellamy for being selected to participate in the 2023-2024 class of the Agriscience Education Leadership Program. She is now among an elite group of educators who will bring new knowledge and insight into classrooms of Florida's schools. She received a nice letter from the Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services congratulating her on this prestigious recognition. Way to represent Cane Country Mrs. Bellamy! #oneteam