"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

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700 N. Highland Street Mount Dora, FL 32757 **XC District Championships**

The girls cross country team made history on October 30, 2021 when they competed and triumphed at their district championship! The district this year consisted of 18 different school and fielded teams such as the 16th-ranked-in-the-state Montverde Academy. Regardless, the girls team broke out and dominated the district race and birthed their teams first ever girls cross country district

championship. Some might say, "Never in 100 years," but for Mount Dora High School's 100th anniversary, these ladies made it happen!

The team placed 1st overall with only 28 points beating out Montverde who finished 2nd place with 46 points. The team was led by Freshman Hannah Douglas, the individual district champion, and Sophomore Noelle Vu who placed 2nd. They were followed by Senior Caitlin Foley who placed 6th, Roxxi Ottum in 7th, Taralynn Hubler in 12th, Cadence O'Neil in 22nd, Cecelia Zagorini in 28th, and Ella Makinson in 50th.



XC Regional Championships 11/5/21

In November, the girls team had a strong showing at states and continued to make history, placing 2nd overall and taking home the region's runner-up trophy.

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We also had 3 girls place in the top 15 to collect their drip as they medaled in the race. Freshman Hannah Douglas placed 2nd overall, Sophomore Noelle Vu placed 8th overall, and Senior Catlin Foley placed 10th. They along with their teammates Junior Roxxi Ottum, Freshman Cadence O'Neil, Junior Taralynn Hubler, and Sophomore Cecilia Zagorini will be advancing to the state meet. Let's show these Canes some love!

XC State Championships 11/12/21

The girls cross country team competed at the state championship on Friday, November 12. The girls team entered the meet ranked 9th in the state after our regional loss to Satellite High School.

On Friday morning, in the first race of the day, the girls had their best race of the year as a team. This performance not only beat Satellite High School, but was good enough for 4th place overall at the state meet. We had one freshman on the podium who finished 12th overall: Hannah Douglas. On December 9, Hannah also was named to the All-FLRunners.com Freshman Girls XC Team. Hannah was followed by Noelle Vu, Senior Caitlin Foley (with her fastest race time ever), Roxxi Ottum, Taralynn

Hubler, Cadence O'Neil (also with a personal record), and Cecilia Zagorini (also with a personal record).

Coach Belanger accepting his end of season gift, presented by Senior Caitlin Foley - a framed photo of both teams signed by all the Mt Diora High 2020-21 Cross Country athletes!





Conferences

Parents are encouraged to schedule conferences with their child's Guidance Counselor during the school year to discuss credits, graduation options, post-high school plans and concerns. Please call our Guidance Desk to schedule.

College Visits

Juniors and Seniors in good standing may stop by Guidance to pick up a College Exploration pass to attend college presentations or visit college campuses.

Florida Statewide Grading Scale

MDHS utilizes the statewide grading scale, adopted by the FL Legislature in 2001:

Percent	AP / Dual Enrollment	Honor Classes	All Other Classes
90-100%	A - 6.0	A - 5.0	A-4.00
80-89%	B - 5.0	B - 4.0	B - 3.00
70-79%	C - 4.0	C - 3.0	C - 2.00
60-69%	D – 3.0	D - 2.0	D-1.00
0-59%	F - 0.0	F - 0.0	F - 0.0

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Band News

The 100 strong Mount Dora High School Marching Canes have had an outstanding 1st half of the 2021 – 2022 year!





After 90 hard hours of practice during the last two weeks of summer and many hours on the marching field after school, the band performed their Marching show "Totem" at home and away football games. They completed their marching season this year performing at the Music Performance Assessment in Leesburg where they scored a top rating of Superior!

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In addition, The Storm Force Jazz band performed for the Mount Dora community at the annual Christmas Walk and the Marching Canes participated in Mount Dora Christmas Parade!

Their final concert of the year which will feature Jazz, Concert Band, and the Percussion Ensemble, will be in Mount Dora High Courtyard on December 14th at 7pm. Go Marching Canes! These are outstanding students!

Criminal Justice Classes

The Criminal Justice classes investigated and solved their first Missing Persons case on November 16, 2021. Fictional MDHS student, Missi Ng was last seen on campus at 10:24 am on November 15, 2021. Criminal Justice student detectives first interviewed the victim's parents. Teacher Assistants volunteered to play the roles of Missi's mom and dad. Detectives then posted a Missing Person Poster featuring a photo and pertinent information.

Missi's mom provided evidence from the home that indicated Missi may have been having problems with a best friend and ex boyfriend. Additional interviews with friends, teachers, and students walking with Missi before she disappeared helped detectives to get a better sense of the situation.

While following these leads, detectives discovered a potential crime scene near the Building 4 first floor bathrooms. They were quick to process the evidence found, take photographs and make detailed sketches of the crime scene. Detectives ultimately solved the case by finding Missi at a friend's house skipping school. Missi, along with her best friend and ex boyfriend, may face fictional criminal charges for staging a fake crime scene.

Aspen Burch stated, "Getting out of the classroom and taking real photos was a lot of fun."





MDHS student artists Eden Solomon and Lili Martinez created the "evidence" in Missi Ng's sketch book.







Detectives Claire Colley, Michael Wells and Haley Trinh interview Missi Ng's mom (played by Vanae Granados).





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AFJROTC

Brigadier General Leslie A. Maher Commander, Jeanne M. Holm Center for Officer Accessions and Citizen Development

Dear Principal,

I want to thank your Air Force Junior Reserve Officer Training Corps (AFJROTC) instructors for their diligence and initiative these past 16-months as our nation struggled with a worldwide pandemic. These motivated veterans overcame so many unexpected professional and personal challenges, exceeding all expectations in providing your school a quality AFJROTC program and fortifying the resilience of your cadets.

In light of this, I am awarding your unit and cadets the **AFJROTC Resiliency – COVID-19 Award**. All enrolled cadets assigned to your unit from 1 March 2020 until 30 June 2021 are authorized to wear this award. Congratulations to you, your instructor team, and the cadet corps! I am extremely proud of your instructors and what they have accomplished during these uncertain and challenging times.

Your instructors are exceptional role models and have always found a way to persevere and provide a high quality AFJROTC program, even in the face of uncertainty and adversity. This award is in recognition of your unit and your instructors rising to meet this challenge head-on!

Thank you for your continued support in working towards our common goal to develop citizens of character for America. If you or your instructors have any questions regarding this award, please ask your instructors to contact their AFJROTC Regional Director.

Sincerely

LESLIE A. MAHER - Brigadier General, USAF, Commander





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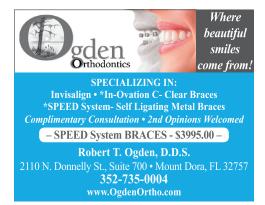
FloridaStatute231.29 requires that parents be given an opportunity to provide input into the instructional performance assessment of teachers. During the course of the school year, your comments and suggestions are welcome. Please feel free to contact the school or send any commendations or concerns relevant to your student's education.

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.

Checking Out Students

For the safety and security of all students, parents must come into the Attendance Office to check out their child. Students are not permitted to check out for lunch.







Student Calendar				
School Month		7.	Student Days	
DECEMBER	December 16 December 17 December 20-31	End of Second Grading Period (Thursday) Non-Student Day/Teacher Work Day (Friday) Winter Break/Student Holiday (Monday-Friday)	12 Total Days 43	
JANUARY	January 3 January 4 January 17	Non-Student Day (Monday) Classes Resume/Third Grading Period Begins (Tuesday) Martin Luther King, Jr. Birthday/ Student Holiday (Monday)	19	
FEBRUARY	February 21	Presidents' Day/Student Holiday (Monday)	19	
MARCH	March 10 March 11 March 14-18 March 21	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)	8 Total Days 46	
APRIL			21	
MAY	May 27	Last Day of Classes/End of Fourth Grading Period (Friday)	20 Total Days 50	
Storm Make-up Days will be determined as needed				



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Athletic Department Contacts

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Fall Sports

Sport	Name	Email
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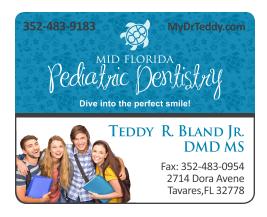
Winter Sports

Sport	Name	Email
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Soccer (B)	Ryan Eshbaugh	eshbaughr@lake.k12.fl.us
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Spring Sports

Sport	Name	Email
Weightlifting (B)	Cameron Porch	porchc@lake.k12.fl.us
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Athletic Clearance

All students must be cleared with a current physical that is uploaded to 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 and let Dr. Slack (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.





Mt. Dora High School AIIIIIEIIIGS

Schedules -

Boys Basketball

Date Opponent Time				
	Opponent			
11/23/2021 Tuesday	Windemere Prep (Away)	12:30/2:00		
11/26/2021 Friday	Lake Buena <mark>Vista @Apopka</mark>	6:00		
11/30/2021 Tuesday	Bishop Moore(Home)	5:30/7:00		
12/2/2021 Thursday	Eustis (Home)	5:30/7:00		
12/3/2021 Friday	Apopka (Home)	5:30/7:00		
12/6/2021 Monday	Lyman (Home)	5:30/7:00		
12/7/2021 Tuesday	East Ridge (Away)	5:30/7:00		
12/9/2021 Thursday	Trinity Catholic (Home)	5:30/7:00		
12/14/2021 Tuesday	Ocp (Away)	5:30/7:00		
12/16/2021 Thursday	Eustis (Away)	5:30/7:00		
12/28/2021 Tuesday	Deland Christmas Tourn	Tba		
12/29/2021 Wednesday	Deland Christmas Tourn	Tba		
12/30/2021 Thursday	Deland Christmas Tourn	Tba		
1/6/2022 Thursday	Tavares (Home)	5:30/7:00		
1/7/2022 Friday	South Sumter (Away)	5:30/7:00		
1/10/2022 Monday	Umatila (Away)	5:30/7:00		
1/11/2022 Tuesday	South Lake (Away)	5:30/7:00		
1/14/2022 Friday	Villages (Away)	6:00/7:30		
1/19/2022 Wednesday	Lake Mary (Away)	6:00/7:30		
1/21/2022 Friday	Bishop Moore (Away)	5:30/7:00		
1/24/2022 Monday	Tavares (Away)	5:30/7:00		
1/25/2022 Tuesday	South Lake (Home)	5:30/7:00		
1/27/2022 Thursday	Umatilla (Home)	5:30/7:00		
2/1/2022 Tuesday	South Sumter (Home)	5:30/7:00		
2/4/2022 Friday	Trinity Catholic (Away)	5:30/7:00		
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Lady Canes Soccer

Day	Date	Opponent	Location	JV Time	Varsity Time
Tuesday	11/9	Horizon West	Horizon West	5:30	7:00
Friday	11/12	Eus <mark>ti</mark> s	Eustis	5:30	7:00
Tuesday	11/16	Montverde	Montverde	5:00	6:30
Wednesday	11/17	Forest	Mount Dora	5:00	6:30
Monday	11/29	S <mark>o</mark> uth Lake	Mount Dora	5:30	7:00
Monday	12/06	George Jenkins	Mount Dora	5:30	7:00
Wednesday	12/8	Eustis	Mount Dora	5:30	7:00
Friday	12/10	Christ Church Academy	Christ Church Academy		5:30
Tuesday	12/14	Umatilla	Umatilla	4:00	5:30
Wednesday	12/15	Tavares	Mount Dora		5:30
Wednesday	1/05	Lake Minneola	Mount Dora	5:30	7:00
Friday (Senior night @4:45)	1/07	Sarasota Christian	Mount Dora		5:30
Monday	1/10	The Villages	Mount Dora	5:30	7:00
Tuesday	1/11	Apopka	Mount Dora	5:30	7:00
Wednesday	1/12	Ridge Community	Ridge Community		6:00
Tuesday	1/18	East Ridge	East Ridge	5:30	7:00
Thursday	1/20	Leesburg	Leesburg	5:30	7:00
Friday	1/21	Trinity Catholic	Mount Dora		5:30

Head Coach: Brian Farwell (farwellb@lake.k12.fl.us) Athletic Director: William Larkin (larkinw@lake.k12.fl.us)

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Boys Soccer

Boys Soccei					
Day	Date	Opponent	Location	Time	
Tuesday	11/2/2021	*Lake Minneola	Lake Minneola	V ONLY 5pm	
Thursday	11/4/2021	*Osceola	Lake Minneola	V ONLY 5pm	
Tuesday	11/9/2021	Leesburg	Leesburg	JV 5:30pm / V 7pm	
Wednesday	11/10/2021	Bishop Moore	Bishop Moore	JV 5:30pm / V 7pm	
Monday	11/15/2021	Apopka	Apopka	JV 6pm / V 7:30pm	
Tuesday	11/16/2021	Umatilla	Mt Dora	V only 5:30pm	
Thursday	11/18/2021	Lyman	Mt Dora	JV 5:30pm / V 7pm	
Tuesday	11/30/2021	South Sumter	South Sumter	JV 5:30pm / V 7pm	
Thursday	12/2/2021	Windermere Prep	Mt Dora	JV 5:30pm / V 7pm	
Tuesday	12/7/2021	East Ridge	East Ridge	JV 5:30pm / V 7pm	
Thursday	12/9/2021	Tavares	Mt Dora	JV 5:30pm / V 7pm	
Friday	12/10/2021	Leesburg	Mt Dora	JV 5:30pm / V 7pm	
Tuesday	12/14/2021	Umatilla	Umatilla	V only 7pm	
Thursday	1/6/2022	East Ridge	Mt Dora	JV 5:30pm / V 7pm	
Friday	1/7/2022	Sarasota Christian	Mt Dora (Senior Night)	GV 5:30 / BV 7pm	
Tuesday	1/11/2022	Tavares	Tavares	JV 5:30pm / V 7pm	
Thursday	1/13/2021	Eustis	Eustis	JV 5:30pm / V 7pm	
Tuesday	1/18/2022	Wekiva	Wekiva	JV 6pm / V 7:30pm	
Wednesday	1/19/2022	South Sumter	Mt Dora	JV 5:30pm / V 7pm	



Head Coach: Ryan Eshbaugh Eshbaugh R@lake.k12.fl.us Assistant Coach: Chris Craine CraineC@lake.k12.fl.us JV Coach: Danny Rodriguez Rodriguezd6@lake.k12.fl.us



Girls Basketball

11/16	Lake Minneola	Home	6:00 PM
11/18	*Tavares	Home	6:00 PM
11/30	Ocoee HS	Away	6:00 PM
12/1	*Eustis	Home	6:00 PM
12/7	East Ridge	Home	6:00 PM
12/9	Leesburg	Away	6:00 PM
12/10	Belleview	Home	6:00 PM
12/14	*Umatilla	Home	6:00 PM
1/6	*Tavares	Away	6:00 PM
1/7	Lake Minneola	Away	6:00 PM
1/11	South Lake	Home	6:00 PM
1/12	Ocoee HS	Home	6:00 PM
1/14	Leesburg	Home	6:00 PM
1/18	Horizon HS	Home	6:00 PM
1/20	Belleview	Away	6:00 PM
1/24	*Eustis	Away	6:00 PM
1/25	South Lake	Away	6:00 PM
1/27	*Umatilla	Away	6:00 PM
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District Games 2/1 - 2/2 & 2/4 4A (*district)















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Mount Dora High School Wrestling Team Make History!

For the first time in the history of the school, MDHS participated in a wrestling tournament. The team brought home several medals and represented our school well. We also hosted our first wrestling match and won with a final score of 57-18. Winners for the CANES included Brayden Brown, Jackson Sommer, Manny Quinonez, Anthony Quarnoccio, Conner Berry, Anthony Dawson, Preston Rhodes, Isaiah Victory, Russell Fickett and Miguel Suarez. Way to go and congratulations! We are ONE TEAM.

Wrestling Schedule

Day	Date	Event/Location	Weigh-in	Meet time	Bus time	
Sat	18-Dec	Amanda St John Memorial at The Villages Charter	8:00AM	10:00AM	6:00AM	
TBA	Jan	Class 1A District Six Dual Meet Championships	TBA	TBA	TBA	
TBA	Jan	Class 1A Region Two Dual Meet Championships	TBA	TBA	TBA	
Wed	12-Jan	Romalo Camargo Duals at Crystal River HS	5:00PM	6:00PM	2:30PM	
Sat.	15-Jan	Ed Kilpatrick Invite at Citrus High School	8:00AM	9:30AM	6:00AM	
Wed	19-Jan	DELTONA (MDHS)	5:00PM	6:00PM	N/A	
Sat.	29-Jan	Wolpack Invite at Timber Creek HS	7:30AM	9:30AM	5:30AM	
Sat	19-Feb	Class 1A District Six Championships at TBA	TBA	TBA	TBA	
Fri/Sat	Feb 25-26	Class 1A Region Two Championships at TBA*	TBA	TBA	TBA	
Fri/Sat	March 4-5	Florida Class 1A State Championships at TBA*	TBA	TBA	TBA	