"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:** Kyle Bracewell, Kimberly Walker, Dr. Catherine Slack

**Counselors:** Ryan Eshbaugh, Christie Wilson and Roxanne Castleberry

> Mental Health Liason: Kim Capstraw

**ESE School Specialist:** Ted Dwyer

ESE Clerk: Kathy Relford

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Anjanette Lannon

Literacy Coach: Lizz Schlotter

Data Clerks:

Susan Heggie and Judy Crast

**Guidance Secretaries:** 

Kylee Gardner and Janice Williams

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# First Mock Trial was a Success

### **Destructive Driver or Gears Gone Wrong?**

Is the defendant a killer or the victim of defective brakes? Criminal Justice students learned about criminal court trials and procedures by preparing for and staging a complete mock trial based on a real court case. The case involved a defendant charged with four counts of felony vehicular manslaughter and six counts of reckless driving.

Prior to the trial, students learned about the role of each court employee and the trial process. They also wrote opening and closing arguments, prepared witnesses for testimony and anticipated their opponent's arguments. Student jurors carefully considered all the evidence and testimony entered before rendering a verdict. Jury foreman Jackson Lauteria said, "I liked how both the defense and prosecution put a lot of thought into their questions. It helped the jury understand the impact of the incident on everyone's life."



Jurors Anescia Gray, Justice Johnson and Hailey Jeckovich take notes after hearing the defendant testify.



Prosecutors Aidan Dellavalle and Aiyanna McGriff-Rosario question witness Ella Morris about the truck crash.



Defense attorneys Haley Trinh and Claire Colley wait for a flustered witness to respond during cross-examination while Judge Jessica Husebye monitors the courtroom. The attorneys did a great job raising reasonable doubt.



### 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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# Mount Dora FFA and **Agriculture News**

Mount Dora FFA Alumni Chili Cook Off and Agriculture Family Fun Day: Please come and enjoy this family event. It will be fun for all ages.

Saturday, February 26 from 3PM - 6 PM: Chili Cook-Off... \$5.00 all you can eat Chili (prizes for Judges' Choice and People's Choice Winners;) Corn Hole Tournament: \$5.00 Entry Fee (prizes for 1st and 2nd Place Teams;) Animal Exhibits; Children's' Barrel Train Rides; Softball Game between MDHS Girls Softball Team and MDHS Faculty/ Staff; Cow Chip Bingo; Antique Tractor Exhibit.

### Congratulations to our FFA Degree Recipients:

- American Degree: The highest award achieved and bestowed upon students by the National FFA Organization: Rylee Grazulis and Nikki Zubowicz (less than ½ of 1% of all Agriculture Students in the United States achieve this award.)
- State Degree: The highest award achieved and bestowed upon students by the Florida FFA Association: Jacob Asay, Emma Gregg, Skyler Holmes, Luis Hernandez Rincon, Aidan Hawthorne, Jordan Hylton and Madison Gregg (less than 1% of all Florida Agriculture Students achieve this award.)

Congratulations to the MDHS FFA Dairy Judging Team - State Championships Bound. The team beat 42 FFA state teams to earn the right to compete at the Florida State Championships. This is very impressive since there are no dairy farms within 100 miles of Mount Dora High School. This contest will take place February 19 at the Florida State Fair in Tampa. Good Luck Dairy Team-Sami Zubowicz, Luis Hernandez Rincon, Emma Gregg, and Skyler Holmes.

Congratulations to the MDHS FFA Horse Judging Team. The team competed in the qualifying round and earned a spot to compete in the Preliminary State Contest on February 12. Good luck Horse Judging Team: Kaylee Kline, Skyler Holmes, Luis Hernandez Rincon, Izzy Benson, Emily Turner and Tyler Hartney.

Lake County Fair: April 6 - 16. Our FFA will proudly represent Mount Dora High School at the Lake County Fair in April. We will have Cattle: 5 Steers, 2 Heifers, A bull; Market pigs (X14;) Dairy Goats; Chickens and Rabbits. Congratulations and Good Luck to all of our hard-working, dedicated animal exhibitors!





**High School!** 

### **Senior Pictures!**

If any senior missed cap and gown pictures, please use this link to schedule them:

https://www.signupgenius. com/go/LeonardsOrlandoCapandGown







# Hurricane the **Mini-Horse Coming to MDHS!**

Mount Dora High School is proud to present the newest member of the 'CANE FAMILY, Hurricane the horse. Hurricane will make his debut as our mascot at the 2022 fall football season. Hurricane is a miniature horse standing at just 34 inches tall with an enormous personality. Come join us as we watch Hurricane storm the field at the beginning of each home game and cheer on our team!

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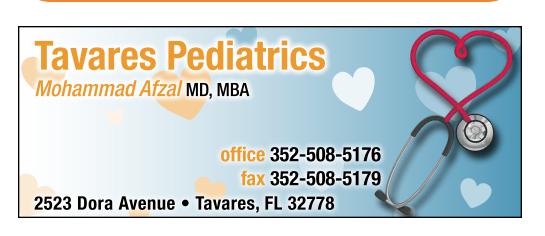
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### Congratulations Caitlin!

Senior Caitlin Foley a 4 year varsity track and cross country athlete from Mount Dora High School committed to University of South Florida where she will be taking her talents to Tampa to run track and cross country with the Bulls. Caitlin Foley helped lead our girls track team in 2021 to a district runner up title along with being district runner up in her 4 track events scoring 36 points. Caitlin is leg of the 4x800 record setting time for MDHS 10:08. Caitlin also guided the girls cross country team this year to their first district championship ultimately leading to a 4th place finish as a team in the state championship. Individually at states Caitlin ran a personal record of 19:52.40 placing 33rd overall in a field of 217 athletes that qualified. She is the first MDHS female athlete selected to represent our region at the FACA All Star Classic in 2021. We wish you the best as you move on to the next level!



Go Bulls and Go Canes!









Rodney Torrance





# **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.

# **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	//		Student Days
	March 10	End of Third Grading Period (Thursday)	
MARCH	March 11	Non-Student Day/Teacher Work Day (Friday)	8 Total Days 46
MARCH	March 14-18	Spring Break/Student Holiday (Monday-Friday)	9
	March 21	Classes Resume/Fourth Grading Period Begins (Monday)	
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 18			



## **Important Dates for Seniors**

**Prom** 4/22

Grad Bash 4/2

Senior Breakfast 5/6 (distribution of yearbook & caps/gowns)

> **Graduation** 5/19 @MDHS stadium @8pm



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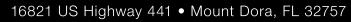
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# **Athletic Department Contacts**

Athletic Department	Name	Email
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Athletic Director	Bill Larkin	larkinw@lake.k12.fl.us
Assistant Athletic Director	Ted Dwyer	dwyert@lake.k12.fl.us
Athletic Trainer	Brandy Feagan	feaganb@lake.k12.fl.us

### **Fall Sports**

Sport	Name	Email
Bowling (B/G)	Teresa Lawson	lawsont@lake.k12.fl.us
Cross Country (B)	Erik Belanger	Belangere@lake.k12.fl.us
Cross Country (G)	Cody Adkinson	adkinsonc@lake.k12.fl.us
Football	Luke Hutchinson	hutchinsonl@lake.k12.fl.us
Golf (B/G)	Ted Dwyer	dwyert@lake.k12.fl.us
Spirit Cheer	Lizz Schlotter	schlottere@lake.k12.fl.us
Swimming (B/G)	Madison McHaffie	mchaffiem@lake.k12.fl.us
Volleyball	Kevin Gifford	giffordk@lake.k12.fl.us

### **Winter Sports**

Sport	Name	Email
Weightlifting (G)	Kia Larkin	larkink@lake.k12.fl.us
Soccer (B)	Ryan Eshbaugh	eshbaughr@lake.k12.fl.us
Soccer (G)	Brian Farwell	farwellb@lake.k12.fl.us
Basketball (G)	Susan Heggie	heggies@lake.k12.fl.us
Basketball (B)	John Liptak	Jlip14@yahoo.com

### **Spring Sports**

Sport	Name	Email
Weightlifting (B)	Luke Hutchinson	hutchinsonl@lake.k12.fl.us
Softball	Mike Ganus	
Track (B/G)	Cody Adkinson	adkinsonc@lake.k12.fl.us
Tennis (B/G)	Rodney Torrance	torrancer@lake.k12.fl.us
Baseball	Chad Drosieko	drosiekoc@lake.k12.fl.us





### **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.





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# Track & Field **Fundraising**

Please scan the above QR code with your phone in order to go directly to our Track and Field fundraising page. Fundraising is vital for the success of our program. The funds will aid us in purchasing new uniforms, equipment, and transportation expenses. Thank you so much for your support. Go Canes!

### **Track & Field Schedule**

2/22/22 Tuesday	MDCA Developmental meet	MDCA
2/26/22 Saturday	George Jenkins Invitational TICKET INFO: Must purchase online with this site http://georgejenkinshs.com/athletics/	George Jenkins High School
3/5/22 Saturday	Bob English Classic  Mixed relays and Medleys	George Jenkins High School
3/10/22 Thursday	The Villages Home Meet	
3/11-3/18	Spring Break Get workout packets from Coach Adkinson	
3/29/22 Tuesday	MDCA Invite #1	MDCA
4/8/2022 Friday	<u>Lake/Sumter County Championships</u> Begins at 4:30pm	South Sumter High School
4/12/22 Tuesday	MDCA Invite #2	MDCA
4/16/21 Saturday	Brian Jaeger	Winter Park
4/21 Thursday (4/22 Rain day)	District Championships 2A D6	The Villages
5/5/2021 Thursday	Regional Championships 2A R2	
5/12/2022 Thursday	State Championships 2A	University of Florida

**Wrestling Schedule** 

Day	Date	Event/Location	Weigh-in	Meet time	Bus time
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





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## **Baseball Schedule**

	Varsity		
Date	Opponent	Home/ Away	Time
24-Feb	Umatilla	Away	07:00 PM
28-Feb	Wekiva	Home	06:00 PM
2-Mar	Wekiva	Away	07:00 PM
3-Mar	Leesburg	Away	07:00 PM
8-Mar	Ocoee	Home	07:00 PM
9-Mar	Horizon	Away	06:30 PM
10-Mar	Tohopekaliga	Away	06:30 PM
17-Mar	Wildwood	Away	06:00 PM
22-Mar	South Lake	Home	07:00 PM
23-Mar	Windermere Prep	Away	04:30 PM
24-Mar	Jones	Home	05:00 PM
29-Mar	Tavares	Away	07:30 PM
30-Mar	Jones	Away	06:00 PM
31-Mar	Tavares	Home	07:00 PM
5-Apr	Legacy	Home	07:00 PM
6-Apr	Horizon	Home	06:00 PM
7-Apr	Belleview	Home	07:00 PM
12-Apr	Eustis	Away	07:00 PM
14-Apr	Eustis	Home	07:00 PM
19-Apr	Windermere Prep	Home	05:00 PM
20-Apr	Legacy	Away	06:00 PM
26-Apr	Umatilla	Home	05:00 PM
28-Apr	Wildwood	Home	06:00 PM

Junior Varsity				
Date	Opponent	Home/ Away	Time	
24-Feb	Umatilla	Away	04:30 PM	
2-Mar	Wekiva	Away	04:30 PM	
3-Mar	Leesburg	Away	04:00 PM	
4-Mar	MDCA	Away	06:00 PM	
8-Mar	Ocoee	Home	04:30 PM	
10-Mar	Tohopekaliga	Away	04:00 PM	
21-Mar	Belleview	Home	04:30 PM	
22-Mar	South Lake	Home	04:30 PM	
29-Mar	Tavares	Away	04:30 PM	
31-Mar	Tavares	Home	04:30 PM	
5-Apr	MDCA	Home	04:30 PM	
7-Apr	Umatilla	Home	04:30 PM	
12-Apr	Eustis	Away	04:00 PM	
14-Apr	Eustis	Home	04:30 PM	











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# **Tennis Schedule**

Date	Opponent / Location	Time	Team
22-Feb	MDCA @ MDHS	4:30	Boys / Girls
24-Feb	South Lake @ MDHS	4:30	Boys / Girls
1-Mar	Father Lopez @ MDHS	4:30	Boys / Girls
3-Mar	Tavares @ MDHS	4:30	Boys / Girls
8-Mar	Leesburg @ MDHS	4:30	Boys / Girls
10-Mar	Umatilla @ MDHS	4:30	Girls Only
24-Mar	MDHS @ Lake Minneola	4:30	Boys / Girls
29-Mar	MDCA @ MDHS	4:30	Boys / Girls
31-Mar	MDHS @ Umatilla	4:30	Girls Only
9-Apr	Last Regular Season Date of Play		
11-Apr	First day of District Tournaments Opening		

# **Boys Weightlifting**

Date	Time	Opponent
Wednesday, February 23, 2022	06:00 PM	South Lake
Wednesday, March 02, 2022	06:00 PM	at Bishop Moore
Tuesday, March 22, 2022	06:00 PM	at South Lake
Wednesday, March 30, 2022	06:00 PM	Districts at Bishop Moore

# **Softball Schedule**

Date	Time	Opponent	Bus Time
Monday, February 21, 2022	06:00 PM	at MDCA	
Monday, February 23, 2022	06: <mark>0</mark> 0 PM	at Umatilla	
Monday, February 28, 2022	0 <mark>6:</mark> 00 PM	Lake Minneola	
Tuesday, March 01, 2022	06:00 PM	Eustis	
Thursday, March 03, 2022	06:00 PM	at Atlantic	3:15
Monday, March 07, 2022	06:00 PM	T. Dewtitt Taylor	
Tuesday, March 22, 2022	05:00 PM	at Tavares	
Friday, March 25, 2022	06:00 PM	Leesburg	
Tuesday, March 29, 2022	06:00 PM	Atlantic	
Friday, April 01, 2022	05:30 PM	at Foundation Academy	3:15
Monday, April 04, 2022	06:00 PM	Tavares	
Tuesday, April 05, 2022	06:00 PM	Umatilla	
Thursday, April 07, 2022	06:00 PM	Zephyrhill Christian	
Tuesday, April 12, 2022	06:00 PM	at Belleview	3:15
Thursday, April 14, 2022	06:00 PM	at Leesburg	4:00
Tuesday, April 19, 2022	06:00 PM	Foundation Academy	
Friday, April 22, 2022	06:00 PM	at T. Dewtitt Taylor	3:15
Thursday, April 28, 2022	06:00 PM	at Eustis	