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Publication for the Parents, Students, Staff & Community of Mount Dora High School

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Who's Who at MDHS

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From the Principal's Desk...

Happiest of Holiday's to all of our Cane Families. We are at the mid-point of the school year and we have had some tremendous successes at MDHS in the first half of the year. Fall sports, band, theater, ROTC, FFA, Culinary and our service clubs have all represented our campus well in competition and community events. Many of our students have been recognized for acts of kindness and community service. We are so proud of the many facets of student life that allow our students to excel beyond the classroom.

We have focused on campus security and the safety of our students and staff. We have implemented an ID badge requirement for all on campus and will continue this roll out into the new year. Please make sure your child returns with their ID on January 7th when classes resume.

Parents, I encourage you to take an active role in your student's education. Lake County has an online program in Skyward that you can monitor your student's progress and successes throughout the school year. If you are not familiar with this online program, please contact the guidance office and they will be happy to walk you through the set up process. We encourage all of our students to take the opportunity to become involved in the various activities, clubs and sports offered at MDHS.

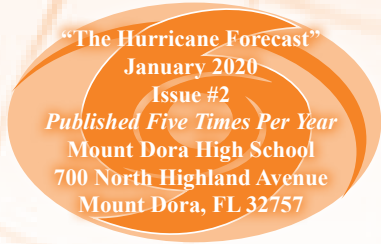
My sincerest thanks goes to our students, parents, faculty, staff and the community of Mount Dora for the support you continue to give to Mount Dora High School. We look forward to continuing our upward academic trend in Cane Country and having a great year while we do it! See you back on January 7th, 2020 and Happy New Year.

Sincerely,

Dr. Boone

Dr. Boone, Principal

2 Student Calendar



Senior Class Information

Seniors, do not forget to pay your class dues - \$10. See Ms. Lannon in the front office or pay online through the MDHS webpage.

If you are not on Remind, join the group Senior Class 2020b by texting @a7772k TO the number 81010.

The deadline for ordering your cap/gown without a late penalty of \$10 is 2/11/20. Any orders placed after this date will increase to \$75. Visit balfourfl.com.

ID's: ID badges must be worn at all times while on campus. If your badge is lost or damaged, please see the front office for a replacement. Replacements are \$3.00 (if you do not have \$3.00 then you will go on the monies owed list)

Fines/Monies Owed: All fines must be cleared before purchasing tickets for Homecoming, Prom, Grad Bash and receiving your diploma. Please be on the look out for notifications being distributed in January of any delinquent fines from Lake County Schools. Fines incurred from other schools must be paid for at that school. We cannot clear fines from other schools. If you would like to check on your status or clear your MDHS fines, please visit the media center before, during lunch or after school.

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Month		
DECEMBER	December 19 Dec. 20-31	End of Second Grading Period (Thursday) Winter Break/Student Holiday (Friday-Tuesday)
JANUARY	January 1-3 January 6 January 7 January 20	Winter Break/Student Holiday (Wednesday-Friday) Non-Student Day/Teacher Work Day (Monday) Classes Resume/Third Grading Period Begins (Tuesday) Martin Luther King, Jr. Birthday/Student Holiday (Mon)
FEBRUARY	February 17	Presidents' Day/Student Holiday (Monday)
MARCH	March 12 March 13 March 16-20 March 23 March 28	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) Prom @ Lake Receptions
APRIL	April 10	Non-Student Day (Friday)
MAY	May 18 May 25 May 29	Graduation @ 7 PM Memorial Day/Paid Holiday (Monday) Last Day of Classes/End of Fourth Grading Period (Fri)
<i>Storm Make-up Days will be determined as needed</i>		

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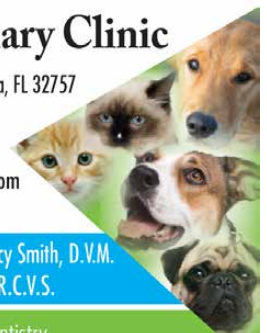
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Conferences

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

Mental Health

Hello Parents and Students,

My name is Dr. Clinkscales, and I am the new *Mental Health Liaison* for Mount Dora High School. Some of you may already know me, because I was your child's school counselor last year. In this new role, I am able to meet with students to discuss their emotional, social, and mental health concerns that may impede academic success.

As the mental health liaison (MHL) for the school, I work with teachers to integrate Restorative Practices/Circles that are utilized to build relationships in the classroom between students and teachers. At MDHS we utilize this district initiative to get to know our students. It is important to seek understanding, listen, and then give feedback to affirm our students. Restorative circles can be utilized for the following: relationship building, conflicts, and with content to assess a deeper level of thinking. Restorative Circles help to build self-awareness, self-management, social awareness, and relationship skills. This process allows student to be heard, repair the harm and build community.

In addition to Restorative practices, individual counseling, group counseling, referrals to on site/ off campus therapists are a part of what I do here at MDHS. In the event of a crisis, as the MHL I will mediate, and contact parents and other personnel necessary to ensure student safety, as well as follow up with services. Awareness and prevention are vital to help our students navigate through highschool, peer interactions, and academics in this technology driven society. I look forward to working with you this year to help our students achieve Wellness as well as academic success!

-Dr. Clinkscales

To obtain a copy of the [LCS Restorative Practices Informative Booklet](#) or for more information regarding the use of Restorative Practices in Lake County Schools, please contact your child's school or Ms. Zhakima Spratley, Administrative Coordinator of SSAE at 352-253-6888 or SpratleyZ@lake.k12.fl.us.



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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.

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.

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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Assistant Athletic Director	Jason Hutchins	hutchinsj@lake.k12.fl.us
Athletic Trainer	Brandy Feagan	feaganb@lake.k12.fl.us

Fall Sports

Sport	Name	Email	Start Date
Bowling (B/G)	Cody Watkins	Watkinsc1@lake.k12.fl.us	July 29, 2019
Cross Country (B)	Erik Belanger	Belangere@lake.k12.fl.us	July 29, 2019
Cross Country (G)	Cody Adkinson	adkinsonc@lake.k12.fl.us	July 29, 2019
Football			July 29, 2019
Golf (B/G)	Ted Dwyer	dwyert@lake.k12.fl.us	July 29, 2019
Spirit Cheer	Lizz Schlotter	schlottere@lake.k12.fl.us	
Swimming (B/G)			July 29, 2019
Volleyball	Kevin Gifford	giffordk@lake.k12.fl.us	July 29, 2019

Winter Sports

Sport	Name	Email	Start Date
Weightlifting (G)	Jason Hutchins	hutchinsj@lake.k12.fl.us	October 14, 2019
Soccer (B)	Eric Zachman	ezachman19@gmail.com	October 21, 2019
Soccer (G)	Brian Farwell	farwellb@lake.k12.fl.us	October 21, 2019
Basketball (G)	Susan Heggie	heggies@lake.k12.fl.us	October 28, 2019
Basketball (B)	John Liptak	Jlip14@yahoo.com	November 4, 2019

Spring Sports

Sport	Name	Email	Start Date
Weightlifting (B)	Jason Guido	guidoc@lake.k12.fl.us	January 7, 2020
Softball			January 21, 2020
Track (B/G)	Cody Adkinson	adkinsonc@lake.k12.fl.us	January 21, 2020
Tennis (B/G)	Rodney Torrance	torrancerc@lake.k12.fl.us	January 21, 2020
Baseball	Chad Drosieko	drosiekoc@lake.k12.fl.us	January 28, 2020

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Sport Schedules

Lady Canes

Head Coach: Brian Farwell (farwellb@lake.k12.fl.us)

Day	Date	Opponent	Location	JV Time	Varsity Time
Tuesday	1/7	East River	Mount Dora		6:00
Thursday	1/09	Apopka	Mount Dora	5:30	7:00
Monday	1/13	Eustis*	Eustis	5:30	7:00
Tuesday	1/14	East Ridge	East Ridge	5:30	7:00
Friday	1/17	Edgewater	Edgewater	6:00	7:30
Wednesday	1/22	The Villages	The Villages	5:30	7:00
Thursday	1/23	Masters Academy	Mount Dora (Senior Night)		6:30

*Denotes District Game

Athletic Clearance

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

Track

The first official track practice will be Tuesday, January 21st at 3 pm after school on the track. In order to get updates and stay in the loop for track related needs we will use the remind app. To be added to the track group text "@mdhstr" to the number 81010 or join through <https://www.remind.com/join/mdhstr>. All athletes must be cleared academically and have a completed athletic clearance account online.



Go Canes!

Contact Coach Adkinson for more info:
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Boys Soccer

Day	Date	Opponent	Where	Time
Wed.	Jan. 8th	Tavares	Away	5:30 -7:00
Thur.	Jan. 9th	Windermere	Away	6:00 -7:30
Sat.	Jan. 11th	Eastside	Away	11:00am
Mon.	Jan. 13th	Eustis	Home	5:30 -7:00
Mon.	Jan. 15th	Lake Mary	Home	5:30 -7:00
Fri.	Jan. 17th	Eastside	Home	5:30 -7:00
Wed.	Jan. 22nd	Tavares	Home	5:30 -7:00

Girls Basketball

Head Coach: Susan Heggie

***Bold Denotes Home Game**

Day	Date	Opponent	Location	Varsity Time
Tuesday	1/7	Lake Weir	Lake Weir	6:00
Monday	1/13	Covenant Preparatory Christian Academy	Mt. Dora	6:00
Wednesday	1/15	Forest Lake Academy	Apopka	6:30
Friday	1/17	Cypress Creek	Mt. Dora	6:00
Thursday	1/23	Harmony	Mt. Dora	6:00
Monday	1/27	Springstead	Springstead	6:00
Tuesday	1/28	Eustis	Eustis	6:00
Thursday	1/30	Leesburg	Mt. Dora	6:00
Friday	1/31	South Lake	South Lake	6:30
Monday	2/3	Lake Forest Academy	Mt. Dora	6:30



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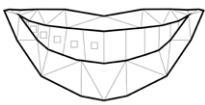
Boys Basketball

Day	Date	Opponent	Time
Thursday	1/9/2020	Lake Weir (Home)	6:00 & 7:30
Saturday	1/11/2020	Lecanto Shootout (Varsity)	TBA
Tuesday	1/14/2020	Tavares (Home)	5:30 & 7:00
Thursday	1/16/2020	OCP (Away) (Varsity)	TBA
Friday	1/17/2020	West Port(Away)	6:00 & 7:30
Tuesday	1/21/2020	Bishop Moore (Home)	5:30 & 7:00
Friday	1/24/2020	Trinity Catholic (Away)	6:00 & 7:30

Day	Date	Opponent	Time
Tuesday	1/28/2020	Eustis(Home)	5:30 & 7:00
Thursday	1/30/2020	Lake Weir (Away)	5:30 & 7:00
Friday	1/31/2020	Minneola (Home)	5:30 & 7:00
Monday	2/3/2020	East Ridge (Away)	5:30 & 7:00
Tuesday	2/4/2020	Trinity Catholic (Home)	5:30 & 7:00



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Girls Weightlifting

2019-2020 Schedule

Day	Date	Opponent	Location	Start
Wednesday	1/8/20	East Ridge	Mt. Dora	3:30
Thursday	1/16/20	Umatilla and MDCA	Mt. Dora	3:30

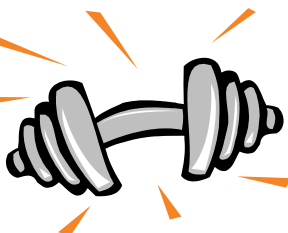
10/15- First Week Regular Season

1/13- Last Week Regular Season

Head Coach: Jason Hutchins (hutchinsj@lake.k12.fl.us)

Athletic Director: Bill Larkin (larkinw@lake.k12.fl.us)

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