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**Susan Heggie, Bookkeeper**  
School Related Employee of the Year



**Cindy Bellamy, CTE/AG**  
Teacher of the Year



**Kia Larkin, ESE Teacher**  
Rookie Teacher of the Year



## 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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## 2023-2024 Student Calendar

(180 Days)

Board Approved: 02.27.2023

School Month			Student Days
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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### 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

### 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.

### Conferences

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## MOUNT DORA FFA

**Chapter of Mt. Dora, Florida named a Three Star Chapter for 2023 National Chapter Award by National FFA Organization**



INDIANAPOLIS (August 4, 2023/National FFA Organization) – The MOUNT DORA FFA Chapter of Mt. Dora, Florida, has been recognized in 2023 National Chapter Award Program from the National FFA Organization.

The program recognizes outstanding FFA chapters from throughout the country that actively implement the mission and strategies of the organization. These chapters improve chapter operations using the National Quality FFA Chapter Standards and a Program of Activities that emphasizes growing leaders, building communities, and strengthening agriculture. Chapters are rewarded for providing educational experiences for the entire membership.

Chapters that received star ratings during judging this summer will be recognized at the 96th National FFA Convention & Expo, November 1-4, 2023.

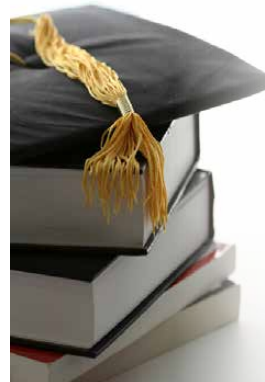
All 3 star-rated FFA chapters receive honors made possible by corporate sponsor John Deere.

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## English 3 Classes

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# 2024

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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

2023-2024

### Athletic Department Contacts

Athletic Department	Name	Email
Administrator of Athletics	Mike Hay	haym@lake.k12.fl.us
Athletic Director	Kevin Gifford	giffordk@lake.k12.fl.us
Athletic Director	Ted Dwyer	dwyert@lake.k12.fl.us
Athletic Trainer	Wesley Arrington	arringtonw@lake.12.fl.us

### Fall Sports

Sport	Name	Email
Bowling (B/G)	Teresa Lawson	lawsont@lake.k12.fl.us
Cross Country (B)	Cody Adkinson	adkinsonc@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)	Jeffrey Service	leahservice@yahoo.com
Swimming (G)	Brittany Metz	metzb@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)	Kevin Gifford	giffordk@lake.k12.fl.us
Basketball (B)	John Liptak	liptakJ@lake.k12.fl.us
Wrestling (B/G)	David Kemmy	Kemmyd@lake.k12.fl.us

### Spring Sports

Sport	Name	Email
Weightlifting (B)	Luke Hutchinson	hutchinsonl@lake.k12.fl.us
Softball	Mike Ganus	sk8ccpm@gmail.com
Track (B)	Cody Adkinson	adkinsonc@lake.k12.fl.us
Track (G)	Susan Heggie	heggies@lake.k12.fl.us
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Tennis (G)	Rodney Torrance	torrancr@lake.k12.fl.us
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# Mt. Dora High School ATHLETICS

2023-2024

## Boys Soccer Schedule

Date	Day	Opponent	Time	Bus Departure
11/7/2023	Tuesday	AWAY - Legacy 2 (Jim Beech Complex)	6pm V only	5pm
11/8/2023	Wednesday	HOME - South Sumter 4	5pm JV & 6:30 V	HOME
11/13/2023	Monday	AWAY - Deltona 4	6pm V only	4:45pm
11/16/2023	Thursday	AWAY - Leesburg 5	5pm JV & V	NO BUS
11/27/2023	Monday	AWAY - Wekiva 6	JV 6 & V 7:30	5pm
11/29/2023	Wednesday	AWAY - Lake Brantley 7 (T)	5:30 JV & 7 V	
12/5/2023	Tuesday	AWAY - Mulberry 4 (T)	6pm V only	
12/7/2023	Thursday	HOME - Forest Lake Academy 3	5 JV & 6:30 V	HOME
12/8/2023	Friday	HOME - ORL Science High	5:30 JV & 7 V	HOME
12/11/2023	Monday	AWAY - Tavares 4	5pm JV & V	NO BUS
12/13/2023	Wednesday	HOME - South Lake 6	JV 5:30 & V 7	HOME
12/15/2023	Friday	HOME - Bishop Moore 4	JV 3:30 & V 5	HOME
12/18/2023	Monday	HOME - Lyman 6	JV 5:30 & V 7	HOME
12/19/2023	Tuesday	AWAY - Flagler Palm Coast 7	7pm V only	5pm
1/4/2024	Thursday	HOME - Mater Brighton Academy	5:30 V Only	HOME
1/5/2024	Friday	AWAY - Eustis 4	5:30pm JV & 7 V	NO BUS
1/8/2024	Monday	HOME - Lake Minneola - 6	5:30 JV & 7 V	HOME
1/12/2024	Friday	HOME - (Rivalry) Tavares 4	1pm V only	HOME
1/16/2024	Tuesday	AWAY - MD Christian 2 (T)	7pm V only	NO BUS
1/18/2024	Thursday	HOME - Leesburg 5 (Senior Night)	5:30pm V Only	HOME
1/19/2024	Friday	AWAY - Masters Academy 3 (T)	5 VG & 7 VB	
1/19/2024	Friday	HOME - ORL Science High	5:30pm JV ONLY	HOME

Head Coach: Ryan Eshbaugh (eshbaugh@lake.k12.fl.us)

Athletic Directors: Kevin Gifford (gifford@lake.k12.fl.us), Ted Dwyer (dwyer@lake.k12.fl.us)

## Wrestling Schedule

\*\*Tentative as of 9.12.2023\*\*

Day	Date	Event/Location	Weigh-in	Meet time	Bus time
Friday	1-Dec	Clash of Titans JV at University HS in Orange City	TBA	TBA	TBA
Sat	2-Dec	Clash of Titans Varsity at University HS in Orange City	9:00AM	11:00AM	7:30AM
Wed	6-Dec	Quad meet at Celebration HS w/ Poinciana and S. Lake	3:00PM	4:00PM	1:15PM
Fri	8-Dec	<b>MT HOPE HIGH SCHOOL (RI)</b>	12:00PM	1:00PM	N/A
Sat	9-Dec	<b>GOLDEN TRIANGLE IBT AT MDHS</b>	8:30AM	10:00AM	N/A
Friday	15-Dec	Bill Scott Memorial Tourney at Lyman HS	1:00PM	3:00PM	11:15AM
Saturday	16-Dec	Bill Scott Memorial Tourney at Lyman HS	8:00AM	9:00AM	N/A
TBA	TBA	DISTRICT DUAL MEET CHAMP AT MDHS	TBA	TBA	TBA
Friday	5-Jan	Ron Peters TOC at Lake Mary HS	TBA	TBA	TBA
Sat	6-Jan	Ron Peters TOC at Lake Mary HS	TBA	TBA	N/A
Thur	11-Jan	FHSAA Regional Duals at TBA*	5:00PM	6:00PM	TBA
Sat.	13-Jan	Ed Kilpatrick Invite at Citrus High School	8:00AM	9:30AM	6:15AM
Sat	20-Jan	Lyman Invitational (JV)	8:00AM	9:30AM	N/A
Wed	24-Jan	Lake County Founders Cup at TBA	4:00PM	5:00PM	TBA
Sat.	27-Jan	Wolfpack Invite at Timber Creek HS	7:30AM	9:30AM	5:30AM
Wed	31-Jan	Wekiva High School	5:30PM	6:00PM	N/A
Fri	2-Feb	Diamondback Duals at Belleview High School	1:30PM	2:30PM	11:30AM
Sat	3-Feb	Diamondback Duals at Belleview High School	8:00AM	9:00AM	N/A
TBA	TBA	District Championships at TBA	TBA	TBA	TBA
Fri/Sat	Feb 23-24	Region Championships*	TBA	TBA	N/A
Th/Fr/Sat	Feb 29 - March 2	Class 1A State Champ at Silver Spurs Arena*	TBA	TBA	N/A

\*Have to qualify to compete in this event

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## Varsity Football Schedule

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

Head Coach: Luke Hutchinson (HutchinsonL@lake.k12.fl.us)  
Athletic Director: Kevin Gifford (Giffordk@lake.k12.fl.us) & Ted Dwyer (dwyer@lake.k12.fl.us)

# GO CANES!



## Girls Soccer Schedule

Day	Date	Opponent	Location	JV Time	Varsity Time
<b>Monday</b>	<b>11/6</b>	<b>Freedom</b>	<b>Mount Dora</b>	<b>5:30</b>	<b>7:00</b>
Wednesday	11/8	Taylor Middle-High	Taylor		5:30
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>11/9</b>	<b>Tavares</b>	<b>Mount Dora</b>	<b>5:30</b>	<b>7:00</b>
Monday	11/13	Deltona	Deltona		5:00
Tuesday	11/14	Eustis	Eustis	5:30	7:00
Thursday	11/16	Orangewood Christian	Orangewood Christian	5:30	7:00
Monday	11/27	Umatilla	Umatilla	4:30	6:00
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>11/28</b>	<b>Apopka</b>	<b>Mount Dora</b>	<b>5:30</b>	<b>7:00</b>
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>12/5</b>	<b>Lake Minneola</b>	<b>Mount Dora</b>	<b>5:30</b>	<b>7:00</b>
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>12/6</b>	<b>South Lake</b>	<b>Mount Dora</b>	<b>5:30</b>	<b>7:00</b>
Friday	12/8	University High	University (Orange City)	5:30	7:00
Monday	12/11	Tavares	Tavares		4:00
Tuesday	12/12	East Ridge	East Ridge	5:30	7:00
Thursday	12/14	Pine Ridge	Pine Ridge	5:00	7:00
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>1/9</b>	<b>Eustis</b>	<b>Mount Dora</b>	<b>5:30</b>	<b>7:00</b>
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>1/11</b>	<b>Davenport</b>	<b>Mount Dora</b>		<b>7:00</b>
<b>Friday</b>	<b>1/12</b>	<b>Leesburg</b>	<b>Mount Dora</b>	<b>5:30</b>	<b>7:00</b>
Tuesday	1/16	MDCA	MDCA		5:00
Tuesday	1/16	Umatilla	Umatilla	4:00	
<b>Wednesday</b> (Senior Night)	<b>1/17</b>	<b>Lake Buena Vista</b>	<b>Mount Dora</b>	<b>5:00</b>	<b>7:00</b>
Friday	1/19	Masters Academy	Masters Academy		5:00

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

## Girls Weightlifting Schedule

Date	Event	Time
Fri, Oct 20th	Mock Meet	3:00pm
Wed, Oct 25th	@ Eustis	Preseason Meet
Wed, Nov 1st	Vs. Villages	(3:30pm)
Wed, Nov 8th	@ Eustis	(3:00pm)
Wed, Nov 17th	@ Leesburg-Liftsgiving	(12:00 pm weigh-in, 3pm start time)
Wed, Dec 6th	Vs. Eustis	(3:00pm)
Wed, Dec 13th	Vs. MDCA	(3:00pm)
Wed, Dec 20th	@ Leesburg - Lake County Championship	
Wed, Jan 10th	Vs. Tavares & wildwood	(3:00pm)
Wed, Jan 17th	@ Umatilla	(3:00pm)
Fri, Jan 20th	Last day of Regular season	
Sat, Jan 27th	DISTRICTS	*tentative
Fri, February 2nd	REGIONALS	*tentative

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## Girls Basketball Schedule

Date	Opponent	Time	Location
11/16/2023	CornerStone Charter	6:00 PM	Away
11/28/2023	Leesburg	6:00 PM	Home
11/30/2023	Corner Stone Charter	6:00 PM	Home
12/1/2023	Umatilla	6:00 PM	Away
12/5/2023	Tavares	6:00 PM	Home
12/6/2023	Eustis	6:00 PM	Home
12/11/2023	Crooms Academy	6:00 PM	Away
12/14/2023	Winter Park	6:00 PM	Away
12/15/2023	Sante Fe	6:00 PM	Home
1/4/2024	Bellevue	6:00 PM	Home
1/5/2024	Legacy Charter	6:00 PM	Away
1/9/2024	Leesburg	6:00 PM	Away
1/11/2024	Winter Park	6:00 PM	Home
1/15/2024	Umatilla	6:00 PM	Home
1/16/2024	Taylor	6:00 PM	Away
1/18/2024	South Sumter	6:00 PM	Home
1/19/2024	Jordan Christian Prep	5:30 PM	Home
1/22/2024	Taylor	6:00 PM	Home
1/23/2024	Eustis	6:00 PM	Away
1/25/2024	Tavares	6:00 PM	Away
1/26/2024	South Sumter	6:00 PM	Away
1/30/2024	Bellevue	6:00 PM	Away
2/1/2024	Legacy Charter	6:00 PM	Home
2/2/2024	Crooms Academy	6:00 PM	Home

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

## Boys Basketball Schedule

DATE	OPPONENT	TIME
11/17/2023 Friday	TRINITY CHRISTIAN TIPOFF DELTONA	8:15 PM
11/18/2023 Saturday	TRINITY CHRISTIAN TIPOFF DELTONA	2:00 PM
11/22-24/2023	APOPKA SHOOTOUT	TBA
11/28/2023 Tuesday	OCALA FOREST(AWAY)	6:00/7:30
11/30/2023 Thursday	SOUTH LAKE (AWAY)	5:30/7:00
12/1/2023 Friday	DELAND(AWAY)	6:00/7:30
12/4/2023 Monday	VILLAGES (HOME)	5:30/7:00
12/7/2023 Thursday	TAVARES (HOME)	5:30/7:00
12/11/2023 Monday	APOPKA (HOME)	5:30/7:00
12/12/2023 Tuesday	EUSTIS (HOME)	5:30/7:00
12/14/2023 Thursday	UMATILLA(AWAY)	5:30/7:00
12/19-21/2023	TOURNAMENT (AWAY)	TBA
1/5/2024 Friday	OCALA FOREST (HOME)	5:30/7:00
1/8/2024 Monday	OVIEDO (HOME)	5:30/7:00
1/9/2024 Tuesday	TRINITY CATHOLIC (HOME)	5:30/7:00
1/12/2024 Friday	EUSTIS (AWAY)	V 12:00 / JV 1:30
1/16/2024 Tuesday	UMATILLA (HOME)	5:30/7:00
1/19/2024 Friday	JORDAN CHRISTIAN PREP(HOME)	7:00
1/23/2024 Tuesday	SOUTH LAKE (HOME)	5:30/7:00
1/26/2024 Friday	TRINITY CATHOLIC (AWAY)	6:00/7:30
1/27/2024 Saturday	VINCE MURRAY SHOOTOUT (OCALA)	TBA
1/29/2024 Monday	TAVARES (AWAY)	5:30/7:00
1/30/2024 Tuesday	LAKE MARY (AWAY)	6:00/7:30
1/31/2024 Wednesday	HAGERTY(HOME)	5:30/7:00

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