

# The Fact Finder

JANUARY

2020

## Meet Your School Board



The District is governed by a five-member Board of Education, members of which are elected on an at-large basis for four-year terms.

The Board of Education encourages citizens, including staff members and students, to attend board meetings, and it welcomes all views on subjects related to the school district. Questions related to the employees of the district will not be permitted; such questions should be referred to the superintendent at another time. It is requested that comments be limited to five minutes. Please contact the superintendent's office in advance to receive a copy of the board meeting agenda. Agendas will be also be available in the board room during each meeting.

Regular meetings are held at 6 p.m. (unless the hour is designated by the Board of Education) on the third Thursday of each month. All meetings are held in the Administration Building at 1820 Main Street unless changed by the Board of Education.



Back row: Vice President ~ Susan Graham, Member ~ Carlos V. Gonzalez Jr., Member ~ Neil Nelson Front Row: President ~ Charron Schoenberger, Treasurer ~ Theresa Watson

### Values and Beliefs

We believe it is imperative that all students in Widefield School District learn and grow in their achievement. High levels of learning will be evident, ensuring achievement for every child in every classroom every day.

We will be results oriented. High expectations and clear goals will chart our course. Knowledge, data and research will provide direction for our decisions.

We resolve to take action and follow through with a sense of urgency when needs are identified as indicated by our data.

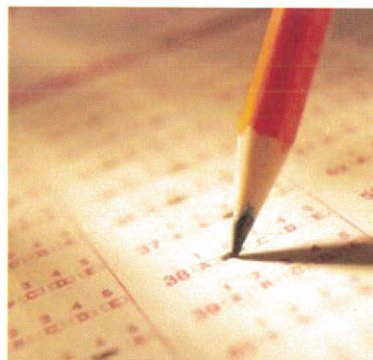
Furthermore, we believe that:

- Every child will have sustained learning and achievement
- All teachers will be highly effective
- 21st Century Learning will be implemented in each classroom
- Learners will come to school prepared, ready, excited to learn and partner with their teachers to be successful

These beliefs and values will guide the collective actions of the board of education to ensure that all students learn and maximize their potential.



# Testing Information



## High School State Testing

### College Readiness Exam Schedule for Grades 9, 10, and 11

- April 14th - 11th grade ACT (7:25 AM - 12:00 PM)
- April 15th - 10th grade PSAT (7:25 AM - 12:00 PM)
- April 16th - 9th grade PSAT 8/9 (7:25 AM - 12:00 PM)

### Colorado Measure of Academic Success (CMAS) Science

- April 21st - 11th grade Science—CMAS (Blocks 1, 2, & Advisory)

MRHS will run an alternate bell schedule to accommodate the testing schedule. Students who are not testing on a particular day will attend their regular scheduled classes. During the state testing window, please make sure your student attends school on the date of his or her grade level testing date. We ask that you please schedule appointments outside of the testing window to deter further disruptions to the academic environment. We thank you in advance for adhering to this request.

### The Purpose of the Exams

PSAT 8/9—Baseline Readiness  
 PSAT 10—Check in and Focus  
 SAT 11—Connect to College

For additional guidance on test preparation, please have your student talk to his or her English and/or Math teacher(s).

Testing schedules will be posted on the MRHS website as we approach the month of April. Be sure to check the website at: <http://www.wsd3.org/mrhs>

Khan Academy is an on-line resource students can use to prepare for the P-SAT: [www.khanacademy.org](http://www.khanacademy.org)

## The Advanced Placement (AP), Honors, and Project Lead The Way (PLTW) Website

Detailed information on Mesa Ridge High School's AP, Honors, and PLTW courses will be located on the Mesa Ridge website by mid-January. The information provided online is available for parents and students to access any time by visiting <http://www.wsd3.org/mrhs>. This will serve as a portal for parents and students to make decisions for next school year and beyond. Scheduling for 2020-2021 will begin January 8th and run through February 6th. Also, remember to view the course catalog, which is located on the MRHS website; select Academics, Counseling Center, then 2020-2021 Course Description.

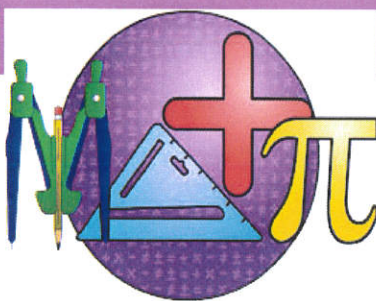


## MATH TUTORING

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If your child struggled in math 1st semester, wants to improve his/her math skills, or just wants a place to study, please encourage your student to participate in one of the math help options that Mesa Ridge has to offer!

After-School Tutoring is available EVERY DAY from 3:00-4:00 in the math department. A math teacher is there to help you solve your math problems! You can also schedule to make up quizzes and tests that you may have missed due to an absence. Please utilize this important resource available to all students! If you are interested in becoming a math peer tutor after school or during study hall, please contact Mrs. Cordova in Room 206



or by email at [cordoval@wsd3.org](mailto:cordoval@wsd3.org). We need peer tutors for all levels of math!

In advisory, there are 30 minutes available nearly every day where students can receive help from their math teachers. Just get a pass from a math teacher ahead of time.

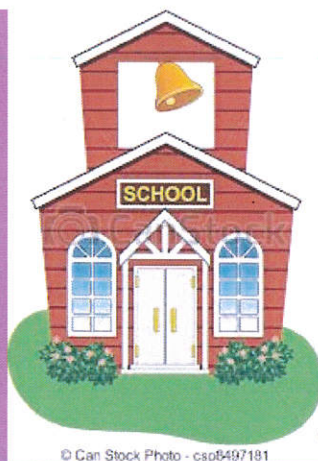
Peer Tutors in the Counseling Center are available to work with any level of math. You can contact the counseling center (391-3631) directly to arrange this or talk with your student's math teacher to discuss what would work best for your child.

Thank you parents for having your child come in for extra math help. It really does make a difference and believe it or not, your kids do listen and come in for help. Never underestimate your influence on your child! PLEASE take advantage of any or all of these resources to help your child be successful or to improve their grade this 2nd semester.

## School Of Choice Permits

If your student lives outside of the boundaries for MRHS, then be sure to complete a School of Choice Permit Application. The deadline to turn in the School of Choice application is February 28th for the 2020-2021 school year.

All returning students on a boundary waiver must complete a new form each year.



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We strongly encourage 8th graders from our Jr. High Schools, who will be Freshmen for the 2020-2021 school year, to submit their School of Choice Application by January 22nd.

This will ensure applications are processed in time for the scheduling deadline of January 27, 2020.

The following documents must be attached to the School of Choice Application: Attendance Record, Discipline Record, and Transcript or it will not be processed.

## Important Dates

January 20th

January 21st

February 7th

February 17th

March 2nd

March 5th

March 6th

Week of March 23rd - 27th

April 24th

NO SCHOOL-Martin Luther King Holiday

8th Grade Orientation - 6:00 - 8:00 PM

NO STUDENTS, Staff In-Service

NO SCHOOL - Presidents' Day Holiday

Spring Sports Practice Starts (Physicals must be on file to participate)

Last Day of Third Quarter

NO STUDENTS - Staff In-Service

Spring Break

No School



## Art Department

It's official, the art room is now offering raku firings and will soon be including 3-D printing in ceramics. The 3-D printers were ordered and as soon as they arrive we will start playing with them. Hopefully integrate them into the curriculum next semester at a limited level and have them fully integrated into the curriculum by 2020-2021.

Along with this new funding we also have 3 pathways students can take courses in. New equipment and curriculum continues to be a part of our new art pathways to create more up to date and relevant art programs here at Mesa Ridge. These pathways need to be taken in order as the curriculum builds on each class's previous class:

2-D/Painting, Multimedia/Photography, and 3-D Pathway. These pathways will provide students with career readiness experiences and allow students to explore the possibilities with creative careers.

Below is a list of art courses offered at Mesa Ridge:

Foundations of Art  
Freehand Drawing  
2-D Visual Concepts  
Fundamentals of Photography  
Photography Applications  
Photoshop and Multimedia 1 & 2  
Painting  
Advanced Techniques & Applications  
Ceramics and Sculpture 1 & 2  
Art Portfolio Prep 1 & 2

Whether in an art class or not, you may still get involved in the arts by joining our Art Club. Our Art Club has officially taken on a new name, M.U.S.E. (Multimedia United States Enthusiasts), in order to be more inclusive of all media in the art industry. We continue to paint murals around the school, but are taking on more projects that promote the creative minds and careers while improving our community in positive ways. This year we

had another successful Empty Bowls dinner to raise money for the counseling center to put into the holiday baskets for our Grizzly families in need. We have made this an annual event, at the beginning of October. We also held our 2nd Silent Art Auction to collect donations for our M.U.S.E. students. This money will go towards helping host other events or to help send our students on a field trip to art exhibits in Denver or around Colorado Springs. Next semester we have several large art shows that our students in the club and in art classes here at Mesa Ridge will be involved in. Keep an eye out for our in-house MRHS Creative Showcase in February, UMB Bank Show in April/May, District Art Fair in April, and possibly a Senior Showcase in May.

Stay tuned for more events to come.



## Immunization

Students health records at Mesa Ridge HS are continually reviewed for compliance with state requirements. You may have received a notice of non-compliance if your child's records are not compliant with state requirements. ***If you have not provided a copy of your child's shot records to the school, then please do so as soon as possible.***

The most common out of compliance immunizations are for chickenpox (varicella) and MMR (measles, mumps, and rubella). Colorado requires 2 doses of each of these

vaccines with the proper amount of time between doses, and given at the correct age. Please check your child's records to be sure that they are protected from these communicable diseases and compliant with CO State Requirements.

CO law requires all students, K-12, attending Colorado schools be vaccinated against certain diseases, unless an official **personal or a medical exemption form** is filed on the state website and a copy given to the school. Since 7/1/2016, new **personal exemption forms**

are required annually, under Colorado Board of Health rule 6 CCR 1009-2.

Outdated or alternate forms are not allowed. **The personal exemption forms expire June 30th each year and must be renewed online.** For the safety of unvaccinated students, students with an exemption form, (or no shot records on file at all with the school) may be kept out of school during a disease outbreak.

Students with **medical exemptions** signed by a MD, DO, NP or PA, need to submit this form **only once**, unless the student's information or school changes.

For forms and more information please go to: <https://www.colorado.gov/pacific/cdhe/vaccine-exemptions>

You may also contact the school Health Office at 719-391-3622, if you have any questions.

Immunization records for all students at Mesa Ridge are being reviewed. You will receive a notice if your child's records are non-compliant with state standards. If you have not provided a copy of your child's shot records to the school, please do so as soon as possible. You may contact the Health Office at 719-391-3622, if you have any questions.



# Breakfast and Lunch Procedures

## Charging:

### Lunch

1st—1 charge (full meal) at lunch

2nd—1 alternate meal at lunch  
(veggies and milk or water)

### Breakfast

1st charge (full meal) and NO  
Alternate meal for breakfast

Low balance reminders will be  
given to students verbally and a  
notice will be sent home.

Students are responsible to  
monitor their lunch account  
balances on a [wsd3.org-](http://wsd3.org-Nutritional-Services-Online)  
Nutritional Services-Online  
Account.

Parents and/or students are able  
to deposit money into their  
lunch accounts via cash, check  
or even credit card.

Payments to accounts can be  
made by going to [https://](https://widefield.revtrack.net/)  
[widefield.revtrack.net/](https://widefield.revtrack.net/)

These funds can be used to pur-  
chase their lunches daily.

Please make sure that your child/  
children's lunch accounts are paid in  
full. Second semester Nutrition Ser-  
vices will be stricter when it comes to  
lunch accounts being at a \$0 balance.

## MRHS Office Information

Attendance 391-3600

Business Office 391-3610

Counseling 391-3631

Discipline 391-3616

Health Office 391-3622

Principal 391-3690

Registrar 391-3625

## WSD3 Mobile App Information

Widefield School District 3 is pleased  
to announce our new mobile app de-  
signed specifically to keep our families  
better informed and connected to  
what's going on in our schools.

The new Widefield School District 3  
mobile app is available for both iPhone  
and Android smartphones. The app will  
deliver real time school news to a  
smartphone for fast, up-to-date access.

The app will feature:

- ◆ Calendars
- ◆ District and School News
- ◆ Push notifications about breaking  
news, closures, weather, events  
and more
- ◆ Photos from school events

- ◆ Maps with school locations, phone  
numbers, and staff information

The app is FREE and available for down-  
load today:

1. From a smartphone, go to the  
iTunes App Store® or Google  
Play®
2. Search Widefield School District 3
3. Then select the Widefield School  
District 3 app for free download

School news delivered right to a  
smartphone. The new Widefield  
School District 3 app is just a few taps  
away.

**Download it today!!!**



January 23rd is our 8th Grade Orientation  
Please come and see what is going on next year for Freshmen at Mesa.  
8th Grade Orientation starts at 6:00 P.M. in the Big Gym.



## PHOTOGRAPHY

The new Photography courses are in full swing. Our first semester course; Fundamentals of Photography has been successfully articulated with PPCC. That means that students who pass the course with an A or B, for \$5 can use our course as college credit for the Intro Photography class at PPCC.

We are also continuing to expand the opportunities available to our students in the Photography program. The second year of the program is focused on learning how to use Adobe Photoshop and InDesign. In addition to the Adobe software programs we use, we are adding another software that will allow them to transform their photographs into fine art easily and quickly.

For our advanced students, we will be looking to add another course geared to Advanced Placement for Photography. It will present real world problems for students to solve, so that they gain a better understanding of the workplace. That course is currently in the development stages. It should be ready to go in the fall of 2021.

As always, we are striving to add to our collection of equipment. We have recently received a few more cameras, so now students may be allowed to check one out. This will help students not only keep up with their work, but allow them to have a wider variety of subject matter than what is at school.

Some of our Photography students from last year are benefitting from having a professional photographer come to Mesa to work with them. They are expanding their knowledge of Photoshop and even getting to experiment with full frame cameras. The you Mrs. Rachel Riley for that!

In the Spring, we will plan some meeting dates and times to get together to take photographs in the other locations with the cameras. Those dates, time and locations will be announced around the middle of our second semester. Keep your eyes peeled!

