

July 27, 2013

Dear Parents/Guardians:

The notion of senior privileges is important to the educators at Monticello High School (MoHS). We believe that establishing a legitimate time for seniors to leave campus for lunch serves as an example of our commitment to support their accomplishments and maturity as students. In addition, the opportunity for seniors to leave campus will allow them to exercise and strengthen their decision-making skills as they will encounter an increased level of responsibility as young adults.

To remain consistent with the opportunities afforded high school seniors at the other traditional high schools in our school division, the administrative team crafted an alternate bell schedule with an extended lunch period that will allow seniors to leave MoHS for lunch once each week. We will monitor the behavior and attendance of our seniors, as this will provide us with the necessary data to determine whether we will extend the number of days per week we will run the alternate bell schedule, or discontinue this option.

Allowing seniors to leave MoHS for lunch is a new process. To improve our chances of successfully implementing this new opportunity, we will not offer this privilege until the week of September 2nd. The first extended lunch period is scheduled for Thursday, September 5th with all other extended lunch periods for the school year scheduled for Thursdays of each week. Starting the extended lunch period on September 5th, allows administration to share the logistics surrounding this privilege with our seniors in their first senior meeting, disseminate and collect permission forms, and solidify the process for supervision during the extended lunch period with staff and faculty.

Seniors leaving the campus for lunch is a privilege. With that being said, any senior classified as not in good standing will lose this privilege until it is reinstated by a MoHS administrator. It is my expectation that each senior will appreciate the opportunity to leave school for lunch and abide by all rules associated with this privilege.

Sincerely,

Jesse J. Turner, Ed.D.
Principal