August 23, 2021

Panther Families,

It’s back! The buzz of energy when students are on campus is back. Being that we were the largest high school in the state of Washington open for face-to-face instruction all last year, we are used to having students in the building learning & growing and have missed them this summer. Here’s a quick rundown of the order of operations for our first day of school on Tuesday, September 7:

● Does your Panther Ride a bus? Be sure to register HERE.
● Mead High School doors open @ 7:55.
● All students enter the building through the East Student Doors.
  ○ Many parents choose to drop their Panther off on Hastings to avoid too much traffic congestion.
● Breakfast & lunches are no-cost once again this year. Consider grabbing a bite to eat before heading to class.
● 1st period classes will be posted in the mall & student entry. Students will head to their 1st period to receive their class schedules.
● We will follow the bell schedule found HERE.
● You will get your lunch assignment, based on your 4th period teacher, in your 3rd period class (so you know before heading to 4th). Similar to last year, students will have an opportunity to find a great spot to eat.
● As you are probably aware, we follow the safety protocols found HERE.

Thank you for helping us gear up for an epic 2021-22 school year! Need to visit us ahead of time? Check out our summer hours HERE.

We get to be MEad!

Jeff Naslund
Proud Panther Principal

PS. Mead High School is looking for volunteers and paid event staff to help with scorekeeping, announcing, ticket taking, supervision and security at home Football, Soccer, Volleyball & Cross Country events played at Mead High School and Union Stadium this fall. If you are willing to help, please contact John Barrington (john.barrington@mead354.org) for more information.
The Mead School District is requesting registration for ALL students who will need school bus transportation to or fro during the 2021-22 academic year. School bus registration via THIS form is separate from student enrollment.

The Transportation Department will review and validate all completed forms to ensure that school district requirements are met before final bus assignments are made. Please allow 2 to 3 school days for processing. Upon completion of the review, the Transportation Department will respond to all registrations via email or phone. Thank you for helping us plan the best routes to safely and efficiently get your kids to school and back home.
2022 MEAD SENIOR YEARBOOK INFO

DEADLINE
Senior photos are due: Friday, October 8th

SUBMISSION INFO
To submit your child’s photo online please go to: HJeshare.com and enter our school code: meadsenior2022

Once you have successfully entered our school portal you should see, ‘Mead High School’ at the top of the web browser.

To upload your image, you must first enter the first and last name of the user uploading the photo NOT the seniors name. Please include the user’s email and contact phone number should the yearbook staff need to contact the person in possession of the senior photo.

Once the user has entered their information please click on the green button, ‘select images for upload.’ Browse your computer for the image and select, ‘choose.’ Once you have attached your photo please enter the students grade, first and last name and a description of the photo. (Descriptions may include the student’s hair color, clothing, etc).

As of 2017 the MHS yearbook staff no longer accept photos on CD, USB or in print. The process for turning in your child’s senior photo will now be done electronically. We have set up a secure online account with our publisher, Herff Jones in which parents and/or professional photographers can upload a senior photo. In order to ensure this transition is streamlined we will NOT accept photos via email either. Seniors must be formally enrolled at Mead HS.

PHOTO REQUIREMENTS
Images MUST meet the following requirements or they MAY NOT BE APPROVED by the yearbook staff. The yearbook adviser reserves the right to refuse a photo based on appropriateness or quality of the photo. You will be notified if this situation arises.

PHOTO SIZE
4 inches wide x 6 inches high (vertical photo ONLY)
300 dpi (resolution)

ALL IMAGES MUST BE SAVED AS A .JPEG or .JPG
** Please save your image as LastName, FirstName ex: Smith,John.jpg

ACCEPTABLE PHOTOS
1. Photos must be a vertical orientation from the waist up.
2. Head size is approximately 1.25 inches from the bottom of the chin to the top of the head.
3. Basic front view; traditional poses only.
4. Both eyes should be visible and clear.

NOT ACCEPTABLE PHOTOS
1. Horizontal portraits will not be accepted; full-body shots will be cropped to the correct size.
2. Photos from cellphone or smart tablets.
3. No Selfies, glamour shots, or social media photos.
4. No Soft focus or out of focus photos.
5. Hats of any kind for either girls or boys.
6. For boys, no see through tank tops, visible underwear, or tees with messages/ large lettering.
7. For girls, the cleavage and skirt/dresses should be modest.
8. We strongly discourage the use of an props in senior portraits. Pets, instruments and large accessories detract from the students face and will likely be cropped out. Nothing objectionable/illegal will be accepted. As example, any kind of weapons. Please call if clarification is needed.
9. No photos with hard shadows across the face. The entire face must be clear. Photos that are too bright (overexposed) or too dark (underexposed) may not be accepted.
10. No sunglasses or objects that obscure the students face. Both eyes should be visible and facing forward.

WHY ALL THE RULES?
Yearbooks are a lot more than a collection of photos and stories. A Yearbook is considered a legal document and can be used to prove citizenship, residency, and proof of identity. The Washington State Department of Licensing will also accept a yearbook as proof of identity with written approval from the school district. Because the yearbook is recognized by both the state and government as a legal document it’s crucial that each seniors face is clearly identifiable.

Portraits that do not show both eyes, full face, or are poor quality, do not meet our requirements and therefore will be rejected by the adviser. While we love and celebrate our senior’s right to express themselves the senior portrait section is NOT the appropriate place for props, crazy expressions, or distracting elements. We encourage you to submit your personality portraits with your senior tribute images instead.

MORE INFO ON BACKSIDE
The senior section is one of the most important sections of the yearbook, and we want every senior’s photo included. It is crucial that the quality of your student’s image meets the printing standards set by our publishing company. **In order to meet the October 8th deadline, students will need to have their photos taken over the summer or in the early fall.** Many photographers offer incentives for purchasing photos early.

If you are unable to secure a professional photographer the yearbook adviser would be happy to set up a time with your student to have their photo taken. **We offer both outdoor or indoor photo options free of charge for seniors in need.** Please contact the yearbook adviser for more information and/or questions. Photos that do not adhere to these standards may be excluded from the yearbook. The student’s school photo will be substituted if the requirements are not met or if we do not receive a photo by the deadline.

**FAILURE TO MEET OUR DEADLINE** will result in the yearbook staff using your child’s school ID photo unless your child’s ID photo is deemed inappropriate (many seniors like to wear silly clothing, make funny faces, etc in their ID photos). In order to meet our publishers deadline parents should be aware that Dorian’s may not have senior ID images ready for distribution by our deadline. The staff will do their best to ensure that your child is in the book but we can make **NO PROMISES if you fail to upload a photo for us to use. Please DO NOT ASSUME the Dorian ID photo will be used in lieu of a personal photograph.**

**DON’T FORGET TO BUY A YEARBOOK!**
Yearbooks are on sale from September 7 - January 31. Cost is $55. Payment can be made through the Business Office or online using a credit card. Please keep a record of payment. Books purchased at the end of the year are $65.

**SENIOR TRIBUTE DEADLINE**
Senior Tributes are ONLY accepted from January 3-7, 2022. Special information will be on the MHS website and in building the first part of December.

**Yearbook Adviser Contact Information**
Ms. Makena Busch  
phone: 509.465.7130  
email: mhsyearbook@mead354.org

Please note that Ms. Busch is available before and after school hours. Phone calls made during school hours will likely go to voicemail while Ms. Busch is teaching. All voicemails and/or emails will be returned within 48 hours. Thank you for your patience and understanding!
A NOTE FROM THE CAT SCRAMBLE COMMITTEE:

The 21st Annual Cat Scramble will be held at Wandermere Golf Course, Saturday, September 18.

We would love to add you to our list of loyal sponsors, supporters and golfers. All proceeds go back to the student-athletes at Mead High School and Mt. Spokane High School. The event is a joint effort by both the Mead & Mt. Spokane Booster Clubs and is the biggest fundraiser of the year for both schools!

CONTACT OUR COMMITTEE FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION @ CatScramble@hotmail.com

Thank you!
A NOTE FROM MEAD HUMAN RESOURCES:

We are seeking enthusiastic and compassionate individuals to support our students! The para educator position provides for hours that can work within your child's school schedule and a chance to make a lasting impact within our community!

Please feel free to reach out to the Recruitment Specialist, Katie McNaghten, with any questions you may have at (509) 465-6010 or katie.mcnaghten@mead354.org

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