GEARING UP FOR THE NEW SCHOOL YEAR!

It is hard to believe that the 2023-24 school year starts in just three and a half weeks! To all of our new students and families -- welcome to Panther Nation! For all of our returning students and families -- welcome back! Mead High School has a tradition of excellence and this year is no exception.

Already there is tons of activity in and around Mead! Two science classrooms were converted into full interactive lab spaces, our portables received roof, wall, and floor reconstruction, the west end walkway was expanded, and we completely re-envisioned our Library space, including adding a new classroom. Mead also hosted several music, activity, and athletic camps this summer for students Grades K-12. It was so much fun to see Panthers (and future Panthers) doing what they do best -- bringing out the best in each other!

In this issue of Panther Nation, you will find information about the Fall Sports Season, Freshmen Panther PowerUP, a high-level overview of the first day of school (more details to come by Friday, 25 August), and Student Course Schedules.

Looking forward to another incredible year.

FRESHMEN PowerUP

Freshmen Panther PowerUP is an immersive and dynamic event designed to provide incoming freshmen with a comprehensive introduction to their new school community and to foster a sense of belonging and Panther Tradition right from the start. This day serves as a crucial bridge between middle school and high school, offering a multitude of experiences aimed at easing the transition, building connections, and setting the stage for a successful high school journey.

Monday, 28 August 2023
8:00 AM - 12:00 PM
Lunch Provided
No bus transportation.
Student Services News

**SCHEDULE CHANGES**

All Student Course Schedules will be available for viewing in PowerSchool on Friday, 1 September. Freshmen will receive a hardcopy on Monday, 28 August during Freshmen Panther PowerUP.

**Schedule Changes**

We continue to enroll new students and make sure that existing student schedules are complete. Therefore, please understand the following:

- **No schedule changes** on the first day of school.
- **Day 1 of School**: Students with incomplete schedules will report to the Student Services (Counseling Center) during the class period where there is no class listed to fix the issue.
- **Day 2 of School**: Students with academic misplacements (ex: received Pre-Calc; should be in Geometry). Report to Student Services during class period of issue to fix.
- **Monday, 11 September**: Elective course changes will be considered based on availability. To request an elective course change, complete the “Schedule Change” form located in your grade level Google Classroom. This form will be available beginning Monday, 11 September. If a change can be made, your counselor will call you down to Student Services.

**COUNSELORS’ GOOGLE CLASSROOMS**

Mead Counselors each have Google Classrooms full of information and resources. Students join ‘classrooms’ based on their graduation class and/or course enrollments. Families, encourage your student to “invite” you to join their Google Classrooms.

**Ms. Thornton | College and Career**
All College and Career information is shared via each “Class of…” Google Classroom.
For appointments, stop by the College and Career Center, or call 7027.

- **Mr. Phillips | Class of 2024**
  Join code: fpdzvic
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- **Ms. Fender | Class of 2027 and Advanced Placement**
  Join code (class): xoodej5
  Join code (AP): 5fwfz4i

**PORTABLE PIVOT!**

New walls, floors, paint, and roofs!

**Library Revamp**

Thank you, Trish, Kristy and Barb (pictured), Shelly, C

**Panther Senior, Grant Carroll**

The Carroll Family continues to appreciate the love, prayers, support, and thoughts from Panther Nation. Grant is courageously fighting Hepatocellular Carcinoma (liver cancer) and has already undergone multiple rounds of chemo. Surgery is tentatively planned for late August. Follow Grant’s story via Caring Bridge. Keep fighting, Grant!

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### FALL SPORTS TRYOUTS & PRACTICES

**2023-24 SEASON**

- **FOOTBALL**
  - Practice: August 16: All Team Meeting 9:00 AM; Practice 9 am - 12 pm & 6pm - 8pm; August 17: 9 am - 12:30pm / Lunch @ 12:30; August 18: 9 am - 15 pm @ Union & 6 pm - 8 pm; August 19: 9 am - 1 pm
- **VOLLEYBALL**
  - Practice: August 21, 22 & 23: 3 pm - 6:30 pm and 7 pm - 9 pm
- **SLOW PITCH SOFTBALL**
  - Practice: August 21, 25, 30 pm - 5 pm
- **SOCCER**
  - Practice: August 21: 8:30 am - 11 am @ Mead & 2 pm - 4 pm @ Union; August 22: 8:00 am - 10:30 am @ Union & 4 pm - 6 pm @ Mead; August 23: 8:00 am - 10:00 am @ Mead & 4 pm - 6 pm @ Union; August 24: 4 pm - 6 pm @ Union; August 25: 4 pm - 6 pm @ Mead; August 26: Parent Meeting & Practice 8 am - 10 am @ Union

**GIRLS CROSS COUNTRY**

- Practice: August 21 - 25 & 8 am - 10 am

**BOYS CROSS COUNTRY**

- Practice: August 21 - 25 & 3:10 pm - 5:30 pm

### REGISTRATION

All athletes must register in FinalForms.
- Participation Fee ($45) and ASB $50 required.
- Click here to register online.

### NEED A SPORTS PHYSICAL?

Thank you to Madsen Family Medicine for making this possible!

- **Mead High School**
  - Monday, 14 August, 6:00 - 7:30pm
  - Cost: $20
  - Need a different day? Click here for additional options.

### 2023-24 GSL SPORTS PASS

- Save time and money by ordering now.
- Includes admission to all regular-season events at all sixteen Greater Spokane League schools for football, volleyball, girls & boys soccer, boys & girls basketball, gymnastics & wrestling.
- Individual pass includes one (1) adult and children younger than high school: $103
- Family pass includes two (2) adults and children younger than high school: $201.50

### 2023-24 BUS RIDER REGISTRATION

Just a reminder that all bus riders must register each year. Registering in advance helps Transportation plan routes and prepare for riders.

- Click here for more information.