



Panther Nation

The Panther Way | Build Relationships. Serve Others. Pursue Excellence.

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NEED TO KNOW!

Summer Office Hours
Offices open Monday, 21 August
7:00 AM - 3:00 PM
Closed Fridays
509.465.7000

Freshmen Panther PowerUP
Monday, 28 August 2023
8:00 AM - 12:00 PM
Lunch provided

23/24 School Hours
(High Schools)

Mon, Tues, Thurs, Fri
8:00 AM - 2:35 PM

Wednesdays
8:40 AM - 2:35 PM
Late start Wednesdays begin
13 September

The First Week of School
Tuesday, 5 September
Wednesday, 6 September
Thursday, 7 September
Friday, 8 September

Yearbook/ASB Picture Day
Friday, 8 September
Retakes: Friday, 20 October

Open House
Thursday, 28 September
6:00-8:00 PM

Homecoming
Game @ Union v. CV
Friday, 29 September, 7:00 PM
Dance @ MHS
Saturday, 30 September
8:00 - 10:00 PM

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.

First Day OVERVIEW

Details are still in the works for the first day of school...but we KNOW this:

- No Period 0 classes on the first day.
- **Freshmen and New Student Orientation: 8:00 - 11:40 AM.**
- **Late start for all returning, Grades 10-12, Panthers: 11:10 AM (2nd Lunch).**
- **All classes start at 11:45 AM.**
- There will be two (2) bus runs on the first day:
 1. Regular run for orientation.
 2. Three-hour late run for late start schedule.
 3. Special Services will reach out to families with students in DLC about bus times.

The first day is centered on connecting and creating momentum for the school year!



PORTABLE PIVOT!
New walls, floors, paint, and roofs!



**WEST
WALKWAY
EXPANSION**

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!

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

Ms. Harkness | Class of 2025

Join code: grto66q

Mr. Strate | Class of 2026

Join code: q2sbpro

Ms. Fender | Class of 2027 and Advanced Placement

Join code (class): xoodej5

Join code (AP): 5fwfz4i



ATHLETICS & ACTIVITIES

JUST A FEW HIGHLIGHTS....

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| Week of 07 August | Marching Band and Color Guard Rehearsals Begin |
| Wednesday, 14 August | First Day Football Practices, 8:00 AM; Sports Physical Clinic, 6:00 PM |
| Saturday, 19 August | <u>First Annual Mead Football Dinner & Auction</u> . Football Booster Event |
| Monday, 21 August | First day practices for Volleyball, Girls Soccer, Boys XC/Girls XC, Slow Pitch Softball |
| Friday, 25 August | Football Jamboree @ Union Freshmen 3:00 PM, JV 4:00 PM, Varsity 5:00 PM |
| Friday, 01 September | GAME NIGHT! Football @ Union v. Eastmont, 7:00 PM |
| Tuesday, 05 September | Varsity Slow Pitch v. North Central at Mead, 4:00 PM |
| Thursday, 07 September | Varsity Slow Pitch @ East Valley, 4:00 PM Varsity Soccer v. Eastmont @ Union, 4:00 PM Football v. U-High @ Union, 7:00 PM |
| Friday, 08 September | Slow Pitch v. Shadle Park @ Mead, 4:00 PM Volleyball v. U-High @ Mead, 7:00 PM |
| Saturday, 16 September | CAT SCRAMBLE @ Wandermere Golf Course - Great opportunity to support Mead Boosters. Click here for more information |

Get more info via the Athletics page.

FALL SPORTS TRYOUTS & PRACTICES

2023-24 SEASON FALL SPORTS PRACTICE SCHEDULES TRYOUTS

FOOTBALL
 August 16 • ALL TEAM MEETING 9:00 AM
 Practice 9 am - 12 pm & 5 pm - 8 pm
 August 17 • 9 am - 1:30 pm / Lunch @ 12:30
 August 18 • 9 am - 12:00 pm @ Union & 5 pm - 8 pm
 August 19 • 9 am - 1 pm

VOLLEYBALL
 August 21, 22 & 23 • 3 pm - 5:30 pm and 7 pm - 9 pm

SLOW PITCH SOFTBALL
 August 21 - 25 • 3 pm - 5 pm
 August 26 • 9 am

SOCCER
 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 • 4pm - 6 pm @ Mead
 August 26 • Parent Meeting & Practice 8 am - 10 am @ Union

GIRLS CROSS COUNTRY
 August 21 - 25 • 8 am - 10 am

BOYS CROSS COUNTRY
 August 21 - 25 • 3:10 pm - 5:30 pm

MEAD HIGH SCHOOL PANTHERS

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



[Click here to order](#)

- 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.

[REGISTRATION FORM](#)

[TRANSPORTATION PAGE](#)