HOORAH!

One of the most unifying traditions at Mead is singing the fight song. We sing it after pep assemblies. We sing it after athletic competitions (win or lose). We sing for sendoffs. We sing it to pump us up. We sing it just to sing it. Whether one knows all the words to the fight song or not, everyone knows the last line: HOORAH! There is no passivity in its utterance. HOORAH! is the rallying cry—shouted in an exuberant, deep from the gut, earth-shaking manner. That HOORAH! Spirit is the essence of who we are and what makes Mead, Mead. It refers to a mindset and attitude characterized by a commitment to achieving the highest standards of quality, performance, and support in all endeavors. As we begin a new school year—in just a week—we invite you experience the HOORAH! Spirit, own the HOORAH! Spirit, and share the HOORAH! Spirit.

Projects continue to wrap-up around campus. We have a brand new classroom in the Library, the portables are revitalized, we have two new lab-centered science rooms, and the gym floors were refurbished. PHEW!

This issue of Panther Nation (it’s a big one) is dedicated to getting you ready for the first day and weeks of school, as well as share some of the big events coming up.

Hoorah!

FRESHMEN PowerUP

REMINDER: Freshmen Panther PowerUP is coming up this Monday. Freshman Panther PowerUP is an immersive 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 aimed to ease the transition, build connections, and set the stage for a successful high school journey.

Monday, 28 August 2023
8:00 AM - 12:00 PM
Lunch provided
No bus transportation.
**FIRST WEEKS OF SCHOOL**

**First Day Overview**

Here is what you need to know:

- No Period 0 classes on the first day.
- Freshmen and New Student Orientation: 8:00-11:40 AM.
- All returning Grades 10-12 Panthers have a late start: 11:10 AM (2nd Lunch).
- All classes start at 11:45 AM.
- During the class meetings, Seniors will take their class picture for the yearbook. Other important year-prep information will be shared in each class meeting.
- **BUSES:** There will be **two (2)** bus runs on the first day:
  1. Regular run for Freshmen and New Student Orientation, and.
  2. A three-hour late run for the late start schedule.
    - **AM Skills Center** students will take the regular run bus for direct transport to New-Tech.
    - **PM Skills Center** students can take the three-hour late run. Transport to New-Tech departs MHS at 11:06 AM.
  3. Special Services will reach out to families with students in DLC about bus times.

**New-Tech Schedule**

Regular Schedule (M, Tu, Th, F)

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**Lunches:** Lunch lines GO WAY FASTER when students know their ID number (memorized) or have their student ID card. Freshmen can use their Middle School ID Card for the first few days of school (their ID number is on that card). Please be ready with your Student ID number!

**Late Start Wednesdays** begin 13 September.

Zero Hour on late start Wednesdays begins at 7:50 AM.

There are five times during the 23/24 school year when there is no late start on Wednesday:

- 6 September 2023
- 11 October 2023
- 24 January 2024
- 14 February 2024
- 12 June 2024

**Interested in Chromebook Insurance?**

Annual $20 fee per student. Checkout the District Technology page for more information.
Get ready to rock ‘n roll! Senior events begin the first week of school.

- **SENIOR SUNRISE:** Friday, 8 September, 5:45 AM (Mead Track)
- **SENIOR PICTURES DUE:** Friday, 6 October.
  - UPLOAD Picture to https://hjeshare.com/eShare/. **Code:** meadsenior2024
- **SENIOR AWARDS NIGHT:** Wednesday, 29 May 2024. 6:30-8:30 PM. Mead Gym.
- **PROM:** Tentatively scheduled for Saturday, 1 June. Time and Place to be confirmed.
- **SENIOR FINALS:** Day 1: Tuesday, 4 June. Periods 4, 5, & 6. Day 2: Wednesday, 5 June. Periods 1, 2, & 3.
- **SENIOR CHECKOUT:** Wednesday, 5 June. 11:25 AM. MHS Theatre.
- **SENIOR SUNRISE & BBQ:** Wednesday, 5 June. 7:00 - 9:30 PM. Union Stadium.
- **GRADUATION REHEARSAL 1:** Thursday, 6 June at 12:30-2:30 PM. Mead Gym. [We will run on time!]
- **GRADUATION:** Friday, 7 June. 8:00 PM. Gonzaga McCarthey Center.
  - **GRADUATES** will arrive at McCarthey at 5:45 PM.
  - We encourage families to drop-off their graduates at McCarthey and return later.
- **SENIOR ALL-NIGHTER:** Friday, 7 June. Following Graduation. Triple Play, Hayden, Idaho.
  - Want to get involved with the SAN Committee or learn how you can support SAN? Contact Beckie Selby/ Rissa Mollotte at meadseniors@gmail.com.
  - Ticket pricing and purchasing information to be posted soon!

**HELP US**

REDUCE TRAFFIC JAMS
It’s an issue...every year...in the morning. Especially the first two weeks.

How you can help:
1. **Arrive early.** Getting to school “just in time” creates backups; students end up late to class.
2. **Use Hastings Road or Washington Street to Drop-off.** Students can use the central staircase off Hastings to access the South Entrance.
3. **Reserve the student parking lot entry** (central west) for students. Reduces jams.
4. **Use the school bus.** Less vehicles.
5. **Respect** the Traffic Controllers, speed limits, and crosswalks.
6. **Keep clear the Staff/Bus Entry & lanes (west).**

**HOMECOMING DANCE**
502 W Hastings Rd
Spokane
Mead High School
8:00 - 10:00 PM
09.30
2023

**TICKET PRICES**
09.08-09.15: $20 w/ASB & $25 w/out ASB
09.18-09.25: $30 w/ASB & $35 w/out ASB

**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**
STUDENT SCHEDULE INFORMATION

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.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

PSAT: TBD the Week of 23 October
ASVAB: Tuesday, 28 November
ELA/MATH SBA: After Spring Break
WCAS: After Spring Break
AP Exams: 6-10 May; 13-17 May

Make sure to join your "Class of..." Google Classroom to learn about more post-high school planning opportunities.

GRADING TERMS

Stay in the know so you can help your Panther stay focused and ready for each term. PowerSchool is a great way to keep up-to-date with your Panther’s progress.

- **Term 1 ends Oct 13, 2023**: Grades due Oct 15, 2023 by midnight
- **Term 2 ends Dec 1, 2023**: Grades due Dec 3, 2023 by midnight
- **Term 3/Semester 1 ends Jan 26, 2024**: Grades due January 28, 2024 by midnight
- **Term 4 ends March 15, 2024**: Grades due March 17, 2024 by midnight
- **Term 5 ends May 3, 2024**: Grades due May 5, 2024 by midnight
- **Seniors’ finals are Tuesday, 4 June and Wednesday, 5 June**: Final grades are due by Thursday, 6 June by midnight.
- **Term 6/Semester 2 ends June 14, 2024**: Grades due June 16, 2024 by midnight

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

SEPTEMBER
28
AT MEAD HS
6-8PM

All Mead families welcome!
Please join us for an immersive Open House! Experience a day in the life of your Panther student as you follow their six-period day. Meet your students’ teachers, get a feel for our building, buy Mead gear, and learn more about what makes Mead, Mead!

Formal program will be emailed and posted by Monday, September 19.
**GAME NIGHT!** Varsity Football v. Eastmont @ Union, 7:00 PM

**Varsity Slow Pitch v. North Central at Mead, 4:00 PM**

**Varsity Slow Pitch v. East Valley, 4:00 PM**

**Varsity Soccer v. Eastmont @ Union, 4:00 PM**

**Football v. U-High @ Union, 7:00 PM**

**Slow Pitch v. Shadle Park @ Mead, 4:00 PM**

**Varsity Volleyball v. U-High @ Mead, 7:00 PM**

**CAT SCRAMBLE @ Wandermere Golf Course – Great opportunity to support Mead Boosters. [Click here](#) for more information**

**Turf Wars. Varsity Soccer v. MSHS @ Union, 6:30 PM**

**Battle of the Bats. Varsity Softball v. MSHS @ Merkel Sports Complex, 7:30 PM**

**Spike Fight. XC v Cheney @ Mead, 4:00 PM**

**Homecoming Game. Mead v. Central Valley @ Union, 7:00 PM**

**Homecoming Dance. Mead High School. 8:00-10:00 PM. Ticket sales start 8 September.**

**Pacific NW Marching Band Championships @ Union, 9:00 AM**

**Cat Fight! Varsity Volleyball @ MSHS, 7:00 PM**

**Battle of the Bell. Varsity Football v. MSHS @ Union, 7:00 PM**

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**NEED A SPORTS PHYSICAL?**

Thank you to Madsen Family Medicine for making this possible!

Cost: $20

More opportunities still available:

- August 28, Northwood MS, 6:00-7:30 PM
- August 29, Mountainside MS, 6:00-7:30 PM
- Date and Time TBD at Highland.

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**REGISTRATION**

All athletes must register in FinalForms.

- Participation Fee ($45) and ASB $50 required.
- [Click here](#) to register online.

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**2023-24 GSL SPORTS PASS**

- Save time and money by ordering now. [Click here](#) to order
- 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

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Interested in a Winter or Spring Sport?

**Winter Sports**

- Boys Basketball
- Girls Basketball
- Unified Basketball
- Gymnastics
- Boys Wrestling
- Girls Wrestling

**Spring Sports**

- Boys Baseball
- Girls Fastpitch
- Boys/Girls Golf
- Boys Soccer
- Unified Soccer
- Boys/Girls Tennis
- Boys/Girls Track