



Panther Nation

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

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NEED TO KNOW!

Summer Office Hours
until Thursday, 31 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

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!

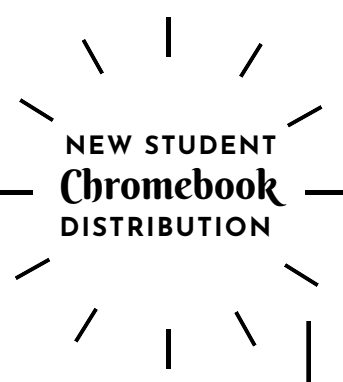
This issue of Panther Nation (it's a big one) is dedicated to getting you ready for the first day and weeks of school, as well as share some of the big events coming up.

Hoorah!
Kimberly

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.



New students can pick up their one-to-one Chromebook before the first day of school.

Monday, 28 August
12:00 - 2:00 PM
MHS Library

New students can also pick-up their Chromebook at the MHS Library on the first day of school.

FIRST WEEKS OF SCHOOL

First Day OVERVIEW



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

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.

FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL (Freshman Orientation & Class Meetings)

Freshman Orientation	160	8:00 - 10:40
Lunch Freshman/New Students	30	10:40 - 11:10
Freshmen Class Meeting	30	11:10 - 11:40
Lunch Grades 10-12	30	11:10 - 11:40
Period 1	15	11:45 - 12:00
Period 2 + Announcements	20	12:05 - 12:25
Period 3	15	12:30 - 12:45
Period 4	15	12:50 - 1:05
Period 5	15	1:10 - 1:25
Period 6	15	1:30 - 1:45
Class Meetings*	40	1:55 - 2:35

First Week OVERVIEW

Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday of the first week of school will run on the "regular" bell schedule with an 8:00 AM start.

Zero Hour on Wednesday, 6 September only will start at 7:00 AM. See "Week 2 & Beyond" (below) for Wednesday late start Zero Hour start time.



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!

FIRST WEEK SCHEDULE (W, TH, F)

PERIOD 0	50	7:00 - 7:50
PERIOD 1	56	8:00 - 8:56
PERIOD 2 + Announcements	60	9:01 - 10:01
PERIOD 3	56	10:06 - 11:02
FIRST LUNCH	30	11:02 - 11:32
PERIOD 4A	56	11:37 - 12:33
PERIOD 4B	56	11:07 - 12:03
SECOND LUNCH	30	12:03 - 12:33
PERIOD 5	56	12:38 - 1:34
PERIOD 6	56	1:39 - 2:35

Week 2 & BEYOND...

Late start Wednesdays begin 13 September.

Zero Hour on late start Wednesdays begin 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

REGULAR SCHEDULE (M, TU, TH, F)

PERIOD 0	50	7:00 - 7:50
PERIOD 1	56	8:00 - 8:56
PERIOD 2 + Announcements	60	9:01 - 10:01
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WEDNESDAY LATE START SCHEDULE

PERIOD 0	40	7:50 - 8:30
PERIOD 1	50	8:40 - 9:30
PERIOD 2	50	9:35 - 10:25
PERIOD 3	50	10:30 - 11:20
FIRST LUNCH	30	11:20 - 11:50
PERIOD 4A	50	11:55 - 12:45
PERIOD 4B	50	11:25 - 12:15
SECOND LUNCH	30	12:15 - 12:45
PERIOD 5	50	12:50 - 1:40
PERIOD 6	50	1:45 - 2:35

AM Skills Center Bus

Leaves MHS @ 7:50 AM - M, T, Th, F
Leaves 8:30 AM - Wednesdays

PM Skills Center Bus

Leaves MHS @ 11:06 AM - Daily



NEW-TECH BUS SCHEDULE

INTERESTED IN
CHROMEBOOK INSURANCE?
Annual \$20 fee per student.
[Checkout the District Technology page for more information.](#)

SENIORS 2024

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 McCarthy Center.
 - **GRADUATES will arrive at McCarthy at 5:45 PM.
 - We encourage families to drop-off their graduates at McCarthy 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!



Keep up with all things Seniors by checking the [MHS Seniors! webpage.](#)



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

302 W HASTINGS RD
SPOKANE
MEAD HIGH SCHOOL
8:00 - 10:00 PM

**09.30
2023**

Guest forms posting soon!

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 SERVICES NEWS

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.

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



The graphic features a dark blue background with a yellow and white chevron pattern. At the top left, it says 'You're Invited!' in a white script font. In the center, the words 'OPEN HOUSE' are written in large, bold, yellow and white block letters. To the right of the text is the Mead High School Panthers logo, which is a circular emblem with a panther head and the text 'MEAD HIGH SCHOOL PANTHERS'. At the bottom left, there is a yellow and white panther head silhouette. On the right side, a yellow vertical banner contains the text: 'SEPTEMBER 28 AT MEAD HS 6-8PM'. Below this, it says 'All Mead families welcome!' followed by a paragraph: 'Please join us for an in-person 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!'. At the bottom of the banner, it says 'Formal program will emailed and posted by Monday, September 25.' and 'BE. belong. BECOME.' in a stylized font.

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

NEWS

ATHLETICS & ACTIVITIES

JUST A FEW HIGHLIGHTS....

Friday, 01 September	GAME NIGHT! Varsity Football v. Eastmont @ Union, 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 Varsity 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
Wednesday, 20 September	Turf Wars. Varsity Soccer v. MSHS @ Union, 6:30 PM
Tuesday, 26 September	Battle of the Bats. Varsity Softball v. MSHS @ Merkel Sports Complex, 7:30 PM
Wednesday, 27 September	Spike Fight. XC v Cheney @ Mead, 4:00 PM
Friday, 29 September	Homecoming Game. Mead v. Central Valley @ Union, 7:00 PM
Saturday, 30 September	Homecoming Dance. Mead High School. 8:00-10:00 PM. Ticket sales start 8 September.
Saturday, 14 October	Pacific NW Marching Band Championships @ Union, 9:00 AM
Thursday, 26 October	Cat Fight! Varsity Volleyball @ MSHS, 7:00 PM
Friday, 27 October	Battle of the Bell. Varsity Football v. MSHS @ Union, 7:00 PM

Get more
info via
the Athletics
page.

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.

REGISTRATION

All athletes must register in FinalForms.

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



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

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

