



The Communicator

News & Updates from Mount Gilead Exempted Village Schools | Back to School 2023



OPEN HOUSE & *Street Fair*

Thursday, August 24, 2023

Street Fair 5- 6 PM

Open House 6-8 PM

Freshmen & HS New Student Orientation 6:30 PM @ MGHS

Join us outside for food trucks, bounce houses and local vendors while we welcome students back and announce our Fall athletes. Then, join us inside our buildings and tour your students classroom and meet our staff!

CLASSES BEGIN



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From the Desk of Dr. Zack Howard, Superintendent

This is an exciting time of the year for many reasons. First, we're busy planning for a successful start to our 2023-2024 school year. Along with this our school campus springs back to life with students and staff as they plan for the Fall season. As I write this we have our Band Camp and most Fall Athletic teams beginning preparation for the season ahead! I know that their hard work and dedication will precede learning great life lessons throughout the season like being accountable to their peers, celebrating when game or performance plans come together and even learning to adjust when things don't go our way. Every start to a school year is filled with optimism for what is ahead and memories that last a lifetime! I encourage you to take a look at the schedules attached in this edition of *The Communicator* and I look forward to cheering our kids on with you at the games and performances!



We're also excited to welcome the Class of 2036 into our Mount Gilead Exempted Village Schools! That's right- the Kindergarten class this school year represents the next generation that joins our long purple line that exists for Mount Gilead Exempted Village Schools! We can't wait to see them, their loved ones, and ALL of our returning students. We'll work hard to keep Mount Gilead Exempted Village Schools an inviting and great place to be. We want to work with our parents/guardians and community to make sure we're responsive to the needs of the community we serve!

Did you know that our district now has eight College Credit Plus (CCP) courses available to our High School students where they have the opportunity to earn High School and College credit taught by our own MGEVS teachers in-house? Over the past two years, our students have earned 868 college credits, and at this time we have 57 students registered for another 291 college credits for the Fall Semester.

We're also pleased to share that our district has increased the number of Career Technical Education (CTE) courses available to students to provide additional career skills in coding, robotics, engineering, vocational agriculture, Career-Based Intervention (Rise Up Program) and digital media. Offering these courses also brings additional funding from the State.

We'd like to welcome the following new staff members to MGEVS. If you happen to run into any of them, please help us welcome them into the community!

Paige Clinger - HS Science
Kathleen Davis - HS Math Teacher
Brooklyn Gebhardt - PA Intervention Specialist
Kendall Gregory - PA Kindergarten Teacher
Lauren Heffelfinger - PA Character Education
Michelle Noskowiak - PA 3rd Grade Teacher

Kerry Ruhl - Physical Therapist
Abigail Stepp - PA Music Teacher
Kara Strine - PA Guidance Counselor
Anthony Taylor - HS/MS Music (Choir)
Alexis Wright - PA 1st Grade Teacher

If this is your first year associated with the Mount Gilead Exempted Village Schools we want to welcome you to the schools community. If you're a longtime resident of the school district, we want to thank you for your continued support of our students and staff in the buildings.

With Gratitude,

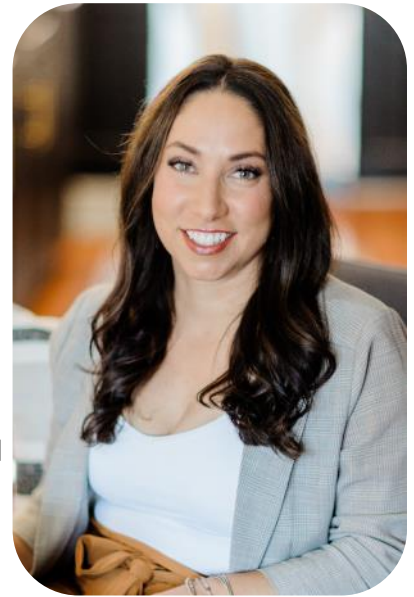
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Dr. Zack Howard
MGEVS Superintendent

Ally Schleichert Tapped to Lead Park Avenue Elementary

While Ally Schleichert is not a new face to Mount Gilead Exempted Village Schools, she will be a new face in the role of Park Avenue Elementary Principal. Following the resignation of Chris Kamenski, Ally was quickly identified as the ideal candidate to take on this important leadership role within the district.

Ally has a proven track record in education. She served as a Gifted Teacher in the Pickerington Local School District before accepting a position as a Preschool Director and Special Education Coordinator at Madison Local Schools. Ally was then hired by the Mid-Ohio Educational Service Center to serve as a Gifted Coordinator where she worked with their member schools and their teachers to improve teaching strategies and gifted education for their students. As MGEVS is a member school district of the Mid-Ohio ESC, Ally was assigned a role with our district to work in part with our school district to solidify our Gifted Education offerings. During her time with the ESC, Ally built relationships with our staff in offering professional development, coaching, and improved practices centered around offering instructional strategies that improve the education of not just students identified as gifted learners but all students as many of the strategies are ideal for differentiating instruction and improving instructional delivery for all students.



Dr. Howard (Superintendent) shared, “During the past two years, Ally has quickly proven to be a valuable resource to our staff as an instructional coach and expert in both Gifted Education and Positive Behavioral Interventions and Supports (PBIS). Ally understands that building relationships centered around trust and focusing on our students’ needs is important in educational leadership. Ally is no stranger to our school district and will be a tremendous asset to our district in her new role. We’re excited to have an individual with the experience she has to work with all of our Park Avenue Elementary stakeholders! We are grateful for the service that Mr. Kamenski has provided to our district over the past several years and we wish him all the best in his new endeavor as a Junior High Principal in a new district.”

When asked about her new role, Ally stated, “As the gifted coordinator for the district these past two years, I have enjoyed building relationships with staff members at all building levels, and have come to truly love the Mount Gilead School District. When the opportunity to become the building principal presented itself, I happily accepted. I look forward to working with the staff to continue to build our gifted program as the gifted coordinator, but now also lead and support the teachers and staff at Park Avenue Elementary in a new capacity, as their building principal. It’s going to be a great year!”

Ally Schleichert was recently hired last Spring by the Mount Gilead Exempted Village Schools for the 2023/24 School year to serve as the Gifted Coordinator for the district and this opportunity will allow her to take on the leadership role at Park Avenue Elementary Principal as well. In her newly defined role, Ally will continue to serve as the Gifted Coordinator for Mount Gilead Exempted Village Schools.

Cherry Street Closed to Public During Renovation

The Cherry Street Building is currently undergoing extensive renovation.

Because of this, the building is closed for public use. Administrative and Board of Education offices on the 2nd floor remain open and accessible. Renovation is expected to be completed in early 2024.

Middle School athletic competitions typically played at the Cherry Street gym have been moved to the Mount Gilead High School gymnasium.



Curriculum & Development News from Emily Ross

We are very excited for the 23-24 School Year here at Central Office. There are some new course offerings I wanted to share with you. At Park Ave we were fortunate to receive the Stronger Connections grant which has allowed us to create a new Integrated Arts position. This course is being called Character Education as it will include our Character Strong Curriculum K-5, and our Botvin Life Skills Program for grades 3-5, but it also includes Digital Citizenship and Typing skills as well. It will be housed in our Computer Lab & Library and be one of our daily rotations with Music, Art & PE. We are excited to welcome Lauren Heffelfinger as a new teacher to our district to fill this role.



At the Middle School and High School we have aligned the bell schedules to share staff and create more opportunities for our students. For the first time 8th grade students will get the opportunity to take Health for HS credit. Our Robotics Career Tech Pathway is expanding into the High School for freshmen and sophomores, and our MS students will now get to take a Droning Class. Digital Media Career Tech students at the HS will start participating in BPA (Business Professionals of America) events and we hope to establish a School Based Enterprise to help them earn work-based learning hours creating content for the district. Both the MS & HS will be introducing the Botvin Life Skills curriculum to students as well.

Our staff strives to offer relevant and engaging curriculum to our students to help them find success in life. It is so important that students are in school every day to get the most out of their education. Even missing just 2 days a month adds up to 10% of the school year. Please take note of the Attendance Matters flyer in this issue for more details on when students should stay home from school. Together we can make this a great year!

PTO Welcomes New Members, Plans Activities and Fundraisers

The Park Avenue PTO (Parent Teacher Organization) is excited to kick off the 2023-2024 school year. Several events are planned for the fall season, such as our Football Tailgate Party coinciding with the Varsity Football Homecoming Game on October 6th and our STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math) night on October 19 6-7:30 in the Park Ave gymnasium. Our Fall Book Fair will also be back in November and families will be able to visit before or after parent/teacher conferences We invite you to come join us!

Our Fall Fundraiser with Little Caesars pizza kits will kick off on September 18th ...find your favorite elementary student to order some pizza kits for those busy school nights! Our fundraisers help support the students by providing funds to sponsor school assemblies, such as the Imagination Station who visited at visited the elementary students in May, and t-shirts that students tie-dye and wear for Fun Day.

Interested in learning about future events and volunteering? We meet the 2nd Monday of every month at 6:30 pm in the Park Avenue Library. Stay up-to-date by following us on Facebook at Park Avenue PTO (Parent Teacher Organization) {<https://www.facebook.com/ParkAvenueElementaryPTO/>}

Graduate Banners Available for Pick Up

Mount Gilead High School Class of 2023 Graduate Banners that were hung throughout the Village earlier this year can now be picked up at the high school office during normal business hours: Monday through Friday from 8 AM until 2 PM.



Road Runners Youth Camp Returns for Another Season

The Mount Gilead Cross Country Youth Program, known as Road Runners, is for youth participants in grades 1-6. These participants do not need to be Mount Gilead students in order to participate. Any 1-6 grader interested in the sport of cross country is welcome. Our purpose is to introduce kids to the sport of cross country through games and activities designed to help promote a healthy lifestyle. Coaching will be provided by the Mount Gilead Cross Country coaching staff and athletes.

Participants should meet at the High School Baseball Field (Use auxiliary gym for inclement weather): Tuesday, September 19 5:15-6:00pm, Thursday, September 21 5:15-6:00pm, Thursday, September 28 5:15-6:00pm, Tuesday, October 3 5:15-6:00pm, and Thursday, October 5 5:15-6:00pm.

Athletes are also eligible and encouraged to participate in two youth races. The first is Tuesday, September 26 at Fredericktown Kokosing Dam with the youth running at approximately 5 pm. Road Runners can also run at the Youth Race at Marion Harding High School on Saturday, October 7 with an approximate 8 am start. Both our High School and Middle School Cross Country teams will be competing at these events, so we hope you'll come out to race then stay to cheer them on too.

You can find more information and the registration form on our website at mgschools.org under "District News"

MTC's TRIO Program to Return for MG Students

TRIO Talent Search College and Career Advisors work with students grades 6-12. They create and promote career and educational opportunity awareness, both in group and one on one settings. TRIO also coordinates campus and worksite visits, registers students for the ACT and SAT, provides advising on FAFSA, college applications, resumes, interview techniques, scholarships, and more. This program is completely free.

Regular office hours are held during the school day. They are available for both scheduled appointments and drop ins. For more information, please contact the TRIO Team: Hanna Hashman hashmanh@mtc.edu, Corey Chatman chatmanc@mtc.edu, and Kelly Garrett garrettk@mtc.edu, visit our website at <https://sites.google.com/view/triotalentsearchatmariontech>, or scan the QR code to apply now!



TRIO
TALENT SEARCH

****Audition Announcement*
and Theatre Welcome Party
Pizza Party Begins, on 9/13/23, at
5:00 pm in the Cafeteria***

***Mount Gilead High School Presents:
The Diary of Anne Frank
Auditions 9/13/23 and 9/14/23
6:00 pm-7:30 pm
Mount Gilead High School Stage
Possible Callbacks 9/15***

In this transcendently powerful new adaptation by Wendy Kesselman, Anne Frank emerges from history a living, lyrical, intensely gifted young girl, who confronts her rapidly changing life and the increasing horror of her time with astonishing honesty, wit, and determination. An impassioned drama about the lives of eight people hiding from the Nazis in a concealed storage attic, THE DIARY OF ANNE FRANK captures the claustrophobic realities of their daily existence—their fear, their hope, their laughter, their grief. Each day of these two dark years, Anne's voice shines through: "When I write I shake off all my cares. But I want to achieve more than that. I want to be useful and bring enjoyment to all people, even those I've never met. I want to go on living even after my death!" This is a new adaptation for a new generation.

The Diary of Anne Frank
Performance Dates:

October 27, 2023, 7:00 pm
October 28, 2023, 7:00 pm
October 29, 2023, 2:00 pm

Students will be able to look over character descriptions before auditions.

Students will read from the script during auditions, no preparation is needed!

We are looking for 5 males, 5 females, and 3 of any gender for this production.

If you would like to audition, but the audition dates will not work for you, please communicate with Mr. Barr, before 9/14/23, to arrange an alternative audition time and date. Rehearsals will happen in the evening to maximize your ability to participate!

From the Food Service Director, Autumn Pauley

We can't wait to see your kids in our cafeteria soon. Please remember these helpful tools that are out there.

The district uses NutriSlice to display the school menus. You can also find dietary information and allergy information from the website. This can be downloaded to your phone, and you will always know what your student is having for lunch.

PaySchool Central is another great app to have downloaded to your phone. Not only can you add money to your student(s) lunch account but you can also see what they are spending each day. Plus, you can pay school fee's this way too.

Free and Reduced Applications

Why should I fill out the Free and Reduced application?

1. You could be saving yourself some money if your student qualifies for free and reduced meals. If your family qualifies you don't have to pay full price for breakfast and lunch, you could pay a reduced meal cost or potentially pay nothing at all.
2. It expires every year. So if you filled this out last year and you qualified that doesn't mean, that you still have that status so please get it filled out as soon as possible to keep receiving those benefits.
3. Did you know that not only does it benefit your student in the cafeteria, but it also benefits the district! The district can receive additional funding to by supplies for the district through this program.
4. If you are on the free and reduced program - your school fees are waived too!

So why not fill out the free and reduced form, it could save you money in the long run, and help the district out too. If you need help in filling out the application, please reach out to the Food Service Director Autumn Pauley at 419.947.6065 *1021 and she will set up a time with you and help you fill out the application.

Some great news we have to share with you is that with the new Ohio budget bill the state is going to cover the cost for the reduced price breakfast and lunches. This means that all meal that are approved for the reduced status by the free and reduced applications will be covered and you will not be required to pay for them. So for this year only we will have a paid status and a free status. So come on get those free and reduced applications in and see if you qualify!

Finally, school lunch prices will stay the same: breakfast paid is \$1.50 district wide, and the reduced price, this year only will be FREE. Lunch paid price for Park Avenue is \$2.75, Middle and High school paid will be \$3.00 and again all reduced lunches will be FREE this year only.

If you have any questions please feel free to contact Autumn Pauley, your foodservice director at 419.947.6065*1021, apauley@mgschools.org or stop by and see her at the street fair.



In April 2023 the MGEVS school board adopted a new administrative guideline for dealing with negative lunch account balances. Once a student account reaches negative -\$50 a letter will be mailed home and the family encouraged to fill out the free and reduced meal application or to pay the balance. If a student's balance reaches -\$75 the student will be provided the standard USDA guideline permitted meal that is not necessarily the main menu option for that day.

Please note that lunch account balances carry over from the previous school year. You can check your student's lunch accounts online via PaySchools. We are working with that site to enable the online application for Free & Reduced meals, to ease the process, but paper forms are available now.

WE NEED YOU!

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Reasons to Apply for Free-or-Reduced School Meals

Did you know that filling out a free-or-reduced price school meal application each year can benefit not only your family but also your children's schools?



1

Help for your family

Besides free-or-reduced priced school meals, your family may qualify for:

- ◆ Reduced school and activity fees
- ◆ Medical Benefits
- ◆ Housing benefits
- ◆ Utilities benefits
- ◆ And more!



2

Help for your school

The more application your MGEVS gathers at the start of each school year, the more additional funding they can receive for all kinds of programs that can help children, families, teachers, administrators - everyone!



3

Fast and Secure

It takes just a few minutes to complete an online application. What's more, your data is handled with strict protocols that ensure security and confidentiality.

**So please, fill out your back-to-school 2023-2024 application by
visiting: payschoolscentral.com or contacting
Food Service Director Autumn Pauley at apauley@mgschools.org
Or (419)947-6065 ext. 1021**

Only one application per household is needed.

School Supply Lists

Park Avenue Elementary - Kindergarten through 5th Grade

In an effort to help every student be prepared for learning and to ease the financial burdens of our Park Avenue Elementary families during the "Back-to-School" time, the Mount Gilead Exempted Village Schools has partnered with the United Way of Morrow County.

The United Way will provide classroom sets of scissors and a box of crayons for each of our students in Grades K-5. We are very grateful for their partnership. The district will purchase all other supplies needed for learning except for headphones, notebooks, and a pencil/crayon pouch.

We hope our plan helps to ease the financial burden to families but also simplifies the supply purchase process for them.

- ☐ Headphones (over the ear)
- ☐ Notebooks*
- ☐ Pencil/Crayon Box*

*Note: All teachers may not ask for notebooks or pencil/crayon boxes; but all students will need headphones.

Class lists were posted on the windows at Park Avenue Elementary at the end of the day on Friday, August 18th. Any specific class supply requests in addition to those listed above will be posted by your students' teacher.

Mount Gilead Middle School

6th Grade

- ☐ Pencils - a lot
- ☐ 1 pack of highlighters
- ☐ 1 pack EXPO Dry Erase Markers
- ☐ 4 composition or single subject notebooks
- ☐ 3 big glue sticks
- ☐ Zippered 3-ring Binder
- ☐ 4 folders with holes to fit inside binder
- ☐ 2 colored pens (any color but black)
- ☐ 1 pack colored pencils
- ☐ 1 pack markers
- ☐ Earbuds or Headphones

7th Grade

- ☐ Pencils - a lot
- ☐ 1 pack of highlighters
- ☐ 1 pack EXPO Dry Erase Markers
- ☐ Paper: loose or in a notebook
- ☐ 1.5" or 2" 3-ring binder (math)
- ☐ 3 big glue sticks
- ☐ Zippered 3-ring Binder
- ☐ 4 folders with holes to fit inside binder
- ☐ 2 colored pens (any color but black)
- ☐ 1 pack colored pencils
- ☐ 1 pack markers
- ☐ Earbuds or Headphones
- ☐ TI-30XIIS Scientific Calculator (highly recommended)
- ☐ Pencil Pouch

8th Grade

- ☐ Pencils - a lot
- ☐ 1 pack of highlighters
- ☐ 1 pack EXPO Dry Erase Markers
- ☐ Paper: loose or in a notebook
- ☐ 1.5" or 2" 3-ring binder (math)
- ☐ 3 big glue sticks
- ☐ Zippered 3-ring Binder
- ☐ 4 folders with holes to fit inside binder
- ☐ 2 colored pens (any color but black)
- ☐ 1 pack colored pencils
- ☐ 1 pack markers
- ☐ Earbuds or Headphones
- ☐ TI-30XIIS Scientific Calculator (highly recommended)

Mount Gilead High School - 9th through 12th Grade

The High School does not have a "mandatory" supply list since students are in a variety of classes. Normally, we ask students to bring normal organizational and classroom supplies.

Below you will find some suggestions for items which will be helpful as we navigate the 2023-2024 school year:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Pencils | <input type="checkbox"/> Ruler w/ metrics | <input type="checkbox"/> Loose paper - college ruled |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Colored pencils | <input type="checkbox"/> Eraser | <input type="checkbox"/> 3-ring binder (1/2" for English, 1" for Science) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Pens | <input type="checkbox"/> Highlighters | <input type="checkbox"/> TI-30XIIS Scientific Calculator for math and science |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 3 x 5 index cards | <input type="checkbox"/> Divided notebooks | |

* Teachers may request specific supplies for the individual courses on the first day of class.

School FEES

Student Supply Fees for the 2023-2024 School Year

- ❑ \$35.00/student at Park Avenue Elementary
- ❑ \$35.00/student at Mt. Gilead Middle School
- ❑ \$35.00/student at Mt. Gilead High School
- ❑ \$10.00: MG High School Class Fee (Freshmen, Sophomores, Juniors, and Seniors)
- ❑ \$20.00 Technology Fee (Freshmen & Sophomores only)

Student Supply Fees are annual fees paid directly to the school (or by PaySchools). That money helps to pay for extra school supplies, workbooks, journals, ID badges, planners, printer ink, art supplies and more. Unpaid school fees accumulate and can be found on your student account balance.

New Equipment at PA Playground

Last year, 4th Grade students at Park Avenue were tasked with researching and presenting what outdoor equipment they would like to see on the older student side of the school playground. They considered things like budget, spaces, popularity, capacity, and variety. Their research showed that students wanted slides, swings, a climbing area, space to play basketball and overall space to run and play.

In December 2022, the MGEVS Board of Education approved the purchase of nearly \$35,000 in new playground equipment based off of their research and presentation. This equipment was installed this summer and is available for student/community use.

As a reminder, the Park Avenue Elementary playground is available for public use but is closed during school hours and while school programming is in progress.



Tri-Rivers 2nd Annual Transition Fair

A Free Resource Fair for students with developmental disabilities and their families to assist in mapping his/her way today and beyond.

**October 25, 2023
@ 5:30-7:30pm**

at Tri-Rivers Career Center
2222 Marion-Mt. Gilead Rd, Marion, OH 43302

Find answers to these questions by attending:

- What do families need to do to help their children prepare for the future?
- Are students prepared for vocational needs they will have?
- What services can assist students to handle financial needs?
- And many more questions will be answered!

Representatives from a variety of agencies will be available to share information:
OOD, Area County Boards of DD, colleges, universities, local businesses and other local services.

Breakout Sessions: TBA
Focusing on college readiness and planning for the future

For more information, contact:
Jamie Bando
Vocational Special Education Coordinator
Tri-Rivers Career Center
740-389-8581
jbando@tririvers.com

Co-Sponsored by these schools:
Elgin, Marion Harding, Pleasant, River Valley, Ridgedale, North Union, Mt. Gilead, Cardington and Highland.

Independent Living



Educational



Vocational



New Student Online Enrollment Forms for the 2023-2024 School Year

Visit: mgschools.org

or

Scan this QR code with your phone!

Quick Access Links


PreSchool
Registration


23-24 Enrollment


Athletics


Departments


Alumni



Busses to get New Illuminated Signs, Traffic

We are excited to put starting some upgrades on a couple buses this year!

We specifically have a couple routes that other drivers seem to have a hard time recognizing that the big yellow thing coming at them is a School Bus! So on the two routes that we had the most stop sign violators last year, we are helping you out with identification. Coming in the fall will be illuminated school bus signs on these two buses.

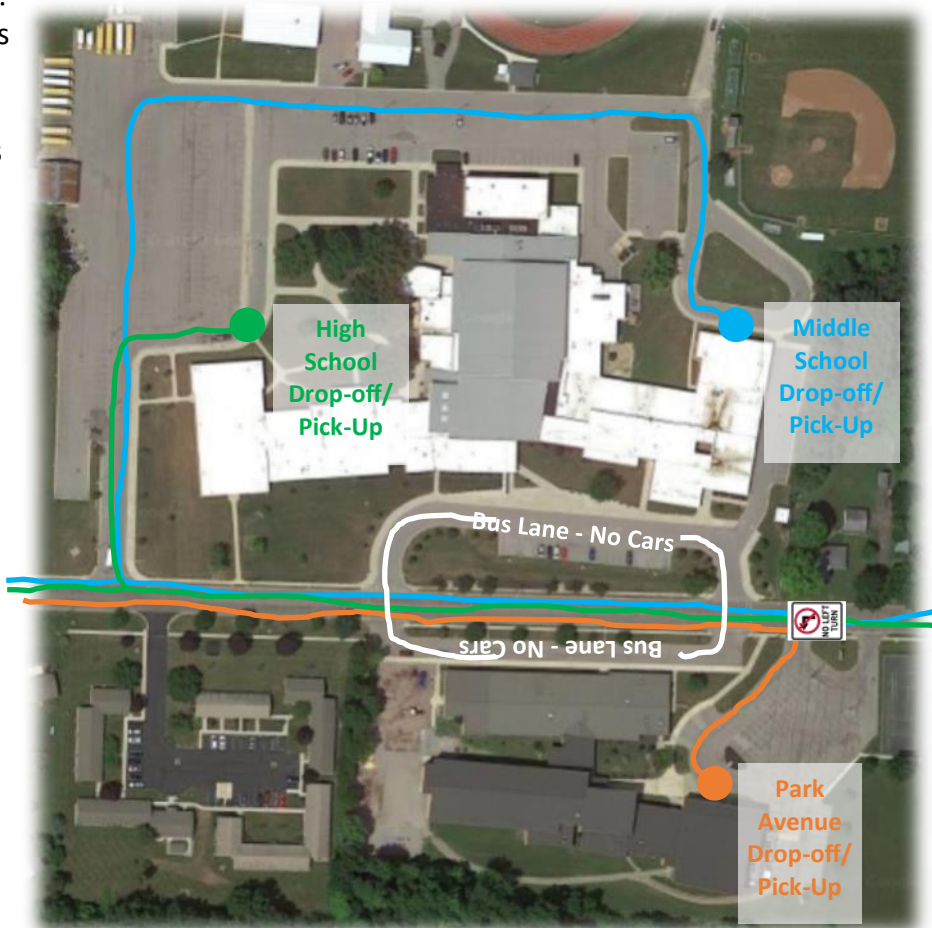


As a reminder, Ohio law states that on a two-lane roadway, **drivers traveling in both directions must stop for school buses**. By law, drivers must remain stopped until the bus is in motion again or the bus driver signals that traffic can proceed.

Some other important transportation information:

- ◆ If you're driving to/from our schools, remember that Park Avenue is 20 mph zone at all times.
- ◆ No students are to be dropped-off or picked-up from the street (Park Avenue). Students are to be dropped off and picked-up at the designated drop-off and pick-up areas only (see below).
- ◆ Students are not permitted to ride home with other students on a bus or be dropped off at a different location unless pre-arranged with the MGEVS Transportation Department. A note from a parent will not be accepted.
- ◆ Students of all ages walk and ride bikes to and from school for classes and extracurricular activities. Motorists must yield to pedestrians/cyclists in crosswalks. Pedestrians/cyclists should also be observant, watch for vehicles and obey crossing guards when present. Pedestrians should always use crosswalks to cross and follow traffic pedestrian signals at intersections. Walkers are advised to wear brightly colored clothing, especially at dusk and dawn. Cyclists are reminded to dismount their bicycles when using a crosswalk.
- ◆ State Law states that students are NOT permitted to eat or drink on school buses!
- ◆ Parents are not to get out of their vehicles when dropping off students. Also, all students should exit the vehicle from the passenger side (towards the curb). Staff is present at Park Avenue to provide assistance for our younger students, if needed. If you need extra time with your child at drop-off, please use a parking space.

As always if you have any questions or concerns do not hesitate to contact the Transportation Director, Lorena Boller at lboller@mgschools.org or by calling (419)946-1646 Ext. 5070



Got Snapcodes? Complete Your Back to School forms now!

Back to school forms need to be completed every year for all students! This is done through PowerSchool and is separate from Final Forms which is only for Athletic Participation in 7-12th grades. Kindergarten students completed these forms at registration in May.

To scan the code (right) open the QR reader application or the camera on your smartphone. Point it at the QR code (you should be able to point your camera from any angle and still receive the necessary information). Click “yes” or “show options” when prompted to



Scan with your QR Application or
Smartphone camera.

If you have not received a snapcode email or letter, please contact Jodi VanHouten, District EMIS coordinator at ivanhouten@mgschools.org or 419-946-1646.

Chiefs Club Summer Program Serves 103 MG Youth

On July 27th the Chiefs Club Summer Program finished their 6-week program. We had 103 students signed up. This is our second summer with this grant funded program. This year we visited OSU Planetarium, COSI, Franklin Park Conservatory, and The Works, along with walking to the Capitol Theatre and the Mount Gilead Pool.

The local public library came in to do crafts and activities. We invited the community to enjoy a BMX Bike show and built our own reading stuffed animals. Throughout the week we had intervention, Art, Music, Gym, and STEM. We ended our summer with a luau. We can't wait until next summer to have more fun and learn new things! We will have our next summer program enrollment start in April 2024.



During the school year we provide intervention and weekly themed based activities. We are also looking for guest speakers to come in and talk to our students. If you would like to come in or more information please email Erin Whipple (ewhipple@mgschools.org).

Would you like to be a sponsor/donor for this program? We are a grant funded program, unfortunately, the grant does not cover food or snacks. If you would like to help donate we would greatly appreciate it. Please email chiefsclub@mgschools.org or call 419.946.5736 ext 3112.

CONGRATULATIONS & GOOD LUCK

to all of the MORROW COUNTY Fair EXHIBITORS!

AUGUST 28th - SEPTEMBER 3rd



FFA Officers Attend Retreat

The 2023-2024 Mt. Gilead FFA Officer team alongside our adviser, Matt Gompf, held our annual officer retreat from June 26 to June 28, 2023. We used this time to bond as a leadership team and plan for the coming school year.

During our three day trip we stayed in a cabin near Butler, Ohio where we were in charge of shopping, prepping, preparing and cooking a meal with a partner. On the way to Butler we stopped at the Malabar Farm State Park to learn about some local history. While at the cabin we planned events for the school year as well as dividing our chapter in to our 15 standing committee groups. On Wednesday morning the group went on a 7-mile canoeing trip in Loudonville, Ohio on the Mohican River.

Pictured at right are the 2023-2024 officers: Mitchell Sayers (President), Kyle St. Clair (Reporter), Kimberly Staley (Secretary), Natalie Jagger (Treasurer), Emily Mattix (Vice Pres.), Lia Alexander (Historian), Bryan Sayers (Sentinel), and Justin Wooddell (Student Advisor)



Upcoming FFA Events:

- September FFA Meeting/New Member Parent Welcome - September 25 @6:30 PM
- Fruit Sale - Starts October 6, 2023 and Ends Nov 10, 2023
- FFA Week - Feb 26- March 1, 2024
- Judging Invitational - Feb 17, 2024
- Pancake Breakfast - Feb 24, 2024
- FFA Banquet - April 13, 2024
- State Convention - May 2-3, 2024

Annual JOG Garage Sale Benefits Safe Haven Teen Center



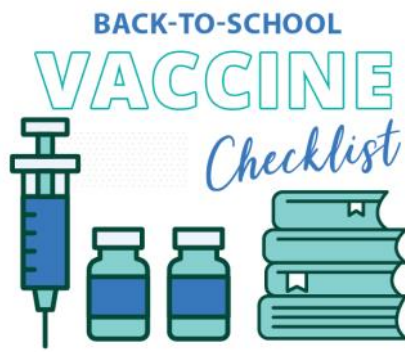
The Mt. Gilead High School JOG program held our garage sale this summer. We raised \$1,042.75 from our sale. This year we donated it to the Safe Haven Teen Center. We would like to thank all those who donated and shopped. As always we are looking for community service projects, if you have any ideas or information please email me at ghartman@mgschools.org.

Thank you to our community for always supporting our JOG program.



Attention Alumni: If your class is having a reunion and you'd like to spread the word, or if you've already met and would like to share information or pictures, please contact *The Communicator* Editor Kelly Hand at khand@mgschools.org or (419) 947-9517 x 2218

Find all alumni events at mgschools.org/alumni



School-Age Vaccine Requirements

As the new school year approaches, it is important to ensure students are prepared with all their necessary supplies and that they are on top of all their required immunizations.

Several immunizations are required for school attendance and some children may have been delayed in getting boosters due to the pandemic.

However, it is crucial to stay on schedule with these immunizations. Immunizations save lives and protect kids from serious illnesses.

For children needing immunizations to meet State of Ohio requirements, parents and guardians can contact their family doctor, or the Morrow County

2023-2024 Required School Vaccines

Kindergarten:

- 4 doses Dtap (diphtheria, tetanus, pertussis),
- 3 doses Polio,
- 2 doses MMR (measles, mumps, rubella),
- 2 doses Varicella,
- 3 doses hepatitis B

7th Grade:

- 1 dose Tdap (tetanus, diphtheria, pertussis),
- 1 dose Meningococcal (serogroup A, C, W, Y)

12th Grade:

- 2 doses total of Meningococcal (serogroup A,C,W, Y)

Additional immunizations recommended by the CDC (Centers for Disease Control):

- Human Papillomavirus (HPV)
- Hepatitis A

MS Cross Country

Monday	8/21/2023	Northmor XC Invite
Saturday	8/26/2023	Tiger Classic- Seneca East
Saturday	9/2/2023	Highland XC Invite
Saturday	9/9/2023	Stars, Stripes, and Lights- Seneca East
Saturday	9/16/2023	Galion Cross Country Festival
Saturday	9/23/2023	Bill Brown Invite- Ontario
Tuesday	9/26/2023	Denny Stevens Invitational
Saturday	9/30/2023	North Union Invitational
Saturday	10/7/2023	Harding Invitational- Marion Harding
Saturday	10/14/2023	KMAC League Meet- Kokosing Dam

MS Football

Wednesday	8/23/2023	Lucas	5:30 PM
Thursday	8/31/2023	@ Fredericktown	5:00 PM
Thursday	9/7/2023	Loudonville	5:00 PM
Thursday	9/14/2023	@ East Knox	5:00 PM
Thursday	9/21/2023	Centerburg	5:00 PM
Thursday	9/28/2023	@ Northmor	5:00 PM
Thursday	10/5/2023	@ Danville	5:00 PM
Thursday	10/12/2023	Cardington	7:00 PM

MS Volleyball

Tuesday	8/15/2023	@ Mansfield	5:30 PM
Saturday	8/19/2023	Elgin	10:00 AM
Monday	8/21/2023	@ Danville	5:00 PM
Tuesday	8/22/2023	Colonel Crawford	5:00 PM
Wednesday	8/23/2023	@ Northmor	5:00 PM
Saturday	8/26/2023	@ Loudonville	10:00 AM
Monday	8/28/2023	@ Centerburg	5:00 PM
Tuesday	9/5/2023	@ Grant	5:00 PM
Wednesday	9/6/2023	@ Fredericktown	5:00 PM
Thursday	9/7/2023	@ Gilead Christian	5:30 PM
Monday	9/11/2023	@ East Knox	5:00 PM
Wednesday	9/13/2023	Cardington	5:00 PM
Monday	9/18/2023	Danville	5:00 PM
Wednesday	9/20/2023	Northmor	5:00 PM
Monday	9/25/2023	Centerburg	5:00 PM
Wednesday	9/27/2023	Bucyrus	5:00 PM
Monday	10/2/2023	Fredericktown	5:00 PM
Tuesday	10/3/2023	Wynford	5:00 PM
Wednesday	10/4/2023	East Knox	5:00 PM
Saturday	10/7/2023	@ Granville	11:00 AM
Monday	10/9/2023	@ Cardington	5:00 PM
Saturday	10/14/2023	@ KMAC	10:00 AM

Athletic Passes On-Sale NOW at the MGHS Office



Student Pass Options

\$40	Fall Sports Only
\$50	Winter Sports Only
\$75	All Sports

Adult Pass Options

\$55	Fall Sports Only
\$80	Winter Sports Only
\$125	All Sports

Family Sports Pass Options

(2 adults and K-12 Children living in the same household)

\$135	Fall Sports Only
\$220	Winter Sports Only
\$325	All Sports

Senior (Grandparent) Passes

For anyone 60 or older. Annual Purchase.

\$25	All Sports
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Passes are available at the
High School Office:
M-F, 8 AM to 2 PM

Full payment is required
at time of purchase
(checks payable to Mt. Gilead Schools)

Pass entitles holder to entrance at any
regular season home sporting event.

Passes must be presented at each
event or regular price will be charged.

Passes are NON-TRANSFERABLE

Passes do not apply to
post-season events.

Golf

Wednesday	8/9/2023	KMAC #1- Wyandot GC	4:00 PM
Wednesday	8/16/2023	Cardington/Centerburg- Kings Mill GC	4:00 PM
Thursday	8/17/2023	@ East Knox- Apple Valley GC	4:00 PM
Monday	8/21/2023	@ Centerburg- Wyandot GC	4:00 PM
Wednesday	8/23/2023	Cardington/East Knox- Kings Mill GC	9:00 AM
Wednesday	8/30/2023	KMAC #2- Apple Valley GC	4:00 PM
Wednesday	9/6/2023	Cardington/Fredericktown- Kings Mill GC	4:00 PM
Tuesday	9/12/2023	@ Fredericktown/Northmor- Vernon	4:00 PM
Saturday	9/16/2023	KMAC #3 Vernon View GC	8:00 AM
Wednesday	9/20/2023	@ Cardington/Northmor- Kings Mill GC	4:00 PM

HS Cross Country

Tuesday	8/22/2023	Upper Sandusky Icebreaker
Saturday	8/26/2023	Kipp Krinn XC Invite- Col Crawford
Saturday	9/9/2023	Stars, Stripes, and Lights- Seneca East
Saturday	9/16/2023	Galion Cross Country Festival
Saturday	9/23/2023	Fleet Feet- Strongsville
Tuesday	9/26/2023	Denny Stevens Invitational- Kokosing Dam
Saturday	9/30/2023	North Union Invitational
Saturday	10/7/2023	Harding Invitational- Marion Harding
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KMAC* Ticket Prices

Adult Ticket - Varsity Event: \$8.00

Student Ticket - Varsity Event: \$5.00

Adult Ticket - Non-Varsity/Middle School: \$5.00

Student Ticket - Non-Varsity/Middle School: \$3.00

*Prices for Mt. Gilead Athletic Events are set by the KMAC

Varsity Football			
Saturday	8/5/2023	@ Bucyrus/Hardin Northern (Scrim)	10:00 AM
Friday	8/11/2023	Plymouth (Scrim)	6:00 PM
Friday	8/18/2023	@ Triad	7:00 PM
Friday	8/25/2023	Upper Sandusky- Military Appreciation Night (All Veterans get in no charge)	7:00 PM
Friday	9/1/2023	@ Grove City Christian	7:00 PM
Friday	9/8/2023	@ Loudonville	7:00 PM
Friday	9/15/2023	Fredericktown	7:00 PM
Friday	9/22/2023	East Knox	7:00 PM
Friday	9/29/2023	@ Centerburg	7:00 PM
Friday	10/6/2023	Northmor Homecoming	7:00 PM
Friday	10/13/2023	Danville Senior Recognition	7:00 PM
Friday	10/20/2023	@ Cardington	7:00 PM

JV Football			
Saturday	8/19/2023	Triad	10:00 AM
Saturday	8/26/2023	@ Upper Sandusky	10:00 AM
Saturday	9/2/2023	Grove City Christian	10:00 AM
Saturday	9/9/2023	Loudonville	10:00 AM
Saturday	9/16/2023	@ Fredericktown	10:00 AM
Saturday	9/23/2023	@ East Knox	10:00 AM
Saturday	9/30/2023	Centerburg	10:00 AM
Saturday	10/7/2023	@ Northmor	10:00 AM
Saturday	10/14/2023	@ Danville	10:00 AM
Saturday	10/21/2023	Cardington	10:00 AM

HS Volleyball			
Tuesday	8/8/2023	@ Crestline (Scrim)	5:30 PM
Thursday	8/10/2023	Delaware Christian	5:30 PM
Tuesday	8/15/2023	Colonel Crawford	5:30 PM
Thursday	8/17/2023	Mansfield Christian	5:30 PM
Saturday	8/19/2023	Elgin	12:30 PM
Monday	8/21/2023	@ Gilead Christian	5:30 PM
Tuesday	8/22/2023	@ Danville	5:30 PM
Saturday	8/26/2023	@ Loudonville	10:00 AM
Monday	8/28/2023	@ Clear Fork	5:30 PM
Tuesday	8/29/2023	@ Centerburg	5:30 PM
Tuesday	9/5/2023	@ Plymouth	5:30 PM
Wednesday	9/6/2023	Northmor	5:30 PM
Thursday	9/7/2023	Fredricktown	5:30 PM
Tuesday	9/12/2023	East Knox	5:30 PM
Thursday	9/14/2023	@ Cardington	5:30 PM
Saturday	9/16/2023	@ Ridgedale Invite	10:00 AM
Tuesday	9/19/2023	Danville	5:30 PM
Thursday	9/21/2023	@ Northmor	5:30 PM
Saturday	9/23/2023	@ Ridgedale Invite (JV)	10:00 AM
Tuesday	9/26/2023	Centerburg	5:30 PM
Tuesday	10/3/2023	@ Fredericktown	5:30 PM
Thursday	10/5/2023	@ East Knox	5:30 PM
Saturday	10/7/2023	@ Granville Christian	12:30 PM
Tuesday	10/10/2023	Cardington	5:30 PM
Saturday	10/14/2023	Northside Christian Senior Recognition	11:00 AM



MGHS Athletic Hall of Fame Seeks Nominations

The Mount Gilead High School Athletic Hall of Fame has been established to create a lasting tribute to those who have brought honor to themselves, their school, and our community through excellence in athletics.

The deadline to nominate is August 31st. The Induction Ceremony will be held on Feb 10, 2024 prior to the varsity basketball game vs Cardington. For more details or to download application packet, visit: mgschools.org/athletics/mghs-hof



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Important Upcoming Events

August

24: MGEVS Street Fair & Open House
25: Military Appreciation Night Football Game vs. Upper Sandusky (All Veterans get in free)
31: Athletic Hall of Fame Nomination Deadline

September

4: No School - Labor Day (All Buildings Closed)
5: No School - Teacher Work Day
6: First day of classes for grades 1 through 12
22: 2-Hour Early Release - Teacher In-Service

October

6: Park Avenue Homecoming Tailgate Party
19: Park Avenue PTO STEM Night
20: 2-Hour Early Release - Teacher In-Service

November

3: End of 1st Quarter
9: 1-Hour Early Release: Parent/Teacher Conferences
14: 1-Hour Early Release: Parent/Teacher Conferences
22-24: NO SCHOOL: Conference Comp and Thanksgiving Break

Monthly Booster/Parent Meetings

Athletic Boosters:

Meets the 3rd Thursday of each month at 6 PM at MGHS
President: Jessica Trainer
athleticboosters@mgschools.org

FFA Alumni:

Meetings are usually the 1st Thursday of each month at 7 PM in the Ag Building. Check AG calendar for changes
mgompf@mgschools.org

Music Boosters:

Meet the 2nd Tuesday of the month at 7 PM in the band room.

Park Avenue PTO:

PTO Meets the 2nd Monday of the month at 6:30 pm in the Park Avenue Library
President: Lori Levering
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