



Panther Nation

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NEED TO KNOW!

Office Hours

7:00 AM - 3:30 PM

509.465.7000

23/24 School Hours (High Schools)

Mon, Tues, Thurs, Fri

8:00 AM - 2:35 PM

Wednesdays

8:40 AM - 2:35 PM

No late-start Wednesdays on
14 February 2024
12 June 2024

School Counselors Week
5-9 February 2024

CatMania! Pep Assembly

Tuesday, 6 February 2024

1:50-2:30 PM

Alternate Bell Schedule
(see newsletter)

Voting Day

Tuesday, 13 February 2024

Presidents' Day

Monday, 19 February 2024

No School

24/25 Registration Week

20-23 February 2024

via English and Social Studies
Classes

Incoming Freshmen Parent Night

Wednesday, 21 February 2024

6:00 PM, MHS Fieldhouse (Program
Fair)

6:30 PM, MHS Gym
(Regular Program)

Daylight Savings Time Begins

Sunday, 10 March 2024
set clocks ahead one hour

HALFWAY THROUGH THE SCHOOL YEAR...BUT STILL SO MUCH MORE TO COME!

It is hard to believe that we are already more than halfway through the school year. We had another incredible first half of the year and there is still so much more around the corner.

Our DECA program continues to shine state-wide and nationally. This year, Mead qualified 80 students for state. Mead DECA competes for nationals qualification on Feb 29 - March 1. Let's go Panthers!

The Mead Poetry Out Loud Competition hit the Mead Theatre stage on January 9 and 10. Congratulations to Geneva Heisenbuttel who took first place and will rep the Panthers at the Eastern Regional Contest on tonight at 7:00 PM, Spokane Downtown Library. Shout outs also go out to Lexi Mattox (2nd) and Mackenzie Ediger (3rd).

Today, Mead Cheer heads to State to defend their Traditional Routine title. [Click here](#) to follow the [Day 1](#) and [Day 2](#) schedules at Battle Ground High School. Let's go Cheer! Also this weekend, Mead Boys Wrestling heads to the Spokane Convention Center and Girls Wrestling to Hanford High School for the sub-regionals tournaments. Panther Wrestling is ready for a state title three-peat.

This next week is CatMania! Spirit Week. We will be on an alternate bell schedule Tuesday, 6 February for the CatMania! Pep Assembly. Later that evening we have the doubleheader against the Wildcats at 5:30 PM. Make sure to arrive early. We expect a full house. Currently, Panther Girls Basketball is the number one seed in the District 8 bracket. District playoff brackets start next week.

As we gear up for the spring season, we simultaneously wind down the winter season to celebrate the service, dedication, and accomplishments of John Barrington to Mead School District and Mead High School. Over the last 36 years, John taught math at both Mead Junior High (1988-1997) and Mead High School (1997-2018). John coached at both the middle and high school levels, including football, wrestling, baseball, and softball. In 2012, John became the Athletic Director for the Panthers. Over the past 12 years as AD, John has profoundly impacted not only student-athletes here at MHS but also the Greater Spokane League and state-wide athletics. His recent awards include: 21/22 WSSAAA Athletic Administrator Service Award and 22/23 WIAA District 8 Athletic Director of the Year. John retires on 1 March 2024. John's wife, Tammy, is also retiring. Tammy spent her second career

(the past 12 years) in Mead School District serving in a variety of roles including Principal's Assistant, Attendance, Athletics, Transportation, Performing Arts, and her current position as Bookkeeper at MHS. Please join us to celebrate both John and Tammy Barrington's ride into retirement on Monday, 26 February 2024 at 6:00 PM in the Mead Mall (see flyer in the "Athletics & Activities" section).

So that leaves us with, what is next for Panther Athletics? After consulting about the best path forward to a new athletic director, we are very excited to announce that Lynn Coleman has agreed to assume the role of Interim Athletic Director starting March 4 through the end of June. John and Lynn have not only worked together for the past three years, but John is also already training Lynn for the transition.

Lynn started at Mead High School 24 years ago and has been the Administrative Assistant for Athletics the last three years. Lynn coached girls tennis in our district for over 20 years, and sent the Panthers to the state tournament 11 of 13 years. Lynn is a two-time GSL Coach of the Year. In addition to her district service, Lynn is a PTR Certified Teaching Pro 4A and was a Staff Teaching Pro at NorthPark Racquet Club for nine years. At one point, Lynn was the #1 ranked player in her age bracket for the Pacific Northwest and top ten in the nation. Lynn was also one of the directors of the Inland Empire Tennis Tournament for ten years, the largest junior tournament in the United States.

We are very confident that Lynn will continue to support Panther coaches and student-athletes in her new role.

Looking ahead to next year, we plan to post the permanent Athletic Director position in March and interview in April. We will post both inside and outside the district for a full search. The permanent Athletic Director position will start July 1. We will share more information on the hiring process as details are determined.

Thank you, as always, for your partnership in making Panther Nation the very best!
Hooraah!

Kimberly



MEAD LIFE & NEWS

Pursuing Excellence. Always.

The Mead Panthera (Yearbook) sets state record with four Pacemakers and two Gold Crown wins.

The 2023 book was named both a National Scholastic Press Association (NSPA) Pacemaker Finalist (for the 6th time in a row) and a Columbia Scholastic Press Association (CSPA) Crown Finalist (for the 3rd time in a row) this week. Crown winners will be announced in March and Pacemakers will be announced in April.

Additionally, Yearbook Adviser, Makena Busch, was named the Distinguished H.L. Hall National Yearbook Adviser of the Year recipient. Congrats, Makena!



WMEA ALL-STATE BAND AND ORCHESTRA

Mead High School band and orchestra students continue to shine state-wide. Seven of our Panther musicians were selected to perform with the WMEA All-State Band and Orchestra. They were selected from nearly 3000 who auditioned. Congrats!

Mead HS Band Students

Ashley Conner, 2024 WMEA All-State Concert Band-Bassoon
Isaac Ojennus, 2024 WMEA All-State Concert Band-Oboe
Bruce Redden, 2024 WMEA All-State Concert Band-Tuba

Mead HS Orchestra Students

Savithri Bhat, 2024 WMEA All-State Philharmonic Strings-Viola
William Farley, 2024 WMEA All-State Philharmonic Strings-Violin
Sophia Ji, 2024 WMEA All-State Philharmonic Strings-Violin
Sarah Lines, 2024 WMEA All-State Philharmonic Strings-Violin



ATHLETICS & ACTIVITIES

JUST A FEW HIGHLIGHTS...

- Fri-Sat, 2-3 February Mead Cheer at State, Battle Ground High School
- Fri-Sat, 2-3 February Boys Wrestling, Sub-regionals Tournament, Spokane Convention Center
- Fri-Sat, 2-3 February Girls Wrestling, Sub-regionals Tournament, Hanford High School
- Friday, 2 February Basketball v. GPrep @ Mead, 5:30 PM Girls, 7:00 PM Boys
- Saturday, 3 February Girls Dance at Richland
- Tuesday, 6 February CatMania! Panthers v. Wildcats @ Mead, 5:30 PM
- Thursday, 8 February Mead Cheer Fashion Show (Prom Dresses), MHS Mall, 7:00 PM
- Fri-Sat, 9-10 February Boys Wrestling, Regionals Tournament, University High School
- Fri-Sat, 9-10 February Girls Wrestling, Regionals Tournament, Sunnyside High School
- Saturday, 10 February MSD Bridge Breaking Competition, 9:00 AM Check-in; 10:00 AM Event Start
- Tuesday, 13 February Varsity Gymnastics, Regional Tournament, 4:00 PM, Mead Gymnastics Center
- Tuesday, 13 February Choir Valentine's Concert, Mead Theatre, 7:00 PM
- Thurs-Sat, 15-17 February "A Night of Senior-Directed One Acts," MHS Theatre, 7:00 PM
- Fri-Sat, 16-17 February Mat Classic XXXV (Wrestling State), Tacoma Dome
- Fri-Sat, 16-17 February Band/Orchestra All-State, Yakima Convention Center
- Mon-Wed, 26-28 February Spring Play Auditions, Mead Theatre, 3:00-6:00 PM
- Tuesday, 27 February Mead Choir Cabaret, Mead Theatre, 7:00 PM
- Saturday, 2 March Mead Dance @ Ferris, 11:00 AM
- Wednesday, 6 March MSD Cultural Night & Clothes Drive, Mead Mall, 6:00 PM

Get more info via the Athletics page.



INTERESTED IN A SPRING SPORT?

SPRING SPORTS

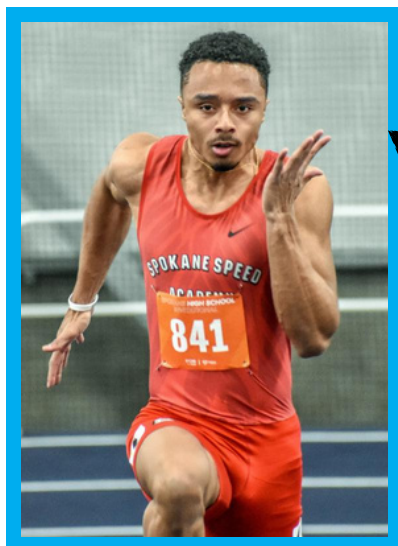
- Baseball (boys)
- Boys/Girls Golf
- Boys Soccer
- Unified Soccer
- Softball (fast-pitch; girls)
- Boys/Girls Tennis
- Boys/Girls Track & Field



REGISTRATION

All athletes must register in FinalForms.

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



Mead Sprint Star, Dominick Corley, Delivers National Time

On January 19 at the Spokane High School Invitational at The Podium, Dominick Corley sprinted a crazy 6.64 personal best and smoked the competition in the 60m--earning the national top spot. It's a historically fast time. Corley, a Stanford recruit, and academic standout at MHS, is looking forward to an impressive senior year for Mead Track. Congratulations, Dominick, the national record (6.57) is yours!

WHAT'S HAPPENING!

Celebration of Life John Marshall

Saturday, 3 February 2024
Mead Theatre
2:00 - 5:00 PM

[Click here for more details.](#)



MEAD CHEER PRESENTS
A FINER MOMENT
PROM AND FORMAL DRESSES
Fashion Show
THURSDAY FEBRUARY 6TH
MEAD HIGH SCHOOL 'MALL'
7:00PM

FEATURING TUXES FROM
MEN'S WAREHOUSE

\$5

MEAD CHOIRS
VALENTINE'S CONCERT
WITH NORTHWOOD
AND HIGHLAND
MIDDLE SCHOOL

FEB 13 | 7:00PM
MHS MALL | DOORS OPEN 6:30

Mead High School Class of 2024
Senior All-Nighter Committee presents...

POKER TOURNEY
and
SILENT AUCTION
@ Northern Quest Casino
100 N Hayford Road, Airway Heights
Use Family Entrance

FEB 25th
4-8 pm
\$50 entry

TEXAS HOLD 'EM TOURNAMENT
limited seating
NO HOST BAR
LIVE AUCTION TOO!

SCAN VENMO FOR PURCHASE

or pay with cash/check/card
Contact meadseniors@gmail.com

Fundraiser benefitting the '24 Senior All-Nighter celebration

MEAD CHOIR CABARET
MUSICAL THEATER
SOLOS DUETS GROUPS
27 FEB 2024
7:00PM
a musical theater fundraiser night

DESSERT INCLUDED	SILENT AUCTION
\$10 General Admission	\$7 Seniors & Students with ASB



A Night of Senior-Directed One Acts

February 15-17, 2024

All shows 7:00 PM
\$5.00
Act 2 is rated PG-13
Parent discretion advised for mature content

SAN Events are parent-sponsored

MEAD **PANTHERS**
Senior All-Nighter Committee
Presents

- September 28 - SAN tickets on sale
- November 9 - Turkey Bingo @ MHS
- January 2 - SAN ticket prices increase

You may purchase tickets by Venmo or send cash/check to Mead SAN:
302 W Hastings Rd, Spokane WA 99218

TICKETS \$100

Our mission is to provide the MHS Class of 2024 a memorable and safe graduation night party!

We'll see your grad on June 7th at Triple Play in Hayden, ID.

SAVE
the date

Mead Cultural Night & Clothes Drive

03.06.2024
6-8 PM

MHS Mall

REPLACEMENT LEVY
FEBRUARY 13, 2024

MEAD SCHOOL DISTRICT

- LEARN MORE ABOUT LEVIES AND WHAT THEY FUND!
- DON'T FORGET TO REGISTER TO VOTE!

or VISIT MEAD354.ORG/LEVY

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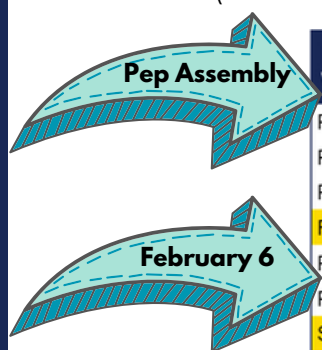
24/25 COURSE REGISTRATION WEEK

We are already at that point in the school year -- it's time to select classes for next year! We are still in the process of updating the 24/25 Panther Focus Guide (Course Catalog) but you can still get a glimpse of class options by looking at the 23/24 Panther Focus Guide.

Please plan to make sure your Panther is present on registration days. Counselors provide important information regarding course selection and also support students updating their four-year plan.

Registration days:

Freshmen: Feb 20 & 23 (English classes)
 Sophomores: Feb 21 (World History) and 23 (Humanities).
 Juniors: Feb 22 (US History)



PM ACTIVITY SCHEDULE (40 MINUTE) With passing periods			
PERIOD 1	47	8:00 -	8:47
PERIOD 2 with Announcements	50	8:52 -	9:42
PERIOD 3	47	9:47 -	10:34
FIRST LUNCH	30	10:34 -	11:04
PERIOD 4A	47	11:09 -	11:56
PERIOD 4B	47	10:39 -	11:26
SECOND LUNCH	30	11:26 -	11:56
PERIOD 5	47	12:01 -	12:48
PERIOD 6	47	12:53 -	1:40
Transition to Assembly (Gym)	10	1:40 -	1:50
ASSEMBLY	40	1:50 -	2:30
Transition back to Classrooms	5	2:30 -	2:35



Increased Parking Lot Supervision

We are increasing parking lot patrols for a variety of reasons. Cars without a parking pass will receive one warning, then a ticket (\$20). Student and parent will be emailed with the warning (and ticket) notification. Cars with passes must be parked in their designated space. Thank you for keeping the parking lot clean and safe.



Stay in the Know BULLETIN DE BELONGING

Keep up-to-date on a daily basis with all things student life at Mead.

Live, daily bulletin, [CLICK HERE](#).
 For archived editions, [CLICK HERE](#).

STUDENT HANDBOOK

Available on the MHS Website.
[CLICK HERE](#).

ATTENDANCE MATTER!

we are targeting Attendance as part of our A23/24 School Improvement Plan. Last year, our regular, on-time attendance was only 69% (far below pre-Covid years). Our target this year is over 90%. From Oct-Dec we were averaging 93.4%. We have dipped to 91.1% in January. Be here. It matters.

AP EXAMS ON SALE NOW

Start planning for AP Exams!

AP Exams are 6 May - 15 May 2024

- Students interested in taking an AP Exam must purchase the exam prior to the testing weeks.
- Sales run 1 February- 30 April 2024 in the MHS Business Office.
- AP Exams are \$98.00. Payment plans available. Call 509.465.7031, stop by the MHS Business Office, or pay online.
- **Fee waivers available:** Complete the MSD Free/Reduced paperwork first, then have your student pick-up a state fee waiver form from Ms. Chandler in Room S1. Form due to Ms. Chandler no later than 2:40 PM on Friday, 26 April.
- **IMPORTANT!** There is a cancellation/ unused exam fee of \$40. Therefore, if a student commits to taking an AP exam and later decides to cancel or no-shows on test day, a \$40 fee will be accessed on the student's Mead High School account.

The Winter Months are Still Here!

Snow is still possible...Families should always assume the school day will be conducted as normal unless notified by the district via phone call, email, district webpage, social media, or local media. For more information on School Delays and Closures, including snow routes, early dismissal and impacts on before and after-school activities, breakfast programs and preschool, go to www.mead354.org/delay.

TWO HOUR LATE SCHEDULE

PERIOD 1	36	10:00 -	10:36
PERIOD 2 + Announcements	40	10:41 -	11:21
FIRST LUNCH	30	11:21 -	11:51
PERIOD 3A	36	11:56 -	12:32
PERIOD 3B	36	11:26 -	12:02
SECOND LUNCH	30	12:02 -	12:32
PERIOD 4	36	12:37 -	1:13
PERIOD 5	36	1:18 -	1:54
PERIOD 6	36	1:59 -	2:35

Used regardless of day of the week, including Wednesday.

GRADUATION! IS JUST FOUR MONTHS AWAY!

Order that cap, gown, and tassel now! You can also buy other graduation swag like hoodies, rings, and announcements.

It's not too late to still purchase.



[Click here to order online!](#)