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Dear MHS Families,

We hope you had a relaxing and enjoyable summer! As we get ready for the new school year, our team at Middletown High School is thrilled to welcome all of our scholars—new and returning—back to school. It's set to be a legacy-worthy year!

This year, we are continuing our staggered start approach to the opening of high school. This ensures a smooth and successful transition for every scholar. By gradually introducing scholars to their new classrooms, teachers, support staff, and peers, we provide ample time and guidance for all young people to settle in comfortably. This approach also offers the chance for everyone to meet their support teams and receive any additional assistance they might need.

We understand starting high school can be a big transition, especially for our 9th graders, and we are committed to making this process as welcoming and supportive as possible. At the same time, we are equally dedicated to ensuring that all scholars, across every grade level, receive the support they need to begin the school year with confidence and excitement.

We are looking forward to a fantastic year and are here to support you and your scholars every step of the way. Below are important details for all Middletown High School scholars regarding September 4th and 5th. Please feel free to reach out with any questions or concerns as we approach opening day; we are here to help ensure a smooth and successful start to the school year.

First Days of School - September 2024

- Scholars that attend BOCES will be provided a Z Day pass for Wednesday, September 4th.
- BOCES will run on a regular schedule on Thursday, September 5th.
- Scholars that are not in attendance on Wednesday, September 4th, and Thursday, September 5th will log into their google classroom to complete a choice board that includes scholar surveys and goal setting activities. These activities are designed to help our scholars set their path for success, and also provide information specific to their interests. This information will be used by staff to help tailor more targeted, individualized learning experiences. This provides opportunities for our clubs and extracurriculars to more actively recruit scholars based on interest, fostering connections and community.

Wednesday September 4th, 2024 In Person ONLY: Cohort 2024 (Grade 9) Asynchronous: Cohorts 2023 (Grade 10), 2022 (Grade 11), 2021 (Grade 12)	
6:50 - 7:35 AM	Scholars arrive through the Events Lobby, Media Center & Cafe for security checks, Yondr distribution and breakfast
7:35 - 8:35	2024 Cohort Presentation in the Big Gym
8:35	Scholars dismissed to first period
8:35 - 9:13	Period 1
9:17 - 9:50	Period 2
9:54 - 10:27	Period 3
10:31 - 11:04	Period 4
11:08 - 11:41	Period 5
11:45 - 12:18	Period 6
12:22 - 12:55	Period 7
12:59 - 1:37	Period 8
1:41 - 2:14	Period 9
Dismissal 2:14 - 2:20	

Thursday September 5th, 2024 In person ONLY: Cohort 2023 (Grade 10), Cohort 2022 (Grade 11), Cohort 2021 (Grade 12) Asynchronous: Cohort 2024	
6:50 - 7:35 AM	Cohort 2022 & Cohort 2021 Scholars arrive through the <u>Cafe and Media Center</u> for security checks, Yondr distribution and breakfast Cohort 2023 Scholars arrive through <u>Events Lobby</u> for security checks, Yondr distribution and Grab & Go Breakfast
7:35 - 8:35	2023 Cohort Assembly in the Big Gym
8:35	Scholars dismissed to first period
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A Few Things to Note:

- **Cell Phone free Spaces:** We will continue to support our cell phone free spaces with our Yondr program. [Please read Superintendent Creeden’s message to the Community for more info.](#)
- **New Schedule:** This year, we have enhanced our daily schedule to better fit our scholars’ needs. [Please review this video to learn more!](#)
 - Beginning Monday, August 26th, our counselors will be in the building to support our scholars, answer questions and make schedule adjustments as needed. Please contact your scholar’s cohort office to schedule time, or [click this link to sign up for virtual office hours with a counselor.](#)

- **Building shifts:** In an effort to better support the needs of our scholars, we have made some shifts in the locations of our cohort spaces. Each cohort ecosystem houses the Cohort Principal, Dean, three Guidance Counselors, a Student Support Facilitator and a Social Worker. Remember, your scholar's cohort is based on the year they entered high school.
- **Bus information:** This year families will not receive bus route information via the yellow postcard. Bus information is available through Parent and Student Portal.
 - If you are experiencing any technical issues with Parent Portal or need to sign up, please contact parent.portal@ecsdm.org.

Middletown High School has always been a place where we believe in providing all of our scholars rich learning experiences and opportunities, and I'm honored to continue that tradition with all of you as we support our scholars in their legacy making journeys!

If you have any questions or need assistance, don't hesitate to reach out to a member of the administrative team at (845) 326-1600. We are here to support you and ensure this year is a great success for all our scholars.

Here's to a year filled with learning, growth, and pride in being part of the Middletown High family!

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