



Panther Nation

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

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NEED TO KNOW!

Summer Office Hours

until Thursday, 30 August

7:00 AM – 3:00 PM

Closed Fridays

509.465.7000

Panther PowerUP

Monday, 26 August 2024

10:30 AM – 2:00 PM

Lunch provided

24/25 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

11 September

No Late Start Wednesdays

4 September 2024

16 October 2024

22 January 2025

12 February 2025

11 June 2025

The First Day of School

Tuesday, 3 September

Yearbook/ASB Picture Day

Friday, 6 September

Retakes: Friday, 18 October

Open House

Wednesday, 18 September

6:00–8:00 PM

Battle of the Bell

Friday, 27 September

Game @ Union v. Mt Spokane

7:00 PM, Tickets Required

Homecoming

Game @ Union v. G-Prep

Friday, 25 October, 7:00 PM

Dance @ MHS

Saturday, 26 October

8:00 – 10:00 PM

A NEW YEAR TO RESET. RENEW. REVIVE.

What I love about the start of a new school year is that it is a time of new beginnings. I have a sign that says, “365 new days, 365 new chances.” I love this sign. It sits in my office across from the door and visible from the Mall window so anyone who passes by or through my office sees it. It is a daily reminder of new beginnings: that we can think in new ways, try something new, start again, and extend grace to ourselves and each other every day. It’s a daily reminder to reset, renew, and revive.

This year, our focus is exactly that. Our student and building leaders have been working hard since last spring to bring the theme of Panther Revival to everything we plan and do. We are excited for what this year has to offer and we invite you to be part of this movement.

Projects continue to wrap-up around campus. We have two new scoreboards in the gym, the Mall received a makeover (complete with new sound system), and two classrooms received permanent walls!

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!

PANTHER PowerUP

REMINDER: Panther PowerUP is coming up Monday, 26 August at 10:30 AM.

Panther PowerUP is an immersive event designed to provide incoming freshmen with a comprehensive introduction to the Mead High 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. [Freshmen only event].

Monday, 26 August 2024

10:30 AM – 2:00 PM

Lunch provided.

No bus transportation.

DISTRIBUTION CHROMEBOOK

Distribution Days for the new, Mead School District-issued Chromebooks.

Freshmen

Monday, 26 August 2024

2:00 – 4:00 PM

(After Panther PowerUP)

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Tuesday, 3 September 2024

During Freshmen Orientation

Grades 10-12

Friday, 30 August 2024

8:00 AM – 3:00 PM

Panther Doors - East Entrance

&

Via English Classes

4-5 September 2024

Chromebook Insurance information to be shared when available.

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 and receive graduation info. 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.

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

FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL (Freshman/New Student Orientation & Class Meetings)

Orientation Freshman / New Students	160	8:00 - 10:40
Lunch Freshman/New Students	30	10:40 - 11:10
Freshmen Class Meeting (Theater)	30	11:10 - 11:40
Lunch Grades 10-12	30	11:10 - 11:40
Period 1	18	11:45 - 12:03
Period 2 + Announcements	20	12:08 - 12:28
Period 3	18	12:33 - 12:51
Period 4	18	12:56 - 1:14
Period 5	18	1:19 - 1:37
Period 6	18	1:42 - 2:00
Transition (9-11: Bathroom/Water Break; 12: Walk to Gym)	5	2:00 - 2:05
Class Meetings (9-11: Video in Period 6 class; 12: Gym)	30	2:05 - 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, 4 September 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!

Week 2 & BEYOND...

Late start Wednesdays begin 11 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:

- 4 September 2024
- 16 October 2024
- 22 January 2025
- 12 February 2025
- 11 June 2025

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
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

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

NEW-TECH 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

School Supplies??

High school does not have a required supply list. However, we always suggest that students have the following items in preparation for learning: Pens/pencils, highlighters, college-ruled paper (either in a three ring binder or in a spiral), and some sort of organizational system for homework and handouts. Teachers will share with students supplies more specific to their classes during the first week(s) of school.

Get ready to rock 'n roll! Senior events begin the first week of school.

class of
2025

- **SENIOR SUNRISE:** Friday, 6 September 2024, 5:45 AM (Mead Track).
- **SENIOR PICTURES DUE:** Friday, 4 October 2024.
 - UPLOAD Picture to yearbookforever.com. Search for "Mead High School" (Spokane) Code: mead2025
- **SENIOR TRIBUTES:** Accepted during the week of 6-10 January 2025 only. Information will be mailed to families before Winter Break, posted to the Mead High School "Seniors!" website, and available on the MHS Yearbook Instagram account. More details to come.
- **SENIOR AWARDS NIGHT:** Wednesday, 21 May 2025. 6:30-8:30 PM. Mead Gym.
- **PROM:** Date to be determined. 7:30 - 10:30 PM. Spokane Convention Center Rooftop.
- **SENIOR FINALS:** Day 1: Tuesday, 3 June 2025, Periods 4, 5, & 6. Day 2: Wednesday, 4 June 2025, Periods 1, 2, & 3.
- **SENIOR CHECKOUT:** Wednesday, 4 June 2025. 11:25 AM. MHS Theatre.
- **ELEMENTARY GRAD WALKS:** Thursday, 5 June 2025. 8:15 AM.
- **GRADUATION REHEARSAL 1:** Thursday, 5 June 2025 at 12:30-2:30 PM. Mead Gym. [We will run on time!]. Seating charts will be emailed to your Mead email account the morning of rehearsal.
- **SENIOR SUNRISE & BBQ:** Thursday, 5 June 2025. 7:00 - 9:30 PM. Union Stadium.
- **GRADUATION:** Friday, 6 June 2025. 5:00 PM. Gonzaga McCarthy Center.
 - **GRADUATES will arrive at McCarthy at 2:15 PM.
 - We encourage families to drop-off their graduates at McCarthy and return later.
- **SENIOR ALL-NIGHTER:** Friday, 6 June. Following Graduation.
 - Buses leave from MHS.
 - Want to get involved with the SAN Committee or learn how you can support SAN? Contact the parent facilitators 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](#).

You're Invited!

OPEN HOUSE



SEPTEMBER
18
MEAD HIGH SCHOOL
6-8PM

All Mead families welcome!
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!

Formal program will emailed and posted by Monday, September 16.

BE. belong. BECOME.



2024-25 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](#)

District Secondary Cell Phone & Mobile Devices Policy

As a reminder, effective 1 August 2024, Mead School District adopted a district-wide Cell Phone and Mobile Devices Policy at the Middle and High School levels. Many high school students have asked if they can use their cell phones during passing periods and at lunch. The answer is **YES at the high school level**. Please work with your Panther regarding this new policy. As we kick-off the start of the school year, staff will work with students to not only educate about this policy, but reinforce it during the first weeks of school.

STUDENT SERVICES NEWS

STUDENT SCHEDULE INFORMATION

All Student Course Schedules will be available for viewing in PowerSchool on Friday, 30 August.

Schedule Changes

We continue to enroll new students and make sure that existing student schedules are complete. Therefore, please understand the following:

Day 1 of School:

- No schedule changes on the first day 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 the class period of issue and your school counselor will work with you to fix.

Monday, 9 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 beginning Monday, 9 September.
- If a change can be made, your counselor will call you down to Student Services.

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SCHOOL COUNSELOR ASSIGNMENTS

Starting the 24/25 school year, students are assigned and supported by a school counselor based on the student's last name. This format allows counselors to provide optimal support at each grade level. There are certain grade levels that often require additional program support and this change gives counselors more flexibility to better serve students.

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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.

GOOGLE CLASSROOMS

Students join 'classrooms' based on their graduation class and/or course enrollments. Families, encourage your student to "invite" you to join their Google Classrooms.

Class of 2025
Join code: grto66q
Class of 2026
Join code: q2sbpro

Class of 2027
Join code: xoodej5
Class of 2028
Join code: jin7vvq



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 October 11, 2024:** Grades due Oct 13, 2024 by midnight
- **Term 2 ends November 22, 2024:** Grades due November 24, 2024 by midnight
- **Term 3/Semester 1 ends Jan 24, 2025:** Grades due January 26, 2025 by midnight
- **Term 4 ends March 14, 2025:** Grades due March 16, 2025 by midnight
- **Term 5 ends May 2, 2025:** Grades due May 4, 2025 by midnight
- **Seniors' finals are Tuesday, June 3, 2025 and Wednesday, June 4, 2025:** Final grades are due by Thursday, June 5 by midnight.
- **Term 6/Semester 2 ends June 17, 2025:** Grades due June 18, 2025 by midnight

We encourage families to monitor grades via PowerSchool. If you need support accessing PowerSchool, please contact the Student Services Department: 509.465.7112

TRAFFIC FLOW

IN THE KNOW ABOUT

Mead High School traffic is a beast. Please help us maintain efficient and safe drop-off procedures by adhering to our TRAFFIC FLOW Plan.

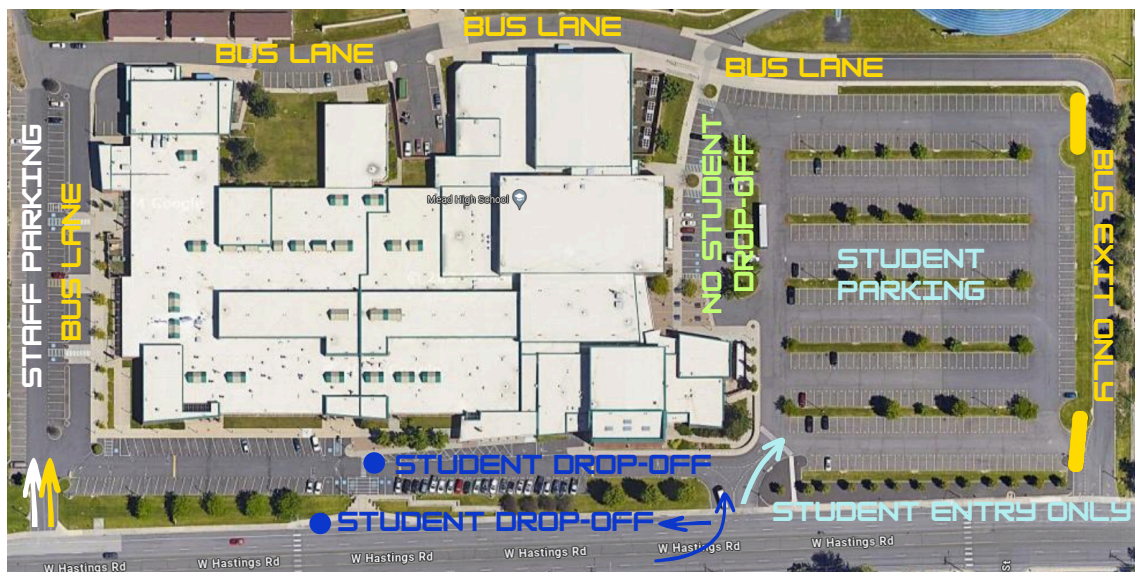
This plan was developed in collaboration with student and district leadership, and input from families and our School Resource Deputy, Mitch Othmer.

General Reminders

1. **Our primary goals** are student safety and on-time arrival/start times: **M, T, Th, F: 8:00 AM** and **W: 8:40 AM**.
2. **Arrive early.** Getting to school "just in time" creates backups; students end up late to class.
3. **Respect** crosswalks, speed limits, and traffic controllers.
4. **Use the school bus.** Less cars.
5. **Keep clear** the Staff/Bus Entry & lanes (west entrance).
6. **Student Entrances:** The South/Main Entrance and Panther Doors (east entry) are open for student entry as follows:
 - **M, T, Th, F:** 6:50–7:10 AM (Zero Hour); and 7:35 –8:00 AM (regular entry)
 - **Wednesdays:** 7:30 – 8:40 AM
 - Any student late for school will enter through the South/Main Entrance for check-in [no change in practice].

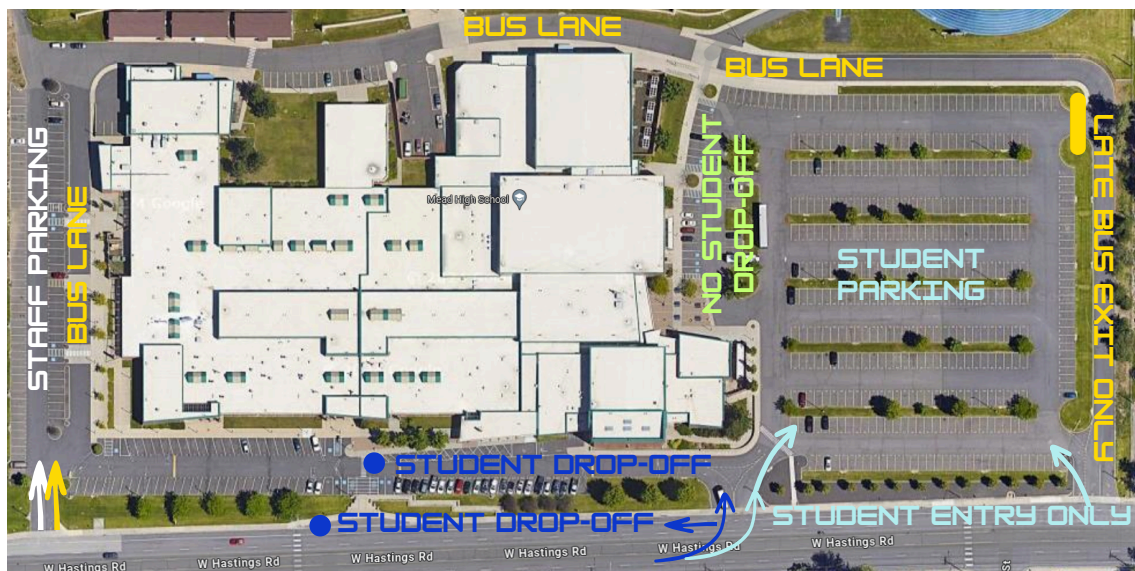
Before 7:45 AM

- Buses drop typically off by 7:45 AM.
- East gates will remain closed to support bus drop offs and exiting.
- **Student Drop-Off:** Hastings Rd (westbound traffic) or South Lot (eastbound traffic).



7:45–8:00 AM

- **Southeast gate will open for westbound student traffic** to enter the student parking lot.
- **Eastbound student drivers** (left turn off of Hastings) will use the central entrance to enter the student parking lot.
- **Student Drop-Off:** Hastings Rd (westbound traffic) or South Lot (eastbound traffic).
- Please avoid the student parking lot for drop-off.
- We have staff and signage to help; particularly the southeast exit used for entry from 7:45–8:00 AM.



ATHLETICS & ACTIVITIES

JUST A FEW HIGHLIGHTS....

Friday, 06 September	GAME NIGHT! Varsity Football v. U-High @ Union, 7:00 PM
Tuesday, 10 September	Varsity Slow Pitch v. Rogers @ Mead, 4:00 PM
Wednesday, 11 September	Varsity Girls Soccer v. G-Prep @ Union, 4:00 PM
Thursday, 12 September	Varsity Slow Pitch v. Shadle @ Mead, 4:00 PM
Friday, 13 September	Varsity Football v. Lewis and Clark @ Union, 7:00 PM
Monday, 16 September	Varsity Slow Pitch v. Cheney @ Mead, 4:00 PM
Tuesday, 17 September	Varsity Volleyball v. G-Prep @ Mead, 7:00 PM
Thursday, 19 September	Varsity Slow Pitch v. East Valley @ Mead, 4:00 PM
	Varsity Volleyball v. CV @ Mead, 7:00 PM
Saturday, 21 September	CAT SCRAMBLE! Wandermere Gold Course
Monday, 23 September	Varsity Girls Soccer v. Ridgeline @ Union, 4:00 PM
Tuesday, 24 September	Varsity Slow Pitch v. Ridegline @ Mead, 4:00 PM
	CAT FIGHT! Varsity Volleyball v. Mt. Spo @ Mead, 7:00 PM
Wednesday, 25 September	XC @ Mead, 4:00 PM
Friday, 27 September	BATTLE OF THE BELL! Varsity Football v. Mt. Spo @ Union, 7:00 PM
Monday, 30 September	Varsity Girls Soccer v. CV @ Union, 6:30 PM
Tuesday, 1 October	BATTLE OF THE BATS! Varsity Slow Pitch v. Mt. Spo @ Dwight Merkel, 5:30 PM
Wednesday, 2 October	SPIKE FIGHT! XC @ Mt. Spokane, 4:00 PM
Wednesday, 23 October	TURF WAR! Varsity Girls Soccer v. Mt. Spo @ Union, 6:30 PM
Friday, 25 October	HOMECOMING GAME! Varsity Football v. G-Prep @ Union, 8:00 PM
Saturday, 26 October	HOMECOMING DANCE! @ Mead, 8:00 PM



Get more
info via
the Athletics
page.



2024-25 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

Pre-Season Fall Sports Parent Night

Please join us on Tuesday, 20 August at 5:30 PM for the Fall Sports Parent Night! Athletes are welcome to join and will sit with their families. The evening will begin in the MHS Gym and then individual teams will breakout with their head coaches. One night, all fall sports! During this evening, you will hear from Principal Kimberly Jensen, Athletic Director Troy Hughes, and the Panther Athletic Booster Club. Also, you will have a chance to checkout and purchase new Mead gear. Super cool hats, hoodies, sweatshirts, and tees.

Interested in a Sport?

Fall Sports

- Football
- Volleyball
- Girls Soccer
- Girls Slow pitch
- Cross Country

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



Sports Registration

All athletes must register in FinalForms.

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

FUNDRAISER GOLF TOURNAMENT

SEPTEMBER 21, 2024
WANDERMERE GOLF COURSE

**REGISTER
NOW!**

ALL PROCEEDS BENEFIT
ATHLETES AT MT SPOKANE &
MEAD HIGH SCHOOLS