



# POINTES OF PRIDE

A Mountain Pointe High School Communication



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Hello Pride Families!

What a wonderful start to the school year! Thanks for all you have done to make our school year start smooth. Please take a moment and look through this newsletter. You will hear from my office bi-weekly (and sometimes in between).

Here are a few reminders and updates as we start the school year:

**Attendance:** Please make sure that students are in class and on time to school. Class begins at 8am! If your student is late to school, please walk them into the front office and sign them in.

**Deliveries:** Reminder there are no deliveries during the school day to any students. If you are dropping something off for your student, we will need that to occur during We are a closed campus so this means we can't accept deliveries for students either.

**Curriculum night:** Next Monday August 7, we will host our annual curriculum night. Please join us at 5PM for Freshman/Sophomore presentation in the auditorium or for the opening Principal's welcome at 5:40PM in the Gymnasium. Once the opening is complete, families will be able to go and visit classrooms. Also keep on your calendar our annual Family-teacher conferences that happen on November 8 beginning at 3PM.

**Emails:** Please add the following email addresses to your address book contacts, [tbanks@tempeunion.org](mailto:tbanks@tempeunion.org) and [donotreply@blackboard.com](mailto:donotreply@blackboard.com) to ensure all emails reach your inbox and not your spam mailbox.

**Student/Family Handbook acknowledgement:** During advisory next week on August 9, we will go through our policies and procedures and handbook acknowledgement with our students. Families, will need to go into ParentVue and acknowledge receipt of this information.

**Late Bus:** We have a late bus offered to students on Tuesday and Thursdays leaving MP at around 4:15PM. The late bus doesn't stop at all stops. Please visit <https://www.tempeunion.org/Page/2506> to sign up for the bus. If there are not 5 students to ride the bus home, we may cancel it. Please sign up in advance. Late bus begins this week!!

**Social media:** Please make sure you are following us on Facebook, Instagram, and Twitter. We post reminders and news about MP on there.

Have a great week!

Leading with Pride,

Mrs. T. Banks

Principal—Mountain Pointe HS



Stay Connected



# MOUNTAIN POINTE HIGH SCHOOL ADMINISTRATION TEAM



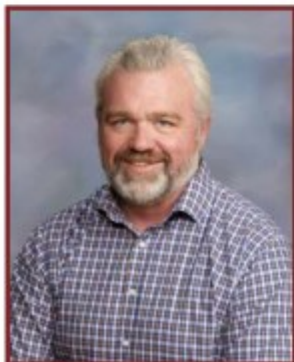
**Tomika Banks**  
Principal

- Administrative and Instructional Leader for the campus
- School vision & direction
- Liaison to:
  - Science department
  - IEP Services department
- Parent information dissemination



**Shoshana Cleary**  
Assistant Principal  
– Academics –

- Registration and class scheduling
- Graduation
- Liaison to:
  - CTE department
  - English department
  - Guidance department
  - Office Staff
- 3rd point of contact for the areas above after working with the teacher and Leader of Learning
- Major Discipline issue for all students with last names P–Z



**Don Baker**  
Assistant Principal  
– Activities –

- Extra Curricular Activities
- Freshman Year Experience Program
- Liaison to:
  - Fine Arts department
  - Math department
  - World Languages department
  - Booster Organizations
  - Facility Reservations
  - Bookstore
  - Parking
  - Library
- 3rd point of contact for the areas above after working with the teacher and Leader of Learning
- Major Discipline issues with students with last names A–G



**Aaron Frana**  
Assistant Principal  
– Athletics –

- Athletics and Coaches
- Leads School Safety and Preparedness team
- Liaison to:
  - Physical Education department
  - Social Studies department
  - Maintenance
  - Security
- 3rd point of contact for the areas above after working with the teacher and Leader of Learning
- Major Discipline issues for all students with last names H–O



**Orlando Rodriguez**  
Dean of Students

- MINOR conflict and discipline issues with all students
- 2nd point of contact for behavior and student conflicts



## DEPARTMENT LEADERS

### Academic Support

- 2nd level of contact for classroom concerns
- Contact these individuals only after working directly with your teen's teacher:

CTE / Business	Tamara Reichert
English	Toby Greer
IEP Services	Erin Preston
Mathematics	Jack Vermeer
Performing & Visual Arts	Kim Bonagofski
Physical Education/Health	Jeff Decker
Science	Chandra Mitnik
Social Studies	Sergio Holguin
World Languages	Erica Shelton



# Student Dress Code

MOUNTAIN POINTE HIGH SCHOOL  
TUHSD Policy JICA and JIC-R



## Students must wear appropriate clothing including:

- ◆ a top and a bottom (such as pants, shorts, skirt or the equivalent) or,
- ◆ a one-piece outfit (such as a dress or jumpsuit), and
- ◆ footwear, as required by State law

## Clothing may not promote:

- ◆ drugs/alcohol/tobacco
- ◆ obscene language or symbols
- ◆ symbols of drugs
- ◆ sex, pornography
- ◆ criminal activity
- ◆ unlawful use of weapons
- ◆ advocating of violence or hate speech
- ◆ Clothing fabric must cover all private body parts
- ◆ The torso (i.e. stomach, back, chest) undergarments and must not be see-through
- ◆ Undergarment waistbands and/or straps that are incidentally visible under clothing are permitted; however, undergarments may not be worn as clothing
- ◆ Clothing may not cover a student's face to the extent that the student is not identifiable (except clothing worn for health and safety, medical, or religious purposes)

## Clothing, accessories and/or jewelry may not state, imply, or depict hate speech/imagery targeting groups based on

- ◆ race
- ◆ symbols of sex
- ◆ pornography
- ◆ gender identity
- ◆ gender expression
- ◆ sexual orientation
- ◆ ethnicity
- ◆ religion
- ◆ cultural observance
- ◆ household income
- ◆ body/type size

## Clothing, accessories and/or jewelry may not be:

- ◆ of images, symbols, slogans, word or phrases that are profane, discriminatory or defamatory
- ◆ worn with the intent to convey affiliation with a criminal street gang as defined in A.R.S. 13-105 and promote violence or acts of terror.



TEMPE UNION HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT

July 2023



Beginning the week of July 30 we have a late bus that runs for students on Tuesday and Thursday leaving MP between 4:15 and 4:30PM. Students will need to sign up to use the late bus on the activities page.

<https://www.tempeunion.org/Page/2506>



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# UPCOMING SPORTS TRYOUTS:

INTERESTED IN TRYING OUT FOR A TEAM THIS FALL? SEE BELOW FOR DATES!

**Cheer: 8/1-8/3**

**Pom: 8/2-8/4**

**FB: 7/31**

**Girls Flag FB: 8/7**

**Girls VB: 8/7**

**Girls Badminton: 8/7**

**Girls Golf: 8/7**

**Girls CC: 8/7**

**Girls Swim Dive: 8/7**

**Boys Swim & Dive: 8/7**

**Boys Golf: 8/7**

**Boys CC: 8/7**

PLEASE EMAIL COACHES WITH ADDITIONAL QUESTIONS OR FOLLOW THEM ON  
SOCIAL MEDIA!



**IMPORTANT**



In order to tryout-all athletes must complete their Aktivate packet. This includes IMPACT Testing for those sports that require it.

For more information please visit :

<https://www.tempeunion.org/domain/265>



# PRIDE ATHLETICS • 2023-2024

FALL SPORTS		
August - November • Tryouts begin August 7th		
SPORT	HEAD COACH	EMAIL
Badminton	Anthony Leathers	aleathers@tempeunion.org
Cross Country	Eric Smith	esmith@tempeunion.org
Football	Eric Lauer	elauer@tempeunion.org
Golf - Boys	Tony Ramseyer	tramseyer@tempeunion.org
Golf - Girls	Max Pincus	mpincus@tempeunion.org
Spiritline - Cheer (all year)	Sarah Portle	sportle@tempeunion.org
Spiritline - Pom (all year)	Grace Schwab	gschwab@tempeunion.org
Swim & Dive - Boys & Girls	Mona Nyheim-Canales	mnyheimcanales@tempeunion.org
Volleyball - Girls	Justine Ackie	jackie@tempeunion.org

WINTER SPORTS		
November - February • Tryouts begin October 30th		
SPORT	HEAD COACH	EMAIL
Basketball - Boys	Kaimarr Price	kprice@tempeunion.org
Basketball - Girls	Ashle (Burns) Ledford	aburns@tempeunion.org
Soccer - Boys	Willie Molina	wmolina@tempeunion.org
Soccer - Girls	Christina (Hughes) Daigle	cdaigle@tempeunion.org
Wrestling	Mark Caliendo	mcaliendo@tempeunion.org

SPRING SPORTS		
February - May • Tryouts begin February 5th		
SPORT	HEAD COACH	EMAIL
Baseball	Max Pincus	mpincus@tempeunion.org
Beach Volleyball	Amy Park	sjpark@tempeunion.org
Softball	Jess Portillo	jportillo@tempeunion.org
Tennis - Girls	Rick Carter	rcarter@tempeunion.org
Tennis - Boys	Tony Hentz	thentz@tempeunion.org
Track & Field - Girls	Trevaia Davis	twilliamsdavis@tempeunion.org
Track & Field - Boys	Brian Whitacre	bwhitacre@tempeunion.org
Volleyball - Boys	TBD	

Contact the listed Head Coach for more information.  
Team websites can be found at [www.tempeunion.org/mountainpointe](http://www.tempeunion.org/mountainpointe)

Want to try out  
for a team?



**Register Now!**

Athletes must complete registration and be cleared by the Athletic's office at least **one week prior to tryouts** in order to participate.

**NOTE:** Athletes will **NOT** be cleared on the **first day of practice/tryouts**.

**How do I register?**

- ➔ [www.tempeunion.org/mountainpointe](http://www.tempeunion.org/mountainpointe)
- ➔ [Athletics](#)
- ➔ [Athletics Registration](#)

**First time participants** in MPHS sports will also be required to:

- ➔ submit an original, certified state birth certificate
- ➔ complete a Brainbook course on the AIA website at: [www.AIAcademy.org](http://www.AIAcademy.org)

**Athletic Equipment:**

All athletic equipment issued to students **must be returned to Giovann Melendez** immediately after the season ends. Equipment not returned must be paid for by the individual.

Athletes with **outstanding equipment** will **not be issued clearance for try-outs** or participation for 2023-2024.

**GOT QUESTIONS?**

Contact the Pride Athletics Office  
at 480-388.8904 or  
[mwiley@tempeunion.org](mailto:mwiley@tempeunion.org)

## Student Athletic Pass Available

Students who purchase an athletic pass receive free admission to all **HOME** athletic events for **all sports**, all year!

- ✓ Purchase the pass in bookstore
- ✓ Take your receipt to the ID station
- ✓ Athletic pass will be printed on your 2023-2024 ID card
- ✓ Show your **ID card** with the athletic pass imprint at door/gate of events

**NOTE:** Athletic passes are good for **regular season home athletic events only**. They cannot be used for admittance to away games, tournaments or AIA events.

### STUDENT ATHLETIC PASS

Lower price during Resource Distribution!

DATES	PRICE
July 6 - July 12	\$25
after July 12	\$30

To gain free entry at events, the student must have in their possession the current (2023-2024) MPHS ID card with athletic pass imprinted on card.

# Save the Date

Mountain Pointe High School

## FALL OPEN HOUSE 2023

"Curriculum Night"

Monday ★ August 7

The purpose of tonight's event is to meet each teacher and hear general information about each class.

### CURRICULUM NIGHT 2023

TIME	LOCATION	PARENT GROUP	PRESENTATION
5:00 - 5:30 PM	Auditorium	Freshman/Sophomores	Parent Information - <b>OPTIONAL</b>
5:40 - 5:50 PM	Gymnasium	All grade levels	Opening Session - Principal's Welcome
5:55 - 7:25 PM	Classrooms	All grade levels	Attend your student's classes (see below)

- Access ParentVUE to find your student's schedule.
- Enter schedule below.
- Follow your student's schedule using the bell schedule below.

### Follow the schedule to attend each class.

PERIOD	TIME	TEACHER / CLASS	ROOM #
Warning bell	5:55 PM		
1st	6:00 - 6:10 PM		
2nd	6:15 - 6:25 PM		
3rd	6:30 - 6:40 PM		
4th/5th	6:45 - 6:55 PM		
6th	7:00 - 7:10 PM		
7th	7:15 - 7:25 PM		



This is an evening designed for you to meet teachers, learn about classroom procedures, and curriculum for each class. Due to time restrictions, we ask that you contact the teacher at a later time with specific questions you might have regarding your student's individual progress or academic standing.

[www.tempeunion.org/mountainpointe](http://www.tempeunion.org/mountainpointe)



# Mountain Pointe High School

## Bell Schedules ✨ 2023 - 2024

M ✨ T ✨ TH ✨ F		
Warning bell	7:55	
1	8:00 - 9:00	60
2	9:05 - 10:05	60
3	10:10 - 11:10	60
4 - 1st lunch	11:10 - 11:45	35
5 - class	11:50 - 12:50	60
or		
4 - class	11:15 - 12:15	60
5 - 2nd lunch	12:15 - 12:50	35
6	12:55 - 1:55	60
7	2:00 - 3:00	60

Half Day		
Aug. 30 ✨ Nov. 17 ✨ Feb. 7 ✨ March 1		
Warning bell	7:55	
1	8:00 - 8:35	35
2	8:40 - 9:15	35
3	9:20 - 9:55	35
4 / 5	10:00 - 10:35	35
6	10:40 - 11:15	35
7	11:20 - 11:55	35
No lunch on half days		

Wednesday Advisory & Early Release		
Warning bell	7:55	
1	8:00 - 8:43	43
2 - Class	8:48 - 9:31	43
2 - Advisory	9:31 - 10:01	30
3	10:06 - 10:49	43
4 - 1st lunch	10:49 - 11:24	35
5 - class	11:29 - 12:12	43
or		
4 - class	10:54 - 11:37	43
5 - 2nd lunch	11:37 - 12:12	35
6	12:17 - 1:00	43
7	1:05 - 1:48	43

Semester Exams			
December 13-14-15 ✨ May 20-21-22			
Dec. 13 May 20	Dec. 14 May 21	Dec. 15 May 22	
Warning Bell	Warning Bell	Warning Bell	7:55
1	3	6	8:00 - 9:30
Break	Break	Break	9:30 - 9:50
2	4 / 5	7	9:55 - 11:25
No lunch on exam days			

Split Assembly		
August 11 ✨ October 13 ✨ January 19 ✨ April 19		
Warning bell	7:55	
1	8:00 - 8:53	53
2 - A		
▪ Travel to gym	8:58 - 9:03	5
▪ Assembly A	9:03 - 9:38	35
▪ Travel to class	9:38 - 9:43	5
▪ Class	9:43 - 10:33	50
or		
2 - B		
▪ Class	8:58 - 9:48	50
▪ Travel to gym	9:48 - 9:53	5
▪ Assembly B	9:53 - 10:28	35
▪ Travel to class	10:28 - 10:33	5
3	10:38 - 11:31	53
4 - 1st lunch	11:31 - 12:06	35
5 - class	12:11 - 1:04	53
or		
4 - class	11:36 - 12:29	53
5 - 2nd lunch	12:29 - 1:04	35
6	1:09 - 2:02	53
7	2:07 - 3:00	53

## ✨ Dates to Note ✨

Early Release Monday		
August	7	Open House

Non-Early Release Wednesdays		
July	19	First Day of School
August	30	Half-Day
December	13	Semester Exams
January	3	First Day of 2nd Semester
February	7	Half Day
May	22	Final Exams

Additional Schedule Changes		
Half day, assembly & exam dates can be found above with the corresponding bell schedule.		

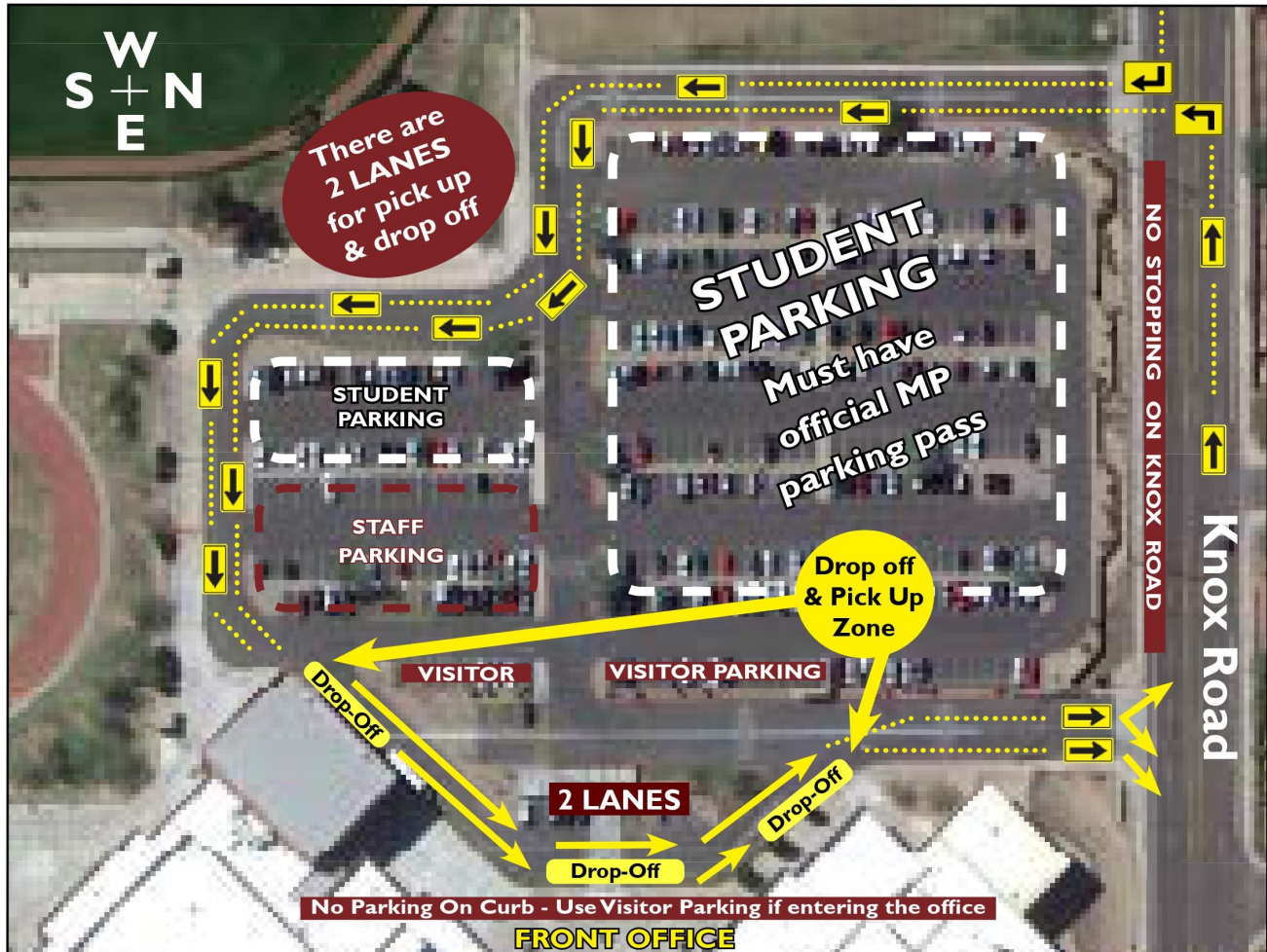
Early Release Wednesdays	
July	26
August	2 ✨ 9 ✨ 16 ✨ 23
September	6 ✨ 13 ✨ 20
October	11 ✨ 18 ✨ 25
November	1 ✨ 8 ✨ 15 ✨ 29
December	6
January	10 ✨ 17 ✨ 24 ✨ 31
February	14 ✨ 21 ✨ 28
March	6 ✨ 27
April	3 ✨ 10 ✨ 17 ✨ 24
May	1 ✨ 8 ✨ 15

Holidays		
September	4	Labor Day
September	25-29	Fall Break
October	2-6	Fall Break
October	9	Student Holiday
November	10	Veterans Day
November	22-24	Thanksgiving
December	18-29	Winter Break
January	1	Winter Break
January	2	Student Holiday
January	15	MLK Day
February	19	Presidents Day
March	11-22	Spring Break
March	25	Student Holiday

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# Traffic Flow for Student Pick up & Drop off

➔ All student **drop-off & pick-up MUST** be made in the **FRONT LOT ONLY** (off of Knox Road). ➔



The above traffic flow takes effect **before school and after school only** on all school days.

## Pick-up and Drop-off: FRONT LOT ONLY (off of Knox Road).

- Enter from **Knox Rd.** at the **western-most** driveway.
- Proceed, following signs to drop student **in front of the school**, between Auditorium & Small Gym
- **Exit** the **east** driveway, **by the marquee.**

## No Parking on Red Curb (Fire Lane) Use Visitor Parking if entering the building

The purpose of red curbs is to allow emergency vehicles quick and close access in the event of an emergency. Parking along the red curb at any time is a violation of F.C. 902.2 and carries a **fine** of up to **\$40.**

## DO NOT Drop-off or Pick-up in the following areas:

- On Knox Road
- On 44th Street
- Cul-de-sac (Knox & 44th Street)
- Back parking lot (off 44th Street)  
*The back lot is for buses and staff ONLY.*
- Apartment Complex
- Senior Living Center



**DROP OFF IN  
FRONT LOT  
ONLY**

*You can be cited by the Phoenix Police for stopping in the areas listed above.*

**For the safety of all, please adhere to and respect these rules and procedures. Thank you.**



# Bus Transportation for Students

## School ID Required to Board Bus

Students **MUST show their CURRENT (2023-2024) MP student ID** in order to board a school bus. Any student not showing their school ID after the first week of school will not be allowed to board the bus. (IDs will be distributed during Resource Distribution. See page 3 for details.)



## Expectations

Riding a school bus is a privilege, not a right. The student who persists in misbehaving on the school bus jeopardizes the safety of everyone on the bus and may lose the privilege of riding the bus.

The bus driver is responsible for maintaining discipline on the bus and in this capacity has the authority to assign seats and to make other reasonable demands of students. Bus drivers may deliver a misbehaving student to a school principal or to the police before finishing the route in extreme circumstances. A principal will administer any necessary discipline. Once privileges are lost, that student cannot ride any bus for the duration of the suspension. Students will only be put off the bus at the bus stop or at school.

## Bus Conduct

- ♦ Passengers must remain seated at all times while the bus is in motion.
- ♦ The bus driver may assign seats.
- ♦ Be courteous.
- ♦ No profanity.
- ♦ DO NOT eat or drink on the bus.
- ♦ Keep the bus clean.
- ♦ No smoking.
- ♦ Keep all body parts and objects inside the bus.
- ♦ Do not throw anything inside or outside the bus.
- ♦ All instruments and equipment carried by passengers shall be under their control at all times and carried in their laps, between seats, or properly secured in a vacant seat. Nothing shall be placed in the driver's compartment or the stepwell.
- ♦ The aisle is to be open and passable at all times.
- ♦ No harmful objects and substances allowed on the bus at any time. This includes drugs, tobacco, alcohol, weapons, glass containers, pets, radios, skate boards, etc.
- ♦ Cleats and spikes are not allowed on the bus at any time.
- ♦ Do not destroy property. Students will be charged for damages.
- ♦ For your own safety, do not distract the bus driver through misbehavior.

Misbehavior on the bus can result in removal from the bus for 1 to 10 days, depending on circumstances, or permanent removal from the bus by formal hearing at discretion of the principal. Serious misbehavior on the bus may include suspension or expulsion from school.

## Bus Schedules

Bus schedules for the 2023-2024 school year will be posted on the Tempe Union High School District website soon at [www.tempeunion.org](http://www.tempeunion.org).



## Questions

If you have questions, you may contact the District Transportation Office at (480) 839.0292.

Please see the complete rules & regulations at [www.tempeunion.org](http://www.tempeunion.org) → Departments → Transportation

## Student Parking

Students **must** have a valid tag to park on campus. **An online application must be completed to receive a parking tag.**

## Obtaining a Parking Tag:

Visit [www.tempeunion.org/mountainpointe](http://www.tempeunion.org/mountainpointe)

→ About MPHS

→ Transportation & Parking

1. Complete the **online application**.
2. Download, print and sign **Parking Agreement**.
3. Bring Parking Agreement to Bookstore during Resource Distribution. (See page 3 for dates and times.)
4. Pay **parking fee** to Bookstore:  
\$100 for the school year (pro-rated after fall break)  
\$20 to replace a lost tag.



*Parking Agreement **must be signed** by both parent and student before submitting to bookstore.*

## Where do I park?

Parking spaces are designated as follows:

- ▶ **Unpainted Curbs** – Open for **students WITH current parking tag**. Students will **not** have assigned parking.
- ▶ **Maroon Curbs** – Faculty and Staff **ONLY**
- ▶ **Gold Curbs** – Campus Visitors

*See map on next page!*



## Questions?

Call the Activities Office at (480) 388.8906.





# Attendance Pointes

Mountain Pointe is a CLOSED campus. Students may not leave campus during school hours without a parent/guardian contacting the front office.



## Request an Off-Campus Pass

### CALL IN ADVANCE!

If you call 30+ minutes ahead of the student's departure time, your wait time on campus is drastically reduced.

- Dial (480) 759.8449 (Parent/Guardian only)
- Enter ext. 50690

After message & tone, please clearly state the following information:

- Student ID Number
- Spell the student's last name, then the first name
- Your name and relationship to the student
- Time of departure
- Reason for departure
- Time student will return
- Student must check in at front office upon return

## Sick Student?

If a student is not feeling well, they should report to the Nurse's office. If the student needs to be sent home, the Nurse will notify a parent/guardian. Students should not call and arrange to be picked up from school by their parent/guardian without seeing the nurse.

## Report an Absence

- Dial (480) 759.8449 (Parent/Guardian only)
- Enter ext. 50689  
then select:  
2 – to report an absence for grades 9 or 10  
3 – to report an absence for grades 11 or 12

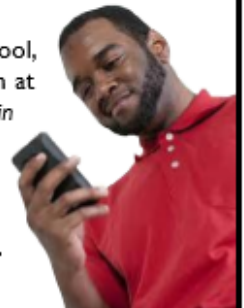
After message & tone, please clearly state the following information:

- Student ID Number
- Spell the student's last name, then the first name
- Reason for the absence
- Your name and relationship to the student
- Date of absence
- Periods missed
- Phone number where you can be reached

## Late to School?

When a student is dropped off late for school, a parent/guardian must sign the student in at the front office (please use visitor parking in the front lot - do not park along the curb).

If the student is late due to a doctor's appointment, s/he can show a doctor's note in lieu of a parent/guardian signature.



## No Student Deliveries Accepted

- No food / drinks
- No flowers
- No balloons
- No money
- No personal items
- No phone messages



Students may NOT accept deliveries on campus. The front office, security and staff will NOT accept deliveries on behalf of students.

## Visitor Information

Visitors to Mountain Pointe are welcome during regular business hours. All visitors must report to the main office immediately upon arrival on campus and show their photo ID to obtain a visitor badge.

Requiring photo ID is a safety measure that assists our office staff in knowing who is in the building should an emergency occur. This check of ID requires visitors to exit through the front office. Thank you for your cooperation.





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### OFFICE HOURS

Monday – Friday  
7:15 AM – 3:45 PM

