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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

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

16 October 2024
22 January 2025
12 February 2025
11 June 2025

The First Day of School

Tuesday, 3 September

Picture Retakes Day

Friday, 18 October

Open House

Wednesday, 18 September
6:00–8:00 PM
Freshmen Carnival
6:30–8:00 PM (Fieldhouse)

Battle of the Bell

Friday, 27 September
Game @ Union v. Mt Spokane
7:00 PM, Tickets Required

PSAT

Thursday, 24 October
Pre-registration Required
90 Spots Available

Homecoming

Game @ Union v. G-Prep
Friday, 25 October, 7:00 PM

Dance @ MHS
Saturday, 26 October
8:00 – 10:00 PM

FIRST TWO WEEKS DOWN, MORE FUN TO GO!

What an incredible first two weeks of school! Game nights have been full of energy and positivity--the most loud, proud, and positive in a long time. Students are also modeling and supporting safe and clean spaces (the lunchtime clean-up has the custodians and staff happy beyond words) and the great vibes around school in general.

The new Cell Phone Policy has definitely helped contribute to this great vibe. Students are TALKING and connecting in positive ways in the classroom, the hallways, and the lunchroom. It is a sight to behold! Thank you for supporting and continuing to reinforce the importance of distraction-free learning and a safe community.

This week is Open House on Wednesday, 18 September at 6:00 PM! Purchase Mead spirit swag, checkout the Clubs and Activities available at MHS, visit the College and Career Center, and just gather as a community. The formal program/class rotations start at 6:20 PM for Zero Hour classes and 6:35 PM for Period 1 classes. Have a Freshmen? Encourage them to attend the Freshmen "Glow Out" (Neon) Carnival during Open House. The Carnival starts at 6:30 PM. Students will receive a hardcopy Open House Letter on Monday, 16 September through their Period 2 class that includes an area for students to fill out their schedule. Students who do not have a Period 2 class due to NewTech or Running Start can pick-up an Open House Letter at the Attendance window. You can also [click here](#) to download that letter.

Battle of the Bell tickets go on sale MONDAY (16 September) at 12:00 PM! We usually expect a sellout crowd. This epic rivalry football game between Mead and Mt Spokane is schedule for Friday, 27 September at 7:00 PM at Union Stadium with a community tailgate at 5:00 PM on the Union Grass Fields. Checkout p. 3 to learn what you need to know before you go. This year's Battle of the Bell themes is "Go for Gold." T-shirts go on sale soon--more info will be available via the [Bulletin de Belonging](#) (daily bulletin).

During the same week, on Tuesday, 24 September, Mead Volleyball takes on Mt Spokane at home in Cat Fight! Remember to wear all pink. Game time starts at 7:00 PM. The gym is always packed. Get there early!

Shout out to Panther Senior, Liv Koh, who is one of only two Spokaneians recognized as a 2024 National Merit Semifinalist. Liv rocked the PSAT last year and is among only 50,000 high school seniors across the U.S. recognized for this achievement. Liv is currently in process of competing in the National Merit Academic Scholarships competition. Hoorah, Liv!



Have a great week and see you at Open House! *Kimberly*

STAY INFORMED!

One more reminder about Class of Senior Events...

class of
2025

- **SENIOR PICTURES DUE:** Friday, 4 October 2024.
 - UPLOAD Picture to yearbookforever.com. Search for "Mead High School" (Spokane) **Code:** mead2025
 - See Ms. Busch in Room M2 for upload help OR to have a picture taken.
- **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:** Saturday, 31 May 2025. 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 2025. Following Graduation.
 - Busses 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.](#)

PREPARE FOR GRADUATION!



[Click here to order online!](#)

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.



Yearbook Sales!

Buy the award-winning MHS Yearbook, Panthera. No selfie or school picture will ever capture the way that the Yearbook staff chronicles the year in the life of MHS. Each year's theme is uniquely Mead. Cost: \$55.

Price increases November 1.

FREE or REDUCED MEAL SUPPORT

Your family may qualify for free or reduced price meals. As a part of the National School Meal Program, some students may be eligible for free or reduced price meals. If you received an email in August stating your child is receiving meal benefits, no application is needed. All other families wishing to receive free or reduced meals must complete a new application each school year.

Stay in the Know

BULLETIN DE BELONGING

Keep up-to-date on a daily basis of all that is going on at Mead, including the daily bell schedule; athletic and club events; school-wide events; community opportunities; scholarship and college visit information; the lunch menu; and more.

For the live, daily bulletin, [CLICK HERE](#).

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

2024-2025 STUDENT HANDBOOK

The New Panther Student Handbook is available on the MHS Website. Tons of information and resources: [CLICK HERE](#). Make sure to check it out.

POWERSCHOOL | FAMILY ACCESS

Need Help Accessing your Panther's PowerSchool Information?

We can help!

1. The first thing you need is your guardian ID number and password. This information is available by contacting Student Services at 509.465.7112.
2. Then follow the step-by-step instructions located in [this document](#).

ACTIVITIES & ATHLETICS

JUST A FEW HIGHLIGHTS....

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
Friday, 20 September	Varsity Football @ CV, 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
	Breaking Down the Walls @ MHS All Day
Thursday, 10 October	Vitalent Blood Drive @ MHS 8:30 AM
Saturday, 12 October	2024 Pacific NW Marching Band Championships @ Union, 9:00 AM
Thursday, 17 October	Choir Concert @ MHS 7:00 PM
Friday, 18 October	Picture Retakes
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
Friday, 1 November	Varsity Football v. Shadle @ ONESpokane Stadium, 8:00 PM
Friday, 8 November	Veterans Day Assembly [Modified Bell Schedule]
Monday, 11 November	NO SCHOOL Veterans Day



Get more info via the Athletics page.

2024-2025

SPORTS PASS

GREATER SPOKANE LEAGUE.ORG

PASS GOOD FOR:
One Adult Admission &
Family Members Younger Than High School

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

GO FOR GOLD | BATTLE OF THE BELL 2024

MEAD v. MT SPOKANE

UNION STADIUM | 7:00 PM
TELEVISIONED LOCALLY ON SWX
PRE-GAME TAILGATE | 5:00 PM | UNION GRASS FIELD

TICKETS ON SALE

MONDAY, 09.16.2024
AT 12:00 PM

TO PURCHASE TICKETS, GO TO
MTSPOKANE.HOMETOWNTICKETING.COM/EMBED/ALL

OR USE THIS QR CODE

UP TO FOUR (4) TICKETS PER ACCOUNT.

WE EXPECT A SOLD OUT CROWD

MEAD PANTHERS

B.O.T.B '24

IMPORTANT NOTES

- High school students with current ASB designation on their Student ID card and GSL Sports Pass Holders do not need to purchase tickets to attend.
- All students Grade 8 and younger must be accompanied by an adult.
- Help keep our event safe and sane: Arrive sober, stay sober, leave sober.
- No vaping, smoking, or other drugs.
- No outside food/drink.
- No re-entry is allowed.
- Purses, diaper bags, and clear bags allowed.
- No backpacks allowed.
- All bags are subject to search.

COMMUNITY EVENTS



Cat Scramble
FUNDRAISER GOLF TOURNAMENT
SEPTEMBER 21, 2024
WANDERMERE GOLF COURSE



REGISTER NOW!

ALL PROCEEDS BENEFIT
ATHLETES AT MT SPOKANE &
MEAD HIGH SCHOOLS

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 be emailed and posted by Monday, September 16.

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BLOOD DRIVE 2024

Young Donors are **THE FUTURE** of Our Nation's Blood Supply.



Thursday, 10 October 2024 | Mead HS, 8:30 AM

Appointment information to be announced via the Bulletin de Belonging and MHS Website.

Open to Mead families to participate.



2024 PACIFIC NORTHWEST
MARCHING BAND
CHAMPIONSHIPS
MEAD, WA

Presented by
Wendy's

Saturday, 12 October | Union Stadium | 9:00 AM

[Click Here to Purchase Tickets](#)

HOMECOMING DANCE

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What is Homecoming? We get this question every year. The purpose of Homecoming is to celebrate past and present. Often, Alumni return for the Homecoming Game (football) on Friday night to stay connected to their hometown community. In addition to the Friday Night Lights, Panther Alum also turn out for our Cat Fight! (Volleyball) rivalry game. During the week, we have a Homecoming Assembly, Class Color Wars competitions, and Spirit Dress-Up Days.

The week culminates with the Homecoming Dance (8:00-10:00 PM), which is open to current MHS students and their guest (Grades 9 - Age 20). Students who bring a non-MHS guest must complete a Dance Guest Form. The form is available outside of the ASB Classroom (on the west end of The Mall), the Attendance Office, and Student Services.

Dance tickets go on sale Monday, 7 October 2024.

COLLEGE & CAREER OPPORTUNITIES

Crossover Trades Night | 25 September 2024

Mt Spokane High School, 5:00-7:30 PM

NEWESD 101 is hosting a Career Crossover Trades Night. Explore exciting career opportunities in the trades including automotive, construction, healthcare, hospitality, manufacturing and much more! All ages welcome. Catering will be provided by Mead School District ProStart.

Email jdempsey@esd101.net for more information.

PSAT | 24 October 2024

Registration for the PSAT is now open for current juniors and advanced sophomores. Cost is \$20. Register via the MHS Business Office. There are 90 available seats for this exam. Once registered, students will receive a practice packet, including practice tests.

Completing College Apps? Use SchoolLinks to Manage

The SchoolLinks College Application Manager tool allows you to:

- Track the progress and requirements for your college applications.
- Organize all the application materials for the colleges where you're applying.
- Let Mrs Thornton and your grade level counselor know where you are applying and gives them access to completing required school reports and sending out your official transcript to the college.
- Request your application materials, including letters of recommendation from teachers, to be sent to desired institutions.

CHECK OUT THE CLASS OF 2025 GOOGLE CLASSROOM FOR MORE INFORMATION ABOUT HOW TO USE THIS TOOL.

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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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Ms. Thornton | College and Career

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



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

September Emergency Preparedness Drill

Mead School District and Mead High School used the "I Love U Guys" Foundation's Standard Response Protocol (SRP) for safety and security common language and training. Students and staff train, practice, and drill this protocol. For more information, visit [i loveuguy.org](http://loveuguy.org).

Our first official evacuation drill for 2024-25 is Thursday, 19 September. We will practice the evacuation drill. During the second week of school, this past week, we had two evacuations related to a faulty water flow compressor. The compressor has since been fixed, tested, and reset. These unscheduled evacuations showed us the importance of reviewing evacuations procedures in the first couple of days of school and then practicing those procedures during the first planned evacuation drill (always the third week of September after schedule changes have been finalized).

We have been using the same evacuation procedures for the past two years. These procedures were vetted with the MHS Safety Committee, the district office, and first responders.

Evacuations can happen at any time of day, whether before school, during class time, a passing period, or during lunch. Some of these timeframes are what are referred to as "unstructured" time (example, lunch). Therefore, students always meet at their assigned Period 2 class location for consistency. No matter what class period a student may be in during an evacuation (structured time), their current classroom teacher will lead them to the evacuation site and then students head to their Period 2 location. Students who do not have a Period 2 class (example: AM NewTech or Running Start) and are on campus during an evacuation, meet in the student parking lot near the southeast exit gate. There are assigned staff at that location to meet them.

When an evacuation happens after school, students/athletes evacuate the building with their coach (for athletics), advisor (if attending a club), or teacher (if getting tutoring support).

Again, we will be practicing these procedures on Thursday, 19 September. Prior to a structured evacuation, students will watch a video modeling the evacuation procedure.

IN AN EMERGENCY TAKE ACTION



HOLD! In your room or area. Clear the halls.

STUDENTS

Clear the hallways and remain in room or area until the "All Clear" is announced
Do business as usual

ADULTS

Close and lock the door
Account for students and adults
Do business as usual



SECURE! Get inside. Lock outside doors.

STUDENTS

Return to inside of building
Do business as usual

ADULTS

Bring everyone indoors
Lock outside doors
Increase situational awareness
Account for students and adults
Do business as usual



LOCKDOWN! Locks, lights, out of sight.

STUDENTS

Move away from sight
Maintain silence
Do not open the door

ADULTS

Recover students from hallway if possible
Lock the classroom door
Turn out the lights
Move away from sight
Maintain silence
Do not open the door
Prepare to evade or defend



EVACUATE! (A location may be specified)

STUDENTS

Leave stuff behind if required to
If possible, bring your phone
Follow instructions

ADULTS

Lead students to Evacuation location
Account for students and adults
Notify if missing, extra or injured students or adults



SHELTER! Hazard and safety strategy.

STUDENTS

Use appropriate safety strategy for the hazard

Hazard	Safety Strategy
Tornado	Evacuate to shelter area
Hazmat	Seal the room
Earthquake	Drop, cover and hold
Tsunami	Get to high ground

ADULTS

Lead safety strategy
Account for students and adults
Notify if missing, extra or injured students or adults

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Concept and Purpose of Mead's Safety Program

Safety is a collective effort and Mead's approach to school safety reflects a team-based approach to problem solving. In order for learning to happen within our building, students and staff must feel secure. It is incumbent upon everyone in the building to not only care for their own safety, but act as stewards of the school community's safety.

Our approach at Mead is planned, clear, and consistent. Mead's safety program relies on three key elements: The Standard Response Protocol, Situational Awareness, and care for one another.

Care for One Another

Building and maintaining a culture of care in our building is foundational to school safety. When staff and students at Mead High School feel valued, respected, and supported, a sense of belonging emerges that allows for trust and open communication. We want students and staff to feel empowered to seek help, report concerns, and build positive relationships. Our goal, by focusing on a culture of safety, situational awareness, and care for others, is to reduce conflict, bullying, and violence, and increase belonging, respect, and safety.