

Matawan Regional High School Weekly Updates

November 11, 2024

Greetings Huskies:

Today we celebrate the brave men and women of the Matawan-Aberdeen community who have dedicated their time serving this great nation. <u>Happy Veteran's Day</u> to all who have served. Thank you for your service.

As the 1st marking period comes to a close this week, please be sure to monitor the parent/student portal for up to date information on your students progress. Questions regarding assignments and/or grades can be directed to your child's teacher of record. Report cards will be released on **Monday**. **November 25th**.



While it has been a great start to the school year, we are asking for your help to continue this momentum. As previously shared, <u>Student Attendance</u>, including lates to school and/or class and our updated <u>Cell Phone/ Electronic Device Use Policy</u> continue to serve as focus areas for the 2024-2025 school year. As you can imagine, these areas of focus are directly correlated to our goals of Student Academic Success and Social-Emotional Well Being.

Chronic Absenteeism or students arriving late to school and/or their classes can be a distraction that takes away from valuable class time, not only for them, but for their entire class. Over the past couple of weeks, we have seen a drastic incline of students arriving late to school. As a reminder, doors open at 7:05 and students should be in their first period class by 7:15am. Please note... Breakfast is now being served each morning in the cafeteria. Students arriving early to school can enter through Door 13 by the tennis courts beginning at 6:35am.

Additionally, as a reminder... **Cell Phone Use** is not permitted during class time for any reason at any time. Students are permitted to utilize their cell phones and/or electronic devices during transition time or their lunch period.

I will be addressing these topics at my next <u>Principal's Student Advisory Group</u> (PSAG) on <u>Wednesday, November 13th</u> after school in the media center. All students are welcome to attend.

Let's work together to combat chronic absenteeism, and eliminate distractions to enhance student success. It takes a village. Thank you for your continued support.

Looking forward to another Great Week!!! ${\mathcal MCW}$



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Parent Teacher Conferences

<u>MRHS Fall Parent-Teacher Conferences</u> are scheduled for <u>Tuesday</u>, <u>December 3rd</u> from <u>5:30pm-8:30pm</u> and <u>Wednesday</u>, <u>December 4th</u> from <u>12:15pm-2:03pm</u>.

Scheduling of parent-teacher conferences will take place through the <u>Genesis Parent Portal</u> beginning at 5:00pm on <u>Thursday</u>, <u>November 14th</u>.

In order to ensure that parent-teacher conferences can be scheduled through Genesis, it is imperative that all families log in to the parent portal, update student contact information, and complete the required questions and electronic signatures. Most families have completed this process already, however, we are resharing this information as a reminder for families that have not yet completed these important initial steps.

SchooLinks Counselor Request

Students can now schedule an appointment to meet with their school counselor or case manager through SchooLinks. **To Schedule a Meeting:**

- 1. Click the My Team tab at the top of your student dashboard.
- 2. Click Schedule Meeting in the row of the counselor or teacher you want to schedule with.
- 3. Click on the time slot for which you want to schedule a meeting.
- 4. Select the meeting format (In-person or Virtual) if given an option.
- 5. Leave a note describing the purpose of the meeting.
- 6. Click Schedule Meeting.

Once your meeting is scheduled, it will appear in the Reminders section of your dashboard.

Upcoming College Visits

Representatives from the following schools will be in the lobby this week. If interested in learning more about these schools, please sign up to attend through your SchooLinks account.

The College of New Jersey	11/11/2024	11:20 AM to 12:20 PM
Rider University	11/12/2024	09:00 AM to 10:00 AM
Montclair State University	11/14/2024	08:45 AM to 09:45 AM
University of Rhode Island	11/15/2024	11:20 AM to 12:20 PM
Arcadia University	11/19/2024	11:20 AM to 12:20 PM

<u>Tutorial Program- November Calendar</u>

The Matawan Regional High School Tutorial Program runs approximately four days per week after school and is available to all students needing additional help with coursework. No sign-up required. Here is the <u>November Tutorial Schedule</u>. Students participating in our Tutorial program are eligible for our Late Bus which departs the HS at approximately 4:15pm



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The MOST Program

We are excited to announce the return of <u>The MOST Program</u> for the 2024-2025 school year. Students in Grades 2-12 within the MARSD will have the opportunity to work with certified staff members and dedicated community members as we work to **M**entor **O**ur **S**tudents **T**ogether.

Attention High School Students...

If you are interested in volunteering and serving as a mentor please complete the <u>2024–2025</u> MOST Mentor Form.

<u>Junior Prom</u>

The MRHS Junior Prom will take place on Thursday, 4/24/2025, at Jacques Reception Center in Middletown NJ. Students who are planning to attend MUST complete the Junior Prom 2025 Google Form Contract by Friday, November 22nd, at 11:59pm. Students will be able to purchase a ticket during the dates of December 9th-19th after school in room 402. Cash or checks made out to MRHS SSA. Outside guests / non MRHS students must complete a physical contract. Tickets will be \$115.00 per student.

Please email Mrs. Naimo with any questions or concerns: mnaimo@marsd.org

- 2025 JUNIOR PROM CONTRACT
- Junior Prom 2025 Outside Guest Contract

Winter Athletic Registration

The Winter Sports Registration is now open for Matawan Regional High School and Matawan Aberdeen Middle School Athletic Department.

- Deadlines: Registration is open until **November 15th, 2024** for MRHS and MAMS.
- Physical Drop-off Date: The final drop-off date for the winter season will be <u>Monday</u>, <u>November 11th</u> from <u>4:00 PM to 6:00 PM</u> at MRHS in the main lobby. Please note that physicals dropped off after the drop-off date WILL not be cleared immediately and could delay your participation in the winter sports season.
- Physical Packet (see attached): As of July 1, 2024, only this packet will be accepted for clearance and only the medical eligibility form needs to be turned in.

Please ensure your child has an up-to-date physical on file. Check the Genesis Parent Portal or contact the school nurse for verification. For registration instructions, visit the Athletic Office web page via the main district web page.

If you have any questions, please contact the Athletic Office at 732-705-5346 or email athletics@marsd.org.



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Yearbooks & Student Recognition Ads

Yearbooks can be purchased now through this link (<u>Jostens.com</u>) which is also on the HS website. Buy your book early for the cheapest price. The price will increase as the year progresses. Student Recognition Ads can also be designed online and purchased at the same link or <u>directly here</u>. <u>Click here</u> for more information about these ads. Questions? Please contact MRHS Yearbook Advisors: <u>Mary Kate Shalhoub</u> or <u>Sheryl Kish</u>.

Any students who would like to submit school-related photos for the yearbook can use <u>this form</u> to upload them. We cannot guarantee that every photo will be used in the yearbook due to limited space. Photos must be school appropriate and cannot include hand gestures.

MRHS Parent-Teacher Organization

The MRHS PTO is still accepting <u>Membership</u> for the 2024-2025 school year. Membership is essential in assisting to fund programs, help with improvements to our school and assisting teachers/students with resources to meet their needs. When you join our PTO, 100% of your membership donation is used to benefit our staff, students and school.

Upcoming Fundraising Events:

- MRHS PTO Vendor Sale and Flea Market Saturday, November 23rd
 - o Crafters and Vendors are wanted!!!
- Husky Touchdown Club Dine to Donate Wednesday, November 20th
- MRHS Pocketbook Bingo Saturday, February 8th
 - o <u>Pocketbook Bingo Table Reservation</u>

Athletics

Don't forget to follow the <u>Matawan Regional High School Athletics Department</u> on both <u>Twitter</u> and <u>Instagram @marsdathletics</u>. For up to date schedule information, please check out the <u>Huskies Athletic Schedule</u>.

Free & Reduced Breakfast & Lunch Program

Don't forget to fill out your <u>free/reduced breakfast & lunch form</u> using Pay Schools. Scan the QR Code to get started. If you would prefer a paper copy, please contact the main office @ (732) 705-5200.

