



# Matawan Regional High School

## *Weekly Updates*

### November 25, 2024

Greetings Huskies:

As we head into the Thanksgiving Day weekend, I can certainly say there is a lot to be grateful for. I would like to start by thanking the entire Matawan Aberdeen Regional School District community for your support. I am so grateful for the opportunity to serve as the high school principal and work alongside our amazing staff and students.

Don't forget... It's another short week ahead. As a reminder, we will be operating on a ½ day schedule on Wednesday, November 27th. Students will be dismissed at 11:15am. Please know your pick up plan.

As a reminder... Final grades will be posted on the Parent & Student Portal on Monday, November 25th.

On behalf of the entire Matawan Regional High School family, I would like to wish everyone a safe, enjoyable and restful weekend. **Happy Thanksgiving!!!**

I am looking forward to another Great Week!!! *MCW*

### All-Shore Choir

Congratulations to the following students who were accepted into the 2025 All Shore Choir. We are looking forward to supporting you at this year's concert on February 1st at Middletown High School North. Thank you for representing us with pride.

*Hannah Abel*

*Cecelia Bolton*

*Marcello Borella*

*Chase Coleman*

*Amanda Dalton*

*Brielle Estrada*

*Kaylee Fetyko*

*Charlotte Hunt*

*David Juros*

*Peyton Karycinski*

*Mariia Kriachko*

*Samantha Macchia*

*Michelle Marroquin*

*Laila McCartan*

*Ciara O'Keeffe*

*Adetara Ogunade*

*Enoch Ogunade*

*Noah Robinson*

*Kaitlin Rodriguez*

*Katarina Schechter*

*Delilah Spare*

### Senior Class Group Photo Day & Google Form Reminder

The Class of 2025 group photo will be taken for the yearbook on Wednesday, November 27th. Seniors should go to the Main Gym during homeroom that day no later than 7:45am. This should only affect homeroom and second period classes. Also, seniors are reminded that the [2025 Senior Quotes & Pictures Google Form](#) is due by **November 26, 2024, no later than 2:00pm**. Students must access the form through their school Google account. Full details were emailed to all seniors on November 12th from Mrs. Pickering and can also be found [here](#).



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### Daily Announcements

Check out our [MRHS Husky TV YouTube Channel](#) for the latest edition of **The Scoop** and **The Spork**, our daily announcements, produced from our TV Studio Production and Broadcasting Classes.

### Events Calendar

We are excited to announce that we have launched a [new website](#). Please be sure to check out our updated [Website Calendar](#) that will now house all of our events including club meetings, activities and athletic events.

### Fall Drama

The Matawan Regional High School Thespians are proud to present their fall drama, [Leading Ladies](#), by Ken Ludwig. Showtimes are as follows, for advance tickets email [lmackey@marsd.org](mailto:lmackey@marsd.org). Tickets can also be purchased at the door. Tickets are \$12 for evening performances and \$6.00 for the 2 pm Sunday Matinee. We hope to see you there!!!

- *Thursday, December 5, 2024 at 7:00 PM*
- *Friday, December 6, 2024 at 7:00 PM*
- *Saturday December 7, 2024 at 7:00 PM*
- *Sunday, December 8, 2024 at 2:00 PM*



### Student Drop Off

In order to provide a safe and orderly environment during arrival and dismissal, please follow the designated route when dropping off or picking up your child at the high school.

Please do not cut through the parking lot lanes as students and staff are parking and walking to the building.

As a reminder... The front loop of the school should only be used by district buses. Thank you for your understanding and cooperation as we work to keep our students and staff safe.



### Tutorial Program- November Calendar

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 [November Tutorial Schedule](#). Students participating in our Tutorial program are eligible for our Late Bus which departs the HS at approximately 4:15pm



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### Nurses Notes

Cold and flu season has arrived. Parents often ask, when do I keep my child home from school? Here are some guidelines for keeping sick children at home. As always, please consult your doctor with any concerns.

- [When Should Children Stay Home From School/NJDOH](#)
- [Help Your Child's School Prevent the Spread of Infections/CDC](#)
  - A child with heavy cold symptoms, such as deep or uncontrollable coughing or significant lack of energy, belongs at home even without a fever. They should return when they can comfortably participate in school activities.
  - If your child has a fever, keep them home for at least 24 hours after the fever is gone without the use of fever-reducing medicines, such as acetaminophen. This will help ensure that the fever is truly gone and that your child is past the point of being contagious.
  - If your child has pain in their ears, throat, head or chest and can not comfortably participate in school activities.
  - If your child is vomiting or has diarrhea, they must have neither for 24 hours before they can return to school.

### **Why is this important?**

- Children need rest to recover from illness. Without enough rest, it can take your child longer to feel better. Staying home is also important because your child can spread the illness up to 24 hours after symptoms are gone.
- People with weakened immune systems often need even more time to recover and to stop being contagious.

### 2024-2025 Areas of Focus

While it has been a great start to the school year, we are asking for your help to continue this momentum. As previously shared, [Student Attendance](#), including lates to school and/or class and our updated [Cell Phone/ Electronic Device Use Policy](#) 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.



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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.

### Teacher of the Year Nominations

The Matawan-Aberdeen Regional School District is proud to announce that we will once again participate in the **New Jersey Department of Education Governor's Educator of the Year Program (GEOY)**. This celebratory program integrates the Teacher of the Year Program with the Governor's Teacher/Educational Services Professional Recognition Program to continue to recognize our state's best teachers and educational services professionals. All nominations can be forwarded to [mrhsinfo@marsd.org](mailto:mrhsinfo@marsd.org) by **Friday, November 29, 2024**.

- [Eligibility Criteria](#)
- [GEOY Nomination Form](#)

### MARSD Cares

MARSD Cares is seeking [donations](#) for their upcoming **Winter Wonderland Holiday Feast to support families in need within the Matawan Aberdeen Regional School District community**. Donations of gifts, gift cards, wrapping paper and wrapping supplies are being collected at each school through **Friday, December 6th**. If you know of a family in need who could benefit from this organization, please notify your school counselor or case manager.

### Junior Prom

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](mailto:mnaimo@marsd.org)

- [2025 JUNIOR PROM CONTRACT](#)
- [Junior Prom 2025 Outside Guest Contract](#)

### Yearbooks & Student Recognition Ads

Yearbooks can be purchased now through this link ([lostens.com](https://lostens.com)) 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 [directly here](#). [Click here](#) for more information about these ads. Questions? Please contact MRHS Yearbook Advisors: [Mary Kate Shalhoub](#) or [Sheryl Kish](#).

Any students who would like to submit school-related photos for the yearbook can use [this form](#) 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.