



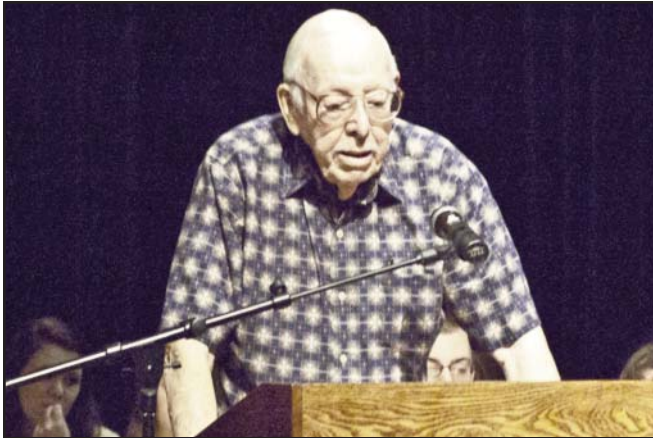
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Julius Bozman Awards Scholarships For The 25th Year



Julius Bozman speaks to the seniors as he awards a scholarship for the 25th year.

Julius Bozman was raised in McConnelsville and graduated from Malta-McConnelsville High School. He enlisted in the Navy in World War II and spent 33 months on active duty, including 13 months of sea duty in the North Atlantic spent chasing submarines.

Mr. Bozman subsequently attended Ohio University where he graduated in 1949 with a Bachelor of Science Degree in Geology and minors in Math and Economics. He went to the University of Tennessee for summer field training. His first full-time job was on a geophysical survey crew where he pro-

Over \$300,000 in Local Scholarship Funds Awarded to Morgan Seniors: Nearly \$1 Million When College Tuition Waivers Are Added

gressed from surveyor to seismic technician to chief of the crew. He worked in the Dakotas, Montana, and Saskatchewan, Canada for approximately five years. In 1955, he took a job as geologist with the Northern Pacific Railroad, and subsequently became geologist for Carter Oil in Billings, Montana until 1958, when he took a job with Texaco in Calgary, Alberta Canada.

In 1966, he formed his own independent consulting company. He was very successful in oil and gas production in Canada, and subsequently took over operations of Merchants Petroleum. Merchants conducted successful drilling operations throughout the globe until the company was sold in 1983. Since then, Mr. Bozman has continued as a geologist and has continuing interests in oil and mining businesses. He is presently involved in a titanium-mining project in Colorado.

Mr. Bozman is extremely thankful for the education he received at Ohio University, and has established this scholarship for the purpose of helping to support the tuition costs so that another student can have the same opportunity that he had. Mr. Bozman stated, "It pays to get your education, to work hard, and to stay focused on what you are doing. Morgan High graduates have as many opportunities as any other graduates do. It is all up to the individual person.



Dawn Nesselroad, Guidance Counselor, opens the Scholarship Award Ceremony with the senior recipients on the left and the Scholarship donors on the right

General Information



**Lori S. Lowe,
Superintendent**

Welcome Back!!!

I am excited to welcome all of our students and staff back for another great school year!

The 12-13 school year brought many successes and we have a lot to be proud of! Our number one goal last year was to increase our number of indicators and I am thrilled to tell you that we earned three more indicators on our report card! We

definitely exceeded our goal! Another great achievement is our performance index (PI). The 12-13 school year PI shows that our students are performing higher than ever (in fact, we have the largest number ever of students earning advanced and accelerated scores)! As you can see, we continue to move in the right direction and we have a lot to celebrate!!

This great academic foundation guides our planning for the 13-14 school year. In addition to increasing our PI and our number of indicators, we will be focusing on individual student achievement. Our main focus will be the approximately 15% of our student population who struggle with academics. We will be working on each student's individual level to help these students be successful.

This school year brings even more new programs and activities for our students. As you will see in this edition of the Reader, there is a lot for our students to look forward to at each of our schools. We truly offer educational opportunities that engage our students and provide them with real life learning experiences.

Best Wishes for an **OUTSTANDING** 2013-2014 School Year!

Ask Ichabod

*Dear Ichabod,
I have heard something about a "3rd grade guarantee". What is this about? Does it mean that if my third grade student does not pass a reading test, they will fail third grade?*

*Sincerely,
Worried Parent*



Ichabod Crane

Dear Worried Parent,

HB555, passed by the Ohio Legislature, requires that third grade students must pass a reading test before they can be passed to fourth grade. This law becomes fully effective for third grade students in 2014. This means that this year's third grade students must achieve a minimum score on the OAA Reading Test to be promoted to fourth grade.

We are already preparing our students to meet the requirements of this law. All students in grades K, 1, 2, and 3 will be given a diagnostic reading test this September to determine if their reading is on track to meet the requirement of this law. If a student is not reading on grade level, a reading intervention plan will be developed for that student and parents will be notified that their student will be receiving extra help in reading. With parent involvement and support, and targeted intervention to students who need help, we believe every student will be able to meet the third grade guarantee and pass on to fourth grade.

The ability to read well and experience academic success are directly related. Most learning, fourth grade and beyond, requires the ability to acquire information through the written word. We hope parents will join us in encouraging their children to become excellent readers.

Sincerely,
Ichabod Crane

The Morgan Reader is published quarterly during the school year and is delivered to every household in Morgan County. The Morgan Reader is a report to the community about their schools. Your comments, questions, and suggestions are welcomed. Questions and issues raised by readers will be addressed in future editions of The Morgan Reader.

Send your comments, questions, and suggestions to Howard Troutner, 65 West Union Avenue, PO Box 509, McConnelsville, Ohio 43756, or call 740-962-2377, or e-mail mc-troutnerh@seovec.org

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Jeff Shaner, President of the Morgan Local Board of Education, recognizes Sara Hurst, of the Morgan County Herald, with a plaque for her many years of service reporting on Board of Education deliberations. Over her many years of service, Sara has attended more Board of Education meetings than anyone else in Morgan County.



Paul Mock of the Ohio School Boards Association (OSBSA), presents a plaque to Jeff Shaner, President of the Morgan Board of Education, recognizing the Morgan Board's outstanding performance.

Matt Zumbro: Member of Celebrate Teaching Class of 2013



MJHS math teacher, Matt Zumbro, working with a student on an engineering project.

Battelle for Kids recognized Matt Zumbro as a member of the Celebrate Teaching 2013 class of distinguished educators. Matt's recognition was based on principal feed back and the fact that Matt's value-added data showed that his students consistently achieved above expected growth over the last two years.

Matt was recognized with other distinguished educators at the Connect for Success Conference on June 18 at the Greater Columbus Convention Center in Columbus.

New Teachers



The following new teachers have been employed for the 2013-2014 school year to replace the many retirees: L-R: Alison Kreis, English- MHS; Sara Rishel, 4th Grade - South; Courtney Hysell-Strauss, Art - South; Amanda Post, Kindergarten - East; Jon Gilley, 4th Grade - South; Audra Langerman, Intervention specialist - East; Adam Copeland, Intervention Specialist - MJHS; Rebecca Armbruster 3rd Grade - East; John Young 5th Grade - West; Kaylyn Spradling, 5th Grade - East; Maureen Welch, Nursing Program - MHS (Not pictured, Emily Huck, Itinerant Preschool Intervention Specialist - West and Ron Moore, Dean of Students - MJHS)



General Information

What is Morgan Raider Athletic Boosters?

Morgan Athletic Boosters is an organization that started in August of 1977 to benefit the Athletic Department of Morgan High School and to ensure that our student athletes have uniforms, equipment and anything else necessary for a successful athletic program.

This organization welcomes everyone to Booster Meetings. These meetings are held the first Monday of every month at 6:30 p.m. at the high school. Everyone is encouraged to become a member of Morgan Athletic Boosters, it is not an organization limited to parents of current athletes. To become a Super Booster, there is a cost of \$5.00 and the membership drive is held each fall. Currently, there are 220 Super Boosters who also have their names published in the fall and winter programs. In addition to supporting your athletes, being a Super Booster gives you the right to vote at Booster meetings. Starting in July, watch for your Fall Athletes to ask you to become a Super Booster!

Businesses and individuals who wish to invest more to support the Booster programs may join as Super, Super Boosters. Super, Super Boosters pay \$100 for this honor.

Morgan Athletic Boosters Bingo was added as a fundraiser in October, 1996, and just celebrated their 400th Bingo. Since the start of this program, Morgan Athletic Boosters Bingo has donated over \$200,000 to Morgan Athletic Boosters. Bingo is held the first and third Saturdays of each month with a regular bingo game being played as well as instant tickets sold at each session. Instant tickets provided by the Bingo program are also sold at the Extravaganza that is held each year. Bingo is run by parents of athletes, both current and former. In addition at each bingo a sport team benefits by receiving \$100 in their sports account for having 4 volunteers. We currently have several parents of athletes who will be retiring from their crew within the next 1-2 years due to their athletes graduating and they will need to be replaced. If anyone is interested in helping out with bingo or has any questions, you can contact Angela Westfall or Kelly Tredway, or Devin Barnhouse, Athletic Director.

Over the past 4 years, the Athletic Boosters have contributed over \$75,000 to the Athletic program. This has been used for uniforms (\$50,000), coaches' clinics (\$1500) and over \$10,000 to balance the MHS Athletic budget for Junior High and High School. The boosters also pay for improvements to the facilities, most recently being the softball and baseball field fences and concession stands. The Boosters have also just agreed to pay for the Hudl video, which is used by all sports for recruiting purposes and a Vertimax system that will help the athletes improve their quickness, agility and vertical leap. The Boosters are also supporters of local sports teams and events, including the Smitty Shoot Out, Dick Haines Memorial Basketball Camp and the American Legion baseball teams.

At the last meeting, a vote was taken to approve the Morgan Athletic Complex (MAC). This will be a 60 X 128 building behind Morgan High School that will be used by the Wrestling Team for a practice area and can be used by Volleyball, Track, Basketball, Baseball and Softball as an alternate practice area when the gyms are not available. A 16 x 64 lean-to will be added to be used for track storage. Watch for other fundraisers to help pay for this facility.

The current officers of Morgan Athletic Boosters are President, Angela Westfall, Vice President, Norvell Crandell, Secretary, Michelle Greer and Treasurer, Staci Matheny. Kelly Tredway currently serves as Administrator of the Bingo program. The term for these individuals is up and there was an election of new officers held at the Booster meeting on July 1. Everyone is encouraged to become involved in Booster Club activities in support of our athletes!

Community Involvement

Community involvement, dialogue, and support, like that given by booster clubs, make Morgan Schools better. Groups like the Building Community Engagement Panels (BCEP) and the District Community Engagement Panel (DCEP pictured below) share ideas with teachers and school leaders about student and community needs and expectations of our schools. The BCEP and DCEP groups meet three times each year, usually late September, January, and May.

Topics at the BCEP and DCEP meetings relate to the full range of school issues including student safety, student achievement, athletic programs, career and college ready, and innovative programs. Any issue that has community interest can be on the agenda. Any community member or student can attend. If you would like to be invited to one of these meetings, call Howard Troutner at 962-2377.

District Community Engagement Panel



Community Involvement at West Elementary

Grandparent's Day



Jeff Shaner, Morgan Board Of Education President, participates as a grandparent.



Jaylynn Jackson with grandmother Hillma VanHorn



Mrs. Matheny with Anna Coleman

Par Mar Makes Doughnuts

Par Mar's Local Convenience Store manager Terri Caldwell visited West Elementary to share some math skills using doughnuts that are made fresh daily at Par Mar store in Malta. Students in Mrs. Weaver's Class, Ms. Barringer's class, and Mrs. Stegner's class had a sweet time learning how Par Mar uses math to make the doughnuts.

Students got to ice a doughnut, measure sprinkles to put on their doughnut, and of course, they got to enjoy eating their delicious creations.

Special thanks goes out to Par Mar, Terri Caldwell and of course Allen Smallwood for making the doughnuts.



Terri Caldwell with students



Children enjoy doughnuts with Terri Caldwell

Student Learning

All "A's" For Two Years



L-R: Jordan Penrod, Lillie Hooper, and Jasmine Penrod

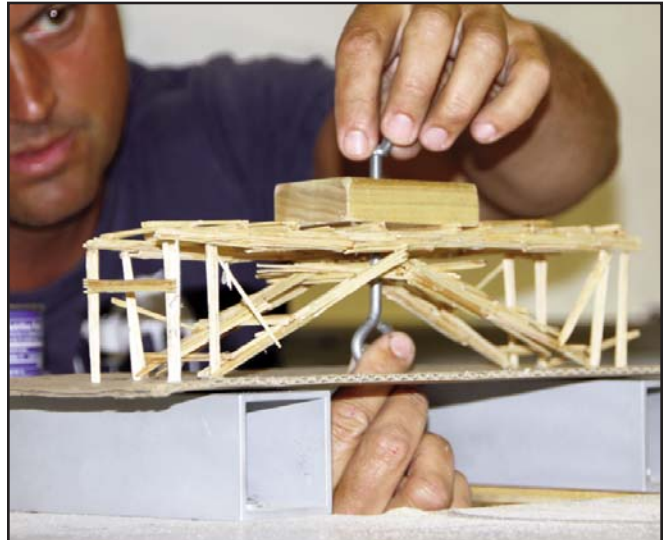
While at MJHS all three of these young ladies earned nothing but A's for two years. They took advanced rigorous courses and were in the Gifted Language Arts class each year and took Algebra in the 7th grade and Geometry in the 8th grade. They are to be commended for such hard work and dedication!

Learning About Kinetic Energy, Acceleration of Falling Bodies, and the Results of a Sudden Stop



Sophia Gulley's 7th graders built containers that would keep an egg from breaking when falling from the top of the stairs.

Learning Engineering Principles



Students in Matt Zumbro's Classes build and break bridges. The idea is to see how strong their bridges are.

Academic Athletes



Jasmine Penrod and Steven Rochotte are recognized as the top Academic Athletes of the Year. They must be a three sport athlete and be recommended by 2 of their coaches. The athletes with the highest grade point average are the winners.

Student Learning

Learning About Careers



Electric Power Lineman



Carpentry



Grocery Checkout



Farming



Learning about the Farm Bureau



Health Services



Dr. Gable, Dentist, shares his hobby; Photography



National Honor Society



Mac Woodburn, Franklin B. Walter Scholarship winner with his parents, Rocky and Jenny Woodburn



Scholarship Recipients



Senior Study Club

MJHS Graduation Surprise



Tristen Patterson was surprised when his brother Dalton showed up from his duty as a Marine to present him with his 8th Grade Graduation Certificate.

The SRO

(School Resource Officer)

In the interest of school safety, a law enforcement officer (SRO) will be present in our schools to perform three important functions:

1. To “keep the peace” so students can learn and teachers can teach.
2. The SRO is a law related counselor who will provide guidance on law related issues to students and act as a link to support services both inside and outside the school environment. The SRO will also share their law-related expertise in the classroom.
3. The SRO will be a positive role model for many students who are not exposed to such role models in today’s society. The SRO’s presence in our schools sends a strong message that violence is not acceptable.



Tim Hopkins, Principal at Morgan Junior High School, explains to parents the importance of career planning early in a child's junior high school experience. Using the Explore and Plan tests, teachers and parents can get a good idea of their child's potential for college and careers. Meeting with the school guidance counselor can provide direction in course selection and establishing a pathway through the student's junior high and high school career to get the most out of their school experience.



Mikayla Mayle, eighth grader at MJH, is shown with the iPad that will be available at MJH for other students to use to do research thanks to her efforts! Students in Mrs. Huck's LA classes were invited to write essays for the 2012-2013 Child of Appalachia writing contest. The contest theme this year was, "If I could invent something to help my community..." Mikayla's story entitled, "Auto Mobile", earned the top eighth grade honor. She was awarded a trip to COSI along with a gas card. The project is funded by the Foundation for Appalachian Ohio in partnership with The Duke Energy Foundation.



The Ohio High School Athletic Association's prestigious Archie Griffin Sportsmanship is awarded each year to one female and one male student who have been outstanding in their efforts to promote sportsmanship, ethics, and integrity in their school and community. This year's winners were Kaylyn Nichols and Dillon Leopold.



Brandi Ross, Darien Bowen, Kai Mayle, Andrew Buchanan, Mackenzie Fisher, Griffin Burkhart, Alyssa Wilson, and Audrey Porter prepare for the pep rally.

Career and Math Day At West



Mechanics



Grocery Store Manager



Military



Social Work



An Author describes the rodeo and the books he has written about cowboys and rodeos

3rd Grade Underwater Exploration

Third graders in Mrs. McDermott’s science class recently learned about the underwater world by researching the coral reef. They used various resources to find information on plants and animals that survive there. They finished their project by creating a colorful hallway display.



Katrina Getz, Hunter Dingey, and Mariah Tabler show their underwater display of a coral reef.

East Elementary



Five East Students Earn Perfect Scores

Five students at East earned perfect scores on their OAA Math Test. Shown with their teachers, Mr. Fields, Ms. Kutscherenko, and Ms. Patterson are from L-R: Reagan Newton, Jordan Raines, Laiken Morrow, Nathan Peltz, and Cameron McCoy.



100 Balloons for 100 Random Acts of Kindness

Recently, Jamie McGrew from Six County visited South Elementary carrying 100 green balloons. She encouraged students and staff to “stomp out stigma” and have increased awareness of mental health issues. Students at South had committed 100 random acts of kindness in honor of the 100th day of school in February. These students that were nominated for these acts each got a balloon. The balloons were released in a school wide ceremony.

Staff Recognition

Each year during the first district-wide staff meeting, school employees are honored for their years of service and for special recognitions they have received.

Five Year



Front L-R: Lura Wallace, Amber Weaver, Lacey Cottrill, Brandi Engle, Ron Helle, Cinda Woodyard, Jatina Nichols, Annette Reed, Robert Blind, Jared Heagen, Amanda Warner, Ted Garber, Stephanie Parsons, Stephanie Finley, Whitney Blackburn

Ten Year



L-R: Teri Childs, Roy Shuster, Rosa Work, Maggie Gifford

Twenty Year



L-R: Regena Cordray, Carrie Price, Dea Filkins, David Husk, Ralph Mingus, Kimberly Garrett, Stephanie Mayle

Thirty Year



L-R: Lori Bebout, Kim Bragg

Twenty-five Year



L-R: Susanne Best, Rebecca Sherman, Debra Shaw, Brenda Hutchins, Gene VanFossen, Ronda McCormick

Retired



L-R: Jennifer Winner, Duane McCune, Nancy Knapp, Fay Kay, Sharon Peyton, Jackie Fisher, Bo Schubert, Kathi Spencer, Jan Richardson, and Iris Roe (Not pictured, Susan Kutschrenko, Susan Thompson, and Janet Suhoski)

KUDOS Award



Often parents, community members, and other staff members write notes to the superintendent calling attention to outstanding performance or an activity or service of a staff member that deserves special recognition. These staff members are recognized at the first district-wide staff meeting with KUDOS Awards. This year's honorees are: Duane McCune, Debra Shaw, Sophia Gulley, Connie Spencer, Teresa Bowen, Beth Lianez, Alex Fleming, Linda Piatt, John Nichols, Stephanie Mayle, Jody Mayle, Lesley Campbell, Thaddeus Fields, Jared Heagen, CJ Wilson, Teri Childs, Alison Rucker, Brittney Eaglowski, Robin Hardesty, Brenda Hutchins, Ted Garber, Mark Schramm, Rick Hook, Jamie Tredway, Ron Helle, Doug Hughes, Deb LoFrumento, Darren Hann, Matthew Zumbro, Rhonda Smith, Shawna Tabor, Jane Edgell, Angie Reed, Lori Lynn, Russ Clifton, Bev Steinbrecher, April Copeland, Sherry Poling, and Billie Ross.

Exemplary



At the end of each school year, the staff of each building selects the teacher they consider to be the most exemplary of the teaching profession. Then one of the five is selected to be the Morgan Exemplary Teacher of the Year. That person is recognized by the Muskingum Educational Service Center (MVESC) along with the Exemplary teachers from the 16 school districts in the five-county area of Southeast Ohio.

This year's Exemplary Teacher from Morgan is Tara Newton from MJHS. Other teachers selected as exemplary by their buildings are Lori Jenkins, East, Jennifer Winner, West, Greg Gifford, South, and Gabe Hickerson, MHS.

Morgan Local Career-Technical Opportunities

Each year, the Morgan Local School District offers career and technical education programs at Morgan High School. These programs get students job-ready, and for those continuing their educations, college-ready. All programs meet or exceed Ohio Department of Education/Ohio Board of Regents requirements and offer industry recognized certification/licensure, where applicable. Another option that some CTE students choose is military service. Many Morgan graduates are eligible for specialized placement in the armed forces because of the quality, highly skilled training they receive. The following is a list of programs being offered this year and the recommended criteria for admission.

Program

Criteria for Admission

Accounting
 Introduction to Business
 Agriculture
 Ag. Ed. I & II
 Automotive Technology
 Introduction to Engineering
 Construction Technology
 Introduction to Engineering
 Cosmetology
 Introduction to Business
 Electronics/Networking
 Introduction to Technology
 Health Technology
 Obtain STNA by the end of 11th grade
 Interactive Media
 Introduction to Technology
 Precision Machining
 Introduction to Engineering

All career-technical education programs follow the district's policies of non-discrimination on the basis of race, color, religion, national origin or ancestry, sex, age and disability and provides equal access to the Boy Scouts and other designated youth groups. In addition, arrangements can be made to ensure that the lack of English language proficient is not a barrier to admission or participation.

For general information about these programs, contact:

Anita Eldridge, Principal
 Morgan High School
 800 Raider Drive
 McConnelsville, Ohio 43756
 (740) 962-2944

Inquiries regarding non-discrimination policies should be directed to:

Beverly Steinbrecher, Director of Special Programs
 Morgan Local School District
 PO Box 509
 McConnelsville, Ohio 43756
 (740) 962-2377



Joseph Thompson and Dustin Duffy, students in Gary Abel's Precision Machining Class, win awards.

Morgan High School Precision Machining students, Joseph Thompson and Dustin Duffy participated in the Skills USA State competition in Dayton, Ohio, both earning bronze (3rd place) medals. They earned the chance to compete by placing in our local skills competition. Joseph Thompson was awarded first place and Dustin Duffy placed second.

Joseph also competed in the Regional SkillsUSA contest at Washington State Community College in Marietta where he won 1st place. His journey continued in Dayton at Sinclair Community College for the SkillsUSA State competition.

Joseph Thompson competed in the Precision Machining contest which assesses the competitors in the demonstration of competencies in manual machining performance skills and related knowledge (theory).

Dustin Duffy competed in the CNC Mill contest. This CNC contest assessed the competitors in the demonstration of competencies in CNC machining performance skills and related knowledge (theory).

The local Precision Machining Skills contest was held at Morgan High School in the Precision Machine Lab. The contestants were current seniors in the program. The contest was judged by: Paul Debolt of Debolt Machine; Don Palmer, retired Machine Trades Instructor; Craig Augenstein, journeyman, tool and die maker; Doug Smith, apprentice tool and die maker at MIBA Bearings; and Dave Cooper, journeyman Machinist at Detroit Diesel Reman East, Byesville.

A New Cohort of ROCHS Students Identified



Susan Troutner, Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum, and Tim Hopkins, Principal of Morgan Junior High, describe the ROCHS program to parents of sixth grade students who have been invited to join the ROCHS program.



Matt Zumbro, Math Teacher, helps a ROCHS student with a tooth pick bridge design in an advanced math class.

Some Instruction is Delivered By Interactive Video



A select group of next year's seventh grade students have been invited to join the Rural Ohio College High School (ROCHS) program. Invitation to join the program is based on a student's test scores, past academic performance, teacher recommendation, and the ability to handle an advanced rigorous curriculum. During the students' 7, 8, 9, and 10th grade years they take a compressed curriculum so that they will have all of their high school credits earned by 11th grade. Then they can take up to a full load of college courses during their junior and senior years, on our high school campus, with the possibility of earning a college Associates Degree when they graduate. In any case, they will have earned college credits that will transfer to any public college in Ohio. All of this without the additional cost of college tuition, room, board, etc.

With the addition of this new 7th grade cohort of 25 students, there will be approximately 25 students at each grade level up through grade 12 for a total of 150 students in the ROCHS program.

ROCHS is a grant funded partnership between Crooksville, New Lexington and Morgan School Districts. Teachers employed in the three districts who have adjunct professor qualifications serve as ROCHS faculty. College credit is issued by COTC or Zane State and is transferable to any state funded college or university in Ohio.

Calendar

August

<i>Sun</i>	<i>Mon</i>	<i>Tue</i>	<i>Wed</i>	<i>Thu</i>	<i>Fri</i>	<i>Sat</i>
				1	2	3
4	5	6 East 4th grade Sleepover 6:30 - 7:30	7	8 MHS 9 th Grade Day Camp 8:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.	9	10
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
18	19 East Open House 5:30-7:00 South Open House 6:00-7:30 MJHS Open House 6:00 pm -7:30 pm	20	21 SCHOOL BEGINS Kindergarten Jumpstart Last Names A-M	22 Kindergarten Jump Start Last Names N-Z	23 All Kindergarten	24
25	26	27	28	29	30	31

September

<i>Sun</i>	<i>Mon</i>	<i>Tue</i>	<i>Wed</i>	<i>Thu</i>	<i>Fri</i>	<i>Sat</i>
1	2 Labor Day NO SCHOOL	3 NO SCHOOL Waiver Day	4 NO SCHOOL Waiver Day	5 NO SCHOOL County Fair	6 NO SCHOOL County Fair	7
8	9	10 South PTO 5:00 p.m. South Flags Meeting 6:00 p.m.	11	12 East Fund Raiser Kick off	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20 East COSI on Wheels	21
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