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PRINCIPAL'S PERSPECTIVE - ATTENDANCE MATTERS

It's great to have students back in the building after our fall break, and we've got a lot coming up over the course of the this month.

Two super important metrics contributing to student success are:

- Attendance
- Engagement

This week, let's focus on why attendance matters and what we can all do to set our kids up for success.

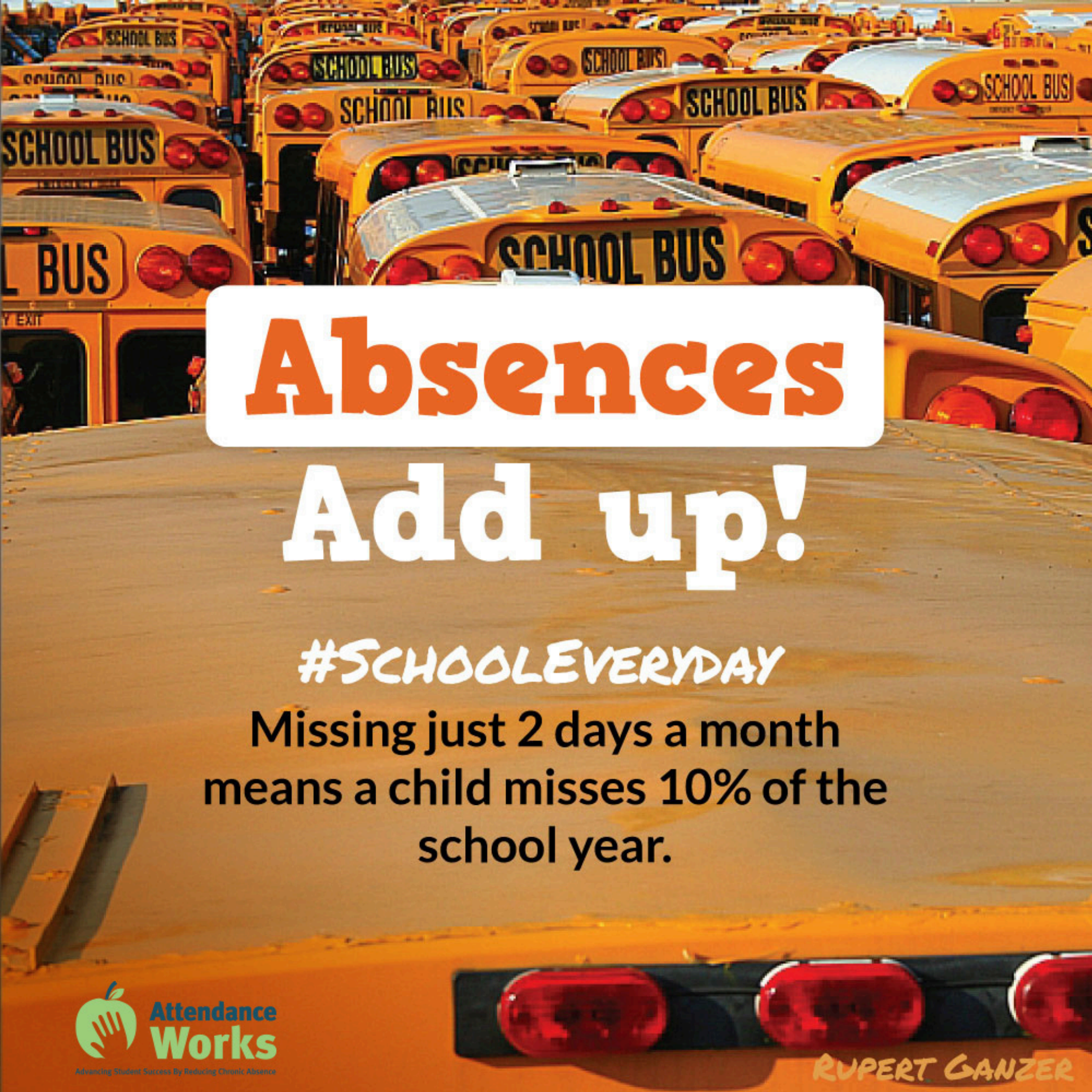
DID YOU KNOW?

- Too many absences --excused or unexcused--can keep students from succeeding in school and life. How many is too many? 10% or 8 per semester, which is 2 per month, can knock a student off track for earning credit and graduating on time.
- 10+ absences, without excuse, = Truancy

Regular attendance is important because it:

- Provides more opportunities to engage with classroom materials
- Allows students to participate in discussions
- Gives students timely feedback from teachers
- Helps students keep up with classwork
- Helps students comprehend material effectively
- Helps students perform well on examinations





Absences Add up!

#SCHOOLEVERYDAY

Missing just 2 days a month
means a child misses 10% of the
school year.

COUNSELOR'S CORNER

Hello Bulldog families!

My name is Mrs. Jordan, and as a school counselor, I'm here to assist with students' academic progress and overall well-being. Please don't hesitate to contact me if you have questions or need any support.

The [MHS Counselor Website](#) is a valuable resource for answering many of your questions, and I also send out regular emails with important updates to keep you informed.

For Seniors Only: I will be holding senior meetings during government classes soon to share important timelines and other senior information with you. Check back often for the most up to date list of available scholarships [here](#). Concerning [graduation requirement HB5](#) and FAFSA-FAFSA ~ Free Application for Federal Student Aid for 2025-2026 is being updated and will be available for only a limited set of students and institutions, but is set to be available to all seniors on or before December 1st. Information will be shared as it is released regarding when students can apply. This will be discussed more in detail later.

October is:

- [Bullying Prevention Month](#) -Let's come together to raise awareness about the harmful effects of bullying and to promote kindness, empathy, and inclusion.
- Red Ribbon Week –(October 28- November 1st) Keep our students safe from the risks of drug and alcohol use by actively promoting awareness, providing support, and encouraging positive, healthy choices. More details coming in the near future.

Wishing you a wonderful fall and I look forward to seeing many of you soon.

Mrs. Jordan

Millsap ISD Presents

RED RIBBON

WEEK



**"Life is a movie,
LIVE Drug Free!"**

October 28 - November 1

MONDAY - "Walk the Red Carpet"
Wear all the RED you can!



TUESDAY - "Avenge Drugs like a Superhero"
Wear your favorite Superhero shirt!

WEDNESDAY - "Get your head in the GAME & don't do Drugs"
Wear your favorite Spirit shirt or Sports jersey!



THURSDAY - "Scream, NO to Drugs"
Wear your Halloween costume!
(No Gore)



FRIDAY - "Groovy like a Drive-In movie"
Pick a decade & dress Retro!

(ALL ATTIRE MUST FOLLOW DRESS CODE)



COLLEGE READINESS EXAMS

October 30

PSAT/NMSQT

8:00 AM - Classrooms

All Soph

+ Jrs by request

SAT[®]

 **CollegeBoard**

October 31

SAT School Day

8:00 AM - Classrooms

Recommended for Juniors

MHS ASSESSMENT CALENDAR



Month	Date	Evaluations / Assessments (MAP, CBA, EOC, TSIA2, SAT, etc.)	TIME	LOCATION
August	29-30	TSIA2 (TSI Eng & TSI Math students)	8:00	Cafe
	26-28	MAP BoY - Eng I & II	During Class	Classrooms
September	3-5	MAP BoY - ALG I	During Class	Classrooms
October	7-8	TSIA2 (Sign Up)	10:00 AM	MHS Library
	30	PSAT (All 10 + Honors 9 & 11 by request)	8:00 AM	Gym
	31	SAT School Day	8:00 AM	MHS Library
November	13-15	MAP MoY - Alg I MAP	During Class	Classrooms
	18	MoY Make Up		
	20	ASVAB	8:00	Cafe
	19-21	MoY - Eng I & II	During Class	Classrooms
	22	MoY Make Up		
December	3	ENG I - EOC	8:00	6 English Rooms
	3	BIO - EOC	8:00	6 English Rooms
	4	ENG II - EOC	8:00	6 English Rooms
	4	ALG I - EOC	8:00	6 English Rooms
	4	US HIST - EOC	8:00	6 English Rooms
	5-6	MAKE UP DAYS	8:00	501
	16-17	TSIA2 (TSI Eng & TSI Math students)	8:00	Cafe
	17-19	Semester Exams	During Class	Classrooms
January				
February	12	TSIA2 (All Juniors not yet TSI complete + all DC requests for 25-26)	8:00	Cafe
	17-21	TELPAS	8:00	501
	26-28	MAP EoY - Eng I & II	8:00	Classrooms
March	3-5	MAP EoY - Alg I	8:00	Classrooms
	6	MAP Make Up	8:00	Classrooms
	12	US History and Biology Interim	8:00	Classrooms
	13	US History and Biology Interim Make Up	8:00	Classrooms
April	1-4	STAAR-ALT	8:00	Trevey's Room
	8	EOC - ENG I	8:00	6 English Rooms
	10	EOC - ENG II	8:00	6 English Rooms
	11	EOC - ENG I/II MAKE UP	8:00	501
	15	BIOLOGY	8:00	6 English Rooms
	16	US HISTORY	8:00	6 English Rooms
	17	MAKE UP	8:00	501
	23	ALGEBRA I	8:00	6 English Rooms
	24	MAKE UP	8:00	501
May	16-20	SENIOR FINAL EXAMS (tentative)	During Class	Classrooms
	20-22	9-11 FINAL EXAMS	During Class	Classrooms
June	23-26	EOC Re-Tests (tentative)		

MHS EXEMPTION POLICY

Freshmen and Sophomores may exempt from two exams. Juniors and Seniors have the opportunity to be exempt from all (*if they meet the exemption qualifications*).

- 1.No unexcused absences.
- 2.Must have an 80 or above average for the SEMESTER
 - a.90-100 can have 4 excused absences
 - b.85-89 can have 3 excused absences
 - c.80-84 can have 2 excused absences
- 3.Three tardies **in one class** will count as one unexcused absence for exemption purposes which results in no exemptions in ANY class.
- 4.No more than three office referrals.
- 5.No time spent in ISS or DAEP.
- 6.**Students are not allowed to be exempt for the first semester of a course that is EOC tested. (English 1, English 2, Algebra 1, Biology, US History)**

(Students with special circumstances can go before the attendance committee.)

All fines should be taken care of and textbooks turned in or paid for to be exempt either semester.



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BULLDOGS

DATE OF GRADE CHECK	DATE ELIGIBILITY IS LOST/ GAINED	STUDENT ELIGIBILITY STATUS
September 13, 2024	September 20, 2024	Ineligible students become eligible if passing all classes at the end of the 1st six weeks grading period. Students not passing at the end of the 1st six weeks grading period become ineligible.
October 4, 2024	October 18, 2024	Ineligible students become eligible, if passing all classes at the end of the 3 week evaluation period.
November 1, 2024	November 8, 2024	Ineligible students become eligible if passing all classes at the end of the 2nd six weeks grading period. Students not passing at the end of the 2nd six weeks grading period become ineligible.
November 22, 2024	December 6, 2024	Ineligible students become eligible, if passing all classes at the end of the 3 week evaluation period.
December 19, 2024	January 13, 2024	Ineligible students become eligible if passing all classes at the end of the 3rd six weeks grading period. Students not passing at the end of the 3rd six weeks grading period become ineligible.
January 24, 2025	January 31, 2025	Ineligible students become eligible, if passing all classes at the end of the 3 week evaluation period.
February 21, 2025	February 28, 2025	Ineligible students become eligible if passing all classes at the end of the 4th six weeks grading period. Students not passing at the end of the 4th six weeks grading period become ineligible.
March 14, 2025	March 28, 2025	Ineligible students become eligible, if passing all classes at the end of the 3 week evaluation period.
April 11, 2025	April 21, 2025	Ineligible students become eligible if passing all classes at the end of the 5th six weeks grading period. Students not passing at the end of the 5th six weeks grading period become ineligible.
May 2, 2025	May 9, 2025	Ineligible students become eligible, if passing all classes at the end of the 3 week evaluation period.
May 22, 2025	May 29, 2025	Ineligible students become eligible if passing all classes at the end of the 6th six weeks grading period. Students not passing at the end of the 6th six weeks grading period become ineligible.
	GRACE PERIOD:	All grading & evaluation periods are followed by a 7 day grace period which ends at the end of the school day.
	HOLIDAY RULE:	All students are academically eligible during a school holiday of a full calendar week or more.

UIL ELIGIBILITY CALENDAR