



The Communicator

News & Updates from Mount Gilead Exempted Village Schools | Fall 2025

Welcome
BACK to
SCHOOL

STREET FAIR & OPEN HOUSE

THURSDAY, AUGUST 21

5-6 PM: COMMUNITY & FOOD VENDORS

Hear THE BAND AND meet THE MGMS/MGHS FALL ATHLETES
IN FRONT OF PARK AVENUE & MGMS/MGHS

6-8: PM MEET THE TEACHERS/STUDENT ORIENTATION
INSIDE STUDENT CLASSROOMS AND SCHOOL BUILDINGS



Freshmen & New HS Student Orientation 6:30 PM @ MGHS Gymnasium
6th Grade & New MS Student Orientation 6:15 PM or 7:15 @ MGMS Cafeteria

Join us for food trucks, face painting, community and school organizations, and local vendors while we welcome students back and announce our Fall athletes and hear the marching band perform. Then, head inside our buildings to see classrooms and meet our staff! Bring your school supplies and have one last thing to do on the first day of school.

**The first day of the 2025-2026 school year is
Wednesday, September 3, 2025**



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Dr. Jeremy Froehlich (jeremyfroehlich@mgschools.org)

Superintendent, Mount Gilead Exempted Village Schools

Dear Mount Gilead Students, Families, and Community Members,

I'm incredibly excited for the start of the 2025–26 school year and feel truly fortunate to be part of the Mount Gilead Schools and the broader Mount Gilead community! The support and kind words I've received in my first few months on the job have been amazing, and I look forward to getting to know you better this school year.

I'm happy to announce that our tradition of kicking off the year with a street fair and open house will continue! Join us on **Thursday, August 21, 2025, from 5:00 to 6:00 p.m. on Park Avenue, in front of the high school/middle school and elementary buildings. Our fall athletic teams will be introduced, and the marching band will perform. This is a wonderful opportunity to meet our staff and students, tour our buildings, and connect as a community.**

The open house will follow immediately from 6:00 to 7:00 p.m. Worried about finding time for dinner? Don't be—food trucks will be available to take care of that for you!

As in previous years, community groups are welcome to set up informational tables during the event. If your organization is interested in participating, please contact Kelly Hand at khand@mgschools.org to reserve your space.

This is an exciting time for everyone! Seniors are beginning their final year, kindergarten parents are sending their children off for the first time, last year's fifth graders are entering middle school, and eighth graders are taking their first steps as high school freshmen.

We've also had the opportunity to welcome many new staff members, and I encourage you to greet them warmly as you get to know them. Additionally, some of our current staff members are stepping into new roles, bringing fresh energy and ideas to their positions.

My goal is for every student to find success and take advantage of the incredible opportunities Mount Gilead Schools provide. Whether it's in the classroom, on the field, on the stage, or in the arts, I look forward to seeing our students shine. I continue to be amazed by the talent and dedication of our students and staff, and I hope to see you at many of their performances, competitions, and events throughout the year.

Please don't hesitate to introduce yourself if you see me at a game or school event—I'd love to meet you.

Go Indians!

Dr. Jeremy Froehlich
MGEVS Superintendent

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We're excited to welcome many new faces to Mt. Gilead this year! In total, we've had **28 staffing changes** — including **13 staff members** who retired or took new opportunities elsewhere. We've also **added or reinstated 5 positions**, which led to **10 internal promotions and moves**.

A highlight: we now have a single **District Student Services Director** again — **Ally Schleichert!** This shift led to a few internal moves we're proud of:

- **Kara Strine** is now **Principal at Park Avenue**,
- **Anna Becker** becomes **Assistant Principal**, and
- **Mandy Rocks** takes on the role of **Instructional Coach**.

These internal transitions help us keep our momentum strong as we work toward our district goals.

We're also expanding our **Preschool program** to meet local needs and are happy to share that every **K–8 grade level** now has its own **Intervention Specialist (IS)**. Thanks to a state literacy grant, we've added a **Reading IS at Park Avenue** as well.

Despite the national teacher shortage, we've been fortunate to find **outstanding new staff**, and we can't wait for you to meet them!

Meet Our New Staff!

High School:

- Emily Thrasher, Jamie Schaad – Intervention Specialists
- Hannah Cline & Teresa Schlueter – Science
- Dan Harr – In-School Suspension & HS/MS Substitute

Middle School:

- Brittany Pidcock, Ashley Gannon – Intervention Specialists
- Tonya Wickham – Reading Specialist

Park Avenue:

- CJ Ferrante – Physical Education
- Hannah Barenthin – Music
- Christine McClelland – Library/STEAM Lab
- Sydney Sansom – Preschool Intervention Specialist
- Kendra Hartman, Jonathan Culler, Halle Wachalec, Morgan McKenzie – Intervention Specialists
- Summer Adkins, Kathleen Reau, Ashley Galbraith, Olivia Hellinger – Classroom Teachers



Please give them a warm Mt. Gilead welcome!





Back-to-School Forms Reminder

Parents of returning students (grades 1–12) will soon receive an email with a **snappoint** to complete your child's **online back-to-school forms**. Please keep an eye on **all your email accounts**, not just the one you usually use — sometimes messages go to a backup address!

This is also a great time to **update your contact info**, so you never miss important school communications.

► **Note:** These forms are separate from Final Forms (athletics) and PaySchools (lunch and fees). We're working on syncing your Enrollment and ParentPortal logins to be the same.

MyPowerHub: A New Look for Parent Portal

We're excited to introduce **MyPowerHub**, a new and more user-friendly version of PowerSchool's Parent Portal. It includes all your usual student info, plus easy links to other commonly used tools like **PaySchools**, **Final Forms**, and **Classlink**.

Your login details will stay the same, and both the old and new versions will work during the transition. Look for more info soon!

Why Fill Out a Meal Application?

Even if your student doesn't eat school meals or you don't think you qualify, filling out the **Free & Reduced Meal Application** helps our schools in many ways:

- **Fee waivers** are only available for qualifying students **with a completed application**.
- Our district gets **discounts on internet services** through the **Federal E-rate Program**, which also benefits our **local public library**.
- These savings help reduce costs for the district and are a savings for taxpayers.

We kindly ask all families to consider completing the application, available on the **PaySchools portal** or in paper form at **Open House and Street Fair on August 21st**. Your information is kept confidential, and your support makes a difference!

New Payment Option: Credit Card Readers

We're making it easier for families to pay school fees or add lunch money while visiting the school! Each office now has a **credit card reader** connected to PaySchools.

Here are a few things to know:

- This is for **parents/guardians only**, not students.
- There's a **\$25 minimum** due to processing fees (we're covering the fee).
- **Daily student lunch purchases will still use existing methods**.

We hope this option will be convenient, and we're aiming to have it ready for **Open House on August 21st!**



- \$35.00/student at Park Avenue Elementary
- \$35.00/student at Mt. Gilead Middle School
- \$35.00/student at Mt. Gilead High School
- \$10.00: MG High School Class Fee
- \$20.00 Technology Fee
- School Lunch Money, if applicable (separate check needed)

Student Supply Fees are annual fees paid directly to the school (or by PaySchools). Fees have been added to student accounts for the 2025-26 school year. This money helps to pay for extra school supplies, workbooks, journals, ID badges, planners, printer ink, art supplies and more. Unpaid school fees accumulate and can be found on your student account balance.



We are excited to get the school year started and have been working hard all summer to get ready to feed your students breakfast and lunch each day. Below are a few reminders about the school breakfast and school lunches.



Paid Breakfast: \$1.50
Paid Lunch, Elementary: \$2.75
Paid Lunch, MS/HS: \$3.00

Payment options

Your student can always bring cash or check (payable to Mount Gilead Schools) with them to school and the money will be put on their student account. You can also make a payment through www.payschoolscentral.com, but please remember that these payments can take up to 24 hours to post to the students account, so remember to do this early.

Free and Reduced Applications

Free and Reduced Applications need to be filled out yearly. ***If you were on the program last year that does not mean you will automatically be enrolled on the program this year.*** Please fill out a new free and reduced application within the first 30 days of school to avoid being removed from the program.

Menus

Want to know what your student is having for Breakfast or Lunch? You can download the NutriSlice app for free on your smartphone or you can visit <https://mtgilead.nutrislice.com/menu> to see what they are having. You can also find any dietary information from NutriSlice also.

Feel free to reach out to our fantastic Food Service team if you have any questions or concerns.

Community Comes Together to Teach Safety Skills

Safety Town 2025 was a wonderful week of learning for our incoming kindergarten students. We had many visitors including: MG Police Department, Morrow County EMS, MG Fire Department, MG Community Pool and MGEVS Transportation Department. We sang songs about bus and fire safety, calling 911, and buckling your seatbelt. We made many crafts and had delicious snacks. A highlight of the week was riding bikes through the miniature town. We learned about staying on the right side of the road, following traffic signals and stop signs, and speed limits. The Safety Town staff would like to say a heartfelt "Thank You" to our community! Without your support this program would not be successful.





Drivers Urged to Follow Traffic Rules

The speed limit on Park Avenue and Cherry Street is 20 mph - all day, every day.



MGEVS has staff members assigned to the crosswalks between Park Avenue Elementary School and the Middle School at the beginning and end of each school day. If a crossing guard should happen to be missing, please stop for any pedestrian in the crosswalk.



No vehicle should stop and unload passengers on Park Avenue or Cherry Street - this includes allowing students to get out of vehicles while in the drop-off/pick-up lane and while stopped for the crossing guard.



The bus lanes at all three buildings are **not** for drop-off or pick-up. Please use the designated drop-off/pick-up locations at each building.



Hey families! Can you believe summer’s almost over? We’re getting ready for the new school year and we wanted to share some quick tips and updates about school transportation to make sure everyone’s set for a smooth start.

What’s New?

We’re excited to share that we are changing our routing software! In doing so, Transportation is introducing a new tool to help keep you connected and informed—**the SafeRoutz Parent Portal**. In the coming days, you will receive an email invitation from the district with instructions on how to register. This secure platform will allow you to track your child’s bus, receive real-time updates, and manage important transportation information. We encourage you to register once the invite arrives to take full advantage of this new service!

Safety First!

We’re all about keeping your kids safe. We are asking that parents go over safety tips with their students prior to the first day of school. Including, Always be mindful of traffic, Pay attention to your bus driver, stay seated at all times, keep your hands inside the windows and stay out of the aisle way. Also parents, students are not permitted to eat or drink on the bus, please make sure water bottles are empty in the morning and that they are inside the book bag!

Quick Reminders

As the new year kicks off, here are a few things to keep in mind. Have your child at the bus stop 5-10 minutes early to help the bus stay on schedule. The bus is not required to wait on your student! Also, remind your kiddos about bus etiquette— a little kindness goes a long way!

Need Help?

Have questions or concerns? We’re here for you. Reach out to our Transportation Office at 419-946-1646, opt 4 or email us at lboller@mgschools.org. We’re available by phone at various hours until school starts. You can also view updates on our page on Facebook under Mount Gilead Transportation.

We’re excited to see everyone back and ready for another great school year.

Thanks for your support, and here’s to a smooth and successful year ahead!
Go Indians!

If on a two-lane road, **ALL lanes of traffic** must come to a complete stop when a school bus has it’s lights and sign activated. This indicates the bus is either picking up or dropping off students.





Mt. Gilead Schools is excited to share a few changes coming to Park Avenue this school year that reflect our ongoing commitment to student success and academic growth. We're proud to welcome Kara Strine as the new principal of Park Avenue Elementary. While new to the role, Mrs. Strine is certainly not new to our district—she has previously served Mt. Gilead as both a school counselor and assistant principal, bringing a wealth of knowledge and strong relationships into her leadership. Joining her as assistant principal is Anna Becker, a dedicated educator who has served our students as a classroom teacher, reading intervention specialist, and most recently, an instructional coach. Together, this leadership team brings a strong foundation of experience and passion for student learning.

Park Avenue is also excited to expand our academic supports this school year. Thanks to a recently awarded literacy grant, we've been able to add a fourth reading intervention teacher to our team, ensuring more individualized support for our young readers. Additionally, longtime Mt. Gilead educator Mandy Rocks will be stepping into a new role as Instructional Coach, with a special focus on mentoring and supporting several new teachers. With these positive changes, the future at Park Avenue is very exciting!

**THANK YOU
FAMILIES AND LOCAL BUSINESSES!**

August packets may
be turned in at Open
House in Room 163

Park Avenue Elementary would
like to thank the community for
their participation in the Summer
Swing Challenge!

June Participation:

76 packets completed
75 visitors at Read with a Teacher

July Participation:

36 packets turned completed
37 visitors at Read with a Teacher

SPONSORS

Village Veterinary Clinic, Sames and Cook,
The Sweet Spot, Gallion YMCA, Tim Hortons,
Pete and Rhonda Dettra, Kim Porter, Strine Farms,
Sarah Klenk, and Park Avenue Reading Team

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We'd like your feedback!
Scan the QR Code to let us
know how we can improve
next year!



Attention Alumni: If your class is having a reunion and you'd like to spread the word, or if you've already met and would like to share information or pictures, please contact *The Communicator* Editor Kelly Hand at khand@mgschools.org or (419) 947-9517 x 2218

The PTO DOES THAT?



Joining the PTO doesn't mean signing your life away volunteering. It means you believe in the students, staff, and families at Park Avenue Elementary School. By becoming a PTO Member and contributing to our fundraising campaigns, you are making ALL kinds of quality programs and events happen for ALL of our students! These are just some of the programs we support.

We meet the 2nd Monday each month at 6:30pm PAE library

PROGRAMS WE SUPPORT



Spiritwear



Homecoming
Tailgate
Party



In-School
Assemblies



Staff
Appreciation



Denim &
Diamonds Dance



Glow
Dance



Book Fair



Teacher
Mini-Grants



PLAYground
Equipment



Holiday
Shop



Mother
Son
Paint Night



Family
Movie Night



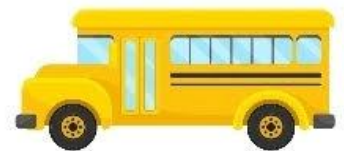
Indian-Ball



STEAM LAB



Fun Day
Tie Dye
Shirts



Field
Trips

FUNDING SOURCES



Interested in learning about future events and volunteering? We meet the 2nd Monday of every month at 6:30 pm in the Park Avenue Library. Stay up-to-date by following us on Facebook at Park Avenue PTO (Parent Teacher Organization) {<https://www.facebook.com/ParkAvenueElementaryPTO/>}

You can also reach out to any officer with any questions.

President: Lori Levering

Vice President: TBD

Secretary: Rosemary Kirkpatrick



Welcome to a new school year at Mount Gilead Middle School! I hope you and your family had a restful and enjoyable summer.

As I enter my 7th year as principal of our middle school, I continue to feel incredibly proud and excited to be part of such a vibrant and supportive school community. Each year brings new opportunities for learning, growth, and connection, and I truly believe this will be one of our best years yet.

We are fortunate to have a wonderful team of dedicated and caring staff members who are committed to helping every student thrive - academically, socially, and emotionally. From the classroom to extracurricular activities, we strive to create a positive, inclusive environment where every student feels valued and supported. Communication and partnership with families are key to a successful school year.

If you ever have questions, concerns, or just want to connect, please don't hesitate to reach out to me or any member of our team. We are here to support you and your child every step of the way.

Let's work together to make this school year one filled with growth, achievement and great memories.



PowerSchool is the main program the MS uses to manage student information. It is used for everything from student registration and contact management to attendance tracking, missing and upcoming assignments/tests, and real-time grades.

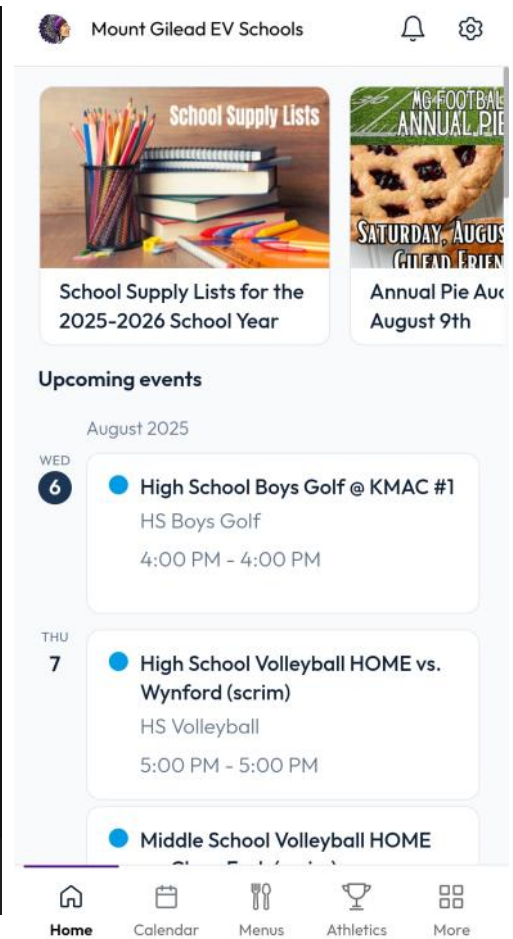
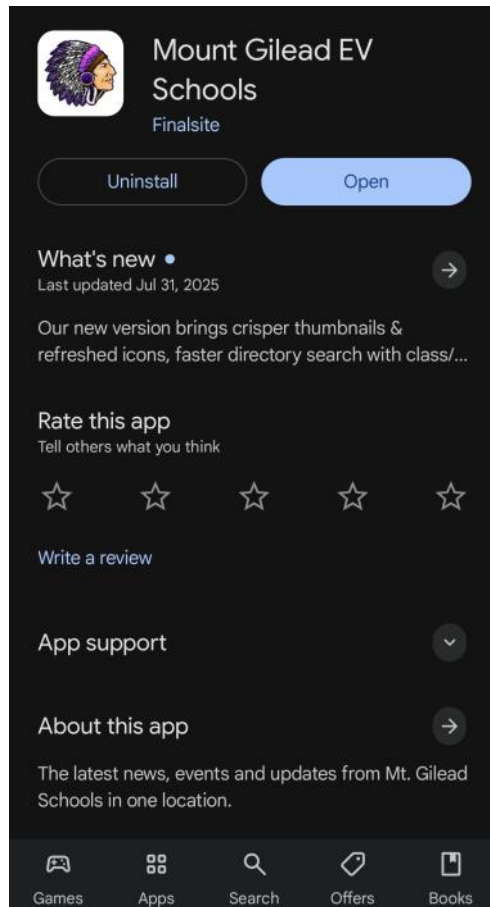


ClassDoJo is a digital platform used to enhance communication between teachers, students and parents. It allows teachers to track student behavior and share updates with parents. Many teachers use this for class announcements.

Use the FREE MG Schools Mobile App for all the Latest News and Events

The MG Schools mobile app was initiated in 2023 in an effort to better communicate with staff, families and the community. The app mirrors the information found on the revitalized website and includes details for each district building, including announcements, events, athletic schedules and cafeteria menus.

The free app is available in both Apple and Google Play stores by searching for Mount Gilead EV Schools or by scanning the appropriate QR code below.





Robert McQuate (rmcquate@mgschools.org)

Principal, Mount Gilead High School

Welcome back to the 2025 - 2026 School Year, Indians!

You will notice some changes at the High School, beginning with the entrances. Window perfs have been installed in the front and back school entrances, increasing both visual appeal and safety and security at MGHS.

Also, we're thrilled to introduce Hannah Cline and Teresa Schlueter, who joined the Mount Gilead High School science department this summer, enriching our small-school atmosphere with fresh expertise and local roots. Both Hannah and Teresa come to us from the Mansfield City Schools.

A born naturalist, Hannah enjoys backcountry hikes and recently returned from an awe-inspiring trip to Alaska—where glacier tours, wildlife, and geology brought anatomy and physical science to vivid life. Hannah was drawn to MGHS by our small-school vibe, supportive staff culture, and the chance to introduce creative lab exercises in anatomy/physiology. She plans to design hands-on investigations—such as a simplified dissection lab and student-led mini-science symposiums—and bring her love for the outdoors into classroom demonstrations.

Having lived farm—and rural—life firsthand, Teresa brings a grounded, real-world perspective to environmental science. She's excited to lead field trips that compare ecological change over decades, introduce community-scale gardens, and spark stewardship projects right here in Morrow County.

Teresa hopes to interweave traditional biology labs with outdoor observation, such as: soil sampling from nearby creeks, tracking invasive vs. native plant growth, and completing data logs to chart environmental trends around MGHS. Students can expect a welcoming, collaborative classroom where all voices help shape investigation and interpretation.

MGHS is guided by a vision of inspiring students, equipping them for success, creating school spirit and enriching school pride, and Hannah and Teresa fit in perfectly. With the addition of Hannah and Teresa, our science department has two full-time teachers covering biology, anatomy, physical science, and environmental science—all rooted in their teaching experience and Ohio backgrounds. They elevate both content knowledge and the student-driven inquiry that is central to our district's strategic plan.

Welcome to MGHS, Teresa and Hannah, you're in great company here!

In other MGHS News, Senior parking space painting will be on Sunday, September 21st, from 3 - 5pm. The cost to paint your Senior spot is \$25, and all school fees must be paid prior to purchasing a spot. Seniors must have their proposed parking spot drawings turned in to the office and approved by September 19th. Seniors must supply their own paint, rollers, brushes, etc... More information will be distributed to Seniors during their class meeting the first week of school.

Schedule pick-up will begin during open house on August 21st. Schedules will also be available on PowerSchool beginning August 22. Parents and students may pick up their schedules during the week of August 25th, as well.

Please feel free to contact the MGHS office if you have any questions. Welcome back to MGHS for the 2025 - 2026 school year, and Go Indians!



Hanna Cline, left, and Teresa Schlueter will fill positions in the MGHS Science Department that were left vacant at the end of last school year



We are excited to welcome everyone back for the 25-26 school year! The Counseling Office is here to support you every step of the way—whether you’re planning your future, adjusting to your schedule, or just need someone to talk to. Let’s make this year a great one together! See the following important information and dates from Mrs. Hess, School Counselor and Mrs. Smith, Counseling Secretary.

Schedule Pick-Up:

Student schedules will be available beginning at Open House on Thursday, August 21. If you’re unable to attend Open House, schedules can be picked up the following week in the high school office between 9:00 AM – 2:00 PM.

Schedule Changes:

If there is an error on your schedule, please use the appointment request form, see QR code below. Schedule changes can only be made during the first week of school.

CCP Students:

If you are enrolled in online MTC CCP courses, please remember that classes begin on Monday, August 25. Be sure to log in and get started on your coursework that day. If you need your school-issued Chromebook for your CCP courses, please email Mrs. Smith at wsmith@mgschools.org.

School Counseling Services

The school counselor is here to support students in many areas, including:

- ◆ Academic counseling – course planning, study skills, and goal setting
- ◆ Career and college planning – exploring options, applications, scholarships, and resumes
- ◆ Social and emotional support – managing stress, peer relationships, and personal challenges
- ◆ Crisis intervention and referrals – connecting students and families to additional resources
- ◆ Support for transitions – including new students, grade-level changes, or post-graduation planning

Scheduling Appointments with the School Counselors

Last school year, our Counselor Appointment Request Form was used 172 times by students to schedule meetings with Mrs. Hess or Mrs. Smith. This year, we hope to see even more students take advantage of this convenient option.

If your student would like to meet with a school counselor, they can simply scan the QR code to access and complete the form quickly and easily.

We’re here to help—don’t hesitate to reach out!
We look forward to supporting you in a successful school year!



40th Anniversary of FREE Clothes for Morrow County School Children

This fall marks the 40th year that the Mount Gilead Clothes Closet has been providing free clothing to Morrow County school children grades K-12.

Details for scheduling will be available from the school in September on the school website and will be sent home in a flyer. Please watch for this important information.



MG Marching Band Celebrating 100 Years Seeking Marching Alum

Hello everyone! My name is Maddy Hursey and for the past two years, I have been helping out the Mount Gilead marching band with their band camp. I've been told, it's the bands 100th Anniversary! Therefore, with lots of excitement, I am happy to announce that this homecoming (September 26th) the MGHS marching band will be hosting an alumni band member performance with the current band!

If you or someone you know has ever been involved in the band, please visit mgschools.org or the MG Music Boosters Facebook page ASAP for information on getting signed up to participate! We would absolutely love to see everyone there!



Local Student Chooses MG for Internship

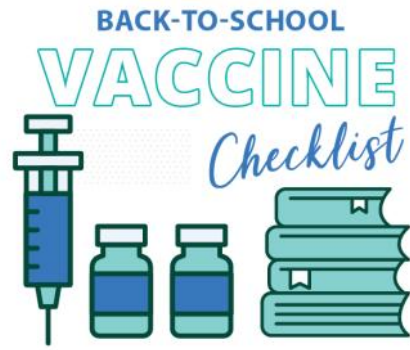
My name is Bayla Miller, a Northmor class of 2024 graduate. Since graduating I have pursued an online Business Finance degree at Marion Technical College. For my summer semester, I was placed into an internship class and chose to complete my 150 hour internship at Mount Gilead.

While shadowing Tina Gabler, my interest in treasury has furthered and passion for finance has strengthened. I had the honor to give a summary report at a board meeting, which was wonderful to strengthen my public speaking skills. While at Mount Gilead, I have met so many wonderful people who have shown me what a professional and friendly environment their facility is.

After this summer semester, I will finish out my associates degree in the fall and graduate this winter. After graduating with my associates in Business Finance, I will look to further my education and obtain a bachelor's degree in Business Finance and also a treasurer's license.



Bayla Miller
MGEVS Summer Intern



School-Age Vaccine Requirements

As the new school year approaches, it is important to ensure students are prepared with all their necessary supplies and that they are on top of all their required immunizations.

Several immunizations are required for school attendance and some children may have been delayed in getting boosters due to the pandemic.

However, it is crucial to stay on schedule with these immunizations. Immunizations save lives and protect kids from serious illnesses.

For children needing immunizations to meet State of Ohio requirements, parents and guardians can contact their family doctor, or the Morrow County Health District at (419) 947-1545

2025-26 Required School Vaccines

Kindergarten:

- 4 doses Dtap (diphtheria, tetanus, pertussis),
- 3 doses Polio,
- 2 doses MMR (measles, mumps, rubella),
- 2 doses Varicella,
- 3 doses hepatitis B

7th Grade:

- 1 dose Tdap (tetanus, diphtheria, pertussis),
- 1 dose Meningococcal (serogroup A, C, W, Y)

12th Grade:

- 2 doses total of Meningococcal (serogroup A,C,W, Y)

Additional immunizations recommended by the CDC (Centers for Disease Control):

- Human Papillomavirus (HPV)
- Hepatitis A

Another Successful Summer Program for Chief's Club

This summer the Park Avenue Elementary Chief's Program had another amazing group of staff and students. We want to thank EVERYONE who helped make it a memorable summer for us all.

Enrollment for school year starts at Open House. Questions please email chiefsclub@mgschools.org



BEFORE/AFTERSCHOOL PROGRAM

CHIEFS CLUB



First day of program
OCTOBER 6th

Before School program:
Doors open at 6am
Breakfast not provided
You may bring your own breakfast or
purchase a school breakfast at 7:35am

After School Program:
Starts right after school dismisses and
Ends at 5:30pm
Academic activities, STEM, and themed activities
Two pick up times available
4:30pm & 5:30pm

Scan the QR code below to fill out the form
for an enrollment packet to be sent home.



Program follows school calendar

Erin Whipple
Site Coordinator
419-946-5736 ext 3177

email:
chiefsclub@mgschools.org



2025-2026 School Supply Lists

Kindergarten

- 1 Spiral Notebook
- 1 Refillable/Reusable Water Bottle
- 1 Zipper Pencil Pouch
- 1 Two-Pocket Folder Backpack

1st Grade

- 1 Pencil Box
- 1 Wide-Ruled Spiral Notebook
- 2 Two-Pocket Plastic Folders Backpack

2nd Grade

- 1 Pencil Box
- 2 Two-Pocket Plastic Folders Backpack

3rd Grade

- 3 1-inch Three-Ring Binders
- 6 Two-pocket folders (any colors)
- 3 Wide-Ruled single subject spiral notebooks Backpack

4th Grade

- 1 Zippered Three-Ring Binder
- 1 Zippered supply (pencil) pouch (to fit in binder)
- 3 Two-Pocket Folders with holes (to fit in binder)
- 1 pack of lined notebook filler paper (wide-ruled preferred) Backpack

5th Grade

- Pencil Pouch
- 3 Two-Pocket Plastic Folders Backpack

The district will be purchasing headphones for all of the Park Avenue Elementary School students this year.

6th Grade

- Pencils - a lot
- 1 - Pack of Expo Dry Erase Markers
- Scissors
- 3 big glue sticks
- 2 composition notebooks any color
- Earbuds or Headphones
- Pencil pouch or school box to hold supplies as they must be carried with you from class to class
- 1 Box of tissues
- Colored pencils (can be the same ones you use for art)
- NO TRAPPER KEEPER/BINDERS**
- These will be provided by the 6th grade teachers

7th Grade

- Pencils - a lot
- 1 pack of highlighters
- 1 pack EXPO Dry Erase Markers
- Paper: loose or in a spiral notebook
- 3 big glue sticks
- Zippered 3-ring Binder
- 4 folders with holes to fit inside binder
- 2 colored pens (any color but black)
- 1 pack colored pencils
- 1 pack markers
- Earbuds or Headphones
- TI-30XIIS Scientific Calculator (highly recommended)
- Pencil Pouch

8th Grade

- Pencils - a lot
- 1 pack of highlighters
- 1 pack EXPO Dry Erase Markers
- Paper: loose or in a notebook
- 2" 3-ring binder (math)
- 3 big glue sticks
- Zippered 3-ring Binder
- 4 folders with holes to fit inside binder
- 2 colored pens (any color but black)
- 1 pack colored pencils
- 1 pack markers
- Earbuds or Headphones
- TI-30XIIS Scientific Calculator (highly recommended)

9th-12th Grades

The High School does not have a "mandatory" supply list since students are in a variety of classes. Teachers may request specific supplies for the individual courses on the first day of class. Normally, we ask students to bring normal organizational and classroom supplies. Below you will find some suggestions for items which will be helpful as we navigate the 2025-2026 school year:

- Pencils
- Colored pencils
- Pens
- 3 x 5 index cards

- Ruler w/ metrics
- Erasers
- Highlighters
- Divided notebooks

- Loose paper - college ruled
- 3-ring binder (1/2" for English, 1" for Science)



2025-2026 MGEVS CALENDAR ELEMENTARY, MIDDLE AND HIGH SCHOOLS

Adopted by the Mount Gilead Exempted Village Schools Board of Education on January 13, 2025

AUGUST 2025

21: Street Fair & Open House

SEPTEMBER 2025

1: No School - Labor Day

2: No School - Teacher Work Day

3: First Day of the 2025-2026 School Year

19: 2-Hour Early Release (Prof. Development)

OCTOBER 2025

17: 2-Hour Early Release (Prof. Development)

31: End of 1st Quarter Classes

NOVEMBER 2025

6: 1-Hour Early Release (Parent-Teacher Conferences)

11: 1-Hour Early Release (Parent-Teacher Conferences)

26: No School (P/T Conference Comp Day)

27-28: No School - Thanksgiving Break

DECEMBER 2025

10: 2-Hour Early Release (Prof. Development)

22-31: No School - Winter Break

JANUARY 2026

1-2: No School - New Year's Eve/Day

15: End of 2nd Quarter/1st Semester Classes

16: No School - Teacher Work Day

19: No School - MLK Jr Day

28: 2-Hour Early Release (Prof. Development)

FEBRUARY 2026

16: No School- Presidents' Day

19: 1-Hour Early Release (Parent-Teacher Conferences)

24: 1-Hour Early Release (Parent-Teacher Conferences)

MARCH 2026

13: 2-Hour Early Release (Prof. Development)

27: End of 3rd Quarter

30-31: No School - Spring Break

APRIL 2026

1-3: No School - Spring Break

6: No School (P/T Conference Comp Day)

17: 2-Hour Early Release (Prof. Development)

MAY 2026

26: No School - Memorial Day

30: Graduation - Class of 2026

JUNE 2026

2: 1-Hour Early Release - Last Day of Classes

Mount Gilead Exempted Village Schools BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETINGS

The Board of Education for Mount Gilead Exempted Village Schools meets on the 2nd Tuesday of each month. Upcoming meeting dates are:

- August 19, 2025 @ 6 pm
- September 16, 2025 @ 8 am
- October 21, 2025 @ 8 am
- November 18, 2025 @ 6 pm
- December 16, 2025 @ 6 pm

Meetings are to be held at the office of the Board of Education, unless indicated or changed by majority vote of the board. Reach out to the Board anytime by emailing BOE@mgschools.org



Football Team Hosts Another Successful “Unstoppables” Camp

The Mt. Gilead football team has been very busy this summer. The boys have been working extremely hard. With lifting, conditioning, and camp days, our boys have put in a ton of time and effort towards our goal of becoming great! In addition, we have completed well over 1,000 team hours of community service.

We have helped people in the community move, helped farmers get hay in quickly while weather permitted, helped people with gardening, and the boys have even organized their own projects at food pantries, and our boys have put on two FREE camps allowing many young people to enjoy the game of football. In June our boys helped conduct a youth camp over a four-day period in which they helped instruct and demonstrate football fundamentals...and showed our young grade school players a very fun week with the game of football.

Our UNSTOPPABLES CAMP is one of our favorite camp events...probably ever. It is an adaptive football camp for young people with special needs. I firmly believe my young men were blessed just as much, or even more than the campers. I know I am blessed every year to see all of the young people having so much fun...AND to see our Mt. Gilead players pour their hearts out to ensure everybody gets a chance to play football.



MOUNT GILEAD

Go Indians

MGHS Athletic Hall of Fame Seeks Nominations

The Mount Gilead High School Athletic Hall of Fame has been established to create a lasting tribute to those who have brought honor to themselves, their school, and our community through excellence in athletics.

The deadline to nominate is August 31st. The Induction Ceremony will be held prior to a varsity basketball game this winter. For more details or to download application packet, visit: mgschools.org/athletics/mghs-hof



MG MUSIC BOOSTERS

FEED THE BANDS

Dear Parents and Music Booster Supporters, It's time for the 2025 Feed the Band sign-up! Each year, the Music Boosters coordinate volunteers to provide meals for both bands during the 3rd quarter of HOME Varsity Football Games. We typically serve around 80 meals per game, and we welcome individuals or groups to sign up together.

Use the QR code to choose a game and sign up to help. We'll confirm the exact headcount with you prior to your selected date. Thank you for your continued support—it means the world to our musicians!

SIGN UP TO HELP



JOIN THE MUSIC BOOSTERS BOARD

The Mount Gilead Music Boosters are currently seeking nominations for President and Vice President for the upcoming year. If you're passionate about supporting our music students and want to take a more active role, we'd love to have you on the team! Interested individuals are encouraged to attend the August meeting to submit their name for consideration. Voting will take place at the September meeting.

MUSIC DEPARTMENT NEWS

2025 Band Camp wrapped up on July 31st, getting our Marching Band ready with new material for the upcoming football season.

2025 Show Choir Camp took place the first full week of August, giving students a head start on what to expect this performance season.

Stay up to date on upcoming events and performances by following the MG Music Boosters Facebook page.

@MG Music Boosters

Join us at a Music Boosters meeting—held the first Monday of each month. Everyone is welcome!

SNACK SHACK CONCESSIONS

The Mount Gilead Music Boosters is looking for parent and student volunteers to help run the Snack Shack during the Home Football Games. The proceeds help raise funds to support the Mount Gilead Music Program by helping pay for costumes, uniforms, instruments, repairs, equipment, and various fees.

SIGN UP TO HELP



DISNEY BOUND IN 2025

The Mount Gilead High School Band and Choir are thrilled to be traveling to Disney World this December to perform for a Disney audience! Throughout the year, all fundraising efforts will support this exciting opportunity by helping to offset travel costs for our students. As you consider donations or fundraising support, we kindly ask you to keep this special trip in mind and help our talented performers make it to Disney.



Mount Gilead Athletic Boosters

We are proud to support all MGHS student athletes in all sports!

We need YOU you like to get involved...
Vice President position available now!
Concessions Chair, President, Secretary positions available Summer 2026!

(Contact Jessica Trainer - athleticboosters@mgschools.org - for more information.)

Best wishes to our Cheer, Cross Country, Football, Golf, and Volleyball athletes this fall!
GO INDIANS!

www.facebook.com/mgindians
athleticboosters@mgschools.org



SUBSTITUTES NEEDED

- teachers
- secretaries
- custodians
- maintenance
- cafeteria
- bus drivers
- paraprofessionals/aides

Interested in joining the MGEVS family?
Applications are available M-F at the Board of Education office.

For more information, email Teri Gray at tgray@mgschools.org or by calling (419) 946-1646



INDIANS

**Athletic Passes On-Sale
NOW at the MGHS Office
M-F, 8 AM to 2 PM**

**As a member of the KMAC, Ticket
Prices are as follows:**

Adult Tickets

\$8 - Varsity Events
\$5 - MS & Other Events

Student Tickets

\$5 - Varsity Events
\$3 - MS & Other Events

Military/Senior Ticket

\$5 - Varsity
\$3 - MS & Other Events

Adult All-Sport Season Pass

\$150

Family All-Sport Season Pass

\$350 (2 Adult/2 Children)
\$25/additional family member

Student Season Pass

\$50

Senior (60+) Pass

Former 'Grandparent' Pass
\$25

In-Season Athlete

FREE

Guidelines:

- ◆ Full payment for athletic passes is required at the time of purchase (checks made out to Mount Gilead High School)
- ◆ Passes can be purchased in the High School office between 8 am and 2 pm
- ◆ Passes will ONLY be honored at HOME (non-Tournament) Mount Gilead High School and Middle School Athletic Events.
- ◆ Original pass must be presented at each athletic event (no copies or photos)
- ◆ Passes are not transferable

Middle School Cross Country

Monday 8/18/2025	5:30 @ Northmor Invite
Saturday 8/23/2025	@ Tiger Classic
Saturday 8/30/2025	10:15 @ Highand Invite
Saturday 9/6/2025	@ Stars, Stripes, & Lights
Saturday 9/13/2025	@ Galion XC Festival
Saturday 9/20/2025	9:00 @ Ontario Invite
Tuesday 9/23/2025	@ Denny Stevens Invite
Saturday 9/27/2025	@ TBD
Saturday 10/4/2025	@ Harding Invite
Saturday 10/11/2025	@KMAC
Sunday 10/19/2025	@ State

Middle School Football

Wednesday 8/13/2025	5:00 v Columbus Academy
Wednesday 8/20/2025	5:00 v Lucas
Thursday 9/4/2025	7:00 v Cardington
Thursday 9/11/2025	5:00 @ Danville
Thursday 9/18/2025	5:00 @ Fredericktown
Thursday 9/25/2025	5:00 @ East Knox
Thursday 10/2/2025	5:00 v Centerburg
Thursday 10/9/2025	7:00 @ Northmor
Thursday 10/16/2025	5:00 v Loudonville

Middle School Volleyball

Thursday 8/7/2025	5:00 v Clear Fork (scrim)
Monday 8/11/2025	5:00 @ Wynford (scrim)
Saturday 8/16/2025	10:00 v Elgin
Monday 8/18/2025	5:00 v Loudonville
Wednesday 8/20/2025	5:00 @ Fredericktown
Saturday 8/23/2025	10:00 @ River Valley
Monday 8/25/2025	5:00 @ East Knox
Wednesday 8/27/2025	5:00 v Centerburg
Wednesday 9/3/2025	5:00 @ Northmor
Saturday 9/6/2025	10:00 v Colonel Crawford
Monday 9/8/2025	5:00 @ Danville
Wednesday 9/10/2025	5:00 v Cardington
Saturday 9/13/2025	10:00 @ Bucyrus
Monday 9/15/2025	5:00 @ Loudonville
Tuesday 9/16/2025	5:00 v Mansfield Christian
Wednesday 9/17/2025	5:00 v Fredericktown
Monday 9/22/2025	5:00 v East Knox
Tuesday 9/23/2025	5:00 v Lucas
Wednesday 9/24/2025	5:00 @ Centerburg
Monday 9/29/2025	5:00 v Northmor
Wednesday 10/1/2025	5:00 v Danville
Monday 10/6/2025	5:00 @ Cardington
Saturday 10/11/2025	10:00 @ Cardington (MS Tournament)

High School Cross Country

Tuesday 8/19/2025	@ Upper Sandusky Icebreaker
Saturday 8/23/2025	@ Tiger Classic
Saturday 9/6/2025	@ Stars, Stripes, & Lights
Saturday 9/13/2025	@ Galion XC Festival
Saturday 9/20/2025	@ Fleet Feet (Strongsville)
Tuesday 9/23/2025	@ Denny Stevens Invite
Saturday 9/27/2025	@ Berlin Invite
Saturday 10/4/2025	@ Harding Invite
Saturday 10/11/2025	@ KMAC
Saturday 10/18/2025	@ Districts
Saturday 10/25/2025	@ Regionals
Saturday 11/1/2025	@ State

High School Volleyball

Thursday 8/7/2025	5:00 v Wynford (scrim)
Saturday 8/9/2025	10:00 @ River Valley (scrim)
Tuesday 8/12/2025	5:00 v Clear Fork (scrim)
Thursday 8/14/2025	5:30 v Cristo Rey (scrim)
Saturday 8/16/2025	10:00 v Elgin
Monday 8/18/2025	5:00 @ Gilead Christian
Tuesday 8/19/2025	4:30 @ Loudonville
Tuesday 8/26/2025	4:30 v East Knox
Thursday 8/28/2025	4:30 @ Centerburg
Tuesday 9/2/2025	5:30 @ Plymouth
Wednesday 9/3/2025	4:30 v Fredericktown
Thursday 9/4/2025	4:30 v Northmor
Saturday 9/6/2025	10:00 @ Granville Christian
Tuesday 9/9/2025	4:30 v Danville
Thursday 9/11/2025	4:30 @ Cardington
Saturday 9/13/2025	10:00 @ Bucyrus
Tuesday 9/16/2025	4:30 v Loudonville
Thursday 9/18/2025	4:30 @ Fredericktown
Tuesday 9/23/2025	4:30 @ East Knox
Thursday 9/25/2025	4:30 v Centerburg
Monday 9/29/2025	5:30 v Ridgedale
Tuesday 9/30/2025	4:30 @ Northmor
Wednesday 10/1/2025	4:45 v Ridgemont
Thursday 10/2/2025	4:30 @ Danville
Saturday 10/4/2025	10:00 @ Northmor (9th Tourney)
26 Tuesday 10/7/2025	4:30 v Cardington
Thursday 10/9/2025	5:30 @ Crestline

High School Football

Saturday 8/9/2025	10:00 @ Hardin Northern (scrim)
Friday 8/15/2025	6:00 v Plymouth (scrim)
Friday 8/22/2025	7:00 @ Triad
Saturday 8/23/2025	11:00 JV @ Grove City Christian
 Friday 8/29/2025	7:00 v Upper Sandusky
Saturday 8/30/2025	10:00 JV @ Upper Sandusky
Friday 9/5/2025	7:00 @ Grove City Christian
Saturday 9/6/2025	10:00 JV v Cardington
Friday 9/12/2025	7:00 v Danville
Saturday 9/13/2025	10:00 JV @ Danville
 Friday 9/19/2025	7:00 v Fredericktown
Saturday 9/20/2025	10:00 JV @ Fredericktown
 Friday 9/26/2025	7:00 v East Knox
Saturday 9/27/2025	10:00 JV @ East Knox
Friday 10/3/2025	7:00 @ Centerburg
Saturday 10/4/2025	10:00 JV v Centerburg
26 Friday 10/10/2025	7:00 v Northmor
Saturday 10/11/2025	10:00 JV @ Northmor
Friday 10/17/2025	7:00 @ Loudonville
Saturday 10/18/2025	10:00 JV v Loudonville
Friday 10/24/2025	7:00 @ Cardington

High School Boys Golf

Monday 8/4/2025	@ Bucyrus Elks Tournament
Wednesday 8/6/2025	KMAC #1
Wednesday 8/13/2025	4:00 v Fredericktown
Monday 8/18/2025	4:00 @ Northmor
Wednesday 8/20/2025	4:00 @ Loudonville
Tuesday 8/26/2025	4:00 @ Fredericktown
Wednesday 8/27/2025	11:20 KMAC #2
Wednesday 9/3/2025	4:00 v East Knox/Northmor
Thursday 9/4/2025	4:00 @ East Knox
Monday 9/8/2025	4:00 @ Centerburg
Wednesday 9/10/2025	4:00 v Centerburg
Wednesday 9/17/2025	4:00 v Loudonville
Thursday 9/18/2025	4:00 @ KMAC 3

High School Girls Golf

Monday 8/4/2025	9:00 @ Clear Fork/Ontario
Friday 8/8/2025	9:00 v North Union
Wednesday 8/13/2025	1:30 PM @ Upper Sandusky
Wednesday 8/20/2025	8:00 @ Northmor
Saturday 8/30/2025	2:30 @ Vernon View
Monday 9/8/2025	9:00 @ Little Apple
Wednesday 9/10/2025	9:00 @ Centerburg
Monday 9/15/2025	5:00 @ Galion
Wednesday 9/17/2025	4:00 @ Pleasant



Military Appreciation Game



Youth Football/Cheer Showcase



Homecoming



Senior Recognition Night

Mount Gilead Exempted Village Schools

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Important Upcoming Events

AUGUST 2025

21: Street Fair & Open House
29: Military Appreciation Varsity Home
Football Game

SEPTEMBER 2025

1: No School - Labor Day
2: No School - Teacher Work Day
3: First Day of the 2025-2026 School Year
19: 2-Hour Early Release
(Prof. Devp)
19: MG Youth Football & Cheer
Showcase Night at Varsity Home
Football Game
26: Homecoming - Varsity Home Football
Game

OCTOBER 2025

7: Volleyball Senior Night
10: Football, Band, Cheer and Cross
Country Senior Night

OCTOBER 2025, continued

17: 2-Hour Early Release
(Prof. Devp.)
31: End of 1st Quarter Classes

NOVEMBER 2025

6: 1-Hour Early Release
(P-T Conferences)
11: 1-Hour Early Release
(Parent-Teacher Conferences)
26: No School
(P/T Conference Comp Day)
27-28: No School
Thanksgiving Break



MGEV INDIANS

Park Avenue PTO

2nd Monday of each month
6:30 PM in the Park Avenue Library

Music Boosters

1st Monday of each month
in the Band Room

Athletic Boosters

3rd Thursday of each month
6 pm in the Community Room