



Matawan Regional High School

Welcome Back 2025-2026

August 15, 2025

Greetings MRHS Families,

Welcome to the 2025-2026 school year!!! I am hopeful that this finds you well rested and enjoying the warm summer months. As the school year quickly approaches and we prepare to welcome students back in the coming weeks, I wanted to share some important information to assist with a smooth transition back to school in September. Please review the following information, if you have any questions, please contact the MRHS Information Desk at mrhsinfo@marsd.org or 732-705-5200 and a member of our Front Office Team will be able to assist you.

[2025-2026 District Calendar](#)

The **First Day** of school for students is **Thursday, September 4th**. To start the school year, please note that we will be operating on a 4 hour schedule on both **Thursday, September 4th** and **Friday, September 5th** with students being dismissed at **11:15am**.

[Student Arrival/ Dismissal](#)

Please review the [First Days of School](#) document for important information regarding student arrival and dismissal. The building will open for students at 7:05am with 1st period beginning promptly at 7:15am. Daily attendance will be taken at 7:15am; students arriving to class after this time will be recorded as tardy. I have attached the updated [2025-2026 Bell Schedule](#) for your review. ***Please Note: The front loop is reserved for District Buses only!!***

[The Husky Cafe - Breakfast Program](#)

We are excited to announce that the cafeteria will now open at **6:35am** for students interested in arriving at school early and participating in our breakfast program. Students wishing to participate in this program should enter through **Door 13** by the Tennis Courts. Please note that students interested in taking advantage of this program are required to sign in upon entering the building and must remain in the cafeteria until the first bell rings at 7:05am.

[Freshman Orientation](#)

We would like to invite all incoming 9th grade students to attend "[The Husky Experience](#)", our Freshman Orientation program on **Wednesday, September 3rd** from **8:15-11:30am**. Students attending this program will follow their schedule, meet their teachers, and learn all about what Matawan Regional High School has to offer. There will be a special **parent presentation** beginning at **11:00am** in the high school auditorium. All are welcome to join me, hope to see you there!!!

Self-Contained & Specialized Programs Orientation (By Invitation Only)

We would like to invite the parents and students in our LLD or MD programs in for a program overview and Meet and Greet with their teachers, case managers and Instructional Assistants on Wednesday, September 3rd from 10:00-11:00am. Invitations for this event will be sent out the week of August 25th.

Student Schedules & The Parent Portal

Student schedules have been finalized and will be released on Monday, August 25th. When accessing your child's schedule in the [Parent Portal](#), it is imperative that contact information be updated to ensure proper communication throughout the year. Instructions on updating contact information on the Parent Portal can be found by [Clicking Here](#). Please be sure to review the information and make appropriate changes. Our school counseling team will be in the office the week of August 25th, if there are any questions regarding your child's schedule, please contact your [assigned school counselor or case manager](#).

Student Lockers

All incoming 9th grade students will automatically be assigned individual lockers. Students in grades 10, 11, and 12 will not be issued a locker unless requested. Students can request a locker by completing the [MRHS Locker Request Form](#).

Health Curriculum

The Matawan Aberdeen Regional School District believes that working closely with families is essential as we help students develop the knowledge and skills needed for a healthy, active lifestyle. In preparation for the upcoming school year, we encourage you to review the [Health Curriculum](#) for Grades 9 -12, especially the family life education topics within Grade 9 and Grade 12, and discuss them with your child before these units are taught at school.

As per [District Policy](#), parents/ guardians may choose to opt their child out of any part of the health, family life, or sex education curriculum that conflicts with their moral or religious beliefs. To do so, please send a signed letter to your child's Principal specifying the sections you wish to opt out of. Any questions can be directed to your child's Health & Physical Education instructor.

MRHS Student Handbook & Code of Conduct

As you prepare to start the new year, please take the time to review the [2025-2026 Student Handbook and Code of Conduct](#) for important information regarding building mechanics and student expectations. Please note our areas of emphasis for the 2025-2026 school year:

- **Student Attendance:** Students are expected to arrive at school and their classes on time, prepared and ready to learn. Excessive absences and/or tardiness will result in a loss of credit/privileges and may impact a student's graduation status.
- **Cell Phone Policy:** [Cell Phones and/or Electronic Devices](#) will not be permitted in class at any time. These devices interfere with students' ability to focus on academic work and can be detrimental to a student's social and emotional well-being. Failure to comply with this expectation will result in disciplinary action as per the Student Code of Conduct.

Back to School Night - SAVE the DATE!!!

The 2025–2026 Matawan Regional High School Back to School Night is scheduled for **Wednesday, September 10th**. The purpose of Back to School Night is to provide you the opportunity to meet your child's teachers and become familiar with course curricula and classroom expectations. We are looking forward to an exciting event that will be full of information to kickstart the new school year. Additional information regarding the MRHS Back to School Night will be sent out on **Friday, September 5th**.

Attendance Matters

And finally, as we prepare to start a new school year, I want to stress the importance of daily attendance for your student's success. Students should arrive at school and each of their classes on time. Each day in school is an important opportunity for learning, personal growth, and building connections with teachers and peers. Consistent attendance helps ensure students don't miss crucial lessons and activities that develop their knowledge and skills.

Did you know??? Students who miss just 2 days of school per month risk losing credit for the year—even if they are passing their classes. According to district policy, students who exceed **9 absences in a semester course** or **18 absences in a full-year course** will be placed in a loss of credit status. This means they may have to repeat the course, fall behind their classmates, and possibly delay graduation.

This new school year offers a fresh start for everyone. We encourage families to make attendance a top priority. Together, we are committed to supporting every student's success!

Consequences of Poor Attendance

- Falling behind in class and struggling to keep up with assignments
- Lower grades, which can affect GPA and class rank
- Missing key instruction essential for exams and graduation requirements
- Risk of losing course credit due to excessive absences
- Limited opportunities to participate in group work, class discussions, and extracurriculars
- Strained relationships with teachers and peers
- Decreased motivation and engagement in school
- Potential delays in graduation and impact on college or career plans
- Possible involvement of attendance review boards or other interventions
- Developing habits that may affect future responsibility and work ethic



Let's work together to ensure every student has a successful and rewarding school year!!!

I am looking forward to reconnecting with everyone in the coming weeks and we look forward to another productive, successful and rewarding school year. Don't forget to join our incredible [MRHS PTO](#) this year, your continued support is greatly appreciated. I hope you enjoy what is left of these hot summer days and we will see you in September!!!

Sincerely,

Michael C. Wells

Principal