



Matawan Regional High School

"Home of the Huskies"

Weekly Newsletter 2025-2026

MRHS Weekly Updates

September 15, 2025

Greetings Huskies:

What an incredible atmosphere here on Friday Night!!! I would like to give a special Shout Out!!! to the Dawg Pound and the entire Matawan Aberdeen Regional School District community for coming out to support our Cheerleaders, Marching Band, Color Guard, Dance Team and of course your Matawan Regional High School Football Team. It was certainly a great way to finish out our first full week of the school year. It's going to be a Great Year!!! Go Huskies!!!

I would like to take a moment to thank everyone that came out to our annual Back to School Night last week. It was great to reconnect with many of you as we kickoff the new school year. If you were not able to attend, please take a moment to review my [Back to School Parent Presentation](#).

As discussed during our parent meeting on Wednesday evening, it is important for you to stay connected with your child's teachers, school counselors and case managers. Please continue to monitor your students academic progress and daily attendance and don't hesitate to reach out with any questions or concerns. We want to make sure all of our students have a successful year. Remember, we are in this together!!!

We are really looking forward to a great year. Thank you as always for your continued support.

Michael C. Wells
Principal



Attendance Matters!!!

Student Attendance Guidelines

Daily attendance is essential for the academic success and personal development of high school students. Consistent participation enhances understanding of the curriculum, fosters a sense of community, and develops important skills such as punctuality and responsibility.

Students who attend classes regularly are more likely to complete assignments, perform better academically, and build positive relationships with educators. These connections provide valuable support as students navigate their high school experience. Prioritizing daily attendance is crucial for ensuring that every student has the opportunity to thrive and succeed in their educational journey.

MRHS Attendance Policy

To receive full credit for a high school course, a student is limited to **18 total absences** for full year courses and **9 total absences** for half year/semester based courses.

Excused Absences Include...

- Religious observance ([N.J.A.C. 6A:32-8.3\(h\)](#))
- College visits (up to 3 days per school year for students in grades 11 and 12)
- "Take Our Children to Work Day"
- Participation in observance of Veterans Day (N.J.S.A. 18A: 36-13.2)
- The closure of a busing district that prevents a student from having transportation to the school
- Participation in district board of election membership activities.

When to Keep your Child Home From School...

- A child with heavy cold symptoms, deep or uncontrollable coughing or significant lack of energy.
- 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.
- 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.

To Report an Absence

Complete the [Attendance Reporting Form](#) or Contact our Attendance Office:
mrhsattendance@marsd.org 732-705-5200

Not sure how many days your child has missed this year?

1. Login to the Genesis Parent Portal using your username and password
 2. Click Attendance
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Educator of the Year

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 by Monday, November 24, 2025.

- [Eligibility Criteria](#)
 - [GEOY Nomination Form](#)
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2025-2026 Meal Applications

As a reminder... Meal applications need to be submitted every year!!!

The 2025-2026 Meal Applications can be completed through the Genesis [Parent Portal](#). Parents who wish to complete paper applications can request a copy of the application packet from the main office.

- [Meal Application Packet](#)
 - [Paquete de solicitud de comidas](#)
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The M.O.S.T. Program

Mentoring Our Students Together

The Matawan-Aberdeen Regional School District is proud to announce the return of [The M.O.S.T. Program](#). Students in Grades 2-12 within the MARSD will have the opportunity to work with certified staff members and dedicated community members as we work to **Mentor Our Students Together**. The M.O.S.T. Program will be held on select Tuesday & Wednesday afternoons from 3:00pm to 6:00pm in the [Matawan Aberdeen Middle School Cafeteria](#).

- [Click Here to Register](#).

School Pictures

Senior Portraits - Final Deadline!!!

The Class of 2026: Students who did not have their Senior Portraits taken by Normandy Studio in the Spring or summer, or are new to the district need to go to their website to make an appointment. Please go to www.normandystudio.com and select Private Studio Session to make an appointment at their studio in Somerset ASAP to be photographed by the end of September in order to appear in the yearbook. They charge \$25 to have Senior Portraits taken at their studio. Senior Portraits taken after this date will not appear in the 2025-2026 MRHS Yearbook. Photos taken from other photography studios will not be accepted. 9/30 is the FINAL DEADLINE for Class of 2025 Senior Portraits. Please contact Mrs. Kish or Miss Shalhoub if you have any questions.

School Picture Day - Grades 9-11

School pictures will be taken on **Friday, October 3rd** for IDs and the yearbook. Please make sure students are present on picture day. Students are not required to order pictures but need to have their picture taken. The photographer will come back for retakes at a later date to be determined. More information will come out about this in the Daily Bulletin and emails to students, parents and guardians.

2025-2026 Yearbooks on Sale Now!!!

Yearbooks can be purchased now through this link (Jostens.com) which is also on the HS website. Buy your book early for the cheapest price, \$135. Right now, if you purchase name personalization, you will also get 4 FREE icons. The price will increase as the year progresses. Don't wait! This is your only chance to get free icons printed on the front of the yearbook!

MRHS Club Corner

Student Government

Interested in having your voice be heard and being a part of our school community? Join Student Government! We plan events such as spirit weeks, Homecoming Dance, Battle of the Classes and more. If interested please join our Google Classroom by entering the following code: [awhvc3m7](#).

Save the date: Homecoming Dance will be October 9th, 2025!

Breast Cancer Awareness

Join the MRHS cheer team in their fight against breast cancer. See [this](#) flyer for more details. Orders will be accepted until 9/15. Thank you!

Matawan Aberdeen Educational Foundation

The Matawan Regional High School would like to offer its sincere appreciation to the [Matawan Aberdeen Educational Foundation](#) for their support of our programs here at the high school. We look forward to our continued partnership to benefit the students and staff of the Matawan Aberdeen Regional School District. Congratulations to our [2025 Grant Recipients](#).

- [MAEF Fall Donor Drive](#)

Mark your calendars for the 2nd Annual MAEF Battle of the Faculties

- Thursday, October 17th @ 6:00pm.
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MRHS Parent-Teacher Organization

The 2025-2026 [MRHS PTO Membership Drive](#) is now open. Please help support our students and staff by joining the Matawan Regional High School Parent Teacher Association this year.

Please join us for our 1st Meeting of the year - Monday, September 15th @ 6:30pm in the Main Lobby of the high school. Your contribution is greatly appreciated.

Mark your calendars.... Our first event of the year will be the annual [MRHS PTO Vendor Fair](#) on Saturday, November 22nd from 9am-3pm at the high school. Crafters and Vendors can sign up by [clicking here](#).

MRHS Athletics

The Fall Sports Season is underway!!! Come on out to support your Huskies!!! Please check the [Athletics Schedule](#) for up to date information on the fall sports season. We are looking forward to a great fall season.

In order to provide a safe and orderly environment at all athletic events, we ask that you review and adhere to the [Spectator Code of Conduct](#). As a reminder, all guests are expected to:

- Be Respectful & Have Fun
- Signs/ Flags are not permitted in the stands, unless approved by administration
- Artificial noise makers are not permitted - (air horns, cow bells, whistles, etc.)
- Baby powder is NOT permitted as it causes significant health concerns
- Bags & Backpacks are not permitted and are subject to being searched
- There will be no admission after the third quarter. Re-entry will not be permitted.
- Students under the age of 13 should be accompanied by an adult.
- Please keep all the cheers positive, As always, profanity is NOT permitted
 - **No Names, No Numbers, No Negativity!!!!**



Michael Wells

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