



Matawan Regional High School

"Home of the Huskies"

Weekly Newsletter 2025-2026

MRHS Weekly Updates

October 13, 2025

Greetings Huskies....

It was another great week across campus with Homecoming and Week of Respect festivities embedded throughout each day. This weeks ***SHOUT OUT!!*** goes to our **Student Government Organization** and our **Civic Leaders** for for planning a great Spirit Week. Make sure you head over to our [MRHS HuskyTV YouTube Channel](#) to check out the Week of Respect videos that were shared with our students each morning. A special thank you to Mr. Burfeindt and our students in the TV Production studio for producing these videos.

Thank you to everyone that came out to our Homecoming Game on Friday night. It was a great community showing with The Dawg Pound painting the stands Pink in honor of Breast Cancer Awareness Month. ***Let's Go Dawgs!!!***

Congratulations to our Homecoming Court: Lukas Mandeville, Jason Shonk, Dylan Bonetto, Robbie Messina, Fred Veith , Peri Calcagno, Mia Indelicato, Gianna Shenfield, Keria Lugo and Nicolette Mauriello. *And the Winners are...*

- Homecoming King & Queen - Fred Veith & Mia Indelicato,
- Homecoming Prince & Princess - Lukas Manderville & Peri Calcagno

Congrats to all!!!

Just a reminder that there will be no school for students on Monday, October 13th as the staff will be engaged in Professional Development Sessions. Please be safe with the impending storm, I will see you all bright & early Tuesday morning. Remember... Attendance Matters!!!! Students should be in their Period 1 class by 7:15am.

Let's Make it a Great Week!!!

Michael C. Wells



PSAT Day - Thursday, October 23rd

We are pleased to announce that we will be administering the digital **PSAT/NMSQT (Preliminary SAT/National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test)** to all 10th and 11th grade students on **Thursday, October 23, 2025**. Information on the digital PSAT can be found by [Clicking Here](#).

Why the PSAT/NMSQT is Important

This test is a key step toward college, offering several significant benefits:

- **Scholarship Opportunities:** It's the qualifying test for potential National Merit Scholarships.
- **Personalized Feedback:** Students receive valuable, personalized feedback to help them improve their skills before taking the SAT.
- **College Planning Tools:** Students get free resources to start their college search and information on AP® courses for which they are well-prepared.
- **College Connections:** Students can opt into Student Search Service® to connect with colleges and universities interested in students like them.

Testing Logistics for 10th & 11th Graders

- **Start Time:** Testing begins promptly at 7:15 AM.
- **Location:** Students should report directly to their 1st Period class with a fully charged school-issued Chromebook.
- **Format:** The test is digital and will be taken on the Bluebook app.
- **Calculators:** Students do not need to bring their own graphing calculator, as one is embedded in the test tools, but they may bring a personal calculator if they prefer.
- **Vocational Students:** 10th and 11th grade vocational students who wish to take the PSAT/NMSQT will be excused from their AM vocational programs for the day.

School Schedule Changes on October 23rd

Please note the following schedule changes to accommodate testing on Thursday, October 23rd:

- Grades 10 & 11 - Report to 1st Period at regular time (before 7:15 AM) for testing.
- Grades 9 & 12 - **Two-Hour Delay**. 1st Period starts at approximately **9:30 AM**.
- Vocational Students (Grades 9 & 12) - Report to vocational programs at their **regularly scheduled times**.
- Autism & MD Programs - Continue with a **normal full-day schedule**.

District Transportation

Transportation will run at their normal time with a second run for students not testing beginning around **9:15 AM** for 9th and 12th Graders on a delayed opening schedule.

Thank you again for your flexibility as we provide our students with an opportunity to sit for the PSAT/NMSQT. If you have any questions, please contact your child's school counselor or case manager.

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](#)

Counselor's Corner

Colleges on Campus

The following colleges will be visiting the high school on the following dates and times. Please make sure you sign up to meet with a college representative through your [SchoolLinks](#) account.

- 10/20 - Montclair State University 8:15-8:55
 - 10/20 - Fairleigh Dickinson University - Florham 9:05-9:45
 - 10/20 - Rider University 9:50-10:30
 - 10/20 - Mount St. Mary's 1:10-1:50
 - 10/21 - Rowan University 11:30-12:10
 - 10/22 - Stevens Institute of Technology 9:05-9:45
 - 10/31 - University of Rhode Island 10:35-11:15
 - 11/4 - University of Scranton 8:15-8:55
 - 11/5 - Salon Professional Academy 11:30
 - 11/21 - Georgian Court University 9:05-9:45
 - 12/9 New Jersey Institute of Technology 12:20-1:00
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Monmouth County College Fair - New Date & Time

You are cordially invited to attend the upcoming [Monmouth County College Fair](#) hosted by the Monmouth County Guidance Directors' Association (MCGDA). The college fair is for any student looking to gain more information, get connected, and meet in person with college representatives.

Monmouth County College Fair

Date: Monday, October 13, 2025

Time: 5:00 pm - 8:00 pm

Location: Ocean First Bank Center on the Monmouth University campus

[List of Colleges/Universities Expected to Attend](#)

Strive Scan Registration: Students should pre-register by visiting [StriveFair.com](#), scanning the QR code below, or on the attached flyer. Students will then receive a barcode upon registration, allowing them to easily and electronically share their contact information with the college representatives they meet at the fair. Students will be re-sent a copy of their barcode two hours prior to the fair start time.



Prepare your digital profile at [strivefair.com](#) before the fair to easily share your information with the colleges you choose.

Sponsored by the Monmouth County Guidance Directors Association and Monmouth University

SchoolLinks - College & Career Readiness Program

If you have not done so already, please take a moment to review the [SchoolLinks Student Introductory Letter](#). Students should begin to navigate our college and career readiness program if you have not done so already, beginning with the Find your Path Assessment that appears upon logging in. Students needing assistance should complete contact their school counselor for assistance.

- [Student Onboarding Overview](#)
- [How to use School Search](#)
- [How to Link Common App Account in SchoolLinks VIDEO](#)

Student Volunteer Opportunities

The Community Volunteer Opportunity Google Classroom has been set up for students looking for volunteer opportunities within the MARSD community. Whether you're looking to fulfill service hours, help our elementary schools, or simply give back, you'll find a variety of listings to sign up to give of your time. Stay connected, stay involved, and together we can make a difference!

- <https://classroom.google.com/c/Nzi0MzgyMDU4NDAw>

- Classroom code: **fcmj6wo**
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Borough of Matawan Logo Contest

The Borough of Matawan is hosting a community-wide Logo/Seal Design Contest for all Matawan residents, with a submission deadline of October 15, 2025. Students are encouraged to participate! Finalists earn recognition and prizes. Details and submission: www.matawanborough.com

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

K.E.Y.S. Academy (Knowledge Empowers Youth & Sobriety)

Walk for Recovery

The Matawan Aberdeen Regional School District – K.E.Y.S. Academy, **in collaboration with Preferred Behavioral and NJ4S Compass**, is thrilled to announce our **3rd Annual “[Walk for Recovery](#)”** on **Saturday, October 25th, 2025!**

Each year, this walk serves as a powerful reminder of the challenges so many of us have faced—whether personally, or through the struggles of loved ones impacted by the opioid epidemic and mental health issues. The pain and loss are real, but so is the hope for healing and recovery. That hope is why we walk together.

At K.E.Y.S. Academy, we are dedicated to advocating for the recovery and healing of our youth. We strive to serve as the **“keys”** that unlock doors of opportunity, sobriety, and brighter futures. But we cannot do this alone. We need **your support—your presence, participation, and generosity**—to walk alongside our students as they continue their journey to recovery.

Event Details:

Date: Saturday, October 25th, 2025

Location: Matawan Aberdeen Regional High School - Field, 450 Atlantic Avenue, Aberdeen, NJ

Please join us as we walk for a cause that unites us all—recovery, healing, and hope. Share our event with your networks and help us spread the message that together, we can make a difference. Thank you for your ongoing support of our students and our mission. We look forward to walking side by side with you!

With gratitude and excitement,

The K.E.Y.S. Academy Team

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 **Friday, November 28, 2025**.

- [Eligibility Criteria](#)
 - [GEOY Nomination Form](#)
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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](#).
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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.

- [MAEF Fall Donor Drive](#)

Mark your calendars for the [2nd Annual MAEF Battle of the Faculties](#)

- Thursday, October 17th@ 6:00pm.

Tickets On Sale Now...<https://www.maefgrants.org/bof25>

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.

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](#).

Event Information

Dine to Donate @ Texas Roadhouse

When?

Tuesday, Oct 14, 2025, 04:00 PM

Where?

Texas Roadhouse, 2105 New Jersey 35, Holmdel, NJ, USA

Thanksgiving Pie Sale

This year MAMS and MRHS Parent Teacher Organizations are working together to bring you delicious pies for Thanksgiving. What a great way to support your school Parent Teacher Organization while getting something delicious to eat.

- [Click Here to Order your Today!!!](#)

2025-2026 Yearbooks on Sale Now!!!

Yearbooks can be purchased now through this link ([Jostens.com](#)). The price will increase as the year progresses. Don't wait! The same link can be used to purchase Student Recognition Ads. Order an ad by 12/14/25 to ensure that it will be included in our yearbook.

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!!!!**



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