



Matawan Regional High School

"Home of the Huskies"

Weekly Newsletter 2025-2026

MRHS Weekly Updates

November 3, 2025

Greetings Huskies:

I hope everyone has a Spooktacular weekend!!! Don't forget.... We have a short week ahead with a 1/2 day scheduled for Wednesday, November 5th and school closed on Thursday, November 6th and Friday, November 7th for the NJEA convention. Yes I said 6-7!!!

Reminder... The 1st marking period comes to a close on Thursday, November 13th. Please be sure that you are monitoring the Parent/Student Portal and tracking your grades. As always, please be sure to reach out to your teachers with any questions.

I am excited to report that we had 332 students earn Husky Pack Bucks for Perfect Attendance for the month of October and 241 students that have recorded perfect attendance since the start of the 25-26 school year. Lets keep it going!!!! Remember.... Attendance Matters!!!!

Thank you to all that joined us in the celebration of Red Ribbon Week and I would like to give a Special Shout Out! to all our students and staff that joined in on the fun and participated in the MRHS Annual Halloween Costume Contest. It was certainly a great day to be a Husky!!!

And the winners are:

- 6th place - Madison Teeter
- 5th place - Gabriella Nunez
- 4th place - Fred Veith
- 3rd place - Allison Lindley & Kate Arellano
- 2nd place - Sal LaBruzza
- 1st place - Elizabeth Jameson

Finally, I would like to congratulate the Sophomore Class for earning the most Husky PACK Bucks during the month of October and Stefany Cardona our Husky Pack Buck Winner!!! Stefany will

receive a free yearbook and the Sophomore Class will earn 100 Bonus Points towards their Battle of the Classes total. Great job by all!!!

Looking forward to another great "short" week!!!

Michael C. Wells
Principal



Ms. Calandrino



Mr. Baldasserini



Ms. Wishnick



Important Safety & Policy Alert: Student Dismissal During School Hours

We are issuing this advisory to ensure clarity regarding our school's security protocols for early dismissals.

Please be advised that students are not permitted to sign themselves or any other student out of the building during the school day. This policy is firmly in place to maintain the safety, security, and accountability of all students while on campus.

Required Procedure for Early Dismissals:

Any student needing to leave school before the regular dismissal time for an appointment or other reason must be authorized and signed out by a parent or guardian. This procedure applies to all students, including those who are 18 years of age or older, to maintain consistent security protocols and accountability.

1. The parent or guardian must personally come to the Security Vestibule to request the student's release.
2. The parent/guardian must complete the official sign-out procedure.
 1. Identification is required for verification.

We appreciate your understanding and cooperation in adhering to this critical security measure. Our primary commitment is to the safety of every student.

Winter Sports Registration Now Open!

Registration for **Winter Sports** at Matawan Regional High School and Matawan Aberdeen Middle School is now open through the **Genesis Parent Portal**.

- All [medical forms](#) must be submitted by **November 10, 2025** to be cleared for participation.
- **Students** may submit their *Medical Eligibility Form* directly to **Nurse Godowski** during their lunch periods.

New this season: Matawan will offer **High School Swimming** in partnership with Monmouth Regional High School (practices at Ranney High School, pay-to-play).

For full details, including start dates, registration steps, and physical form requirements, please review the [Updated Winter Sports Letter for 2025–26](#) in your email.

Questions? Contact the Athletic Office at **732-705-5346** or athletics@marsd.org.

Go Huskies!

NJSLA/NJGPA Field Test

Please be advised of the upcoming NJSLA/NJGPA field testing schedule for students.

We will be administering the [NJSLA/NJGPA Field Test](#) to students in **Grades 9 -12**. Please see below for our testing groups and days:

Students in Grades 9, 10 and 11 will test on all 3 days: **Wednesday, November 12th, Thursday, November 13th, and Friday, November 14th.**

Select **Students in Grade 12** who completed **Algebra I, Geometry, or Algebra II** during the 2024-2025 school year will test on **Friday, November 14th.**

All testing will take place during the regular school day.

Students that are not in a testing group will operate on a **two-hour delayed opening schedule with Period 1 set to start at approximately 9:30 am.**

Students that attend Vocational School or are in our Autism or Multiple Disabilities Classes are not testing at this time and will continue with their normal schedule.

We encourage you to review practice tests and tutorials available on the [New Jersey Assessments Portal](#) for additional information and resources.

Junior Prom

The [MRHS Junior Prom 2026 Contract](#) is OPEN via Google Form! All junior-level students who are planning on attending the Junior Prom on 4/23/2026 MUST complete this contract by the 11/30/2025 deadline. Any student bringing a non MRHS student MUST complete the Outside Guest Contract on paper and provide a photo ID of the guest. Tickets are \$125.00 and students can purchase their tickets during the weeks of 12/8/2025 and 12/15/2025 after school in room (402). Please reach out to the Junior Class Advisor, Dr. Naimo, with any questions or concerns: mnaimo@marsd.org

SADD (Students Against Destructive Decisions)

The MRHS SADD Club (Students Against Destructive Decisions) is leading an important safety initiative to protect our students and families. The club has launched a community petition asking the Aberdeen Town Council to install flashing speed limit signs near all district schools, including along Atlantic Avenue. These signs are a proven, effective way to slow traffic and prevent accidents during arrival and dismissal.

Please take a moment to support our students' advocacy by signing and sharing the petition:

<https://c.org/TMZZsRRJmM>

Office of Emergency Management - Student Volunteers

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.

- 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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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/Nzl0MzgyMDU4NDAw>

- Classroom code: **fcmj6wo**
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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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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

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](#)

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](#).

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.

Yearbook Photos

Any MRHS student or staff member can submit photos for the yearbook by using this [link](#). The Yearbook Club cannot guarantee that all pictures submitted will be in the yearbook. Pictures with hand gestures or from professional photographers will not be accepted or may be edited. All photos must be school appropriate and only include MRHS students and/or staff members. If you have any questions, please contact the Yearbook Advisors: Ms. Shalhoub & Mrs. Kish.

Underclass Photo Distribution/Retakes

Underclass photos have been distributed to students. Makeup/Retake Day is on Thursday, November 13th from 9:45am-1:30pm in Room 204. Any 9th, 10th, or 11th grade student that needs to be photographed for the first time on makeup day, please bring your payment envelope if you are purchasing photos. If you paid online; you do not need to bring anything with you.

- If you are doing a retake, there is a fee of \$10.00 and you must return your first package to be photographed. You will receive a new package with your new photo delivered to the school at a later date.
- YOU MUST SCHEDULE AN APPOINTMENT TO BE PHOTOGRAPHED To schedule your appointment for makeups/retakes, please use the link below:
 - https://booknow.appointment-plus.com/9z1sng0m/?e_id=36413

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](#).

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!!!](#)

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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