



Matawan Regional High School

*"Home of the Huskies"*

Weekly Newsletter 2025-2026

## MRHS Weekly Updates

### November 10, 2025

Greetings Huskies:

I hope everyone enjoyed the extended weekend!!!! This week we celebrate the brave men and women of the Matawan-Aberdeen community who have dedicated their time serving this great nation. **Happy Veteran's Day** to all who have served. Thank you for your service.

We are looking forward to a busy week ahead, don't forget, the marking period ends on Thursday this week. Please make sure you are up to date with all of your assignments. If you have any questions, please reach out to the teacher of record.

- Ribbon Cutting Ceremony for our New Outdoor Fitness Court - Monday, November 10th
- NJSLA/NJGPA Field Test - Wednesday-Friday (see below for additional information)
- The Husky Experience Open House - Thursday, November 13th

Final Reminder... Registration for Winter Athletics ends on Monday, November 10th!!!

Register 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](mailto:athletics@marsd.org). **Go Huskies!**

Finally... The season of giving is quickly approaching. The African American Student Union and Student Government Organization is having a [FOOD DRIVE](#) for one of our community food pantries. They are collecting non-perishable goods from November 10th to December 19th. Students should drop their items off, in the LOBBY, into their grade's assigned box as every item is worth BOTC points! All proceeds will go to the food pantry at the United Methodist Church.

Looking forward to another great week!!!

Michael C. Wells  
Principal



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## **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.

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## SafeNJ App

We are proud to announce our partnership with [STOPit Solutions](#), a nationally recognized leader in school safety and wellness.

Through this partnership, everyone in our school community has access to the STOPit anonymous reporting app – a powerful tool designed to deter and promptly address instances of bullying, school violence, self-harm, and inappropriate behaviors.

With the STOPit app, users can anonymously submit tips, attach photo or video evidence, and privately message school leaders with the necessary information to help everyone involved. In addition, when a student or anyone in our school community needs immediate support, the STOPit app provides direct access to Crisis Text Line. Users can anonymously text with counselors (day or night) until they feel safe and calm.

We encourage everyone in our school community to download the STOPit app.

If you haven't already done so, we kindly urge parents and guardians to download the STOPit app and become familiar with its features. This will not only enable you to guide your children in using the app but will also demonstrate our collective commitment to the safety and wellbeing of our whole school community. The STOPit app is available on the Apple App Store and Google Play Store.



Need support but not sure where to turn? SafeNJ can help without anyone knowing it's you. Keep yourself and your school safe & happy.



### HOW TO USE THE SafeNJ APP:

#### 1. ASK FOR HELP

Get help or anonymously report concerns for others.

#### 2. CRISIS TEXT LINE

Chat for free with a mental health counselor 24/7, privately and safely.

#### 3. GET RESOURCES

Find clothing, shelter, food, and self-help support for homework, substance abuse, dating, sexuality, and disordered eating.

Download the **SafeNJ** App Today!



AFRICAN AMERICAN STUDENT UNION &  
STUDENT GOVERNMENT'S

# FOOD DRIVE

NOVEMBER 10 -  
DECEMBER 19



EVERY ITEM DONATED IS WORTH BATTLE OF  
THE CLASSES POINTS FOR YOUR GRADE!



**Front Lobby**

**DROP ITEMS INTO THE  
DESIGNATED BOX FOR  
YOUR GRADE.**

**NON PERISHABLE FOOD  
ITEMS NEEDED**

- ▶ Canned Foods
- ▶ Pasta or Rice
- ▶ Boxed Mixes

All proceeds go directly to the United Methodist Church food pantry.

## 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.

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# Monmouth County Shared Time Vocational Program

## In-School Presentation – December 9th

On December 9th, representatives from the Monmouth County Shared Time Vocational Program will discuss program options, answer questions, and help students explore potential career paths with the Sophomore class. No registration required as all Sophomores will be invited to attend.

## Shared-Time Career & Technical Education Programs

Shared-Time programs give high school students the opportunity to explore a career and technical education (CTE) field while continuing their regular studies at their home high school. Students spend half of their school day at the Career Center in hands-on, industry-focused classes and the other half at their home school completing academic coursework.

Programs span two years and are designed to help students build the skills needed for entry-level employment or further education in their chosen trade or profession. In addition to technical training, students gain valuable workplace readiness skills and may participate in clinical experiences, job shadowing, or structured work-based learning opportunities. Applications are online and will be available shortly. They will be tentatively due April 1st. For more information please visit [MCVSD.org](http://MCVSD.org).

## Program Offerings:

- Applied Mechanical Engineering
- Automotive Technology
- Carpentry
- Commercial Art
- Cosmetology
- Culinary Arts
- Dental Assistant
- Diesel Mechanics
- Electricity
- Health Occupations & Nursing
- HVAC
- Plumbing & Pipefitting
- Welding
- Academy of Law and Public Safety

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## 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](mailto:mnaimo@marsd.org)

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## 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>

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## Office of Emergency Management - Student Volunteers

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### 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.

- 11/21 - 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](mailto: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](mailto: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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## 2025-2026 Yearbooks on Sale Now!!!

Yearbooks can be purchased now through this link ([Jostens.com](https://www.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.

## Candid Photos for Yearbook

If you would like to send photos taken of activities you do with your students, trips, club activities, etc, to be included in the yearbook, please [use this form](#) to submit photos. Please, no hand gestures in the pics, otherwise they will not be used (even peace signs).

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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.

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!!!](#)

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## 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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