



Matawan Regional High School

"Home of the Huskies"

Weekly Newsletter 2025-2026

MRHS Weekly Updates

November 17, 2025

Greetings Huskies:

It was another productive week across the campus here at The Reg!!! A special thank you to everyone that came out to [The Husky Experience Open House Program](#) on Thursday night. It was an absolute privilege to showcase all of our incredible programs to our future Huskies. A special thanks to our dedicated staff and students for their participation and making this event a success!!! This event would not be possible without their support. Thank you again!!!

I would also like to thank everyone that came out for our Ribbon Cutting ceremony for our brand new Outdoor Fitness Court. I would like to give a ShoutOut! to all our donors that made this addition to our campus possible.

The 1st Marking Period has come to an end. Report Cards will be posted to the Parent Portal on Monday, November 24th. Don't forget to mark your calendars...[Parent-Teacher Conferences](#) are scheduled for Thursday, December 11th from 5:30pm-8:30pm and Friday, December 12th from 12:15pm-2:04pm. The portal will open on Monday, November 24th for scheduling.

I have attached our [Weekly Tutorial Schedule](#) for your review. Students participating in our tutorial program are eligible for the late bus. Students should get a pass from their teacher and head to the main lobby following the tutorial session. The last bus will depart campus at approximately 4:15pm.

Don't forget....This is your last chance to vote for The Dawg Pound for the **Xfinity Student Section Of The Year**. The contest is still open and runs through *Monday, November 17th*.

- [Vote for The Dawg Pound by Clicking Here](#)

I hope everyone has a great weekend. I am looking forward to another great week!!!

Sincerely,
Michael C. Wells
Principal



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Community Connection Session: "Shaping our District's Future"

As we continue our efforts to plan for the future of our schools, we encourage you to watch this brief video, [MARSD Community Message.mp4](#) which highlights the purpose and importance of our upcoming discussion. We invite you to visit our District webpage, "Shaping Our District's Future," where you can stay informed and review the latest documents we made available here:

- <https://www.marsd.org/parents-students/shaping-our-districts-future>

We would like to invite you to join our Community Connection Session: "Shaping Our District's Future" on **Monday, November 24, at 5:30 p.m.** The session will be held in person at Ravine Drive School, or you may listen in virtually via Google Meet.

Please take a moment to [register here](#) to help us plan appropriately and ensure we have adequate space to accommodate all who wish to attend. Your participation is essential as we work together to engage in meaningful dialogue about the future of our schools. Please remember you can also share your questions prior to the session [HERE](#). Should we need to change locations, the District will send out communication with the new location next week.

In preparation for our session, below is an overview of the agenda:

- Discuss the scope of the redistricting project
- Review the reasons redistricting is being considered
- Introduce the team supporting this work

- Outline the project timeline and potential implementation plan.
- Share ways you can provide feedback.

This Community Connection Session is an important opportunity for our school community to learn more, ask questions, and share their perspectives. Together, we can ensure that decisions about our district's future take into account the voices of our families, staff, and community. We look forward to seeing you there and continuing this meaningful conversation.

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!



AASU/Student Government Community Food Drive

The Season of Giving

The African American Student Union and Student Government are hosting a holiday Food Drive to benefit the **United Methodist Church's local food pantry**.

Students are encouraged to bring in **non-perishable food items** between **November 10th and December 19th**. Drop-off boxes are located in the Main **Lobby**, and items are counted toward the **Battle of the Classes (BOTC)** points for each grade! Let's fill those boxes and support our community!

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.

AP Literature Visits The Shakespeare Theatre

It was a Great Day to be a Husky as our AP Literature & Composition and English 3 Honors students visited the Shakespeare Theatre of NJ at Drew University to see a production of Mary Shelley's *Frankenstein*. To enhance their understanding of the novel in the classroom, students got to see a wonderful live performance of the play, and even go to ask the director and actors questions during the post show Talk Back session. Students are excited to work on their post field trip projects, so keep your eyes out for reviews of the play in the next Husky View newspaper.



AP Lang Students Engage with Rhetoric Scholar

We are thrilled to share the success of this year's **AP Language & Composition Guest Speaker Event**, featuring renowned rhetoric expert and author, **Jay Heinrichs** (*Thank You For Arguing*).

This event, now in its third year, remains a major hit with our students, offering them a unique opportunity to learn from a leading scholar about the art of persuasion and rhetoric. Our students saw firsthand the vital role rhetoric plays not only in academics but also in everyday life and various career fields within English and beyond.

This year's virtual session was particularly exciting as it hosted the **largest group yet**, with nearly 80 AP Lang students in attendance! The continued growth of the AP Language & Composition program is a testament to its success and the enduring value of learning critical communication and argumentation skills.

We thank our dedicated teachers for providing these meaningful learning experiences that connect classroom lessons to real-world application.



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](#)

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.

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.

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

Office of Emergency Management - Student Volunteers

The Aberdeen Township [Office of Emergency Management \(OEM\)](#) is looking for student volunteers. If you are learning more about opportunities please [Click Here](#) to sign up for our upcoming interest meeting on Monday, November 24th. No Experience Necessary!!!

Members Needed!!!! Matawan & Aberdeen Fire Departments

The Matawan & Aberdeen Fire Departments are looking for volunteers. If you are interested in becoming a career firefighter or a volunteer please [Click Here](#) to complete the interest survey and a member of the department will reach out to you with additional information.

Any Questions can be directed to Tim Clifton, Department Chief - Borough of Matawan Fire Department

201 Broad Street Matawan, NJ 07747

C 732-522-2291 F 732-231-5300

timcliftonfirechief@gmail.com

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/NzI0MzgyMDU4NDAw>
 - 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

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.

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).

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

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](#).

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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