



Matawan Regional High School

*"Home of the Huskies"*

Weekly Newsletter 2025-2026

## MRHS Weekly Updates

### December 1, 2025

Greetings Huskies:

I hope everyone had a restful and relaxing Thanksgiving Day weekend alongside friends and family. I can't believe that it is already December and the holiday season is upon us. While the holiday season is a joyous occasion for many, it is important to remember that it can also be a stressful time for some. We have a number of resources at our disposal to assist during the holiday season. If you or someone you know are in need of assistance, please don't hesitate to reach out to us at [mrhsinfo@marsd.org](mailto:mrhsinfo@marsd.org) or by contacting your child's [school counselor or case manager](#).

We are here to support this great community.

Reminder.... [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 is now open for scheduling. If you are unable to schedule an appointment, please reach out to the your child's teacher or school counselor/case manager to make alternate arrangements.

The December [Weekly Tutorial Schedule](#) for students has been posted. 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 to check out the [MRHS HuskyTV YouTube Channel](#) for our daily/ weekly announcements in The Scoop and The Spork.

We are looking forward to another great week, don't forget to come out a to support our talented students this week as the MRHS Thespians present **Blithe Spirit** by Noel Coward. Please see below for showtimes and ticket information. I hope to see you there!!!

Sincerely,  
Michael C. Wells  
Principal

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## Fall Drama Tickets on Sale Now!!!

### Blithe Spirit

The Matawan Regional High School Thespians are proud to present their fall drama, **Blithe Spirit**, by Noel Coward. Showtimes are as follows, for advance tickets email [lmackey@marsd.org](mailto:lmackey@marsd.org). Tickets can also be purchased at the door. Tickets are \$12 for evening performances and \$6.00 for the 2 pm Sunday Matinee. We hope to see you there!!!

- **Thursday, December 4th at 7:00 PM**
- **Friday, December 5th at 7:00 PM**
- **Saturday December 6th at 7:00 PM**
- **Sunday, December 7th at 2:00 PM**

**MATAWAN REGIONAL HIGH  
SCHOOL**



**By: Noel Coward**

"Blithe Spirit" is presented by arrangement  
with Concord Theatricals on behalf of  
Samuel French, Inc.  
[www.concordtheatrical.com](http://www.concordtheatrical.com)

Anne Hannah Auditorium  
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Director/Producer  
Linda Walling

Technical Director  
Michael W. Wells II

Set and Construction  
Michael W. Wells II

Lighting Design  
Jessica Amorino

Sandi Prusarczyk  
Costume Designer

Production Assistant  
Latieffa Mackey



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**MARSD Cares - Gift Drive**

A festive poster for a gift drive. At the top, it says 'MARSD CARES' in white on a dark blue background. Below that, 'Winter Wonderland' is written in a large, white, cursive font. A yellow ribbon banner with the words 'GIFT DRIVE DONATION' in black is positioned below the title. Underneath the banner, it says 'ON NOW UNTIL DECEMBER 5TH' in white. The central part of the poster features a black-bordered box with white text: 'WHAT TO DONATE: NEW - UNWRAPPED TOYS & GIFT CARDS FOR CHILDREN PREK-12 & ADULTS OF ALL AGES WRAPPING PAPER, TAPE, GIFT BAGS & TAGS'. Below this box, there are two columns of text. The left column, next to a snowman illustration, says 'HOW TO DONATE: DROP OFF YOUR DONATION AT ANY OF OUR DISTRICT SCHOOLS OR CENTRAL OFFICE. BOXES ARE SET-UP TO ACCEPT DONATIONS.' The right column, next to a gift box illustration, says 'FIND OUT MORE BY CONTACTING DARLENE GALLAGHER @ DGALLAGHER@MARSD.ORG OR CALL 732-705-4007 YOUR GENEROUS CONTRIBUTION WILL BRING SMILES TO MANY FACES.' The background of the poster is light blue with white snowflakes and two green evergreen trees with snow on their branches.

MARSD CARES

Winter  
Wonderland

GIFT DRIVE DONATION

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## Youth Art Showcase - Last Call!!!

### Celebrate Young Creativity in Monmouth County

**Unframed**, a dynamic youth-led arts organization, is partnering with the **Long Branch Arts & Cultural Center** to host its upcoming annual showcase in January 2026. This is an exciting opportunity to celebrate and exhibit the talent and unique voices of young artists across Monmouth County!

# JANUARY YOUTH ART EXHIBIT

This youth-led exhibit, organized by Monmouth County high school students, celebrates the creativity and voices of young artists across the county. It welcomes submissions in all visual and creative mediums, including (but not limited to) painting, drawing, graphic design, photography, film, poetry, and other written works.

## HOW TO SUBMIT

All submissions must include the following:

- **Images of the Work**
- **Title of Work**
- **Dimensions**
- **Artist Statement** (a brief reflection on your piece)
- **Artist Bio** (a short paragraph about yourself)

Submit all materials via email to:

**[mfischer@longbranch.org](mailto:mfischer@longbranch.org) &  
[charlotterosemathias@gmail.com](mailto:charlotterosemathias@gmail.com)**

## Submissions due

**December 10<sup>th</sup>, 2025**

*All accepted works must be delivered to  
the Long Branch Arts & Cultural Center by  
December 19th.*

# UN FRAMED

YOUTH ARTS COLLECTIVE



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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!

Available on the App Store



GET IT ON Google Play



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## The Interact Club's 2nd Annual Coat Drive

**INTERACT CLUB  
COAT DRIVE**

DONATIONS WILL GO TO THE JERSEY SHORE RESCUE MISSION

TWO PICK UP DATES:  
DEC 2ND JAN 7TH

Collection Dates: From  
now until - Jan 7

Drop off at Room 120 see  
Mrs. Cohen with questions!

In conjunction with  
Temple Beth Ahm of  
Aberdeen

Help others stay warm this winter!

**Everyone is welcome to participate!**  
DONATE NEW AND GENTLY USED COATS ALL SIZES AND COLORS ACCEPTED

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## 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.

## 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

## 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](#) and a member from the OEM Team will reach out to you with more information.

### **ABERDEEN OEM VOLUNTEERS STUDENT VOLUNTEERS WANTED**

**ARE YOU READY TO STEP UP AND SUPPORT  
ABERDEEN WHEN IT MATTERS MOST—  
WHILE EARNING VOLUNTEER HOURS?**

**JOIN THE OFFICE OF EMERGENCY  
MANAGEMENT (OEM) STUDENT  
VOLUNTEER PROGRAM!**

#### **WHAT YOU'LL DO:**

**✓ SUPPORT COMMUNITY EVENTS**

**✓ ASSIST DURING EMERGENCIES**

**✓ PARTICIPATE IN  
PREPAREDNESS EFFORTS**

**✓ LEND A HAND WHEREVER IT'S  
NEEDED MOST**

**NO PRIOR EXPERIENCE REQUIRED!  
TRAINING WILL BE PROVIDED.**

**YOUR TIME AND TALENTS CAN HELP MAKE A REAL DIFFERENCE IN OUR COMMUNITY**

★ EARN VOLUNTEER HOURS FOR SCHOOL REQUIREMENTS

★ LETTERS OF RECOMMENDATION FOR COLLEGE & SCHOLARSHIPS.



**IF YOU'RE INTERESTED IN MAKING A DIFFERENCE CONTACT OEM COORDINATOR**

- 👤 Captain Craig Hausmann
- ☎ 732-583-4200 ext. 220
- ✉ [Craig.hausmann@aberdeennj.org](mailto:Craig.hausmann@aberdeennj.org)



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## 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

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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.

- 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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## 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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## 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 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**

Michael is using Smore to create beautiful newsletters