



Matawan Regional High School
"Home of the Huskies"
Weekly Newsletter 2025-2026

MRHS Weekly Updates

December 15, 2025

Greetings Huskies:

I hope everyone had a wonderful weekend and enjoyed waking up to the beautiful sights of the season, it was certainly a nice surprise.



It was another great week here at the high school starting with the announcement of the **2025 Educator and Educational Services Professional of the Year Awards** followed by our **Winter Parent-Teacher Conferences**. Thank you to everyone that came out to meet with our dedicated staff members. Please join me in congratulating **Mrs. Michelle O'Neill** and **Mr. Robert "Bobby" Wietecha** for being named the **2025 Matawan Regional High School Educator of the Year and Educational Services Professional of the Year**, an honor well deserved!!!! Thank you both for your continued support and dedication to the staff and students of Matawan Regional High School.

We have another busy week ahead as we prepare for the **MARSD Cares Winter Wonderland Holiday Event** which will take place this week. I would like to thank everyone that donated to this event. We are looking forward to a great night as we work to support those in need within our community this holiday season.

Don't forget to join us for the **Winter Band and Chorus Concert** on **Thursday December 18th at 7:30pm**. Admission is Free!!! I hope to see you there!!!

Finally, all MRHS Upper Gym athletic events will now be live-streamed – **no subscription needed** – on our Hudl TV fan page:

- <https://fan.hudl.com/usa/nj/aberdeen/organization/1837/matawan-regional-high-school>

Reminder.... to check out the [MRHS HuskyTV YouTube Channel](#) for our daily/ weekly announcements in The Scoop and The Spork.

Let's Make it a Great Week!!!

Sincerely,

Michael C. Wells

Principal



Winter Band & Chorus Concert

Join us for the sounds of the season brought to you from our incredibly talented students at our Winter Band & Chorus Concert. Hope to see you there!!!

- Anne Hannah Auditorium - Matawan Regional High School
- Thursday, December 18th - 7pm
- Free Admission



Civic Leadership

We are thrilled to share the successful conclusion of the **Civic Leaders' Holiday Fundraiser!** On Tuesday, thanks to your incredible generosity, we raised significant funds to purchase presents for children in New Jersey battling cancer. Our incredible Civic Leaders gathered with the purchased gifts before delivering them this afternoon to the dedicated team at the **Emmanuel Cancer Foundation**. Your support is making a real difference in bringing joy and cheer to these special children and their families this holiday season. **Thank you to everyone who participated and contributed to this heartwarming cause!**



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

The Interact Club's 2nd Annual Coat Drive

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!

Junior Prom - Ticket Sales

Ticket sales for Junior Prom are being held after school during the weeks of 12/8 and 12/15. Any students who completed the google form contract online can stop by room 402 directly after school Monday-Friday. Tickets are \$125.00, cash or checks made out to MHRS SAA. No tickets can be purchased without a completed contract. Please reach out to the Junior Class Advisor, Dr. Naimo, with any questions or concerns: mnaimo@marsd.org

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.

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

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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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MRHS PTO - Pocketbook Bingo

Save the Date!!!!

Join us for the MRHS PTO's 2nd Annual Pocketbook Bingo on Saturday, February 28th.
Register Today!!!

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

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](#)). 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).

MRHS Athletics

The Winter Athletic 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.

Hudl TV – Fan Page

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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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