



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

MRHS Weekly Updates

January 19, 2026

Greetings Huskies,

I hope everyone had a great weekend!!! There are only 5 days left in the 2nd Marking Period/ 1st Semester. Midterm exams will take place from January 27-January 30th. Please see below for additional information on our Midterm Exam Schedule.

As the end of the marking period/semester approaches, this is a great time to check your child's attendance. As a reminder.... Students that exceed **18 absences** in a full year course or **9 absences** in a semester class are placed in **Loss of Credit Status** and may be removed from the class. Please be sure to check the Parent Portal and reach out to your school counselor or case manager to set up a Credit Recovery Meeting.

Just a reminder that school is closed on **Monday, January 19th** in honor and remembrance of the life and impact of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. In honor of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., we hope that you join us in celebrating his legacy by giving back and supporting your community on this National Day of Service.

Don't forget to check out our [MRHS Husky TV YouTube Channel](#) for the latest edition of **The Scoop** and **The Spork**, our daily announcements, produced from our TV Studio Production and Broadcasting Classes.

Let's Make it a Great Week!!!

Sincerely,

Michael C. Wells

Principal

Midterm Exams

As we quickly approach the end of the marking period/semester, please be advised that Midterm Exams are scheduled from Tuesday, January 27th through Friday, January 30th. We will operate on a half-day schedule during exams with students being dismissed at 11:15 AM.

Each day consists of two testing sessions. Each session includes a 25-minute study period followed by a 90-minute exam. Students should report for exams as follows:

- **Tuesday, January 27**
 - Period 4 (7:15-9:10)
 - Period 1 (9:20-11:15)
- **Wednesday, January 28**
 - Period 5 (7:15-9:10)
 - Period 2 (9:20-11:15)
- **Thursday, January 29**
 - Period 6 (7:15-9:10)
 - Period 3 (9:20-11:15)
- **Friday, January 30**
 - Period 7 (7:15-9:10)
 - Period 8 (9:20-11:15)

Midterm exams are a significant part of the academic record, accounting for 10% of the student's final grade. Attendance is mandatory and will be taken each period. Students who are absent during a scheduled exam will only be permitted to make it up if they have a medical excuse/documentation. Any student missing an exam will require administrative approval before they are allowed to sit for a make-up session. Make-up sessions will take place in the Media Center on Monday, February 2nd.

There is a 10-minute passing period between sessions. Students scheduled for lunch during a session should report to the auditorium first; they will then be escorted to the cafeteria, where a limited menu will be available. To maintain a quiet testing environment, students must remain in their classrooms until the end of the session. Students completing their assessment will not be permitted to leave class. Students with documented accommodations (IEP or 504) who require extra time will be provided with it during the scheduled make-up day.

We are looking forward to a great week of testing. If you have any questions regarding the midterm exam schedule please reach out to your school counselor or case manager. Good Luck!!!

Youth Mental Health First Aid

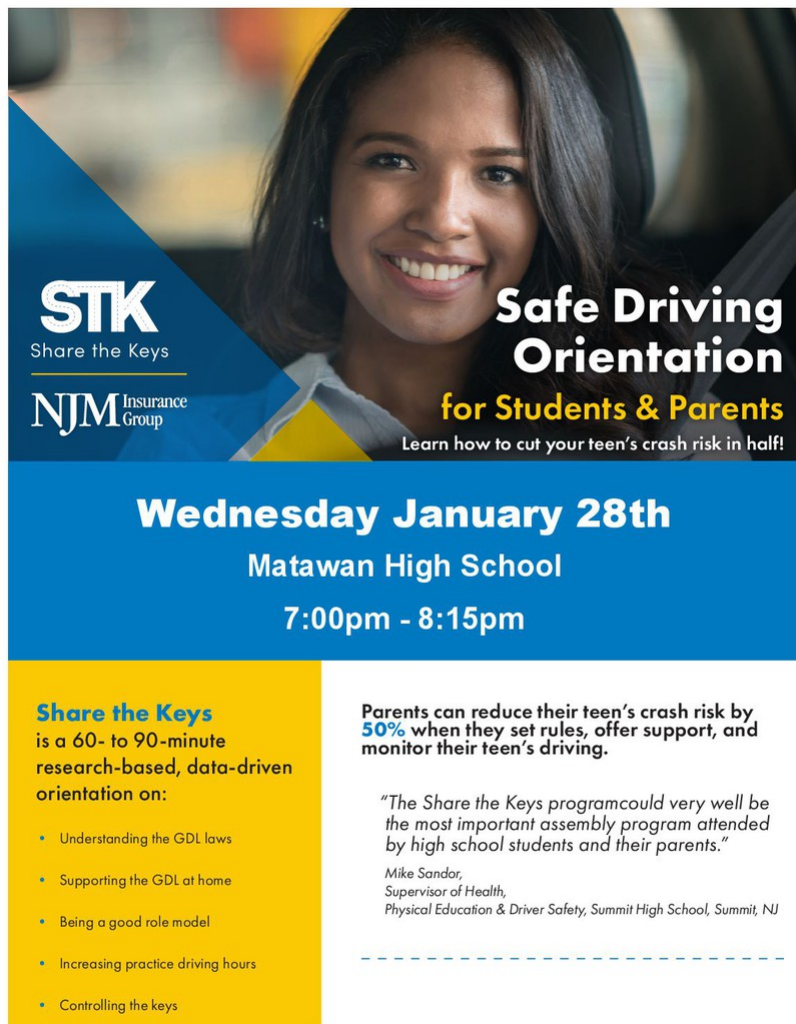
Your mental health is a major component of your overall health and allows you to function at your best in all areas of your life. With mental health being such an important piece of overall health we would like to share with you an exciting opportunity that will benefit not only you as an individual but your peers and the school community as a whole. NJ4S has an exciting program to offer to our 9th - 11th graders. Interested students will have the opportunity to become Mental Health First Aid facilitators. They will go through a multi session training program that will teach them the specific skills to assist peers with mental health struggles. Students will take these skills learned in

training and have an opportunity to assist incoming freshmen with in-class lessons and activities. Please contact Ms. Longo (amandalongo@marsd.org) if you are interested in the program.

Attention Juniors: Safe Driving Orientation

Save the Date!!!!

Students Against Destructive Decisions in conjunction with our Student Assistance Coordinator will once again be sponsoring the Share the Keys, Safe Driving Orientation on Wednesday, January 28th from 7-8:15pm. Participation in the Share the Keys presentation is a requirement to park on campus. Current Juniors wishing to park on campus during the 2026-2027 school year should be in attendance.



STK
Share the Keys

NJM Insurance Group

Safe Driving Orientation
for Students & Parents
Learn how to cut your teen's crash risk in half!

Wednesday January 28th
Matawan High School
7:00pm - 8:15pm

Share the Keys is a 60- to 90-minute research-based, data-driven orientation on:

- Understanding the GDL laws
- Supporting the GDL at home
- Being a good role model
- Increasing practice driving hours
- Controlling the keys

Parents can reduce their teen's crash risk by **50%** when they set rules, offer support, and monitor their teen's driving.

"The Share the Keys program could very well be the most important assembly program attended by high school students and their parents."

Mike Sandor,
Supervisor of Health,
Physical Education & Driver Safety, Summit High School, Summit, NJ

STK-6 (7/19)

Learn more at [SharetheKeys.com](https://www.sharethekeys.com)

Pre K- Kindergarten Registration



PRESCHOOL & KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION 2026/2027



OUR PROGRAM

Locations



Preschool classrooms are offered at Cambridge Park, Lightbridge Academy, and district elementary schools.

Eligibility



Students must be 3 years old on or before October 1, 2026 to enter preschool and are accepted through a lottery.

Classes



Classes are mixed aged with 3 and 4 year olds. All classrooms use Tools of the Mind curriculum.



Preschool is free to all eligible residence of the Matawan-Aberdeen Regional School District.



Busing is available for eligible students.

Students must be enrolled by March 20th to be included in the lottery.

REGISTRATION BEGINS
JANUARY 15TH



scan here!

For questions or additional information, please call (732) 705-4079 or visit <https://www.marsd.org/parents-students/central-registration>



INSCRIPCIÓN PARA PREESCOLAR Y KINDER 2026/2027



NUESTRO PROGRAMA

Ubicaciones



Se ofrecen clases de preescolar en Cambridge Park, Lightbridge Academy y en las escuelas primarias del distrito.

Elegibilidad



Los estudiantes deben tener 3 años cumplidos el 1 de octubre de 2026 o antes para poder ingresar al preescolar, y la admisión se realiza mediante sorteo.

Clases



Las clases son mixtas con niños de 3 y 4 años. Todas las aulas utilizan el plan de estudios Herramientas de la Mente.



El preescolar es gratuito para todos los residentes elegibles del Distrito Escolar Regional de Matawan-Aberdeen.



El transporte en autobús está disponible para los estudiantes elegibles.

Los estudiantes deben estar matriculados antes del 20 de marzo para poder participar en el sorteo.

LA INSCRIPCIÓN COMIENZA
EL 15 DE ENERO.



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Para preguntas o información adicional, llame al (732) 705-4079 o visite <https://www.marsd.org/parents-students/central-registration>

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  Google Play



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**

Matawan-Aberdeen Fire Departments - Volunteers Needed!!!

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

Aberdeen Township Office of Emergency Management - Volunteers Needed!!!

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



MRHS PTO - Pocketbook Bingo

Save the Date!!!!

Then there were 5!!!! There are only 5 tables remaining for the 2nd Annual [MRHS PTO Pocketbook Bingo](#) on Saturday, February 28th. All proceeds from the event will go to support the students and staff of Matawan Regional High School. Hope to see you there!!!

- [Click here to Register](#)



Event Information

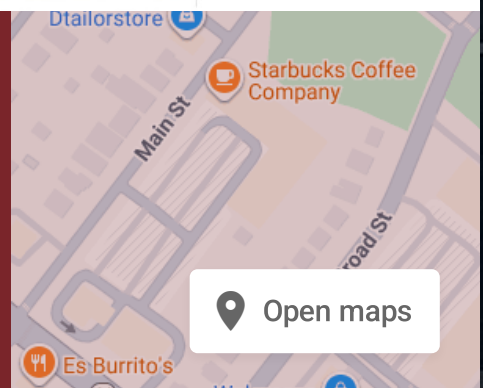
Battle of the Classes - Dine to Donate

When?

Tuesday, Jan 20, 2026, 04:00 PM

Where?

The Burger Shop, Main Street, Matawan, NJ, USA



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](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.

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

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>

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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