



The latest news and updates from Mt. Spokane High School

Happy New Year!

IN THIS ISSUE

Wildcat families,

Happy New Year! I hope you were able to enjoy a restful and meaningful end to 2025 and welcomed the new year surrounded by those who matter most to you.

IMPORTANT INFO

As we return from winter break, we enter the final three weeks of the semester. While this stretch brings focus and momentum, it can also bring some anxiety for students as they prepare for semester finals. Please know that this is a normal feeling, and our staff is ready to support students every step of the way.

CELEBRATIONS

A simple and effective strategy we encourage is short, consistent study time (just 10–15 minutes a day in January) can make a meaningful difference and is far more effective than last-minute cramming. If you have questions about your student's progress or an upcoming final, we encourage you to reach out directly to the classroom teacher. If your student is experiencing challenges in more than one class, their grade-level counselor is also a great resource. We truly value our partnership with families and are committed to working together to help every student feel confident and supported.

UPCOMING EVENTS

As a reminder, finals week follows an altered schedule, which you will find on the next page of this newsletter. If your student needs to be released early during finals week, please send a note with your student or call the school prior to the start of the school day. To help maintain a focused testing environment, we may not be able to accommodate last-minute early release requests.

CONTACT INFORMATION

Thank you for your continued support of our students and staff. We look forward to a strong finish to the semester and a positive start to the year ahead.

In Service,

Chelsea Gallagher
Mt. Spokane HS
Principal

Important Info

2026 SEMESTER 1 FINALS WEEK

MON, JANUARY 19	Martin Luther King Jr. Day - No School
TUES, JANUARY 20	Finals: Periods 3 and 6
WED, JANUARY 21	Finals: Periods 2 and 5
THUR, JANUARY 22	Finals: Periods 1 and 4
FRI, JANUARY 23	Early Dismissal Class is out at 10:40 Buses @ 11 AM

Finals are from 8:00 AM - 12:15 PM
Zero Hour finals are T, W and Th from 7-7:50 AM
Wednesday is NOT a late start
Lunch served after finals
Buses at 12:50 PM

GIRLS FLAG FOOTBALL

Practices Start Jan. 5

To Register:

- Sign up in Final Forms
- Pay Athletic Fees in PowerSchool

We'll compete against Central Valley, East Valley, Mead, Gonzaga Prep, and Ferris in a 7-on-7 league.



SNOW DAY INFO

[Click here for district snow day info](#)



SENIOR TRIBUTE AD

[#feedback](#)

SUBMIT YOURS BEFORE JAN 16, 2026

INSTRUCTIONS CAN BE FOUND HERE: [HTTPS://BIT.LY/4RDFSTY](https://bit.ly/4RDFSTY)



SAVE THE DATE

MT. SPOKANE HIGH SCHOOL 2026 GRADUATION

JUNE 12, 2026 @ 5 PM

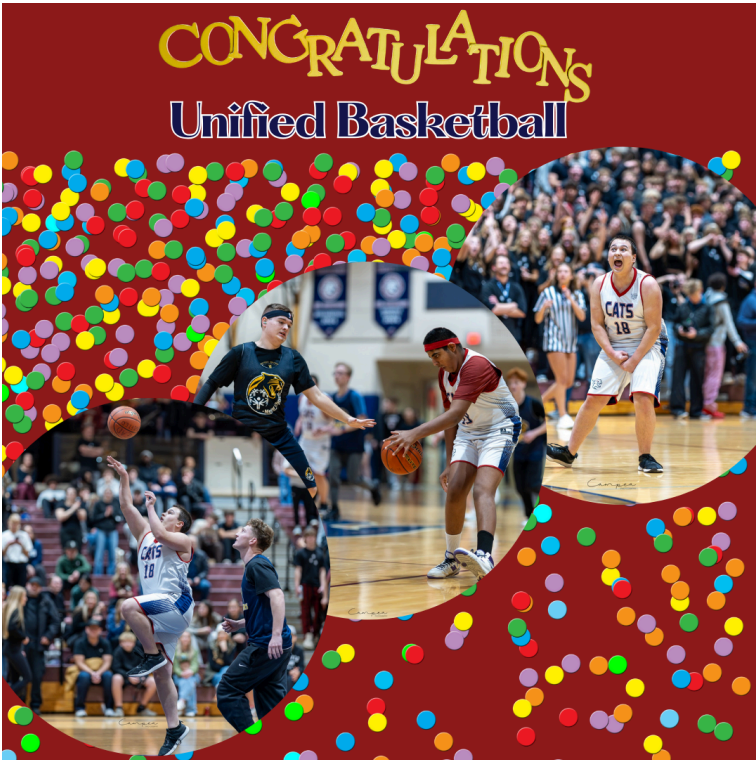
GONZAGA UNIVERSITY MCCARTHEY CENTER

PLEASE NOTE THAT THIS DATE CHANGED DUE TO STATE REQUIREMENTS FOR HOW MANY DAYS SENIORS MUST ATTEND PRIOR TO THE LAST DAY OF SCHOOL. WE APOLOGIZE FOR ANY CONFLICTS THIS MAY CAUSE AND WE HOPE THIS COMMUNICATION PROVIDES YOU WITH ENOUGH TIME TO ALTER ANY PLANS YOU MAY HAVE PREVIOUSLY SCHEDULED.

NO CELLPHONES IN CLASS

- Our staff is working hard to make their lessons engaging and valuable to each student.
- We are also working hard to teach our students to develop boundaries with their cellphones, as they should not be used during class.
- If you need to reach your student during the day, feel free to call the front office at 509-465-7280.

CONGRATULATIONS Unified Basketball



Congratulations

Varsity Bowl Runner Up Students: Timothy Wyatt,
Jasper Parsons and Arii Edwards
JV Bowl Champs: Clara Edwards, Finn Duffy and Gavin
LaFrance
Individual Bee Champions: Gavin La France (JV Gold),
Finn Duffy (JV Silver), Micah Brown (V Gold) and
Rylan Morgan (V Silver)
Congratulations to our amazing Wildcat Historians!!



History Bowl Winners

Let's Celebrate our newest
**NATIONAL
BOARD
CERTIFIED
TEACHER!**

Jessica Klingback!!!

Congratulations Debate!!



Congratulations to the Speech and Debate Team for taking
3rd Place Top Sweepstakes at the Shadle Park Highlander
Invitational. Event winners include: Ellie Henshaw, Reagan
Billiau, Lucy Windle, Madeleine Morrison, Zoe Alvarez, Naya
Gates, Sienna Fackrell, and Jon Pearson. Every team
member competing brought home at least one award. Great
work!



Wildcat EVENTS

- Jan 5: Classes are back in session
- Jan10: Senior All Nighter Auction @ Center Place Event Center 6-9:30pm
- Jan 14: Poetry Out Loud MSHS Theater @6pm
- Jan 15: Drama Improv Show @MSHS Theater @7pm
- Jan16: MLK Jr Assembly after 2nd period
- Jan 19: No School-MLK Jr. Holiday
- Jan 20: Finals for periods 3 and 6 and early dismissal. Classes are out at 12:15pm.
- Jan 21: No late start. Finals for periods 2 and 5 and early dismissal. Classes are out at 12:15pm.
- Jan 22: Finals for periods 1 and 4 and early dismissal. Classes are out at 12:15pm.
- Jan 23: Early Dismissal-class is out at 10:40am.
- Jan 27: German and French Club Game Day in the main gym 3-5pm.
- Jan 29: Glow Down Show Down wrestling match @MSHS in the main gym.

*Sports listed are when we compete against Mead.
CLICK HERE for all events.



Join Mt. Spokane High School Theatre for:

C.A.T CAMP
Creating Access to Theatre

MIDDLE SCHOOL STUDENTS ARE INVITED TO JOIN US FOR:

- *Acting Classes
- *Improv Games
- *Tech Theatre
- *And More!

WHEN?
Jan 23, 3:30-7 pm &
Jan 24, 10am-5 pm

WHERE?
Mt. Spokane High School Theatre

\$30

QR Code

-Pay online through PowerSchool by January 21 to save your spot!
-Scan the QR Code to register!
-Questions? email: Jessica.Rempel@mead354.org



Mt Spokane High School

GLOW DOWN SHOW DOWN

WRESTLING MATCH
January 29, 2026



AP TESTING

**APPLY
NOW**

AP Test registration is due on November 12th! See the following list to determine if an AP test is best for you:

- ✓ You would like to attend an out of state or private college
- ✓ Your current AP class does not offer college in the HS credit

Students must pay for AP exams. The College Board charges the following for exams:

- \$99 per exam
- \$53 per exam for students receiving free or reduced lunch

If a student registers for a test and then decides not to take the exam, they will be charged a \$40 return of exam fee.

Contact our AP coordinator, Jamie Goodman, if you have any questions.



SCHOLARSHIPS AVAILABLE FOR STUDENTS

All students have access to SchoolLinks. This site enables them to plan for their futures; they can use this site to do everything from thinking about future courses they want to take at MSHS to applying for scholarships.

**ASK YOUR STUDENT TO LOGIN
& SHOW YOU THE RESOURCES**A collage of graduation-related images, including caps and gowns, set against a blue and white geometric background. The images are framed in diamond shapes.

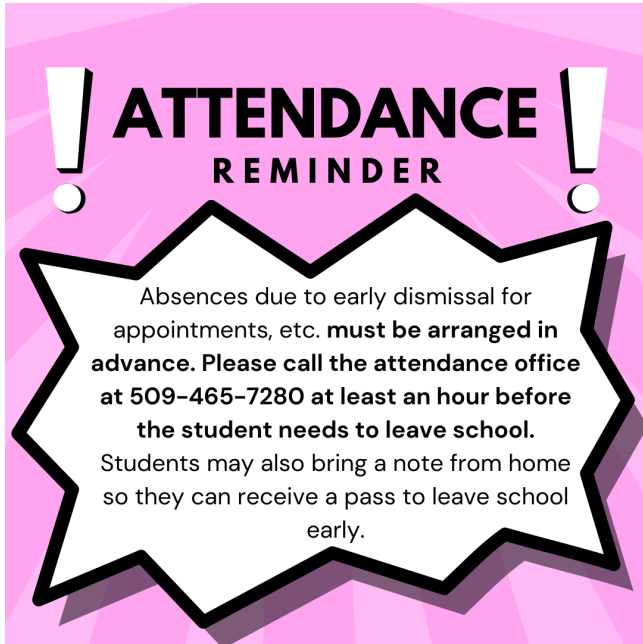
FINANCIAL AID FOR POST SECONDARY EDUCATION

The College planning process and deciding how to pay for college (4-year, 2-year, Trades) can be overwhelming. We are here to help. Feel free to explore the FASFA form online (free financial assistance) as you navigate what comes next with your student, and please reach out to our college and career counselor, Josh Cowart, for assistance.

509-465-7208 Josh.Cowart@mead354.org

Contact Information

We are determined to make this year great and we welcome student and family communication. Please feel free to reach out to us.



ATTENDANCE REMINDER

Absences due to early dismissal for appointments, etc. **must be arranged in advance. Please call the attendance office at 509-465-7280 at least an hour before the student needs to leave school.**

Students may also bring a note from home so they can receive a pass to leave school early.



SCHOOL CONTACTS

Main Office
(509) 465-7200

24- Hour Attendance Line
(509) 465-7280

Counseling Center
(509) 465-7208

Technology Help Desk
(509) 465-7650



CONTACT US

Feel free to give us a call if you have questions or concerns.
We are your partners in education.

Principal	Chelsea Gallagher
9th Grade Asst. Principal	Jordon Poynor
9th Grade Counselor	Melissa Allen
10th Grade Asst. Principal	Juli Kistler
10th Grade Counselor	Drew Wendle
11th Grade Asst. Principal	Chris Snyder
11th Grade Counselor	Jamie Goodman
12th Grade Asst. Principal	Adam Daniel
12th Grade Counselor	Rob Renner
Athletic Director	Bobby Lee
College & Career Counselor	Josh Cowart

MAIN OFFICE: 509-465-7200
COUNSELING OFFICE: 509-465-7208



SORRY FRIENDS

We Are A CLOSED CAMPUS

PARKING LOTS ARE OFF CAMPUS. IF
YOU NEED TO GO TO YOUR CAR,
PLEASE GET PERMISSION FROM AN
ADMINISTRATOR.

