



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

## MRHS Weekly Updates

February 23, 2026

Greetings Huskies,

I hope everyone had a great weekend as you prep for the **Blizzard of 26....** As our Operations and Maintenance Department work to prepare the school to reopen please note that **parking on campus may be limited due to the impending snow totals.** Students that park on campus should adhere to the Special Alert below. Please take caution and Be Safe!!!

I would like to give a Special Shoutout to **Ms. Amanda Longo** and our **Women's Empowerment Group** for organizing the annual MRHS Blood Drive facilitated by the NY Blood Center on **Friday, February 20th.** Because of the generosity and willingness of our students and staff, the drive was a great success. Each year our community continues to grow this effort, collecting more donations and making an even bigger impact. From this year's drive alone, we have the potential to help save up to 90 lives. Thank you for showing how powerful a community can be when we come together to help others.

Let's Make it a Great Week!!! Don't forget to check out on the this weeks edition of **The Scoop** and **The Spork** produced by our TV Broadcasting and Production classes on our [MRHS Husky TV YouTube Channel](#)

Sincerely,  
**Michael C. Wells**  
*Principal*

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### Special Alert - Parking on Campus!!!!

Limited On-Campus Parking & Winter Weather Update

As you've likely seen in the forecast, we are bracing for an impending snowstorm that is expected to bring significant accumulation to our area.

Because of the projected snow totals, our facilities team will need extra space to clear lots and manage snow piles safely. As a result, on-campus parking will be extremely limited starting tomorrow.

What You Need to Know:

- **Reduced Capacity:** Several parking sections will be blocked off for snow removal equipment and safety.
- **Carpooling is Key:** To ensure everyone can get to class, we strongly encourage you to carpool with friends or classmates who live nearby.
- **Plan Ahead:** If you must drive alone, please arrive much earlier than usual, as finding a spot will take more time than a typical day.

We know that winter weather adds a layer of stress to your commute. Your safety is our priority, please take your time on the roads and look out for one another.

Stay warm and drive safely!!!

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## Distracted Driving Presentation

### Keeping Our Roads Safe: A Visit from the Aberdeen PD

On Thursday, February 19th, our Junior and Senior classes attended a powerful presentation by the **Aberdeen Police Department** focused on the critical dangers of distracted and intoxicated driving.

As our upperclassmen gain more independence behind the wheel, the Officers highlighted that driving is a major responsibility that requires 100% of a driver's attention. Key takeaways from the session included:

- **The Danger of Distraction:** Students learned how even a quick glance at a cell phone can lead to life-altering consequences.
- **Real-Life Impact:** Officers shared sobering, real-world scenarios illustrating how one poor decision affects not just the driver, but passengers, families, and the entire community.
- **Safety Protocols:** The presentation reinforced essential safety habits and the importance of staying focused every time they start the engine.

We are incredibly grateful to the **Aberdeen Police Department** for their time and dedication to helping our students make safe, responsible choices.

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## Remember.... Attendance Matters!!!

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, repeat the course over the summer or next school year. Please be sure to check the Parent Portal and reach

out to your school counselor or case manager to see if you are eligible for our [Credit Recovery Program](#).

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## MRHS Class of 2026

### Action Required: Graduation Cap & Gown Orders for the Class of 2026

Dear Senior Parents and Guardians,

It is hard to believe, but we are officially entering the home stretch for the Class of 2026! To ensure a smooth path toward the finish line, we are opening the window for graduation regalia orders. This year, Matawan Regional High School has moved to a new online ordering system to streamline the process for our families.

#### **Important Order Details**

In order to participate in the Commencement Ceremony at the end of the year, all students must have an official cap and gown.

- Deadline: All orders must be submitted by Monday, April 20th.
- Cost: \$40.00 (Includes Cap, Gown, and a "Class of 2026" Tassel).
- Optional: You may purchase an additional tassel during checkout if desired.
- Distribution: All gowns will be shipped directly to the high school and distributed to students following graduation practice.

*Please note.... There will be a \$25 Graduation fee collected at a later date.*

#### **How to Order**

Please use the link below to complete your purchase and make sure you use the student's first and last name, height, and weight.

- <https://www.buildagrad.com/mrhs>

Thank you for your continued support in making this a memorable year for our seniors. We look forward to celebrating their hard work and achievements with you this spring!

Best regards,  
Michael C. Wells  
Principal  
Matawan Regional High School

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## Monmouth County College Fair

You are cordially invited to attend the upcoming [Monmouth County College Fair](#) co-sponsored by the Monmouth County Guidance Directors' Association (MCGDA), and Brookdale Community College (BCC). The college fair is for any student looking to gain more information, get connected, and meet in-person with [college representatives](#).

## Monmouth County Spring College Fair

Date: Tuesday, March 3, 2026

Time: 6:00pm - 8:00pm

Location: Collins Arena (Parking Lots 6 & 7) on the Brookdale Community College campus

Strive Scan Registration: Students can register their contact information for the college fair by visiting [StriveFair.com](https://StriveFair.com). Students will then receive a barcode once they register to easily and electronically share their contact information with the college representatives they meet at the fair! Students will be re-sent a copy of their barcode two hours prior to the fair start time.

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## Spring Sports Registration

The **Spring Sports and Intramural Registration** period is now open for the **Matawan Regional High School (MRHS)** and **Matawan Aberdeen Middle School (MAMS)** Athletic Department.

All registrations must be completed through the **Genesis Parent Portal**.

Please review the attached **Updated Sports Letter for 2025–2026**, which includes full details of athletic offerings, schedules, and registration instructions. You may also access it directly at the following link: [Sports Information Document](#)

**Medical Eligibility Form Submission Instructions: All must be submitted by March 2, 2026.**

- **High School students** may submit their *Medical Eligibility Form* directly to **Nurse Godowski** during their lunch periods.
- **Middle School students** should submit their *Medical Eligibility Form* to **Nurse Saul** during their advisory periods.

*Please note: Physicals dropped off after this date may not be cleared immediately and could delay your child's participation in winter sports.*

### Physical Packet Requirements:

- Only the [Medical Eligibility Form](#) from the attached physical packet (effective July 1, 2024) will be accepted for clearance.

### Genesis Forms to Complete:

- Spring Sports History Update Form 2025-26
- Spring Sports Participation Form 2025-26

### Start Dates:

- **High School Spring Sports/Intramurals:** March 9, 2026  
(Baseball, Softball, Girls Flag Football, Intramural Volleyball, Boys Tennis, Outdoor Track, Weight Training, Unified/Special Olympics)
  - **Middle School Spring Sports/Intramurals:** March 9, 2026  
(Baseball, Outdoor Track, Intramural Volleyball, Softball, Unified Special Olympics)
- Tryouts will be held for MAMS Baseball and Softball teams.**

### Special Announcement – Girls Flag Football

This season will be the final year that Girls Flag Football is offered as a non-sanctioned sport. Beginning in the 2027 school year, the NJSIAA will officially sanction Girls Flag Football. Matawan Regional High School will continue to offer the Girls Flag Football program once it becomes a sanctioned sport. At that time, student-athletes will be required to choose one sport

per season and will not be permitted to participate in both, in accordance with the NJSIAA strenuous sport policy. We are excited for this opportunity for our student-athletes to compete at the state level.

### Frequently Asked Questions

- **Q: My child's registration says "ineligible." What does that mean?**
- **A:** If the status says "Completed" but shows "Ineligible," it likely means the academic eligibility check has not yet been finalized. All athletes must have earned 15 credits in the previous school year to be eligible for the fall (except incoming freshmen), per NJSIAA guidelines.
- **Q: My physical appointment is after March 2nd. What should I do?**
- **A:** Please email [athletics@marsd.org](mailto:athletics@marsd.org).

### Participation Requirements

To participate in Winter Sports or Intramural, students must:

- Be registered through the Genesis Parent Portal
- Submit a Medical Eligibility Form to the school nurse
- Be cleared by the school physician

Please ensure your child has an updated physical on file. You can verify through the **Genesis Parent Portal** or by contacting the school nurse.

If you have questions, please contact the Athletic Office at 732-705-5346 or email [athletics@marsd.org](mailto:athletics@marsd.org).

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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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## 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](mailto:Craig.hausmann@aberdeennj.org)



## **MRHS PTO - Pocketbook Bingo**

**We are Sold Out!!!**

Thank you to everyone that signed up for the 2nd Annual [MRHS PTO Pocketbook Bingo](#) on Saturday, February 28th. We are looking forward to a great night with all proceeds from the event going to support the students and staff of Matawan Regional High School.

*Pocketbook Bingo*

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Matawan Regional High School District  
*Alyssa...*  
Authorized Signature

**MRHS PTO**

MATAWAN REGIONAL H.S. CAFETERIA  
DOORS OPEN AT 5:30 WITH CALLING  
STARTING AT 7PM

**SATURDAY,  
FEBRUARY 28, 2026**

\$35 INCLUDES 10 BINGO GAMES,  
DESSERT, COFFEE, AND TEA

PRIZE FOR BEST DECORATED TABLE

\*Tables of 10\*

Registrations will be taken until capacity is met or  
2/15.

[Click to register](#)

Please send check made out to MRHS PTO, or use  
the QR code to Zelle.

QUESTIONS? REACH OUT TO  
MATAWANREGIONALHSPTO@GMAIL.COM

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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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## 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!!!!**

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**I am here.**

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**Michael Wells**

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