



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

## MRHS Weekly Updates

**April 6, 2026**

Greetings Huskies,

I hope everyone had a wonderful Spring Break!!! I am looking forward to seeing everyone bright and early tomorrow morning.

Reminder... The end of the 3rd Marking Period is a little over a week away. Please be sure to monitor the student portal for up to date information on your child's performance. Any questions regarding grades should be directed to the teacher of record. Let's make sure to finish the marking period strong!!!

**Attention Seniors....** The deadline to order your Cap & Gown is fast approaching. Please see the section below if you have not placed your order yet. Orders are due by **Monday, April 20th**.

I have attached the [April Tutorial Schedule](#) for your review. Students participating are eligible for our late bus. Make sure you get a pass from your tutorial instructor and report to the main lobby to wait for the bus.

Finally, I would like to take a moment to extend our heartfelt thanks to **Ms. Nelyda Perez, Ms. Jennise Nieves, Ms. Lorena Carbajal, Ms. Donna Godowski, Ms. Sherriese Anderson, Ms. Blair Didio** and **Det. Sarai Lavendero** who took the time to share their stories with our students at The Accomplished Women's Panel on Tuesday, March 24th. Their thoughtful reflections and real-world insights offered students a valuable glimpse into diverse paths and possibilities. We are grateful for their time, perspective, and commitment to supporting and uplifting our students' growth and future aspirations. A special Shoutout to **Ms. Amanda Longo** and the members of our Women's Empowerment Organization for hosting this event.

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](#).

Let's make it a great week!!!

Sincerely,

**Michael C. Wells**

*Principal*

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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!

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# Save the Date

MRHS CLASS OF 2026  
COMMENCEMENT CEREMONY

**June 23, 2026**

**9:45 AM**

**Bruce McCutcheon Field**

**Raindate**

**June 24, 2026**

**9:45AM**



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## Clubs & Activities

### Yearbooks

There are less than 50 yearbooks left to purchase! Buy your yearbook today while supplies last. Please use [this link](#) to purchase a yearbook.

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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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## Graduation Lawn Signs

Order your signs today!!!

The Husky Touchdown Club is currently taking orders for Graduation lawn signs. All orders must be received by Friday May 1, 2026. No late orders will be accepted. Please fill out the Google form below to place your order.

<https://forms.gle/aUu5cG6c4hGCFvNt7>

## HuskyTouchdownClub Graduation lawnsign fundraiser Order yoursigns today!



Graduation signs are approx. 18in x 27in.  
Go Huskies!!! Signs are approx. 18in x 24in.  
All signs are made from durable outdoor material and come with a mental yard stake.

All orders must be received by Friday May 1, 2026.  
No late orders will be accepted.

Please fill out the Google form below to place your order.

<https://forms.gle/aUu5cG6c4hGCFvNt7>

All done orders will be notified by text or email when they are ready for pickup.

Any questions please contact: [huskytouchdown@gmail.com](mailto:huskytouchdown@gmail.com)

Thank you, all proceeds benefit the high school football booster club.

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## MRHS Class of 2027 - Senior Portraits

### Attention Class of 2027 Parents, Guardians and Students:

It's hard to believe but before you know it, your child will be a senior! [Senior Portraits for the Class of 2027](#) are scheduled to begin on April 6th in room 611. Students must schedule an appointment to have their Senior Portrait taken. Please see the attached memo regarding how to make an appointment and use the blue link that is listed. Students should have a photo taken whether they want to purchase a photo package or not because the photo will be included in the senior section of the 2026-2027 yearbook. Portraits from other companies cannot be accepted.

Please review the information on the attached document regarding Option 1 and Option 2 so that students know what to wear and expect for their session. No retakes will be done during these days because we want to get as many students photographed as possible.

Time slots will fill up quickly! Don't wait. If you don't see any open time slots, please check back at another time in case more days/times are added. If you have any questions, please contact Mrs.

Kish or Ms. Shalhoub, but if an appointment time needs to be changed, you must contact Normandy Studio directly ([hello@normandystudio.com](mailto:hello@normandystudio.com)).

**KEEP TRACK OF YOUR APPOINTMENT DATE AND TIME. THEY WILL NOT SEND YOU A REMINDER.**

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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)





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## TEEN VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

The Matawan Borough Recreation Commission is need of teen volunteers to assist at Borough Events & Celebrations throughout 2026.

Community Service hours & verification letters are available for all hours worked.

**VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES INCLUDE:**

**MEMORIAL DAY PARADE  
BLUES & CRUISE NIGHT  
FIREWORKS CELEBRATION  
MATAWAN DAY  
HALLOWEEN BOO-TACULAR  
TURKEY TROT  
WINTER LIGHTS FESTIVAL**

**RESPONSIBILITIES INCLUDE ANY OF FOLLOWING:**

**EVENT SET UP AND CLEAN UP  
RUN GAMES & ACTIVITIES  
ASSIST STAFF & PARTICIPANTS**

**CONTACT THE MATAWAN RECREATION  
DEPARTMENT TO LEARN MORE!**

**EMAIL: RECREATION@MATAWANBOROUGH.COM  
CALL: 732-566-3898, EXT. 130**

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## Husky Touchdown Club 2026 Tricky Tray

### Join Us on Saturday, May 16th

Join us for the **2nd Annual Husky Touchdown Club Tricky Tray** on **Saturday, May 16th**. The cost for the event is \$40 per person and will be taking place at the VFW 2179 in Port Monmouth. Interested participants should register by clicking the link below:

- [Tricky Tray Registration](#)

Questions regarding the event can be directed to [huskytouchdown@gmail.com](mailto:huskytouchdown@gmail.com).

Thank you for your support!!!



HUSKY TOUCHDOWN CLUB PRESENTS

# 2nd Annual TRICKY TRAY

Can you come?



Send Money with Zelle®  
Scan or your banking app to pay

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HUSKY TOUCHDOWN CLUB & NJ



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\*TABLES OF 10 REGISTRATION CAN EMAIL:  
HUSKYTOUCHDOWN@GMAIL.COM  
OR MAILED TO MATAWAN REGIONAL HS 450 ATLANTIC AVE  
ABERDEEN NJ 07747

RAFFLE DRAWING 7PM

5PM-10PM

TICKET PRICE \$40

\*INCLUDES A SHEET OF TIER 1 TICKETS  
COFFEE TEA AND DESSERTS PROVIDED

## MAY 16th 2026

\*BRING YOUR OWN FOOD - CASH BAR NO  
OUTSIDE ALCOHOL

TICKET ADMISSION CAN BE PAID BY:  
\*CASH, CHECK (MADE OUT TO HUSKY TOUCHDOWNCLUB)  
AND ZELLE

### PORT MONMOUTH VFW 2179

1 VETERANS WAY PORT MONMOUTH NJ 07758

## 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 Spring 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!!!!**

# Attendance Matters.



**I am here.**

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**Michael Wells**

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