



Matawan Regional High School

"Home of the Huskies"

Weekly Newsletter 2025-2026

MRHS Weekly Updates

April 20, 2026

Greetings Huskies,

I hope everyone had a fantastic weekend. We are officially in the homestretch of the 2025-2026 school year. Please make sure to monitor your child's progress on the parent/student portal paying special attention to their 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, 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](#).

Don't forget.... 3rd Marking Period Report Cards will be posted to the student/parent portal on **Thursday, April 23rd**.

Finally, we invite everyone to join us in celebrating **Diversity Acceptance** on **Friday, April 24th**. Let's fill the halls with color—wear your favorite **tie-dye** to show your support and celebrate the unique threads that make up our community!

Let's make it a great week!!!

Sincerely,

Michael C. Wells

Principal

Join Matawan- Aberdeen
School District
in celebrating
Diversity Acceptance



on Friday, April 24th
by wearing tie dyed clothing!



Upcoming Events/ Important Reminders...

New Jersey Student Learning Assessment (NJSLA)

Matawan Regional High School will administer the [New Jersey Student Learning Assessment \(NJSLA\)](#) in English Language Arts and Mathematics from April 28-April 30. Please review the [NJSLA Parent](#) letter for additional information regarding this assessment.

Attention Seniors!!!

The deadline to order your Cap & Gown is **TODAY!!!** Please see the section below if you have not placed your order yet.

After School Tutorial Schedule

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.

Daily Announcements

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](#).

Battle of the Classes

Battle of the Classes T-Shirts On Sale Now!

Battle of the Classes is quickly approaching, and it's time to show your class pride! Class t-shirts are officially on sale and are the perfect way to represent your grade during this exciting event. Not only will these shirts help you stand out during BOTC, but they can also be worn for the **Spirit Day on May 22nd**—so don't miss out!

Order Details:

- The [online store](#) will close at **11:59 PM on April 20th**
- Shirts will be **delivered the week of May 4th**
- [Link to Online Store](#)

All proceeds from shirt sales will go directly toward supporting each grade's Battle of the Classes events, helping to fund activities, decorations, and more. This is a great way to contribute to your class while showing off your school spirit!

Be sure to place your order before the deadline—once the [store](#) closes, no additional orders can be made.

Let's make this year's Battle of the Classes bigger and better than ever. Get your shirt, represent your class, and bring the energy!

If you have any questions, please reach out to the Student Government Advisors.

**Thank you for your support,
Mrs. DeHart, Mrs. Walker & Mr. Warren**

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!

Save the Date

MRHS CLASS OF 2026 COMMENCEMENT CEREMONY

**June 23, 2026
9:45 AM
Bruce McCutcheon Field
Raindate
June 24, 2026
9:45AM**



History Comes Alive: Juniors Host Vietnam Veterans

Our **Junior US 2** students recently had the profound opportunity to step out of their textbooks and into history. We were honored to host the local chapter of the **Vietnam Veterans**, who visited our classroom to share raw, first-hand accounts of their experiences during their tours of duty.

The presentation was more than just a lecture; it was an immersive experience. After a moving Q&A session, students had the chance to examine an extensive collection of authentic artifacts, including:

- Daily Life: Canned rations, uniforms, and helmets.
- The Conflict: Deactivated weapons and examples of booby traps used in the field.
- Personal Stories: Personal photographs from the soldiers while in-country and even prison clothing.
- Cultural Context: Various Vietnamese items and specialized equipment carried by soldiers.

By engaging with these primary sources and hearing the stories behind them, our students gained a deeper, more empathetic understanding of this pivotal era in American history.

Looking Ahead: Honoring the Past

The learning doesn't stop in the classroom! **Mr. Carno** and a group of student volunteers are planning a special visit to the **New Jersey Vietnam Veterans' Memorial in Holmdel** this May after school. It will be a meaningful way to pay our respects and continue the conversation started by our guests.



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.

Graduation Lawn Signs

Attention Seniors: MRHS Yearbook Club is hosting a Graduation Yard Sign Fundraiser. Click [here](#) for more info about ordering a yard sign with your senior portrait on it. Orders are due by 5/1. Thank you for your support!

Matawan Regional High School

Graduation Yard Sign Fundraiser

Celebrate your graduate and support
our fundraiser with a custom graduation yard sign!

Price: \$45 per sign

Each sign includes:

- Double-Sided Graduation Yard Sign
- Personalized with graduate's yearbook photo & name
- Durable yard stake for display

How to Order:

You will be receiving an email from Normandy Studio with a direct link to order your yard sign! If you do not receive an email, please email hello@normandystudio.com to receive your link.



SafeNJ App

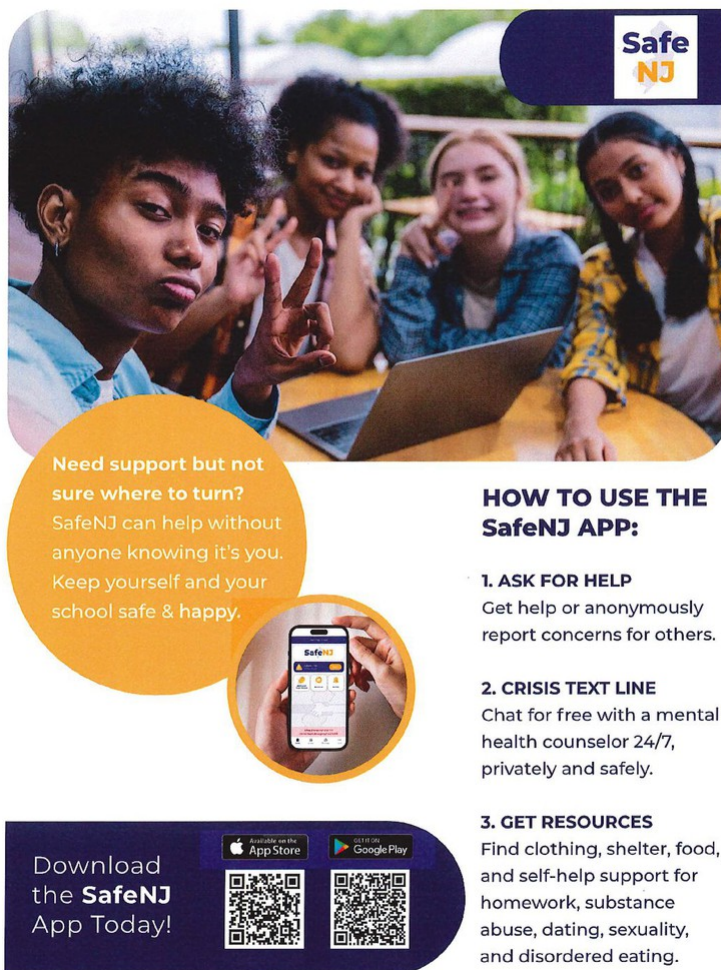
We are proud to announce our partnership with [STOPit Solutions](#), a nationally recognized leader in school safety and wellness.

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.



SafeNJ

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



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/Nzl0MzgyMDU4NDAw>
- 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





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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**

MRHS PTO

Join us for our next Dine to Donate @ The Court Jester on April 16th. Hope to see you there!!!



MRHS PTSO Restaurant Fundraiser



April 16th
4 - close

Please inform your server that
you are participating.

Husky Touchdown Club

Order your Graduation Lawn 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

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

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.

Thank you for your support!!!



HUSKY TOUCHDOWN CLUB PRESENTS

2nd Annual TRICKY TRAY

Can you come?



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

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

BIG BASKET
RAFFLE

RAFFLE DRAWING 7PM

5PM-10PM

TICKET PRICE \$40

MAY 16th 2026

PORT MONMOUTH VFW 2179

1 VETERANS WAY PORT MONMOUTH NJ 07758



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

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HUSKY TOUCHDOWN CLUB & NJ



Zelle

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

*BRING YOUR OWN FOOD - CASH BAR NO
OUTSIDE ALCOHOL

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

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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