



# Matawan Regional High School

*"Home of the Huskies"*

## Weekly Newsletter 2025-2026

## MRHS Weekly Updates

**May 18, 2026**

Greetings Huskies,

I would like to take a moment to thank everyone that came out to our Spring Chorus Concert on Thursday evening. It was great to see so many friends and families coming out to support our talented choir. I would like to give a special **Shoutout!** to **Mr. Baldasserini** and the entire MRHS Choir for an incredible performance. Thank you all for your commitment and dedication to the arts here at Matawan Regional High School.

I would also like to give a special **Shoutout!** to **Mr. Harnett** and the **Civic Leaders** for putting together the annual **Dance for Students with Special Abilities**. It was a great evening watching the kids let loose and display their best dance moves.

**Who will be the 2025-2026 Battle of the Classes Champions???** It all comes down to this week. We are looking forward to a great week of spirited competition with the final competition happening on Friday. Thank you to our Student Government for putting together a great event throughout the year!!!

There are only **19 days** left until the start of **Final Exams!!!** Please make sure you are staying on top of your grades and that you finish the year strong. Students participating in our credit recovery program must have all hours completed by **Tuesday, June 23rd**.

### Upcoming Events:

- Senior Pre-Prom Assembly - May 19th
- Basie Awards - May 19th 7pm
- Spring Band Concert - May 21st 7pm
- BOTC Finale!!! - May 22nd

Don't forget to check our **Daily Announcements** by visiting the [MRHS Husky TV YouTube Channel](#) for the latest edition of **The Scoop** and **The Spork**.

Let's Make it a Great Week!!!!

Sincerely,

**Michael C. Wells**

*Principal*

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## Dual Enrollment & AP @ MRHS

To complement the **Academic Pathways at Matawan Regional High School**, we are excited to announce our partnerships with **Fairleigh Dickinson University** and **Stevens Institute of Technology** to offer a variety of dual enrollment courses beginning in the 2026-2027 school year. Dual enrollment courses allow students to earn both high school and college credits simultaneously. These courses are offered at a significantly discounted rate compared to standard college tuition, providing our students with a head start on their higher education journey while still enrolled in Matawan Regional High School.

[Click Here](#) to learn more about these partnerships including the difference between Dual Enrollment and Advanced Placement. Additionally, you will find a cost comparison chart highlighting the savings from participating in our Dual Enrollment Offerings. I have also included an [Dual Enrollment Frequently Asked Questions](#) and as always, if you have any questions, please reach out to your [school counselor or case manager](#).

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## College Signing Day

Matawan Regional High School will host its College Signing Day on **Tuesday, May 19, 2026**, at 2:30 PM in the MRHS Gymnasium. This event will recognize senior student-athletes who are committed to continuing their athletic careers at the collegiate level.

Eligible student-athletes must complete the registration [form](#) and provide proof of commitment to the Athletic Office prior to the event. Families are welcome to attend, and students are encouraged to wear college apparel and bring items to represent their future programs.

This celebration is open to all senior student-athletes in school-sponsored sports who have officially committed during the current school year.

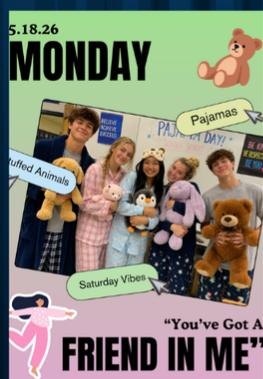
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## Battle of the Classes!!!

### May 18th-May 22nd

Join us in participating in Student Government's BOTC Spring Spirit Days the week of May 18th!!!

# BOTC SPRING SPIRIT DAYS



## MONDAY

A TWIST ON THE CLASSIC PAJAMA DAY, STUDENTS AND TEACHERS ARE ENCOURAGED TO BRING IN THEIR FAVORITE (OR ANY) STUFFED ANIMAL TO CARRY WITH THEM ALL DAY LONG AS THEY KICK IT SATURDAY MORNING STYLE.



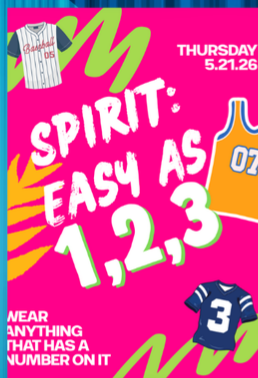
## TUESDAY

RECREATE YOUR FAVORITE KIDS TV SHOW DUO OR GROUP! CREATE OUTFITS INSPIRED BY CHARACTERS OR RECREATE THE ACTUAL FIT THE CHARACTER WORE IN THE SHOW. \*THE POINTS FOR THIS DAY WILL BE COLLECTED VIA A GOOGLE FORM ONLY\*



## WEDNESDAY

ARE YOU READY KIDS?! WE ARE ABOUT 30 DAYS AWAY FROM THE END OF THE SCHOOL YEAR SO LET'S GET INTO THE MINDSET BY DRESSING YOUR VACATION BEST! WEAR ITEMS INSPIRED BY POPULAR VACATION DESTINATIONS OR COMMON BEACH ATTIRE.



## THURSDAY

WE'RE THROWING IT BACK TO THE BASICS TODAY AND CELEBRATING NUMBERS! WEAR SOMETHING THAT HAS A NUMBER ON IT. SPORTS JERSEYS, CLASS MERCH OR ADVERTISING SHIRTS (PHONE NUMBERS) ALL COUNT.



## FRIDAY

IT ALL COMES DOWN TO TODAY! EACH CLASS WILL BATTLE IT OUT TO SEE WHO WILL REIGN SUPREME IN THE CHILDHOOD TV SHOWDOWN. STUDENTS ARE ENCOURAGED TO WEAR THEIR CLASS' SHIRT OR CLOTHING IN YOUR CLASS' COLORS.

## Science Competition Team Dominates!!!

After a grueling four-month season in the New Jersey Science League, our students went head-to-head with the top-ranked high schools and science academies in the state. The results are in, and Matawan has absolutely dominated the competition!

### Anatomy and Physiology

Competing against 33 schools and 250 students, Matawan took home the 1st Place Team Plaque! Individual honors go to:

- Plaque Winners (Top 10%): Sophia Bumbico (2nd), Grace Ola (3rd), and Marie Shlensky (11th).
- **Certificate Winners:** Mackenzie Shea Denney, Paula Tello Sandoval, and Lyla Pinter.

### Biology

In a massive field of 76 schools and 700 competitors, Matawan secured a prestigious 5th Place Team Plaque! Individual honors go to:

- **Plaque Winners** (Top 10%): Jack Convery (9th), Hamdaan Bajwa (11th), Cade Zibbell (15th), and Elizabeth Jamieson (20th).
- Certificate Winner: Alexander Deo.

This is a phenomenal performance against some of the best science programs in New Jersey. Please join us in congratulating Dr. Servidio and these hardworking students on their incredible academic success.

**Go Huskies!**

## Enhancing School Mental Health Services

Investing in Our Students' Well-Being!



We are proud to announce that Matawan Regional High School has officially completed its two-year partnership with **Rutgers University's Enhancing School Mental Health Services Project**. Through this NJDOE-sponsored initiative, we've strengthened our commitment to every student's mental health by building a sustainable, data-driven support system. From school-wide wellness programs to targeted individual support, we are making sure our Huskies have the tools they need to thrive both in and out of the classroom.

A huge thank you to our dedicated staff and the team at Rutgers for helping us lead the way in student wellness!



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## Upcoming Events/ Important Reminders...

### Latin Club

The Latin Club will be hosting a bookfair at the **Barnes and Noble** on Route 35 Holmdel in store Monday, May 18. Purchases may also be made online from Monday, May 18- Saturday, May 23. Enter our bookfair number **12948444** and the club receives a portion of the sale.

### After School Tutorial Schedule

I have attached the **May 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](#).

## Credit Recovery

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](#). Credit Recovery Hours must be completed by **Tuesday, June 23rd**.

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## Senior Picnic Donations Needed!!!!

The annual Senior Picnic is just around the corner on Friday, May 29, and we need your help to make it a celebration to remember! To ensure our seniors have a fantastic send-off, we are looking for donations of the following items:

- Drinks: Soda and Gatorade
- Food: Side dishes, fresh salads, and desserts
- Grill Supplies: Large bags of charcoal

### How to Help:

1. Sign Up: [Click Here](#) to let us know what you can bring. We'll be updating the list as items are fulfilled!
2. Contact Us: You can also email your advisors or call the High School at 732-705-5200 to donate or sign up as a volunteer.

### Drop-Off Details:

- Non-perishables: Please drop off by Thursday, May 28.
- Refrigerated Items: Please deliver by 8:30 AM on Friday, May 29.

Thank you for your generosity—it's a Great Day to be a Husky!

Sincerely, [Mrs. DeHart](#), [Mrs. Walker](#), & [Mr. Warren](#) Student Government Advisors

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## Clubs & Activities

### Yearbooks

There are less than 30 yearbooks left to purchase! Buy your yearbook today while supplies last. Please use [this link](#) to purchase a yearbook.





# RESERVE YOUR MATAWAN REGIONAL HIGH SCHOOL YEARBOOK TODAY

Books are selling fast!  
Don't miss out on the best memories from the year!



**ORDER NOW**  
[jostens.com/ybkad](https://jostens.com/ybkad)

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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!




## 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](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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## 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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