



Matawan Regional High School

"Home of the Huskies"

Weekly Newsletter 2025-2026

MRHS Weekly Updates

May 25, 2026

Greetings Huskies,

I hope everyone is enjoying their Memorial Day Weekend!!! While this weekend is often recognized and celebrated as the unofficial start of summer, we ask that you take a moment to pause and reflect on the true meaning of this holiday. Thank you to all the servicemen and women that have offered the ultimate sacrifice while working to protect our freedoms.

We are officially in the home stretch of the 2025-2026 school year. There are @ **14 days** left before **Final Exams**. Please remain focused and finish the year strong!!! Continue to monitor the Parent/Student Portal for up to date information on your child's academic standing. Don't forget... Attendance Matters!!! Students that exceed 9 absences in a Semester Course or 18 absences in a full year course will not receive credit. If you have questions regarding the attendance policy and/or loss of credit status, please contact your school counselor or case manager.

It was a great week celebrating many of our students and The Basie Awards last week. Congratulations to **Lucas Rizzutto-Canero** for taking home a Basie for **Outstanding Lead Performance in a Male Identified Role** for his performance in Leap of Faith. Lucas has been an outstanding member of our Theatre productions starting at MAMS and we are proud of all of his accomplishments. Congratulations Lucas!!!

Additionally, I would like to congratulate our Director for over 30 years, **Ms. Linda Walling** for receiving **The Yvonne Lamb Scudieri Innovation Award** which honors educators and school programs who understand the importance access to the arts has, how vital inclusion within it is, and the incredible power of outreach to build community beyond the walls of our theatres and schools. Congratulations Ms. Walling, thank you for everything that you do for our students and staff.

Shoutout! to Mr. Smayda and the members of our Band Program here at the high school. The audience was treated to an incredible performance by our Jazz Band, Concert Band and our new

Brass Choir. It was a wonderful evening, thank you for all of your support.

And finally... **Congratulations to the Class of 2028** for being named the **2026 Matawan Regional High School Battle of the Classes Champions!!!** Shoutout to Ms. Walker, Ms. DeHart and Mr. Warren along with the members of the **MRHS Student Government** for sponsoring this event throughout the year.

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**.

Reminder....Students participating in our credit recovery program must have all hours completed by **Tuesday, June 23rd**.

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

Sincerely,
Michael C. Wells
Principal





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

MRHS - Students Against Destructive Decisions

SADD Wins Grand Prize in BIANJ Champion Schools Program

Congratulations to the Matawan Regional High School SADD Club, advised by Mrs. Ciaravino, for earning the Grand Prize in the Brain Injury Alliance of New Jersey's Champion Schools Program for the third time. A longtime participant in the program, MRHS was recognized for this year's powerful campaign, "Stay Alert, Stay Alive: Because Every Road Leads to Someone's Home." Throughout the year, SADD students worked tirelessly to promote roadway and pedestrian safety, focusing on issues such as distracted driving, speeding, impaired driving, pedestrian safety, and brain injury awareness. After identifying concerns about dangerous speeding near campus, students transformed their research into action by analyzing crash data, gathering petitions, consulting traffic safety guidance, and advocating for safer road conditions in the community. Their dedication led to meaningful, measurable impact, including support for improved school-zone safety measures and the approval of flashing school-zone speed limit signs outside the high school. This recognition is a testament to the students' leadership, compassion, and commitment to making their community safer. MRHS is incredibly proud of the SADD Club for proving that student voices can create real change. [Click Here](#) for more information on the Champions School Program.

- [New Jersey High School Students Recognized as Champions for Safer Roads](#)



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](#).

Upcoming Events/ Important Reminders...

T-Shirt & Backpack Drive

The Interact Club of MRHS is hosting its 2nd Tee Shirt and Backpack Drive in conjunction with Temple Beth Ahm of Aberdeen. All donations will be sent to the Jersey Shore Market Street Mission. Please bring any gently used tee shirts and backpacks to Mrs. Cohen in room 120 before or after school. The final day for donations will be Friday 05/29. Please email Mrs. Cohen with any further questions (lcohen@marsd.org). Thank you in advance for your support.

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**.

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

SafeNJ App

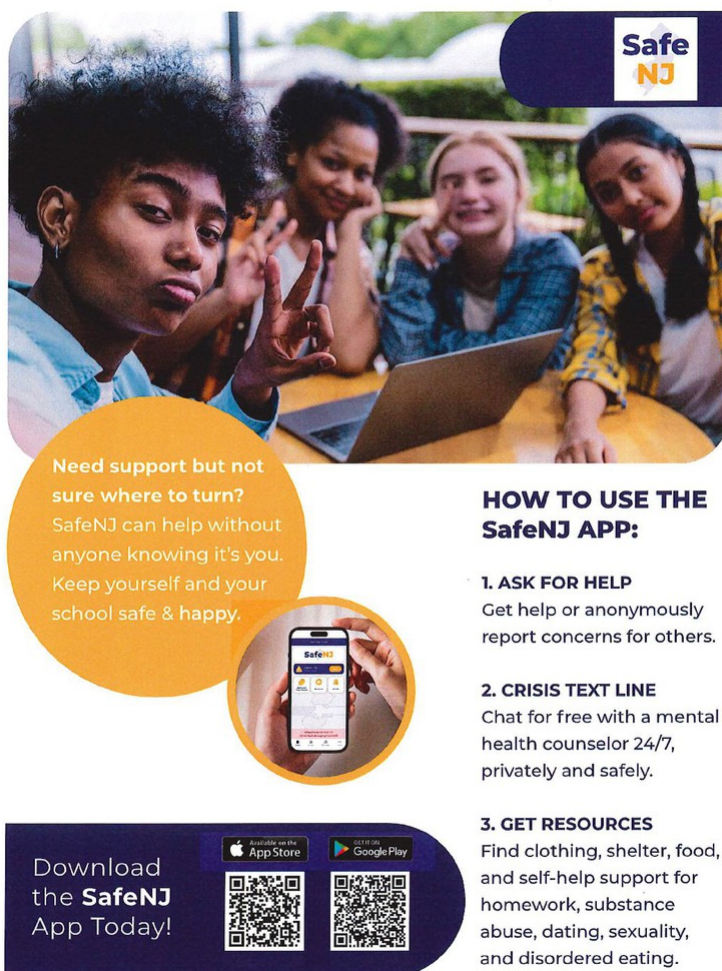
We are proud to announce our partnership with [STOPit Solutions](#), a nationally recognized leader in school safety and wellness.

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.



The graphic features a group of four diverse students sitting around a table, looking at a laptop. A 'SafeNJ' logo is in the top right corner. A yellow circular callout contains text about needing support. A smaller circle shows a hand holding a smartphone with the SafeNJ app interface. At the bottom, there are instructions to download the app from the App Store or Google Play, accompanied by QR codes.

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/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

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**

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!!!!**

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I am here.

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