



MOUNT PLEASANT HIGH SCHOOL
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Dear Mount Pleasant High School Families,

Welcome to the 2026–2027 school year!

Whether you are returning to Mount Pleasant or joining the Green Knight family for the first time, I am excited to welcome you to what promises to be an outstanding year.

When I returned to Mount Pleasant as principal this summer, I made myself one promise: listen first. Before making changes or setting priorities, I wanted to hear from the people who know our school best. That commitment led to Knight Talks, where I had the opportunity to sit down with students throughout the summer and simply listen. I also met with families, staff members, alumni, and community partners. Those conversations reminded me why Mount Pleasant is such a special place. There is tremendous pride in this community, a rich tradition of excellence, and a shared belief that our students deserve the very best we have to offer.

One theme came up repeatedly: people want Mount Pleasant to be a school where students feel connected, challenged, supported, and proud to be Green Knights. I couldn't agree more. This year, our work will focus on strengthening our school culture, building meaningful relationships with students, and creating classrooms where every student has the opportunity to learn, grow, and succeed.

As Delaware's first public International Baccalaureate (IB) high school, an AVID National Demonstration School, and now in our inaugural year as a Dual Language Immersion School, Mount Pleasant continues to provide outstanding opportunities for every student. Our commitment remains centered on preparing students for success while living our school values of being Accountable, Respectful, and Engaged—because We A.R.E. Mount.

First Week Information

Wednesday, August 26, 2026 – First Day of School for 9th & 12th Grade students

Thursday, August 27, 2026 – First Day of School for all students

Friday, August 28, 2026 – Regular Block Schedule Begins (1-Day)

The regular school day is **7:30 a.m. – 2:18 p.m.** Students may enter the building beginning at **7:15 a.m.**

Student Support Teams

Administrators

- **9th Grade:** Mr. Carl Bernard (Assistant Principal) & Mr. Robert Steen (Dean of Students)
- **10th Grade:** Mr. Tiff McCullough (Assistant Principal)
- **11th Grade:** Ms. Andrea Jackson (Assistant Principal)
- **12th Grade:** Dr. Nicole Hyland (Assistant Principal)

It is the directive of the Board of Education that the Brandywine School District shall not discriminate in its employment practices or its educational programs and activities for students on the basis of race, color, religion, national origin, sex, sexual orientation, marital status, disability, age, veteran status or other legally protected characteristic. All policies, regulations and practices of the District shall be guided by this directive.



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School Counselors

- **IB Students:** Ms. Jeanne Beadle
- **Last Names A–G:** Ms. Rachel Herskowitz
- **Last Names H–O:** Ms. Della Schweiger
- **Last Names P–Z:** Dr. Iman Turner

Other Important Dates

- **Wednesday, September 2:** Back to School Night, 6:00 p.m.
- **Friday, September 4:** Schools Closed / Offices Open
- **Monday, September 7:** Schools & Offices Closed (Labor Day)
- **Tuesday, September 15:** Schools Closed / Offices Open (State Primary Election)
- **Monday, September 21:** Schools Closed / Offices Open (Yom Kippur)
- **Thursday, September 24:** MP 1 Interim Ends
- **Friday, October 30:** MP 1 Ends

In accordance with Delaware Senate Bill 106 and Brandywine School District policy, students are required to place cell phones and other personal electronic devices, including headphones and earbuds, in classroom cell phone holders for the duration of each instructional block. This statewide requirement is intended to minimize distractions and maximize student engagement and learning. We appreciate your partnership in reinforcing these expectations with your student.

Strong partnerships between school and home are essential to student success. Each Sunday, I will send a weekly family newsletter with important updates, upcoming events, celebrations, and reminders. I also encourage you to follow Mount Pleasant High School on Facebook and Instagram (@mphsgreenknights) and regularly visit our website for the latest news and resources.

Thank you for entrusting us with your children. It is an honor to serve as principal of Mount Pleasant High School, and I look forward to partnering with you to make this an outstanding school year.

My commitment is simple: to ensure every student feels known, every family feels valued, and every member of our school community is proud to call Mount Pleasant home. Together, we will continue building a school where every student belongs, every voice matters, and every day is an opportunity to grow.

One School. One Community. We ARE!

Warmly,

William Wells
Principal
Mount Pleasant High School