

Building News | August 2026

MHS MISSIVE

WELCOME FROM MHS ADMINISTRATION

Welcome to the 26-27 school year! We are excited to return soon for another great school year!

Please take a minute to read our first MHS Missive of the school year so you can be prepared for upcoming events and know what to expect at MHS.

We are looking forward to seeing lots of students and families on campus for Freshman Orientation and 10th-12th Grade Registration coming up soon. Be sure to check out details later in this newsletter.

It will be important for families to discuss the continuation of the Missouri Cell Phone Law. Please see the information to the right to learn more about what this looks like at MHS.

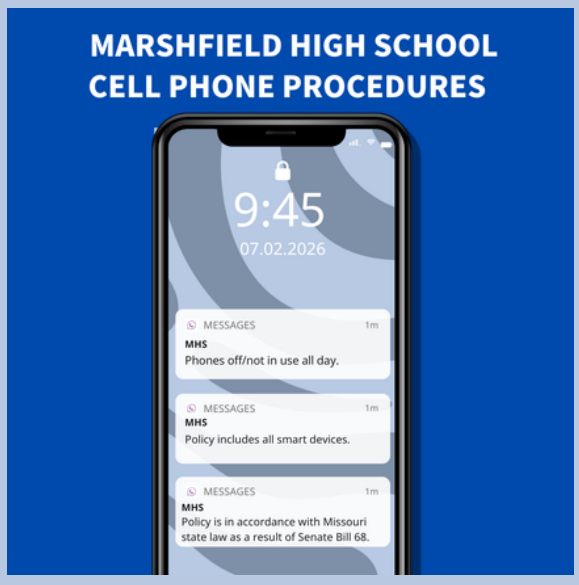
We will kick-off another great year with a STRONG start on August 24th with our traditional celebratory first day. Students will receive a STRONG shirt to wear; will not need any supplies for the first day; and will enjoy a modified class schedule with assembly, class meetings, and a school-provided lunch. We can't wait to celebrate our past successes and look forward to future celebrations this year!

Please do not hesitate to reach out. We are excited to see students back on campus in August!

In education,

MHS Administration





As you know, last summer the state of Missouri passed a statewide cell phone law. MHS will continue to observe this law in the 26-27 school year. Please remind your student that phones are not permitted at school.

In an effort to maintain a positive learning environment that is safe and free from distractions, cell phones may not be used in classrooms. It is recommended that students leave cell phones at home.

If a student brings a phone to school, he/she should be aware that student cell phone usage will not be allowed in the school building, from start to finish each day.

If students do not adhere to the cell phone/device policy, discipline will begin at a warning and will escalate to confiscation (requiring parent pick up of device) and In School Suspension.

SEE FULL POLICY HERE

Questions? Read more HERE.

HANDBOOKS

CLICK LINKS BELOW

THE BLUE JAY WAY

MHS Student/Parent Handbook

Technology Handbook

Activities/Athletics Handbook

ARRIVAL/DISMISSAL

School Start Time:	7:50 a.m.
Doors Open:	7:00 a.m.
School End Time:	3:29 p.m.

See More Information about Student Pick-Up/Drop-Off Here

IMPORTANT DATES

FRESHMAN OPEN HOUSE AND NEW STUDENT ORIENTATION:
WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 19TH: 5:00-7:00

Freshmen and freshman parents will attend a come and go evening to pick-up schedules, visit classrooms, meet teachers, visit the club/activity fair, receive a chromebook, have school pictures taken, and learn important information about the transition to MHS. Please enter through the cafeteria.



10TH-12TH GRADE STUDENT SCHEDULE PICK-UP:
THURSDAY, AUGUST 20TH:
Seniors: 8:00 a.m.-10:00 a.m.
Juniors: 10:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.
Sophomores: 1:00 p.m.-3:00 p.m.

Students will receive their schedule, purchase a parking pass, take school pictures, and have their chromebook checked out to them. Please enter through the main entrance upstairs.



Find more information about Freshman/New Student Orientation and schedule pick-up **HERE.**

FLEX STUDENTS:

All 1st semester Flex students must attend orientation Thursday, **August 20** at **10:00 AM** in the Auditorium.

APPRENTICESHIP STUDENTS:

All Jays Work Internships & Apprenticeships students must attend orientation **Thursday, August 20** at **9:00 AM** in the Auditorium.

**First Day of School: Monday, August 24th

**District Calendar

**Building Calendar

MEALS AND MEAL PRICING

Lunch balances can be paid in Infinite Campus.

Free and reduced meal applications are available through Infinite Campus and must be completed each school year.

Breakfast: FREE
Lunch: 2.80

**DOORDASH IS NOT PERMITTED AT MHS

For the 2026-2027 school year, every student enrolled at Marshfield High School will be able to receive a CACFP meal (also known as the after school meal) for free, daily! We will have carts manned by Opaa! staff members set up in four locations: by the front doors, at the 200/300 hall intersection, in the commons, and in the 400s hallway in between 6th hour and Jay Time. Students will be able to 'grab n' go' a minimum of 3--and a maximum of 5--items each day. At least one item must be a fruit or vegetable. Menus with CACFP meal offerings will be published before the school year begins.

SUPPLIES
What you need to know!

- **No supplies or backpacks** are needed on the first day of school.
- Teachers will share specific supply needs in their course syllabi.
- Students should generally plan to have a notebook, paper, pens, and pencils.



HAVE YOU READ THE DISTRICT BACK-TO-SCHOOL NEWSLETTER?



You will find important information about school start and end times, transportation, meal prices, important dates, and everything you need to know for the beginning of the school year!

A+ SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

offers scholarship funds to eligible graduates who enroll in participating community colleges and vocational/technical schools.

Maintain	Complete	Earn
2.5+ GPA	50 Mentoring Hours	95% Attendance

Start Planning for the future

TODAY!

- Test proficient or advanced on the Algebra 1 EOC
- Maintain a record of good citizenship
- Be a U.S. citizen or permanent resident.

How to enroll:

- ✓ Enter into a written agreement prior to graduation. → Found in Infinite Campus
- ✓ Attend a designated A+ high school for 2 years prior to graduation.

ONLINE REGISTRATION

Online registration is required for ALL students and can be completed through the Infinite Campus Parent Portal.

NEED ASSISTANCE?

- **NEED A DEVICE? CALL 417-859-2120 EXT. 0 TO SCHEDULE TIME AT CENTRAL OFFICE.**
- **NEED LOGIN HELP? EMAIL MARSHFIELDR1@MJAYS.US.**

BLUE JAY POLICIES

ATTENDANCE

- More than six absences in a semester will result in a grade reduction for that class.
- Students need at least 90% attendance to...
  - ☒ attend school dances
  - ☒ participate in field trips
  - ☒ graduate early

At Marshfield High School, we aim to help each student build a sense of responsibility for their attendance.

STUDENT CHECK OUT

FOR THE SAFETY OF **ALL** STUDENTS, THE FOLLOWING CHECK-OUT PROCEDURES ARE REQUIRED FOR EVERY STUDENT:

IN-PERSON :

Parents/guardians must present a physical ID or provide the student's security code.

PHONE :

Parents/guardians must provide the student's security code.



Find your security code: Security codes are available in the Infinite Campus app or through the Parent Portal.

Need help? If you cannot locate your security code, please contact the school office.

START STRONG - FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL

ALL Students need to be at school at 7:50!

Each student will receive a free shirt at 7:50 to wear on the first day of school.

9th Gray 10th White 11th Black 12th Blue



First Day of School Schedule

7:50-8:25 1st Hour
8:25-9:25 Class Meetings
9:30-10:45 Assembly
10:45-11:40 Lunch & Class Photos
11:45-12:10 1st Hour
12:15-12:40 2nd Hour
12:45-1:10 3rd Hour
1:15-1:40 4th Hour
1:45-2:10 5th Hour
2:15-2:40 6th Hour
2:45-3:00 Jay Time
3:05-3:29 7th Hour



CHECK-IN LOCATIONS FOR NON-TRADITIONAL STUDENTS ON THE FIRST DAY

ALL STUDENTS NEED TO REPORT AT 7:50 AM

Virtual Placeholder, FLEX, and Part-Time Students: If you are scheduled for Virtual Placeholder, FLEX, or part-time, you are to report to the gym and check in with the counselors During that hour.

Student Helpers: You need to report to the conference room at the back of the counseling office to check in with Mrs. Coutchie during your helper hour.

Mentoring Students: You need to report to 112 during your mentoring hour and check in with Mr. Cherne.

Extension Center Students: Report to room 309 and check in with Mrs. Skidmore and Mrs. Totten.

MVP Students: If you are full-time MVP, you do not need to attend the first day of school. Your orientation is on August 24th at 6:00 in the MHS library.
This is required of all MVP students.

COUNSELING OFFICE CORNER

WELCOME MRS. PATTERSON!

We are excited to welcome Mrs. Andrea Patterson to the high school counseling office! Mrs. Patterson comes to us from Lebanon Middle School where she spent the last five years. She earned a Master of Counseling degree from Evangel University. Mrs. Patterson will join Mrs. Badgett, Mrs. Baedke, and Mrs. Coutchie as a counselor in the high school office.

Below are the caseload assignments for this school year. Counselor assignments are as follows:

- Last name A-De= Lindsey Baedke
- Last name Di-J= Lori Coutchie
- Last name K-Q= Andrea Patterson
- Last name R-Z= Amanda Badgett

We are so happy to have Mrs. Patterson on our team and ask that you join us in welcoming her to MHS!



ANDREA PATTERSON

STUDENT REQUEST TO SEE COUNSELOR PROCEDURES

The top priority of the MHS Counseling Office is to effectively and efficiently meet the needs of all MHS students. Every students' needs, whether academic, social, or emotional, will be addressed in a timely manner. To that end, each counselor has a form available in Canvas, as well as online, that students who require assistance from their counselors are asked to complete in order to request assistance. Often, face-to-face conversations between the student and his/her counselor need to happen and, in those instances, students will be called to the counseling office. Other times, however, a question or need can be addressed between the student and counselor via email, so it is important that students monitor their mjays email accounts for a response.

Emergency situations, including those where student safety is a concern, will take precedence. As the counselors explain to students during first day of school class meetings and in our beginning of the school year individual "minute meetings," students who are in emotional distress and/or students who have a safety concern for themselves or someone else, can forgo completing the form and instead visit the counseling office for immediate assistance. The safety and security of our students is vitally important to us.

Parent Request to Meet with Counselor Procedures

Partnering with parents is a key to student success and something we very much welcome. To ensure that we are available to visit with you, we kindly ask that parents who wish to meet with their child's counselor schedule an appointment **in advance** by phone or email so that we can provide you with the time and attention your concerns deserve.

MHS Counselor Contact Information

- Email- Lindsey.Baedke@mjays.us, phone ext. 1711
- Email- Lori.Coutchie@mjays.us, phone ext. 1709
- Email- Andrea.Patterson@mjays.us, phone ext. 1712
- Email- Amanda.Badgett@mjays.us, phone ext. 1713



ACTIVITIES OFFICE UPDATE





OFFICE DROP-OFFS AND STUDENT CONTACT

When leaving a delivery on the table at the front doors, parents must fill out one of the forms found next to the window. They will then hand the form to someone at the front window in order for the student to be notified. If the form is not completed, the student will not be notified.

Notifications will not be made for lunch deliveries. Please arrange in advance for special occasion lunches. As in the past, students will not be able to use DoorDash.

The mission statement of the Marshfield R-1 School District is:

To prepare each student for a successful future.

Every decision we make is centered around our commitment to students, families, and excellence in education. We look forward to another year of learning, growth, and success together.

