



The Communicator

News & Updates from Mount Gilead Exempted Village Schools | Fall 2027



WELCOME BACK STREET FAIR & OPEN HOUSE



THURSDAY, AUGUST 27TH

5-6 PM: KICK OFF THE EVENING OUTSIDE THE SCHOOLS, WITH FOOD, FUN
AND SCHOOL PRIDE WHERE YOU CAN:



GRAB A BITE TO EAT FROM A VARIETY OF FOOD TRUCK VENDORS



ENJOY A PERFORMANCE BY THE MARCHING BAND



MEET OUR MIDDLE SCHOOL AND HIGH SCHOOL FALL ATHLETES



CONNECT WITH LOCAL ORGANIZATIONS THAT SUPPORT OUR YOUTH

6-8 PM: STUDENTS AND FAMILIES ARE INVITED INSIDE TO:



MEET YOUR TEACHERS AND ALL OF OUR STAFF



PICK UP STUDENT SCHEDULES (NO EARLY SCHEDULE PICK-UP)



DROP OFF SCHOOL SUPPLIES



ATTEND HELPFUL STUDENT ORIENTATIONS FOR 6TH GRADE, 9TH GRADE,
AND ANY STUDENT NEW TO THE DISTRICT

START THE SCHOOL YEAR OFF INFORMED, PREPARED AND CONNECTED!

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Dear Mount Gilead Families and Community,

I hope you have all had a wonderful summer! It's hard to believe I'm already writing a back-to-school message.

As we prepare to welcome students back for another exciting school year, I wanted to share an update on an important project that reflects our commitment to the future of Mount Gilead Schools. One of the greatest privileges of serving as your superintendent is being able to share exciting news about the future of our district, and today I'm pleased to provide an update on a project that will have a lasting impact on our youngest learners.

Over the past several months, we've been planning the renovation of the second floor of the Cherry Street Administration Building into a dedicated preschool learning center. This project reflects our commitment to providing an exceptional start for our youngest students while making thoughtful use of the facilities our community already owns.

The renovated preschool will feature four classrooms, a large activity space for learning and play, renovated student restrooms, administrative offices, preschool staff offices, and dedicated occupational and physical therapy rooms. Bringing these spaces together under one roof will allow us to better serve our students while providing our staff with a modern, functional environment designed specifically for early childhood education.

One question I anticipate many community members asking is, "Why Cherry Street?" The answer is simple. The second floor of the Cherry Street Administration Building provides an outstanding opportunity to repurpose existing district space into something that directly benefits students. Rather than constructing a new building or expanding another facility, we can transform space we already own into a vibrant learning environment designed specifically for preschool children while also preserving an important part of Mount Gilead Schools' history.

Another question I expect many people will have is, "How are we paying for this project?" One aspect that makes me especially proud is how we are able to accomplish it. Through careful long-term financial planning, efficient operations, and responsible stewardship of district resources, we have positioned ourselves to make this investment without asking our community for additional taxpayer dollars. Our Board of Education has consistently emphasized making the most of every dollar entrusted to the district, and this project is a great example of that commitment in action.

Earlier this week, we reached an exciting milestone as construction bids were officially opened. We are currently reviewing the apparent low bid to ensure it meets all project requirements. The Board of Education is expected to consider awarding the project at its August 11 meeting.

If approved, construction is anticipated to begin in September, with the goal of welcoming our preschool students into their new learning center for the start of the 2027-2028 school year.

High-quality early childhood education lays the foundation for future academic success, social development, and lifelong learning. By investing in our preschool program today, we are investing in the future success of our students and strengthening Mount Gilead Schools for generations to come.

Over the coming months, I'll continue sharing updates and photos as construction progresses. I know our community will enjoy watching this space transform into a place where our youngest learners will begin their educational journey.

Thank you for your continued trust and support of Mount Gilead Schools.



Together, we are making thoughtful investments that benefit students today while preparing for tomorrow. I look forward to celebrating the opening of this exciting new preschool learning center with all of you next year.

Have a wonderful remainder of your summer, and I look forward to seeing our students, staff, and families as we begin another great school year.

Sincerely,



Dr. Jeremy Froehlich
Superintendent
Mount Gilead Exempted Village Schools



Starting with the August 11, 2026 Board of Education meeting, all board meetings will be in the High School/ Middle School Library during their regularly scheduled time while construction is underway for the Cherry St. PK project (estimated Completion May 2027).

All Students Need to be to School on Time

Arriving to school on time is an important way that we can teach our children the importance of timeliness. Being late to school, even by just a few minutes, is a form of absenteeism. As such, the negatives associated with missing school are also associated with tardiness.

- Late arrivals disrupt the rhythm of a class that is already in progress. Teachers invariably must stop class to welcome the new student and catch her/him up on the lesson in progress.
 - Late students are typically rushed, thus their entry to school is accompanied with anxiety and stress – not a great way to begin anyone’s day.
 - Students benefit from social time before school which does not exist when they are late. As other students develop morning routines and relationships, chronically tardy students miss out on those opportunities.
 - Habits established in elementary and middle school persist through high school and into adulthood.
 - Increased levels of tardiness may be associated with school difficulties throughout students’ academic and professional lives.
 - Being part of a community requires mutual respect, including respecting others’ time. Habitual tardiness undermines crucial working relationships between students and teachers.
- Frequent unexcused tardies can add up and legally count toward truancy or chronic absenteeism.

Bell Schedules	Park Avenue K-5th Grade	Middle School 6th-8th Grade	High School 9th-12th Grade
Doors Open for Students Eating Breakfast	7:25 AM	7:25 AM	7:25 AM
Doors Open for ALL Students	7:25 AM	7:30 AM	7:30 AM
Beginning Bell - Students arriving after this time will need to report to the Office for a Late pass. Park Avenue Students must report with parent/guardian.	7:50 AM	7:45 AM	7:45 AM
Dismissal	Walkers/Car Riders: 2:30 PM Bus: 2:40 PM	All Students 2:45 PM	All Students 2:45 PM

Staff supervision is not guaranteed for students dropped off before their building opens or after the dismissal bell.



MG ATTENDANCE MATTERS

WHY?

Regular attendance at school is important for students to succeed, even in Kindergarten!

Missing just one day of school can take up to 4 days to catch up on lost learning.

WHEN?

When to keep a student home from school:

- They have a **fever** of 100 or higher
- They have **vomited** or had **diarrhea** in the last 24 hours

HOW?

Call the school to let them know when your student will be absent.

Always send a Dr.'s excuse note in for any appointments. We track attendance by the hour.

WHAT?

Keep track of absences in PowerSchool, it is also on the grade card.

Just 2 days a month adds up to 10% of the school year!



Hope everyone is having a great Summer! It's hard to believe that we are almost to August. It is that time to take a minute to complete your request for transportation for the 2026-27 school year. Our routes need to be completed by the middle of August.

Mount Gilead EV Schools will again partnering with SafeRoutz for bus transportation management. If you have a returning bus rider, please make sure all the information in your account for your student is correct and make any corrections necessary.

If you have a new student who will also be a bus rider please use <https://mtgilead-oh.saferoutz.com/parent/parent-registration-request> to register for our parent portal. This will allow you to request transportation and also gives us a way to communicate with you throughout the school year.

If you have further questions or need help, please reach out. We are officially back in the office and preparing for the school year ahead.



Transportation Department Rolls Out New Bus Safety Mat

Student safety is our highest priority, and the Transportation Department is excited to introduce a new Bus Safety Mat to help teach students about the school bus safety zone.

This learning tool gives students a hands-on opportunity to practice safe behaviors around a school bus in a fun and engaging way. During bus safety lessons, students will learn where to stand while waiting for the bus, how to stay out of the driver's blind spots, why they should remain at least 10 feet away from the bus, and the importance of making eye contact with the driver before crossing in front of the bus.

By using the Bus Safety Mat, students can build confidence and develop lifelong safety habits before they encounter real-world situations at their bus stops. These lessons reinforce the importance of staying alert and following the driver's directions every time they ride.

We appreciate the partnership of our families in reinforcing these important safety practices at home. Together, we can help ensure every student has a safe trip to and from school each day.



GOOD LUCK FAIR EXHIBITORS





As you get ready to send your kids back to school know that we in the cafeteria have been busy all summer getting ready to welcome them back for the new school year. If you are new to the district, or if your student is just old enough to be an Indian now or you if your student has been in the district a while. I am including some reminders to help them in the cafeteria if they choose to buy breakfast or lunch.

Breakfast reminders: Breakfast is served every day, even on delay days. Breakfast is \$1.50 for paid students and if you qualify for free or reduced pricing it is FREE again this year. At breakfast we will have what is menued each day plus we offer cereal bowls, cereal bars, muffins or mini loaves incase what we offer isn't for them. They are also required to take a fruit or fruit juice. There is also milk that is offered daily for them.

Well now they have had some education time and we are at lunch time! Lunch Prices are as follows \$3.00 for a paid elementary student, and \$3.25 for a paid Middle and High School Student. If you qualify for free and reduced pricing again lunch will be FREE. At our Elementary building for lunch your student can choose what is menued or we offer other entrée's daily they will include: Peanut Butter and Jelly sandwich, a deli sandwich, and Munchables, which is our take on a Lunchable®. If your student is in Middle or High School and what is on the menu isn't for them - don't worry, we offer other options. The daily options for Middle and High School students are just like the elementary options but also include assorted pizza slices, entrée salads, and NEW THIS YEAR we will be offering a grill item for them. So just because the student might not like what is menued we have plenty of other options for them to choose from. Your student is offered hot vegetables daily, and assorted fresh fruits, canned fruit, and fresh vegetables daily where they have to choose at least 1 fruit or vegetable. Again milk is offered, we are offering 1% white, 1% chocolate, and whole white milk this year.

Let's talk menu's where can we find the menu's, the district is working very hard at getting Nutrislice back up and running this year, we know it failed you last year but we are hoping to have it not fail this year. You may download the NutriSlice app onto your phone or log onto the website, choose Mount Gilead as your school and follow the menu through the app or jump onto the school website and go under the foodservice tab and we will have menus like what is included in this newsletter is on their monthly too, or reach out to me and I would be happy to help get a menu to the students to bring home.

Next you are probably asking what is this if I qualify for Free and Reduced meals. Each year you can fill out a free and reduced application provided by the school, this is an application that is put out by Ohio Department of Education, and if your need financial assistant and you fall between their guidelines you may be approved as a free status or a reduced status, with either status this year they are not charging for meals again, so your student could be getting a free breakfast and/or a free lunch every day at school. Did you know that if you qualify for this program you can also get help with school fees too?

Find me or one of my amazing staff members at the street fair and we would be happy to assist you in filling it out, or stop by the office in each building they will have them on hand. One last thing about the application, I only need 1 application per family no matter if you have students in all buildings.

Your student may come home and ask if they can have money to buy a snack at lunch, well they aren't lying to you. We really do have snack carts in each building, the items vary per building along with the cost of items. Do know that all items that are served on these carts have to pass the USDA smart snack calculator, all items are entered into this calculator to make sure they are compliant. All snacks are an additional charge to the lunch. If your student gets to

Meal Pricing

Elementary

Breakfast - \$1.50

Lunch - \$3.00

Middle & High School

Breakfast - \$1.50

Lunch - \$3.25



participate in the free or reduced student program they must have cash or money on their lunch account to purchase a snack, just like a paid student. No student can be in the negative if they want to purchase a snack.

So you are probably asking how do I know how much money is on my students account well you can log into your students PaySchools account and check their balance there. Again you can download the app and log into their account. You can also add money to their account, you can actually see what they bought for the day, and you can set up limits for their account from the app. Also from the app you can fill out a free and reduced form to see if you qualify for reduced meals. This app is pretty handy to have if you ask me.

I know I gave you a ton of information to start the school year but in summary download 2 apps from the google play store or apple store: NUTRISLICE AND PAYSCHOOLS, and set up an account. Fill out the Income assistance application either online or a paper copy. Make sure your student has money on their account, and look over them menus so you know what days your student wants to buy school meals. It's that easy!

If you find that it's not that easy and you need help I am here to help you please reach out to me and I would be more than happy to sit down and either talk you through it or even set up an appointment to help you in person.

We hope your student has a great school year, and gives the school cafeteria a try!

No Before or After School Care Program This Year as Grant Funding Expires

As many of you may be aware, grant funding ended last school year for Mount Gilead's Before and After School care program known as Chief's Club. As of right now there are no grants available. This coming school year we will not be offering Chiefs Club before or after school. We do hope to be able to provide a program in the near future. We will be sure to let you know if that happens. Thank you so much for your continued support and understanding.



SUBSTITUTES NEEDED

- teachers • secretaries
- custodians • maintenance
- cafeteria • bus drivers
- paraprofessionals/aides

Interested in joining the MGEVS family?
Applications are available M-F at the
Board of Education office.

For more information, email Teri Gray at
tgray@mgschools.org
or by calling (419) 946-1646

School F E E S

- ☐ \$35.00/student at Park Avenue Elementary
- ☐ \$35.00/student at Mt. Gilead Middle School
- ☐ \$35.00/student at Mt. Gilead High School
- ☐ \$10.00: MG High School Class Fee
- ☐ \$20.00 High School Technology Fee
- ☐ School Lunch Money, if applicable
(separate check needed)

Student Supply Fees are annual fees paid directly to the school (or by PaySchools). Fees have been added to student accounts for the 2026-27 school year. This money helps to pay for extra school supplies, workbooks, journals, ID badges, planners, printer ink, art supplies and more. Unpaid school fees accumulate and can be found on your student account balance.

PARK AVENUE PTO



MONTHLY EVENTS



2026-2027

AUGUST



10th- PTO Meeting 6:30p
27th-Street Fair 5-6p
27th- Open House 6-8p



SEPTEMBER



8th - Chalk the Walk
5:30-7pm
11th-Youth Tailgate 4:30pm
14th- PTO Meeting 6:30p



OCTOBER

12th-PTO Meeting
6:30pm



NOVEMBER

11th-18th-Fall Book Fair
(Families invited 12th & 17th)
7th- Glow Dance 6-8p
9th- PTO Meeting 6:30p



DECEMBER

14th-PTO Meeting 6:30p
14th-Holiday Shop



JANUARY

11th-PTO Meeting 6:30p



FEBRUARY

8th-PTO Meeting 6:30p
20th- Denim & Diamonds
Father/Daughter Dance 6-8p
17-24th Book Fair
(families invited 18th & 23rd)



MARCH

8th-PTO Meeting 6:30p
13th-Indianball 6-8p



APRIL



12th-PTO Meeting 6:30p
23rd- Mother/Son Paint
Night 7-8pm



MAY

10th-PTO Meeting 6:30p



Please Note: Dates &
activities are subject to
change



PTO MEETINGS ARE HELD
IN THE PARK AVENUE
LIBRARY





THE SUMMER SWING PROGRAM UPDATE

This summer, we expanded our Summer Swing Reading Program to include 1-on-1 “Read-with-a-Teacher” time, in addition to the small group sessions and packets that we offered last summer. So far, in June and July, we have:

- *Provided 31 students with free 1-on-1 weekly sessions to practice reading and get support with practice packets.

- *Collected 75 practice packets that will help students stay fresh in math, reading, and writing.

- *Offered 1.5 hours/week of games and reading with a teacher to any K-5 student.

- *Partnered with the Mount Gilead Public Library, Mount Gilead Pool, 8 local businesses, and individual donors to provide prizes and rewards to our hardworking students for their summer efforts.



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THANK YOU TO:
MOUNT GILEAD PUBLIC LIBRARY
MOUNT GILEAD POOL
SAMES AND COOK
THE SWEET SPOT
THE CAPITOL THEATRE
SPLATTER PARK
STRINE FAMILY FARMS
PARK AVENUE PTO
FREE 4 ALL 4H CLUB
GROOVY PLANT RANCH
THE KIRKPATRICK FAMILY
THE SNYDER FAMILY
CANDIDA DOUBIKIN



Did you miss packet
turn-in?

NO WORRIES!

Turn in any packet to Mrs.
Bartlett & Mrs. Sykes in
Room 159 to spin the
prize wheel!

Park Avenue Theatre Department is gearing up for our fourth season!

This fall, our traditional fourth and fifth grade after-school drama club will transition into a series of interactive theatre workshops, available to students in grades k-5. These workshops will give students the chance to explore a variety of theatrical skills—including acting, movement, improvisation, character development, and stage presence, providing a foundation for the musical. The workshop format offers a fun, low-pressure environment where students can build confidence, develop teamwork skills, and discover the joy of performing.

Then, this winter, the spotlight will shine even brighter as we put on Willy Wonka Kids! The musical is open to grades k-5. Auditions will take place in November with rehearsals beginning in

December. The performances will take place March 11-13. The winter musical continues to be a highlight of the school year, providing young performers with an unforgettable experience both on and off the stage.



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

WE CAN'T DO IT WITHOUT YOU!

HELP SUPPORT MOUNT GILEAD ATHLETICS



TICKET TAKERS

- BE A PART OF THE GAME DAY EXPERIENCE!
- HELP WELCOME FANS AND SUPPORT OUR ATHLETES!



EARN ATHLETIC
PASSES!



CONCESSION WORKERS

- SERVE OUR FANS AND FUEL OUR COMMUNITY!
- EARN FUNDS FOR YOUR SPORTS TEAM!



EARN FUNDS FOR
YOUR TEAM!



CONTACT
MR. BAULT OR A BOOSTER MEMBER
FOR MORE INFORMATION!



MGHS FFA Chapter Has Busy Summer Preparing Leadership

Officer Retreat 2026 Day 1. Officers headed to Wilmington, Ohio for a 3 night retreat to organize and plan the 2026-2027 school year. On the way we had the opportunity to tour Wilmington College. Thanks to Ms. Wollett for setting up and hosting us on our tour.

Officer retreat day 2. We had the wonderful opportunity to tour the World Equestrian Center. What an amazing facility. Then in the afternoon a chance to cool off at the Caesars Creek State Park Beach. Than a great group cooked meal for dinner, followed by a good evening work session.



Summer Safety Town Prepares Incoming Kindergartners

Incoming kindergartners from Mount Gilead and surrounding schools had an amazing week learning how to be safe citizens! They sang songs, did crafts, rode bikes around the miniature town and had visits from some very important people. We would like to thank the Village of Mount Gilead for putting on the program and Park Ave Elementary for hosting. A giant thank you to our amazing community helpers who came in to speak to our young learners: MG police department, MG fire department, MG Schools transportation, Morrow EMS and MG community pool!

Submitted by Safety Town staff





Mount Gilead Student-Athletes Put in the Work This Summer

While the school hallways may have been empty this summer, our athletic facilities—and several college campuses—were anything but.

Across nearly every high school program, athletes dedicated countless hours to improving their skills, strengthening team chemistry, and preparing for another competitive school year. From overnight camps to on-campus instruction, the opportunities available this summer reflected the commitment of both our coaches and student-athletes.

The boys basketball program had another busy offseason, traveling to Eastern Ohio for team camp while also participating in scrimmages, summer league games, and open gyms. The consistent opportunities to compete allowed players to gain valuable experience, build chemistry, and continue preparing for the upcoming season.

The girls basketball program also embraced a full summer schedule. In addition to attending team camp at Marietta College, the Lady Indians competed in multiple shootouts, scrimmages, summer league games, and open gyms while continuing to build the culture and foundation of the program. The program also invested in the future of Mount Gilead basketball by hosting several middle school and youth events throughout the summer, providing opportunities for younger players to develop their skills.

The cross country program ventured to Michigan for its annual training camp, combining miles of running with team-building activities that will pay dividends throughout the fall season. They also hosted youth camp and open track nights.

Football had another productive summer, hosting the Unstoppables Camp in June. The event was made possible through the support of FieldSource and the KMAC, whose partnership helped create a great experience for the athletes. Throughout the offseason, the team has continued to work hard in the weight room while taking full advantage of the OHSA's allotted spring and summer instructional days. The program also held its annual three-day team camp at the high school, allowing players to continue developing on the field while strengthening team chemistry ahead of the season opener against Martins Ferry on August 21.

The cheerleading program also made exciting strides this summer. After receiving approval to begin stunting, the squad purchased new stunt mats and has been learning the fundamentals through instruction from both Mount Gilead coaches and outside professionals. Safety has remained the top priority as the team develops these new skills, and the program also hosted a successful stunt camp for younger athletes.

The golf program has remained active throughout the summer as well. The boys have taken advantage of memberships at Kings Mill Golf Club to continue refining their games. With many of the girls balancing multiple sports, the girls golf program has adopted a flexible approach by meeting weekly at TopGolf, local golf courses, and around the school to continue developing fundamentals while accommodating busy summer schedules.



The HS girls basketball team visited The Wilds on their way to a weekend at Marietta College.



The softball team played in summer league games this summer.



The golf teams spent time getting swings in at Top Golf.

Volleyball also invested heavily in its development, welcoming coaches from Mount Vernon Nazarene University to Mount Gilead. The opportunity allowed athletes to learn from collegiate coaches while sharpening their skills before the start of official practices. They also participated in several tournaments and open gyms throughout the Summer.

What stands out most isn't simply where our teams traveled or who they trained with—it's the number of student-athletes who chose to invest in themselves throughout the summer. These opportunities were voluntary, yet participation across our athletic programs was outstanding. Our athletes consistently showed a willingness to sacrifice part of their summer to improve, compete, and represent Mount Gilead with pride. I loved walking around campus all Summer seeing the effort, the pride and the dedication our athletes were showing.

As fall sports begin and winter seasons approach, Mount Gilead has every reason to be excited. Our athletes have put in the work, our coaches have invested countless hours into their programs, and the foundation has been laid for another successful year.

The future is bright because the work has already begun.



The HS boys basketball team participated in team camp at the Eastern Ohio Basketball Camp.



MVNU hosted a camp for our High School Volleyball team.

Support Our Student-Athletes: Get Involved with Mount Gilead Athletic Boosters!

As we begin another exciting school year, we want to take a moment to recognize the incredible support our student-athletes received throughout the offseason. From summer camps and team-building activities to training opportunities and program enhancements, these experiences help prepare our athletes for success both on and off the field.

These opportunities are made possible through the generosity of our community. Local business sponsorships, donations, and the hard work of Athletic Booster volunteers, coaches and parents provide vital support for our athletic programs and help create memorable experiences for students across all sports. We are always looking for new sponsors and donors to help continue to improve our student-athlete experience.

The Mount Gilead Athletic Boosters are currently seeking volunteers who want to make a positive impact on our schools and community. Whether you can help at concession stands, assist with fundraising events, serve on a committee, or support behind the scenes, there is a place for everyone.

Together, we can continue providing opportunities that enrich the student-athlete experience and make Mount Gilead a community we are proud to call home.

Interested in getting involved or being a sponsor? Contact Janet Edwards, Interim President of the Mount Gilead Athletic Boosters, at 419-494-9349 or athleticboosters@mgschools.org.



Become a Sponsor



Volunteer





Youth Camps Build Skills, Confidence, and Community

This summer, Mount Gilead Athletics proudly hosted a variety of youth camps that provided local students with opportunities to learn, grow, and connect with our coaches and student-athletes. The incredible participation throughout the summer is a testament to the excitement and pride surrounding our athletic programs.

Our Girls in Sports Camp welcomed more than 45 participants over three days as campers were introduced to basketball, softball, and volleyball. The camp focused on teaching fundamental skills while building confidence, encouraging teamwork, and creating a fun, welcoming environment for young athletes.

The Youth Track Camp gave participants the chance to explore the many events that make up track and field. Campers learned proper techniques, challenged themselves in new events, and discovered the importance of effort and perseverance.

The Youth Football Camp brought together more than 50 young athletes for three days of instruction led by our football coaches and players. Campers developed their football fundamentals while learning valuable lessons about teamwork, discipline, and sportsmanship.

Our Boys Basketball Camp completed the summer camp schedule with three days of skill development, competition, and fun. Young players had the opportunity to improve their basketball fundamentals while experiencing the enthusiasm and culture of the Mount Gilead basketball program.

While each camp focused on developing athletic skills, they also served a much bigger purpose. They strengthened the connection between our current student-athletes and the next generation of Mount Gilead Indians, creating memories and relationships that will last well beyond the summer.

The pride, enthusiasm, and community support shown throughout each of these camps have been outstanding. We sincerely thank our coaches, student-athletes, volunteers, families, and participants for making this summer such a tremendous success. The future of Mount Gilead Athletics is bright, and these camps are an important step in continuing to build that tradition.



Girls In Sports Camp - Volleyball | Basketball | Softball



Girls Basketball Camp



Boys Basketball Camp

Welcome Back from the High School Counseling Office!

We're so excited to welcome our students and families back for the **2026–2027 school year!** Whether you're finding your classroom, planning for college, exploring career options, or just need someone to talk to, the High School Counseling Office is here to help make this your best year yet!

Mrs. Hess, School Counselor, and Mrs. Smith, Counseling Secretary, have a few important reminders to help everyone start the year off strong.

Schedule Pick-Up

Student schedules will be available at **Open House on Thursday, August 27.**

Can't make Open House? No problem! Schedules may be picked up the following week in the high school office between **9:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m.** Or you can view them in **PowerSchool beginning Friday, August 28.**

If you notice an error on your schedule, please stop by the Counseling table during Open House or email **Mrs. Hess** at ehess@mgschools.org.

MTC CCP Online Students

Enrolled in **online MTC CCP courses?** Don't forget that **classes begin Monday, August 17!** Be sure to log in and start your coursework that day.

Need your school Chromebook before CCP classes begin? Email **Mrs. Smith** at wsmith@mgschools.org so we can help get you ready.

How Can the Counseling Office Help?

Our Counseling Office is here to support students during their transition back to school, as well as all year long. Here are a few of the things we will work with students on throughout the school year:

- **Academic Success** – course planning, study skills, and goal setting
- **College & Career Planning** – exploring careers, applications, scholarships, and resumes
- **Social & Emotional Wellness** – managing stress, friendships, and personal challenges
- **Support & Resources** – crisis intervention and connecting families with community resources
- **Life Transitions** – helping students navigate new schools, new grades, and life after graduation

We look forward to seeing all of our students soon. Here's to a fantastic school year!

MGHS Athletic Hall of Fame Seeks Nominations

The Mount Gilead High School Athletic Hall of Fame has been established to create a lasting tribute to those who have brought honor to themselves, their school, and our community through excellence in athletics.

The deadline to nominate is August 31st. The Induction Ceremony will be held prior to a varsity basketball game this winter. For more details or to download application packet, visit: mgschools.org/athletics/mghs-hof



Athletic Passes On-Sale
NOW at the MGHS Office
M-F, 8 AM to 2 PM

As a member of the KMAC,
Ticket Prices are as follows:

Adult Tickets
\$8 - Varsity Events
\$5 - MS & Other Events

Student Tickets
\$5 - Varsity Events
\$3 - MS & Other Events

Military/Senior Ticket
\$5 - Varsity
\$3 - MS & Other Events

Adult All-Sport Season Pass
\$150

Family All-Sport Season Pass
\$350 (2 Adult/2 Children)
\$25/additional family member

Student Season Pass
\$50

Senior (60+) Pass
Former 'Grandparent' Pass
\$25

In-Season Athlete
FREE

Guidelines:

- ♦ Full payment for athletic passes is required at the time of purchase (checks payable to Mount Gilead High School).
- ♦ Passes can be purchased in the High School office between 8 am and 2 pm.
- ♦ Passes will ONLY be honored at HOME (non-Tournament) Mount Gilead High School and Middle School Athletic Events.
- ♦ Original pass must be presented at each athletic event (no copies or photos).
- ♦ Passes are not transferable.

Middle School (7th & 8th Grade) Football

August 26	5:00 PM	MS Football @ Plymouth
September 3	7:00 PM	MS Football @ Cardington
September 10	5:30 PM	MS Football @ Loudonville
September 17	5:30 PM	MS Football vs. Danville
September 24	5:30 PM	MS Football vs. Fredericktown
October 1	5:30 PM	MS Football vs. East Knox
October 8	5:30 PM	MS Football @ Centerburg
October 15	7:00 PM	MS Football vs. Northmor

Middle School (7th & 8th Grade) Volleyball

August 22	10:00 AM	MS Volleyball vs. Elgin
August 26	5:00 PM	MS Volleyball @ Centerburg
August 31	5:00 PM	MS Volleyball vs. Fredericktown
September 2	5:00 PM	MS Volleyball vs. Danville
September 8	5:00 PM	MS Volleyball @ Northmor
September 9	5:00 PM	MS Volleyball @ Loudonville
September 14	5:00 PM	MS Volleyball vs. East Knox
September 16	5:00 PM	MS Volleyball @ Cardington
September 19	10:00 AM	MS Volleyball @ Bucyrus
September 21	5:00 PM	MS Volleyball @ Centerburg
September 22	5:00 PM	MS Volleyball vs. Mansfield Christian
September 23	5:00 PM	MS Volleyball @ Fredericktown
September 26	9:00 AM	MS Volleyball vs. Crestline
September 28	5:00 PM	MS Volleyball vs. Danville
September 30	5:00 PM	MS Volleyball @ Northmor
October 3	10:00 AM	MS Volleyball vs. Ridgedale
October 5	5:00 PM	MS Volleyball vs. Loudonville
October 7	5:00 PM	MS Volleyball vs. East Knox
October 12	5:00 PM	MS Volleyball vs. Cardington

Middle School (7th & 8th Grade) Cross Country

August 24	MS XC @ Northmor Invitational
August 29	MS XC @ Seneca East Tiger Classic
September 5	MS XC @ Highland Flying Scots Invitational
September 12	MS XC @ Seneca East Stars, Stripes and Lights
September 19	MS XC @ Galion XC Festival
September 26	MS XC @ Ohio Bill Brown Invitational
September 29	MS XC @ Fredericktown Denny Stevens Invitational
October 3	MS XC @ North Union Invitational
October 6	MS XC HOME Mount Gilead Thill Invitational
October 10	MS XC @ Marion Harding Invitational
October 17	MS XC @ KMAC Meet (Fredericktown)
October 25	MS XC @ State Meet (Fortress Obetz)

High School Cross Country

August 25,	HS XC @ Upper Sandusky Invitational
August 29	HS XC @ Seneca East Tiger Classic
September 12	HS XC @ Seneca East Stars, Stripes & Lights
September 19	HS XC @ Galion XC Festival
September 26	HS XC @ Fleet Feet (Strongsville)
September 29	HS XC @ Fredericktown Denny Stevens Invite
October 3	HS XC @ Olentangy Bear Den Dash
October 6	HS XC HOME MG Thill Invitational
October 10	HS XC @ Marion Harding Invitational
October 17	HS XC @ KMAC MEET

High School Varsity Football

August 7	6:00 PM	Varsity Football @ Bucyrus (Scrimmage)
August 14	6:00 PM	Varsity Football @ Plymouth (Scrimmage)
August 21	7:00 PM	Varsity Football vs. Martins Ferry
August 28	7:00 PM	Varsity Football @ Upper Sandusky
September 4	7:00 PM	Varsity Football vs. Grove City Christian (Military Appreciation Night)
September 11	7:00 PM	Varsity Football vs. Loudonville (MG Youth Athletics Recognition Night)
September 18	7:00 PM	Varsity Football @ Danville
September 25	7:00 PM	Varsity Football @ Fredericktown
October 2	7:00 PM	Varsity Football @ East Knox
October 9	7:00 PM	Varsity Football vs. Centerburg (Homecoming)
October 16	7:00 PM	Varsity Football @ Northmor
October 23	7:00 PM	Varsity Football vs. Cardington (Senior Night)

High School Junior Varsity Football

August 24	5:00 PM	JV Football @ Colonel Crawford
August 29	10:00 AM	JV Football vs. North Union
September 5	10:00 AM	JV Football @ Cardington
September 12	10:00 AM	JV Football @ Loudonville
September 19	10:00 AM	JV Football vs. Danville
September 26	10:00 AM	JV Football vs. Fredericktown
October 3	10:00 AM	JV Football vs. East Knox
October 10	10:00 AM	JV Football @ Centerburg
October 17	10:00 AM	JV Football vs. Northmor

High School Volleyball

August 22	10:00 AM	HS Volleyball @ Elgin
August 25	4:30 PM	HS Volleyball @ Centerburg
September 1	4:30 PM	HS Volleyball @ Fredericktown
September 3	4:30 PM	HS Volleyball vs. Danville
September 8	4:30 PM	HS Volleyball @ Northmor
September 9	4:30 PM	HS Volleyball vs. Plymouth
September 10	4:30 PM	HS Volleyball vs. Loudonville
September 14	5:30 PM	HS Volleyball vs. Granville Christian Academy
September 15	4:30 PM	HS Volleyball vs. East Knox
September 17	4:30 PM	HS Volleyball vs. Cardington-Lincoln
September 19	10:00 AM	HS Volleyball vs. Bucyrus
September 21	5:30 PM	HS Volleyball @ Mansfield Christian
September 22	4:30 PM	HS Volleyball vs. Centerburg
September 24	4:30 PM	HS Volleyball vs. Fredericktown
September 26	9:00AM	HS Volleyball vs. Crestline
September 29	4:30 PM	HS Volleyball @ Danville
October 1	4:30 PM	HS Volleyball vs. Northmor
October 6	4:30 PM	HS Volleyball @ Loudonville
October 8	4:30 PM	HS Volleyball @ East Knox
October 13	4:30 PM	HS Volleyball @ Cardington-Lincoln
October 15	5:30 PM	HS Volleyball @ Lucas

High School Boys Golf

August 3	9:00 AM	HS Boys Golf @ Bucyrus Tournament
August 4	8:00 AM	HS Boys Golf vs. KMAC #1
August 12	4:30 PM	HS Boys Golf @ Fredericktown
August 17	8:00 AM	HS Boys Golf @ Northmor
August 19	4:00 PM	HS Boys Golf @ Loudonville
August 25	4:00 PM	HS Boys Golf @ Fredericktown
August 26	11:30 AM	HS Boys Golf @ KMAC #2
August 31	4:00 PM	HS Boys Golf @ Centerburg
September 2	4:00 PM	HS Boys Golf @ Cardington/East Knox/ Northmor
September 3	4:00 PM	HS Boys Golf @ East Knox
September 9	4:00 PM	HS Boys Golf @ Centerburg
September 16	4:00 PM	HS Boys Golf @ Loudonville
September 17	10:00 AM	HS Boys Golf @ KMAC #3

High School Girls Golf

July 30	1:00 PM	HS Girls Golf @ Buckeye Central
August 3	3:00 PM	HS Girls Golf @ Centerburg
August 6	12:00 PM	HS Girls Golf @ Upper Sandusky
August 10	9:00 AM	HS Girls Golf @ Ashland Invite
August 20	9:00 AM	HS Girls Golf @ Highland
August 25	4:30 PM	HS Girls Golf @ Galion
August 26	4:00 PM	HS Girls Golf @ Pleasant
August 29	2:00 PM	HS Girls Golf @ Mount Vernon Tournament
August 31	2:00 PM	HS Girls Golf @ Clear Fork
September 4	9:00 AM	HS Girls Golf @ Ontario Invite
September 14	9:00 AM	HS Girls Golf @ Clear Fork Tournament

All events are subject to change. For the most up-to-date information, check the calendar at mgschools.org or download the MG Schools App on Google Play or iTunes Stores

2026-2027 School Supply Lists

Kindergarten

Refillable/Reusable water bottle
Pencil pouch with zipper (except McCaffrey)
Backpack
2 - 2 pocket folders (except McCaffrey)

1st Grade

Pencil box
Spiral wide ruled notebook
2 - plastic folders with 3 prongs
Backpack

2nd Grade

Backpack
Pencil box
2 - 2 pocket folders (plastic/poly)

3rd Grade

2 - 1" Binders
3 - Folders. 1 of these should be a blue folder with prongs
Wide lined notebook paper
Pencil pouch
2 spiral wide lined notebooks
Backpack

4th Grade

1 Zippered 3 ring binder (Knuckles/Martin)
1 Zippered pencil pouch to fit in the binder (Knuckles/Martin)
1 Pencil box (Hoffman/Reau)
1 pack of wide ruled notebook paper
4 2 pocket folders with holes to fit in the binder
Backpack
2" Binder (Hoffman/Reau)

5th Grade

2 packs of wide ruled notebook paper
Pencil pouch
3 - 2 pocket plastic folders
Backpack

The district will be purchasing headphones for all of the Park Avenue Elementary School students this year.

6th Grade

Pencils - a lot
1 - Pack of Expo Dry Erase Markers
Scissors
3 big glue sticks
2 composition notebooks any color
WIRED Earbuds or Headphones
Pencil pouch or school box to hold supplies as they must be carried with you from class to class
1 Box of tissues
Colored pencils (can be the same ones you use for art)

*** NO TRAPPER KEEPER/BINDERS

These will be provided by the 6th grade teachers

7th Grade

Pencils - a lot
1 pack of highlighters
1 pack EXPO Dry Erase Markers
Paper: loose or in a spiral notebook
3 big glue sticks
Zippered 3-ring Binder
4 folders with holes to fit inside binder
2 colored pens (any color but black)
1 pack colored pencils
1 pack markers
WIRED Earbuds or Headphones
Pencil Pouch

8th Grade

Pencils - a lot
1 pack of highlighters
1 pack EXPO Dry Erase Markers
Paper: loose or in a spiral notebook
2" 3-ring binder (math)
3 big glue sticks
Zippered 3-ring Binder
4 folders with holes to fit inside binder
2 colored pens (any color but black)
1 pack colored pencils
1 pack markers
WIRED Earbuds or Headphones

9th-12th Grades

The High School does not have a "mandatory" supply list since students are in a variety of classes. Teachers may request specific supplies for the individual courses on the first day of class. Normally, we ask students to bring normal organizational and classroom supplies. Below you will find some suggestions for items which will be helpful as we navigate the 2026-2027 school year:

Pencils
Colored pencils
Pens
3 x 5 index cards

Ruler w/ metrics
Erasers
Highlighters
Divided notebooks

Loose paper - college ruled
3-ring binder (1/2" for English, 1" for Science)



2026-2027 MGEVS CALENDAR ELEMENTARY, MIDDLE AND HIGH SCHOOLS

AUGUST

27: Street Fair & Open House
5 PM: Street Fair
6 PM: Open House

SEPTEMBER

7: No School - Labor Day
8: No School - Teacher Work Day
9: First Day of the 2026-2027 School Year
25: 2-Hour Early Release (Professional Development)

OCTOBER

23: 2-Hour Early Release (Professional Development)

NOVEMBER

6: End of 1st Quarter Classes
12: 1-Hour Early Release (P-T Conferences)
17: 1-Hour Early Release (P-T Conferences)
25: No School - Thanksgiving Break
26: No School - Happy Thanksgiving
27: No School - Thanksgiving Break

DECEMBER

9: 2-Hour Early Release (Professional Development)
21: No School - Winter Break
22: No School - Winter Break
23: No School - Winter Break
24: No School - Winter Break
25: No School - Merry Christmas
28: No School - Winter Break
29: No School - Winter Break
30: No School - Winter Break
31: No School - Winter Break

JANUARY

1: No School - New Year's Eve/Day
18: No School - MLK Jr Day
28: End of 2nd Quarter/1st Semester Classes
29: No School - Teacher Workday

FEBRUARY

18: 1-Hour Early Release (P-T Conferences)
23: 1-Hour Early Release (P-T Conferences)

MARCH

12: 2-Hour Early Release (Professional Development)
29: No School - Spring Break
30: No School - Spring Break
31: No School - Spring Break

APRIL

1: No School - Spring Break
2: No School - Spring Break
9: End of 3rd Quarter
23: 2-Hour Early Release (Professional Development)

MAY

*** 26: 2-Hour Early Release (Professional Development)**
29: Graduation - Class of 2027
31: No School - Memorial Day

JUNE

4: 1-Hour Early Release - Last Day of Classes
Enjoy your summer!

**Please note: This early release was originally scheduled for January 23, but was changed to accommodate the review of state testing results as a district.*



As we enter a new school year, we want to remind our families that attendance matters for every student, every day. Students who attend school regularly have increased academic success, feel more connected to their community, develop strong social skills and friendships, are more likely to graduate from high school and are more successful in the work world as adults. Please look at our school calendar when making appointments or planning family trips. Trying to schedule these during school breaks helps your child not miss any of the fun and learning!

Let's work as a team to make sure every student is here and ready to learn this year!

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Park Avenue PTO

2nd Monday of each month
6:30 PM
Park Avenue Library

Music Boosters

1st Monday of each month
6:30 PM
Band Room

Athletic Boosters

3rd Thursday of each month
6 PM
Community Room



The first day of the 2026-2027 school year is
Wednesday, September 9, 2026