



LEARNER

Ninth Grade

Journey Day

September 25, 2026

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- **Building Meaningful Relationships** – Through shared experiences, mentorship, or collaboration, students connect with peers and community members who can fuel their learning journey.

Missions

****Required**

Student Directions:

Action: Complete the “Find Your Path” Survey in SchoolLinks.

Goal: This will help you to identify personalized career recommendations based directly on your unique personality traits and interests.

Expeditions

****Optional**

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Missions

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Student Directions:

Action: Complete the “Student Focus Survey” in SchoolLinks.

Goal: This will help you to match your core motivations with your future aspirations and mindsets to narrow down your potential career fields.

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Missions

****Required**

Student Directions:

Choose the option below that best aligns with your post-secondary goals.

Option 1: Begin to investigate 4-year, technical and 2-year programs.

Option 2: Begin to plan in-person visits and/or utilize virtual tours.

Option 3: Learn about experiential learning by visiting the XLP website:
www.mhsxlp.com/about-us.

Expeditions

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Missions

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Choose the option below that best aligns with your post-secondary goals.

Option 1: The College Pathway

Begin to complete any one of the following:

1. **Financial Aid:** Complete the FAFSA early.
2. **Funding:** Search and apply for scholarships.
3. **Final Decisions:** Solidify choices with tours.
4. **Professional Profile:** Update your resume.

Option 2: The Military Pathway

Begin to complete any one of the following:

1. Explore branches and meet recruiters.
2. Prepare for the ASVAB exam.
3. Focus on Physical Fitness readiness.

Option 3: Workforce Pathway

1. Identify jobs with aptitude tests.
2. Research growth and salary data.
3. Monitor XLP website for internships.

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7-12 MODIFIED JOURNEY DAY CHOICE BOARD

On each Journey Day, choose activities from your choice board that help you practice **Portrait of a Comet** skills.

Mark or fill in each square as you go so that you can share with your classmates!

 Adaptability	 Critical Thinking	 Integrity	 Communication	 Empathy
Practice typing on a keyboard or device.	Practice your interviewing skills with family members.	Choice Activity!	Order your own lunch or dinner at a restaurant.	Complete a job around the house for someone who needs help
Listen to new music or make your own.	Sort and put away household items (socks, dishes, games).	Make a menu for dinner and help prepare the meal.	Practice introducing yourself to family members then try it in the community.	Choice Activity!
Create your own activity. _____	Make a list and purchase items at the grocery store on a budget.	Pick up your room without being asked.	Choice Activity!	Write a kind note or draw a picture to share with someone.
Choice Activity!	Create a picture about YOU that shows your strengths & interests.	Do something kind for a family member.	Draw a picture that shows how you are feeling today and share it with a family member.	Get help with creating a sensory bin for a calming experience.
Try a new activity or food.	Choice Activity!	Sort/Fold/Put away your own laundry.	Take turns when playing a game with someone you know.	Create your own activity. _____