August 24-28, 2026

Good Afternoon,
I want to give a HUGE shout out to our students and the incredible job they have done this week. They started a new school year with new classes, new teachers and a new law that requires no cell phones from 7:45-2:55. All of the NEW and they had incredible attitudes and conversations from beginning to end.
We begin our first full week of the 26-27 school year on Monday. Our staff has shared how impressed they are with our students already. Thank you to parents and guardians for your support!

We had a wonderful greeting committee with our Father's Club on Friday morning as they greeted students with donuts and fist bumps to celebrate the first Friday of the year. To our dads-it is not too late to be a part of this great team!
Stay Curious, Connected and Courageous,
Dr. Holder

Learning Schedule for the Week:
Monday: Silver Block Day
Tuesday: Blue Block Day
Wednesday: Silver Block Day-LATE START! CLASSES BEGIN AT 8:20.
Thursday: Blue Block Day
Friday: Silver Block Day

Tuesday:
On Tuesday August 25, the Mill Valley Volleyball Team will be hosting their jamboree with Blue Valley West and Bishop Miege. The Jamboree will take place outside on the MV soccer field and will start at 6:00. Tickets will be available for purchase at the event or can be purchase online via this link: https://kingdombeachvb.square.site/?source=qr-code
Ticket Prices are as follows:
Adult: $10
Non MV Student: $5
Senior Citizen (65+): Free
Current MV Student: Free (Please be ready to provide your lunch code for entry)
We hope to see you all there to support our volleyball team!

Wednesday, August 26:
Senior Sunrise at 6:30am on the field (exact field dependent on sports/weather schedule). This is a time for seniors to celebrate the start of their senior year with donuts and photo opportunities.

THIS Wednesday LATE START:
On Wednesdays throughout the school year classes begin at 8:20. This is a time for teachers to collaborate and focus on student data. Students are asked to remain in the commons and out of hallways until the 8:10 bell rings. Students MAY use their phones until 8:10 on late start days.

Thursday: Back to School Night:
This Thursday is our annual Back to School Night. There is an OPTIONAL meeting in our Performing Arts Center starting at 5:30 if parents are interested in hearing about school goals and district initiatives. Class rotations begin at 6 pm and run until 7:30. Please see attachment for schedule.

Attention Freshman:
We encourage freshmen to consider running for student council at Mill Valley. Being a part of this organization is a great way to be and stay involved in your high school experience. If you are interested, please see Ms. Waller in her classroom in upper A hall, room A205, for more information.

Semester 1 Finals Opt Out:
There are several teachers at MV who will offer students the opportunity to Opt Out of semester finals. Teachers will notify students if their class participates in this opportunity.
The criteria for eligibility is:
4 or fewer absences for the semester in a class of the opt out
Earning an A in the class of the opt out
Teachers will begin the (4) absence count after Labor Day. Students will be given further information on this process in November.

Counseling Message:
ACT Prep Class
Power Prep, Inc. will be offering a Saturday ACT prep class at K-State Olathe on September 12th. Please click on the link below for more information.
https://powerprepinc.com/act-test-prep/p/greater-kansas-city-area-act-prep-class?utm_campaign=ACT%20Test%20Prep%20Classes&utm_medium=email&_hsenc=p2ANqtz-_pTVp-xj9QOKyTrsn4Kzph_YNUDrKy3sc9iSXo-dUHYpQq8LIxo1WudACHj4f0dU6g2-_Ve1XXz0V8v4obLmFc6h5ucw&_hsmi=433928810&utm_content=433928810&utm_source=hs_email

Thank you,
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