September 7-11, 2026

Good Afternoon,
Enjoy your BONUS day off tomorrow. We look forward to seeing students again on Tuesday.
Stay Connected,
Dr. Holder

Learning Schedule for the Week:
Monday: No School-Labor Day
Tuesday: Silver Block Day
Wednesday: Blue Block Day-LATE START! CLASSES BEGIN AT 8:20.
Thursday: Silver Block Day
Friday: Blue Block Day

Flag Football: Monday (tomorrow) at 6:00 and 7:30
We invite everyone out to the Jaguar Soccer field tomorrow evening for the home opener of the defending state flag football champions-The MV Jaguars! The team would love a big crowd to support them!

Cell Phones:
Just a friendly reminder that cell phones and personal electronics cannot be utilized during the school day. This time starts at 7:45 and ends at 2:55. Cell phones and personal electronics must be turned off and inaccessible from 7:45-2:55.

Picture Retake Day:
Picture retakes will be held on October 22.

Drop Off:
It has been requested that our MV families do not use Prairie Ridge Elementary as a drop off location for students. Dropping off in this space is causing challenges for the elementary drop off process. Thank you for your cooperation.

Laptop Chargers:
Unfortunately, we do not have chargers that we can loan/give students. If students need to purchase a new charger, it needs to be a USBC 30 watt or higher charger. Please be sure laptops are charged and ready to go every school day.

Counseling Message:
Senior Meetings
Counselors will begin meeting individually with senior students starting in the next couple of weeks. The senior meeting allows the counselor to finalize graduation credits, 2nd semester schedules, and decisions about post-secondary options including scholarship and financial aid information. Using their school email, students must complete an informational form at the link below. The counselors will then follow up with the student to schedule their senior meeting. (This meeting is meant for the senior student and the counselor.)
https://forms.gle/Z5hiZGGGUpMQezKG6

September Senior Newsletter
Please click on the link below for the first senior newsletter for this year. The senior newsletter contains post-secondary information including scholarships, financial aid, and college information. The monthly senior newsletter will be posted on the Counseling Website.

https://resources.finalsite.net/images/v1788465247/usd232org/qxeclpkzuhg4bwyes0mh/September2026SeniorNewsletter.pdf
September Counseling Newsletter
The link below contains information for students including leadership opportunities, information from our social worker, and scholarship information.
https://www.canva.com/design/DAHUEUFlwqI/GCnc0NkTv8EK-cHT6B7CwQ/view?utm_content=DAHUEUFlwqI&utm_campaign=designshare&utm_medium=link2&utm_source=uniquelinks&utlId=hf202d67975

SAVE THE DATE!...MV Next Steps
MV Next Steps will be 10/1, 10/8, and 10/22 for 1st semester! MV Next Steps is an opportunity for your student to visit with representatives to hear about post-secondary options including trades, colleges, military, and local businesses. These events take place during Seminar, and ALL STUDENTS are invited to attend all sessions! Please see the attached "MV Next Steps" flyer to learn more.

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-dUHYpQg8LIxo1WudACHj4f0dU6g2-_Ve1XXz0V8v4obLmFc6h5ucw&_hsmi=433928810&utm_content=433928810&utm_source=hs_email

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 will participate 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.

Parent/Teacher Conferences:
We invite and strongly encourage parents to attend Parent Teacher Conferences in September. This is a great time to connect with teachers and have the opportunity for face to face conversations regarding your student's academic progress. The schedule will be as follows:
September 23: 4:00 pm-7:30 pm-Held in our gym and commons area.
September 24: 9:00 am-8:00 pm-Held in teacher's classrooms

Upcoming Testing Information:
On October 6, Sophomores and juniors who have signed up and paid will have the opportunity to take the PSAT. The window to sign up for this exam has closed. ALL OTHER STUDENTS WILL HAVE A REGULAR BLOCK DAY ON OCTOBER 6.
NOTE FOR OCTOBER 13 TESTING: Due to the high number of staff it requires to administer exams to this many students, students who are not testing are welcome to attend school and we will provide a study hall during testing. Following testing/study hall students will attend their blue 4 and blue 5 classes.
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On October 13, all freshmen and sophomores will take the PreACT test. Freshmen and Sophomores DO NOT need to register for this exam.
On October 13, Juniors who have signed up and paid will have the opportunity to take the ACT. The window to sign up for this exam has closed.
On October 13, Seniors who have signed up will have the opportunity to take the ACT. The window to sign up for this exam has closed.

Bike Riders:
We ask our bike riders to not leave bikes on the ramp outside the activity entrance, please. Please store bikes in the front of the building or against the building at the activity entrance.

Congrats to our Jags:
The girls cross country teams got off to a great start on Saturday at the Greg Wilson Classic against four of the top eight teams from last year's 6A state championship and 8 of the 16 returning state medalists from last year. The varsity girls placed 3rd, one point behind Blue Valley West. Our medalists were senior Audrey Howard (2nd), freshman Hailey Hanna (10th), and senior Kate Culbertson (15th).
Our JV girls had an impressive meet to finish 3rd as well. Our medalists were junior Leah Schmidtmann (2nd), freshman Emerson Nilges (10th), and sophomore Addison Gile (15th).
In total, we had 12 girls (out of 25) run a personal best on a very hot morning!
Our boys cross country teams got off to a great start on Saturday at the Greg Wilson Classic. The field included 2 of the top 3 teams at last year's state meet, the defending individual state champion, and 8 of the 12 returning state medalists from last year. The boys team placed 6th. Senior Graham Anderson led the way with a 3rd place finish.
The JV boys had a great first meet to place 4th. Sophomores Burke Croft (15th) and Josh Newman (16th).
In all, we had 11 boys (out of 25) run a personal best on a very hot morning!

Looking Ahead:
September 7-Labor Day- No school for students or staff
September 23 and 24-P/T Conferences
September 25-No school for students or staff
October 5-10-Homecoming Week!
October 15-End of first quarter
October 16 and 19-No school for students- Teacher PD Days
November 23-27-Thanksgiving Break

Thank you,
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