September 14-18, 2026

Good Afternoon,
We look forward to a great week ahead of learning.
Go Jags!

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

Sophomores:
On Monday during seminar, sophomores will have an opportunity to hear from Jostens about options for ordering a class ring.

Seniors:
On October 1 during seminar, seniors will have an opportunity to hear from Jostens about graduation items to order to prepare for their BIG day on May 22.

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
**NOTE: No school for students or staff on September 25.

Homecoming 2026 is COMING SOON:
We look forward to homecoming week each year as it is a time that MV spirit and celebration shines bright! As a teaser, please see the attached document as a look ahead for this exciting week.
In addition, please consider the following:
October 10th is the Mill Valley Homecoming Dance, and now is the time to order corsages and boutonnieres! Locally owned florist, Branches & Twigs, has beautiful flowers for sale, and is giving back a percentage of all orders to the Silver Stars Dance Team. The orders will all be delivered to the Mill Valley Teacher Parking Lot (off Monticello) the morning of October 10 (10am-noon) for very easy pickup. Deadline for orders is October 7!
To order:
https://branches-twigs-home.myshopify.com/collections/mill-valley
Thanks for supporting this local business and the Silver Stars!

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.

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.

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

Counseling Message:
Senior Meetings
Counselors are meeting with seniors! The senior meeting allows the counselor to finalize graduation credits, 2nd semester schedules (Senior Shortened Day), 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

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-dUHYpQq8LIxo1WudACHj4f0dU6g2-_Ve1XXz0V8v4obLmFc6h5ucw&_hsmi=433928810&utm_content=433928810&utm_source=hs_email

Semester 1 Finals Opt Out:
**The official start of the absence count began on September 7!
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.

Congratulations to our Jags:
Volleyball:
Congrats to our lady Jag volleyball players as they swept the Olathe South VB Tournament 5-0 on Saturday. If you have not made it out to see this talented team of ladies, you should make it your next big event!

Football:
Our football team played an exciting game on Friday night against Manhattan High School. Our Jaguars dominated MHS and defeated them 21-7.

Tennis:
Varsity Girls' tennis took 2nd at the Olathe East Quad and then Varsity tied for 1st at the Emporia invitational. Some big winners were Clara Budimlija for varsity placing third in singles and Rylea Schwarz and Zoe Wendel placing fifth at doubles.
JV won the invitational and some big winners there were: Logan Stafford and Morgan Herron taking first for JV first Doubles and Carlye Hays and Josie Reed also took first for JV second doubles. Noelle Mohn and Maebelle Suderman both took second place for JV 1st and 2nd singles

Cross Country:
The boys and girls cross country teams competed on Saturday evening at the Olathe Twilight meet. This is one of the top meets of the season, with teams coming from all of Kansas along with teams from Missouri, Colorado, Nebraska, and Iowa. We had a very successful night!

Our C team girls placed 4th out of 13 teams. Our medalists were Adelyn Randal (3rd), Addi Richter (7th), and Aleaz Cozad (15th). There were 144 runners in the race.

Our JV girls dominated the field to win by 39 over the top girls program in Missouri- Blue Springs South. We had 6 of the 20 medalists, led by event CHAMPION Lexi Lamberson in a new PR! Our other medalists were Clara Hanks (3rd), Kaitlyn Forshee (5th), Annie Lamberson (9th), Kale'a Gomes (11th), Emerson Nilges (16th). Four of these girls are freshman! There were 195 runners in the race and 23 complete teams.

Our varsity girls continued their impressive season by placing 5th our of 19 teams in the elite division. The field included a top team from Colorado, Blue Springs South (defending Missouri state champions), a top team from Iowa, and many of the top 6A teams. We were led by Audrey Howard who placed 7th. She was our lone medalists in a very tough field. There were 173 girls in the race and our seven runners were in the top 80 of the meet!

Our C team boys placed 12th out of 19 teams. We were led by Lucas Lowry who placed 29th out of 239 runners.

Our JV boys placed 8th out of 31 teams. We were led by Brody Garcia who placed 29th out of 404 runners.

Our varsity boys placed 12th out of 20 teams in the elite division. We were led by Graham Anderson who placed 6th out of 167 runners.

We compete next at Washburn Rural on September 19th.

Thank you,
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