



Matawan Regional High School

2026-2027 Weekly Updates

August 24, 2026

Greetings MRHS Families,

The final countdown to the start of the 2026-2027 school year has officially begun!!! If you have not done so already, please be sure to review the [Welcome Back Letter](#) which was sent on Friday August 14th for important information regarding the opening of school.

Student schedules have been finalized and will be released on **Tuesday, August 25th**. When accessing your child's schedule, it is imperative that contact information be updated to ensure proper communication throughout the school year. Instructions on updating contact information on the Parent Portal can be found [here](#). Please be sure to review the information and make appropriate changes.

Our [school counseling team](#) will be in the office from August 25-28 to address any scheduling issues. There will be a [Course Adjustment Period](#) for students to discuss alternative options with their counselor if they have a class on their schedule that they did not request. This request for an adjustment must be received prior to August 31st.

Matawan Regional High School – School Counseling Team			
Ms. Amanda Longo	Grade 9 A-Z Maroon & Steel House	732-705-5318	amandalongo@marsd.org
Ms. Flo DeCosta	Grade 10-11 (A-F) Grades 12 (A-G)	732-705-5301	fdecosta@marsd.org
Mr. Daryl McKurth	Grade 10-11 (G-N) Grades 12 (H-N)	732-705-5312	dmckurth@marsd.org
Mr. Adrian Bennett	Grade 10-12 (O-Z)	732-705-5306	abennett@marsd.org

District Transportation

District Transportation assignments will be available on **Tuesday, August 25th** when the portal opens. Please continue to check your bus information until the night before school starts, as routes, stops, and times may be adjusted while Transportation finalizes schedules and accommodates late registrations.

Freshman Orientation

We would like to invite all incoming 9th grade students to attend ["The Husky Experience"](#), our Freshman Orientation program on **Tuesday, September 1st** from **8:15-11:30am**. Students attending this program will follow their schedule, meet their teachers and learn all about what Matawan Regional High School has to offer. There will be a special **parent presentation** beginning at **11:00am** in the high school auditorium. Hope to see you there!!!



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Student Lockers

All incoming 9th grade students will automatically be assigned individual lockers. Students in grades 10, 11, and 12 will not be issued a locker unless requested. Students can request a locker by completing the [MRHS Locker Request Form](#).

Action Required: - 2026-2027 Free & Reduced Lunch

Now Accepting 2026-2027 Free & Reduced Meal Applications!! Fueling our students for success starts with a healthy meal! Applications for the 2026-2027 Free & Reduced Breakfast and Lunch Program are now available. ***Please note that a new application must be submitted every school year, even if your family qualified previously.***

You can submit your application in one of two easy ways:

- **Online:** Complete the digital form quickly through your [Parent Portal](#).
- **Paper Copy:** Print, and submit a completed physical form to the Main Office.
 - [2026-2027 Meal Packet - English](#)
 - [2026-2027 Meal Packet - Spanish](#)

We encourage all eligible families to apply as soon as possible to ensure seamless meal benefits on day one. If you have any questions, please reach out to the **MRHS Information Desk** @ mrhsinfo@marsd.org or by calling 732-705-5200.

Underclassmen Picture Day

All 9th, 10th & 11th-grade students should come to the Auditorium for their yearbook portrait during their physical education classes on **Monday, September 28th**. If ordering photos, please use [this form](#) whether they are ordered online or in person. Extra copies of the order form will be left by the Security Desk in the Main Lobby. Please contact Yearbook Advisors, Mrs. Kish or Ms. Shalhoub, with any questions.

Student Parking

Students that have obtained their driver's license and are in good academic/behavioral standing may apply to park on campus during the school day by completing the [Student Parking Permit Application](#). Approved students will receive a registered parking permit and parking spot in either the North or South lot.

- **Parking on school grounds is a privilege.** Violation of the Student Code of Conduct and/or the District Attendance Policy including excessive/continued lateness to school and/or other disciplinary infractions may result in the removal of the parking privilege.



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MRHS Handbook and Student Code of Conduct

As you prepare to start the new year, please take the time to review the [2026-2027 Student Handbook and Code of Conduct](#) for important information regarding building mechanics and student expectations. Please note our areas of emphasis for the 2026-2027 school year:

- **Student Attendance:** Students are expected to arrive at school and their classes on time, prepared and ready to learn. Excessive absences and/or tardiness will result in a loss of credit/privileges and may impact a student's graduation status.
- **Cell Phone Policy:** [Cell Phones and/or Electronic Devices](#) will not be permitted during the school day. In accordance with New Jersey state law (P.L. 2025, c. 195) and New Jersey Department of Education (NJDOE) guidelines, all public school districts in New Jersey are required to adopt and enforce a "Bell-to-Bell" policy regarding personal internet-enabled devices. These devices interfere with students' ability to focus on academic work and can be detrimental to a student's social and emotional well-being. Failure to comply with this expectation will result in disciplinary action as per the Student Code of Conduct.

Matawan Regional High School Makes the Finals!

Matawan Regional High School has officially made it to the final round of the Monmouth County Community's Choice Awards! If you'd like to show your support, daily voting is open now through August 31st. Feel free to cast your vote and share the link with neighbors and friends to help bring home the win! [Click here](#) to cast your vote!!!

MRHS PTO

The [2026-2027 MRHS PTO Membership Drive](#) is now underway. Don't forget to join today!!!

- ***Save the Date!!!!*** [3rd Annual MRHS PTO Pocketbook Bingo](#) - Saturday, February 6, 2027.
 - [Click Here](#) to reserve your spot today!!!

Attendance Matters!!!

Student Attendance Guidelines

Daily attendance is essential for the academic success and personal development of high school students. Consistent participation enhances understanding of the curriculum, fosters a sense of community, and develops important skills such as punctuality and responsibility.

Students who attend classes regularly are more likely to complete assignments, perform better academically, and build positive relationships with educators. These connections provide valuable support as students navigate their high school experience.

Prioritizing daily attendance is crucial for ensuring that every student has the opportunity to thrive and succeed in their educational journey.



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Athletics

To kickstart the 2026-2027 school year we hope you will join us as we open the Fall Sports season with **Thursday Night Lights!!!!** Come on out to support your Huskies for the opening of the football season when we host River Dell Regional High School for a 6:00pm start. As always, please be reminded that in order to provide a safe and orderly environment, we ask that you adhere to the following:

- *Be Respectful & Have Fun*
- *Signs/ Flags are not permitted in the stands, unless approved by administration*
- *Artificial noise makers are not permitted - (air horns, cow bells, whistles, etc.)*
- *Bags & Backpacks are not permitted and are subject to being searched*
- *No admission after the third quarter. Re-entry will not be permitted.*
- *Please keep all the cheers positive, As always, profanity is NOT permitted*
 - *No Names, No Numbers, No Negativity!!!!*

BUS INFORMATION
IMPORTANT REMINDERS

Bus passes/schedules will be available when Genesis opens. Please continue checking your child's bus pass up until the night before school starts for possible changes.

The bus will stop approximately 10 feet from the students. Students should wait until the bus is fully stopped and then walk single file to the bus doors.

If crossing the street, look both ways and make sure the bus is fully stopped with its **red flashing lights** activated before crossing.

Always cross in front of the bus, **never** behind it.

If something is dropped while getting on or off the bus, **do not bend down to pick it up** while the bus is there. Alert the driver, as the driver may not be able to see you.

Please be respectful of other people's property while waiting at the bus stop.

No eating or drinking on the bus.

Cell phones should remain put away while on the bus.

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**BE SAFE.
BE RESPECTFUL.
BE RESPONSIBLE.**

THANK YOU FOR HELPING US KEEP OUR STUDENTS SAFE!