



Matawan Regional High School

2026-2027 Weekly Updates

August 31, 2026

Greetings Huskies!!! I hope that this message finds you well rested, rejuvenated and ready to kick off the 2026-2027 school year!!! In order to provide a smooth transition back to school, please take a moment to review the following information, including our [Welcome Back Letter](#) that was sent out earlier this month. if you have not done so already.

Please review the [First Days of School](#) document for important information regarding student arrival and dismissal. The building will open for students at 7:05am with 1st period beginning promptly at 7:15am. Daily attendance will be taken at 7:15am; students arriving to class after this time will be recorded as tardy. I have attached the updated [2026-2027 Bell Schedule](#) for your review. ***Please Note: The front loop is reserved for District Buses only!!***

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. As a reminder: ***"To receive full credit for a high school course, a student is limited to 18 total absences for full year courses and 9 total absences for half year/semester based courses."***
- **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.
- **Dress Code:** Students should aim for a neat and clean appearance. Dress which presents a hazard to the health/safety of one's self or others, materially interferes with schoolwork, creates disorder, or disrupts the educational process is inappropriate. (NJ Statutes Title 18A: 11-7)

And finally, as we prepare to welcome staff and students back to the building, I would like to give our first ***SHOUT OUT!!!*** of the year to our Operations and Maintenance team along with our Custodial Crew for an amazing job getting the building ready. I can't wait for you to see the amazing job they have done.

Check out the [Matawan Regional High School | Official Shop](#) and don't forget to follow us on our new Instagram page [@mrhshuskies](#).

Let's Make it A Great Year!!! *MCW*



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Upcoming Schedule

- *Monday, August 31st - First Day Staff*
- *Tuesday, September 1st - Freshman Orientation*
- *Thursday, September 3rd - First Day - Students (11:15 dismissal)*
- *Friday, September 4th - 1/2 day students (11:15 dismissal)*

Student Schedules

Student schedules have been finalized. 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.

The [Course Adjustment Period](#) for students to discuss alternative options with their counselor ends on Monday, August 31st. This is restricted for students that have a class on their schedule that they did not request. Following this period, schedule changes will only be considered if they meet one of the following criteria:

1. A change-in-placement as a result of a legal requirement specifically outlined in a regulated document (e.g. IEP, 504, etc.)
2. A documented history of conflict with the specific teacher in question
3. Scheduling errors (i.e. incomplete schedule, duplicate classes, multiple classes in the same period)
4. The placement rubric indicates that the student was improperly placed and an override form was not completed

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. Parents are invited to a special presentation at **11:00am** in the high school auditorium. Hope to see you there!!!

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](#).

E-Bike Safety Webinar

Join us for a free [e-bike safety webinar](#) that EZ Ride is hosting next Tuesday, September 1st, at 7 pm for parents and students? [Click Here to Register](#).



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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.

AttendanceMatters!!!

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.

Vote for Matawan Regional High School

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!!!



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MRHS Alumni Hall of Fame

Join Us for the 2026 Matawan Regional High School Alumni Hall of Fame Induction Ceremony!

The Matawan Regional High School community is proud to invite you to celebrate our distinguished alumni at the [2026 Alumni Hall of Fame Induction Ceremony](#). Come honor these outstanding individuals for their contributions and achievements!

Congratulations to the 2026 Inductees:

Michael "Mickey" Deitz
Class of 1972

George "Skip" Deitz
Class of 1973

Richard Mendez
Class of 1974

Kaylen McNamara
Class of 2005

Julian Sonnenfeld
Class of 2007

Dinner Tickets Information:

- **Location:** Gramercy at Lakeside Manor - Highway 36, Hazlet, NJ
- **Date:** Thursday, October 15, 2026
- **Time:** 6:00 PM - 10:00 PM

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!!!

Athletics

The Fall Athletic Season is upon us. Come out to support your Huskies!!! Please check the [Matawan Regional High School Athletic Schedule](#) for up to date information on the fall sports season. You can also catch all athletic events scheduled for the Main Field or Main Gymnasium through our live-streamed [Hudl TV fan page](#), **No subscription needed.**

In order to provide a safe and orderly environment at all athletic events, we ask that you review and adhere to the [Spectator Code of Conduct](#). As a reminder, all guests are expected to:

- 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.)
- Baby powder is NOT permitted as it causes significant health concerns
- Bags & Backpacks are not permitted and are subject to being searched
- There will be no admission after the third quarter. Re-entry will not be permitted.
- Students under the age of 13 should be accompanied by an adult.
- Please keep all the cheers positive, As always, profanity is NOT permitted
 - **No Names, No Numbers, No Negativity!!!!**



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EZ Ride Presents:
NJ E-Bike Law & Safety Webinar for Parents, Guardians, and School Leaders

RSVP here:

tinyurl.com/E-BikeWebinarNJ

Tuesday, September 1 at 7 pm
Link to Meet will be sent to registrants

For more information, contact:
EZ Ride's Bike & Pedestrian Team
(201) 939-4242 option 3
bikeped@ezride.org

Shaping Our Future Together

Matawan-Aberdeen Regional School District

We want to hear from you!

MARSD is evaluating school facility needs and considering a future bond referendum. Your feedback will help guide planning and identify community priorities.

Scan to take the
Community Survey!



forms.gle/b6AqNhypQhJApQOCA



Survey closes September 25

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.

10 FEET

BE SAFE. BE RESPECTFUL. BE RESPONSIBLE.

THANK YOU FOR HELPING US KEEP OUR STUDENTS SAFE!