October 12-16, 2026

Good Afternoon,

We had a great Homecoming week last week with so many incredible events. a BIG shout out to Student Council for their work on this memorable week for our school community. This week is the final week of first quarter. We encourage students to make sure all assignments are turned in an all assessments are complete.

Looking forward to the week ahead,

Dr. Holder

Learning schedule for the week:

Monday: Silver Block Day

Tuesday: Blue Block Day-Testing Day at MVHS!

Wednesday: Silver Block Day-Late Start-classes begin at 8:20

Thursday: Blue Block Day -End of Q1

Friday: No School for students-teacher PD day

Monday, October 19: No school for students. Teacher PD Day

CORRECTION
Monday = Silver Day
Tuesday = Testing - No color
Wednesday = Blue Day
Thursday = Silver Day
Friday = No School for Students/PD Day for Teachers

Tuesday Testing Day Information:

PreACT/ACT Room Numbers are posted for students outside of the Counseling Office and are posted in grade level English classrooms. All 9th and 10th graders will take the PreACT and 11th/12th graders, who elected to test, will be taking the ACT. Please review the list to know where you will test on October 13th.
All 9th and 10th Grade Students will be taking the PreACT on Tuesday, October 13th. Students should arrive at school by 7:30 am on the 13th and be in their testing rooms before 7:40 am. The test will begin before 8:00 am and late students will not be allowed to enter testing rooms after the test begins and there is no make-up testing. Room testing assignments are posted outside of the Counseling Office as well as in all English classes so please remind your student to know their testing room ahead of testing day. Students will complete four test sections: English, Math, Reading, and Science. To learn more information about the PreACT, please visit: https://www.act.org/content/act/en/products-and-services/preact.html

Students need to bring two #2 pencils with good erasers and an approved calculator for the test. Approved calculators include: 4-Function calculators, scientific calculators, and graphing calculators that do not have CAS (computer Algebra systems) built in. Specific information about calculators can be found at: https://www.act.org/content/act/en/products-and-services/the-act/test-day/calculator-policy.html
**If your student receives read-aloud testing accommodations through a 504 or IEP plan, they will also need to have a fully charged computer to use for the text-to-speech program.

Junior and Senior students who selected to take the ACT, will be testing on Tuesday, October 13th. Students should arrive at school by 7:30 am on the 13th and be in their testing rooms before 7:40 am. The test will begin before 8:00 am and late students will not be allowed to enter testing rooms after the test begins and there is no make-up testing. Room testing assignments are posted outside of the Counseling Office as well as in all English classes so please remind your student to know their testing room ahead of testing day. Students will complete four test sections: English, Math, Reading, and Science. To learn more information about the ACT, please visit: https://www.act.org/content/act/en/products-and-services/the-act.html
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Relay for Life: Thrift for a Cure:

Come shop with us! Relay for Life's annual Thrift for a Cure event will be November 14th from 8am-1pm with all proceeds going to the American Cancer Society. Want to donate gently used clothing or items to the sale? Please box or bag donations and bring them to the front office of MillValleyduring normal school hours throughout the month of October.

Interested in Community Service?

If you are interested in community service at MVHS, click the link to find out more information and how you can get involved.

https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C094AAAA822A0FEC25-66079828-trash#/

Boo Grams:
Please see flyer if interested in sending a Boo Gram to a student on October 30. Funds support the Cheer team.

Picture Retake Day:

Picture retakes will be held on October 22.

Counseling Message:

MV Next Steps:

Our Final MV Next Steps event will be Thursday, 10/22. MV Next Steps is an opportunity for students 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 see who will be visiting MVHS.

Senior Newsletter - October

The link below is the latest senior newsletter. Please click on the link to learn about scholarship opportunities and post-secondary information.
https://resources.finalsite.net/images/v1790968038/usd232org/ep8l6eo4iomk9pgd0f9r/October2026SeniorNewsletter.pdf

Counseling JagAwareness Newsletter - October

Please click on the link below to learn about opportunities for students including leadership opportunities and scholarship information.
https://canva.link/sssh1gx4rcxd78o

ACT Prep Class

Power Prep, Inc. will be hosting an ACT Prep class at K-State Olathe on Friday, October 9th, and Tuesday, November 24th. Please click on the link below to learn more.
http://actprep.info/millvalley

Semester 1 Finals Opt Out: Students may opt out of TWO (2) final exams.

**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 Jaguars:

Band:

Congratulations to the Marching Jaguars for their results at the Emporia State Marching Contest.

Superior I Rating

2nd Place Overall

1st Place Color Guard Overall

Cross Country:

The boys and girls cross country teams competed in the Sunflower League meet on Friday at Rim Rock Farm.

Our c team girls are the league champions! We were led by C team champion Addi Richter! She won the race by 63 seconds! Our other medalists were Adelyn Randall in 3rd. Addison Gile in 4th. Alea Cozad in 5th.

Our JV girls are the Sunflower League champions. All seven girls placed in the top 10! Our medalists were Avery Johnson (2nd), Annie Lamberson (3rd), Leah Schmidtmann (4th), Kaitlyn Forshee (5th), Kaitlyn Pringle (6th), Kale'a Gomes (9th), and Paige Hays (10th).

Varsity girls are the Sunflower League runners up! We were led by Audrey Howard in 2nd place. Other medalists were Hailey Hanna (7th), Kate Culbertson (17th), Lexi Lamberson (19th), and Addi Fulps (20th).

Our c team boys were 5th. We had two medalists: Makai Carter (4th) and JD Kamau (20th).

Our JV boys finished 7th. Arthur Kaemmer finished 19th for our lone medalists.

Our varsity boys placed 7th. We were led by Sunflower League champion Graham Anderson. This is Graham's first SFL XC medal! He won by 21seconds!

Tennis:

Senior Clara Budimlija, 1st singles qualified for State and took 5th place at regionals. She will compete at State this coming Friday and Saturday in Wichita.

Thank you,
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