Ninth Grade Journey Day

LEADER

November 20, 2026

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Missions

**Required

Student Instructions:

Action: Complete the "Top Skills Assessment" in SchooLinks.

Goal: Learn top skills and areas for improvement.

Expeditions

**Optional

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Missions

**Required

Student Instructions:

Action: Go to the Career Center in Schoolinks to start building your future profile. When researching potential careers, consider these 4 questions:

- What is the projected job growth?
- What is the median salary? What level of education is required?
- What do individuals in this career actually do?

Goals:

- Learn about the earning potential and financial expectations for different roles.
- Match your skills to what employers are looking for.

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Missions

**Required

Student Instructions:

1. College Research: Investigate test-optional policies and compare the SAT/ACT. To do this:

- Go to **Schoolinks**
- Click on **Colleges**
- Click on **individual colleges** in which you have interest and/or use the **filter** to support your search
- For each university, click on **Application**
- Scroll to find the **Application checklist**

2. XLP Opportunities: Visit mhsxlp.com for internships and shadowing.

3. ACT Preparation: Free ACT offered at MHS for all juniors in February. Take practice tests beforehand to build readiness!

Expeditions

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Missions

**Required

Student Instructions:

1. College Bound

- Learn more about Financial Aid
- In **Schoolinks**, go to **Explore**
- Next, click on **Learning Hub**
- Then, click on **Financial Aid**
- Complete the tasks within Financial Aid:
  - **Ways to Pay for School**
  - **FAFSA**
  - **Scholarships**
  - **Budget**
  - **Financial Aid Calculator**
- Actively explore and apply for scholarships.

2. Military-Bound Seniors:

- Gather all necessary vital records
- Finalize branch selection and recruiter discussions
- Maintain a strict fitness plan

3. Workforce Bound Seniors: Research opportunities on Ohio Means Jobs and Indeed and/or consider XLP for resume and LinkedIn support.

Expeditions

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7-12 MODIFIED JOURNEY DAY CHOICE BOARD

On each Journey Day, choose activities from your choice board that help you practice **Portrait of a Comet** skills.
Mark or fill in each square as you go so that you can share with your classmates!

Adaptability	Critical Thinking	Integrity	Communication	Empathy
Practice typing on a keyboard or device.	Practice your interviewing skills with family members.	Choice Activity!	Order your own lunch or dinner at a restaurant.	Complete a job around the house for someone who needs help
Listen to new music or make your own.	Sort and put away household items (socks, dishes, games).	Make a menu for dinner and help prepare the meal.	Practice introducing yourself to family members then try it in the community.	Choice Activity!
Create your own activity. _____	Make a list and purchase items at the grocery store on a budget.	Pick up your room without being asked.	Choice Activity!	Write a kind note or draw a picture to share with someone.
Choice Activity!	Create a picture about YOU that shows your strengths & interests.	Do something kind for a family member.	Draw a picture that shows how you are feeling today and share it with a family member.	Get help with creating a sensory bin for a calming experience.
Try a new activity or food.	Choice Activity!	Sort/Fold/Put away your own laundry.	Take turns when playing a game with someone you know.	Create your own activity. _____