



# MEDINA HIGH SCHOOL

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## **Medina High School Names New Athletic Director**

We are happy to welcome Jeff Harrison as the high school Athletic Director. Mr. Harrison comes to Medina from the Cuyahoga Falls School District where he has been Athletic Director for the past three years, and an employee of the district for nine years. Prior to being Athletic Director, Mr. Harrison spent time working in the curriculum office in Cuyahoga Falls and created a district sponsored community school to target at-risk students and provide them with an alternative to the traditional classroom. While in the classroom Mr. Harrison taught American History and Advanced Placement Economics while also coaching golf and baseball.

**New school hours:**  
 7:30 a.m. to 2:22 p.m.  
*See bell schedule on page 7*

## **Freshman Orientation**

Changes are all around us and happening every moment. Changes at the beginning of the school year are always tremendous and with the additional factor of changing to a new building, your student's apprehension level may rise to new heights. In order for the Class of 2013 to begin their high school careers in the best possible fashion, Medina High School will be welcoming them on **Monday, August 24th** during the Freshman Orientation called Link Crew.

Orientation is designed to help your freshman get to know MHS, spend part of the day in the hallways and classrooms, and also begin to develop a relationship with some of our outstanding upperclassmen who will continue to

assist them throughout the year as their Link Leader. Materials they will be receiving that day will include: schedule and locker assignment, school calendar, agenda book, attendance card, map of the school, student ID card, and PAM access passwords. Freshman students will also take school pictures and be tested for vision and hearing.

**Orientation is a crucial day to the beginning of the high school career. If a freshman does not attend orientation, he/she will not be able to receive his/her schedule until the first day of school on Thursday, August 27th.**

### **Looking ahead...**

**Week of August 10:** Letters mailed to 9th graders

**Week of August 17:** Link leader phone calls to each 9th grader

**Monday, August 24:** Freshmen only report to MHS at 8:00 a.m. to the gym.

**Thursday, August 27:** First day of school for all students.

**Friday, September 4:** Tailgate Party prior to first home football game with your Link Crew



# Parking Pass Info

Parking Pass applications can be found on the website: [www.mcsoh.org/mhs](http://www.mcsoh.org/mhs) Please print the application, fill it out and have it signed before you come to purchase your permit.

Permits will be on sale in the North Entrance Lobby as follows:

## Seniors Only—

**Tuesday, August 11**  
**9:00 - 10:30 a.m.**

## Seniors/Juniors/Sophomores—


**Wednesday, August 12**  
**9:00 - 10:30 a.m.**

**Monday, August 17**  
**1:30 - 3:00 p.m.**

*All fees and fines must be paid prior to students purchasing a parking pass.*

You must provide the following information when purchasing a pass:

- Your valid Ohio driver's license. **YOU MUST HAVE YOUR LICENSE PRIOR TO THE START OF SCHOOL TO PURCHASE A PASS.**
- State of Ohio – Bureau of Motor Vehicles Registration Card (for any vehicles being registered).
- MHS Vehicle registration for your vehicle (available at time of purchase). If you have more than one
- family vehicle that you would like to register, this should be done at this time, if at all possible.
- Signed copy of the MHS Parking Regulations (copy enclosed). **THIS MUST BE SIGNED BY STUDENT AND PARENT!!**
- Permit fee of \$80.00, which pays for parking tags, supplies, and the security of student lots.
- Checks are preferred, however, cash is acceptable. Make checks payable to Medina High School.




## STUDY ISLAND

Study Island, a useful tool in preparing for the OGT, can still be accessed throughout the summer. Study Island is especially helpful to those students who have taken and not passed any section of the OGT. Students can go to [www.studyisland.com](http://www.studyisland.com) and log in with their assigned user name and password.

OGT Testing is in October and March for juniors and seniors who haven't passed all five sections. All sophomores take the OGT in March.


**Access the**  
**District School Year Calendar**  
**at**  
**[www.mcsoh.org](http://www.mcsoh.org)**



online school payments

Still owe school fees? You can pay on-line using a charge card at PayForIt.net. Make sure to check the **balance** column of the fee page on PAM for the current amount owed.

## Student Schedule Pick-up for Grades 10-12



In August, letters will be sent home to students in grades 10-12 containing new PAM passwords. Class schedules for these students will be available through PAM beginning Monday, August 24th. When viewing class schedules, be sure to follow the times of the course rather than the order they appear on the screen. Often the courses do not appear in chronological order. Also, remember to scroll to the right to view the classroom numbers (print in landscape format). **\*Students must select a school date of August 27th or later to be able to pull up a schedule.** Freshmen schedules and PAM passwords will be issued at orientation on Monday, August 24th.

Please be advised that counselors will make schedule changes of NECESSITY (scheduling required courses), but will not be making schedule changes of convenience.

# MHS Garden

Across the U.S. and other nations, gardens are making their appearances in some surprising locations. It is becoming a more common sight to find people digging and planting flowers, herbs, and vegetables in urban green spaces, in *front* as well as the backyards of their homes, and even in the lawns and fields of many public spaces-- including schools. In recent weeks, Medina High School has broken its own ground and joined this growing movement of green thumbs changing our landscapes.

MHS, in a coordinated effort with its Health and Wellness Committee, Liz Kiouis—MHS's cafeteria manager, individual teachers, school board members, students, high school and district staff, and local businesses, began plotting this project in the fall in an effort to encourage various school and community groups to work together towards a hands-on, tangible, and on-going effort. To that end, a solid foundation has taken root.



Under the instruction of Nick Kaplack—teacher at MHS—students in environmental science classes have researched plant varieties, soil composition, and growing season timetables to determine appropriate plant choices and placement. As a result of their efforts, they have created four 8x8 raised bed gardens and planted a wide variety of herbs, flowers, and vegetables including: broccoli, tomatoes, cabbage, cucumbers, potatoes, onions, strawberries, and squash. Many student representatives from MHS's student council as well as local community members—organized by Kim Grigsby--have volunteered their time to water, weed, and tend the garden throughout the summer. A special thanks goes out to MHS's Cynthia Hall for providing the variety of vegetables and herbs.

This multi-year project is expected to expand and act as an outdoor laboratory for various science classes, a source for fresh herbs and vegetables for cooking classes, and a space for students, teachers, and staff of MHS, and community members to congregate, work and play together in the dirt.

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## What is Link Crew?

Link Crew is a high school transition program that welcomes freshmen and makes them feel comfortable throughout the first year of their high school experience. Built on the belief that students can help students succeed, Link Crew trains members of the junior and senior classes to be Link Leaders. As positive role models, Link Leaders are motivators, leaders and teachers who guide the freshmen to discover what it takes to be successful during the transition to high school and help facilitate freshman success.

More and more studies show that if students have a positive experience their first year in high school, their chance for success increases dramatically.

The Link Crew high school transition program provides the structure for freshmen to receive support and guidance from juniors and seniors who have been through the challenges that high school poses, and understand that the transition to a larger school can sometimes be overwhelming.



Link Crew begins with a powerful orientation day that makes freshmen excited and proud to be attending their new high school and allows them to begin developing relationships and strategies that will contribute to their high school success.

After orientation, Link Crew continues, providing a variety of both Academic and Social Follow Up Activities throughout the year. Academic Follow Ups are lessons presented by trained Link Leaders during visits to freshman classes; Social Follow Ups are events organized by your Coordinator team in which the freshmen and Leaders attend fun school sponsored social events together.

Link Crew's goal is to provide schools with a structure in which students make real connections with each other. Through this program, students learn that people at school care about them and their success. Link Crew is the high school transition program that will increase attendance, decrease discipline referrals and improve academic performance at our school.

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## Baccalaureate 2010

Baccalaureate is an ecumenical, nondenominational service of appreciation and remembrance held the Thursday evening before Commencement. Baccalaureate 2010 will be Thursday, June 3, 2010 at 7:00 PM at Cornerstone Chapel.



The service is planned entirely by

seniors. Our first planning meeting will be on Thursday, November 19 at 7:00 AM in the Media Center sun porch. Everyone is welcome.

If you would like to be part of this year's planning, kindly let Dan Halcik know.. You may contact him in House 1 or leave him a voice mail message @ 330-636-3215. His e-mail address is [HALCIKD@mail.mcsoh.org](mailto:HALCIKD@mail.mcsoh.org)

## **Student Information Verification Forms**

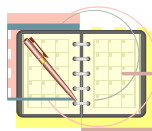
On the first day of school, all students will be given a computer print-out of their Student Information for you to verify and sign. Please read the form carefully and make any changes that are necessary to the information.

*Every student must return their SIGNED form even if there are no changes as this also includes emergency medical information which indicates whether you consent to treat or refuse permission to treat.*

Also if you are listing Diabetes, Seizures, Food Allergy, Bee Allergy, Asthma, Celiac disease or if an additional Medical Action Plan is needed for your student, please contact our clinic.

## **Student Handbook/Planner**

Each student will receive a student handbook/planner on the first day of school. It contains a section on the rules and regulations of the high school plus space for students to write in appointments and assignments.



Students should carry this book with them every day. It will be an easy way for parents to check their student's work schedules and to ask them questions about their academic progress.

We encourage parents to use this handbook to help their students with goal setting, time management, and organization.

The handbooks have been quite successful, and we would like to see increased use of this helpful tool.

## **School Pictures**

Ohio School Pictures will be here on Monday, September 14, 2009 to take school pictures of students in grades 9-11.

Packets will be sent home in advance of that date so that parents may select the package they wish to order. **Even if you do not wish to order a packet, each student should still sit to have their picture taken because that is the photo used on their student ID.** Every student needs to have a student ID.

The packet and payment for the pictures will be due at the time pictures are taken.



### **2009-10 Counselor Breakdown**

**As of August 1, 2009**

#### **House 2**

**A-C Mr. Kilbreath**  
**D-G Mrs. Schneider**  
**H-K Mr. Storey**

#### **House 4**

**L-O Mr. Halcik**  
**P -Sm Mrs. Schreck**  
**Sn-Z Mrs. Hershey**

### **New Senior Exam Policy**

Seniors will be required to take end of the year exams if they receive a grade lower than C- in the third and/or fourth grading period, have more than ten (10) absences 2<sup>nd</sup> semester, or have any out-of-school suspensions 2<sup>nd</sup> semester.

Seniors who earn a grade of C- or better in both the third and fourth grading period, have no more than ten (10) absences 2<sup>nd</sup> semester, have no out-of-school suspensions 2<sup>nd</sup> semester, and have all fees and obligations paid in full **will be exempt** from end of the year senior exams.

**All fees MUST be paid by 3:30 p.m. on May 7, 2010.**

### **Open Campus during Exams**

During semester exams in January and final exams in June, MHS has an open campus policy. That means that students are free to leave campus if they do not have a scheduled exam during a given testing period.

For those students who need to ride the bus, the bus schedule is the same as a regular school day. We provide a study hall in the cafeteria for the times they are not in a scheduled exam.

Semester exams are January 12, 13, and 14. Final exams are June 4, 7 and 8.

# Attendance Office



The Attendance Office will now be located in the Main Office (rooms 1408C & 1408D)

### Reporting Student Absences

If a student will be missing school, a parent needs to call the Attendance line. You will need to spell the student's last name, give his/her school ID#, and the reason that he/she is absent.

If you don't call, the student will be marked "unexcused absent".

If a student is late, you will also receive a call if it is unexcused. If the student is late because of an ortho, doctor, dentist, court appointment, etc., it will be excused if the student brings in a school excuse from the doctor, dentist, etc. to the Attendance Office.

Oversleeping, car trouble, power failures, traffic problems, frozen car locks are all **unexcused** even if the parent sends in a note or calls the Attendance Office.

If a student is late because his/her bus was late, the student needs to tell the teacher that the school bus was late. Being on a school bus that is late is excused. The student needs to know the number of the bus.

### If a student becomes ill in school

he/she needs to go the closest house office or clinic with a pass from his/her teacher. The house secretary or the nurse will call the parents for permission for the student to leave school. If the parent gives permission for the student to leave, the secretary will give the student a pass that **MUST** be brought to the Attendance Office. The person picking up the student, **must** come in to sign the student out in book at the front desk of the main office.

**STUDENTS ARE NOT PERMITTED TO USE THEIR CELL PHONE TO CALL HOME!** An MHS employee must talk to the parent before a child can be released.

### Planned Absences

The student needs to tell his/her teachers about the absence and make arrangements to make up the work. The parent needs to call the Attendance Line in advance and give the dates and reason the student will be missing school, such as vacation,

surgery, etc.

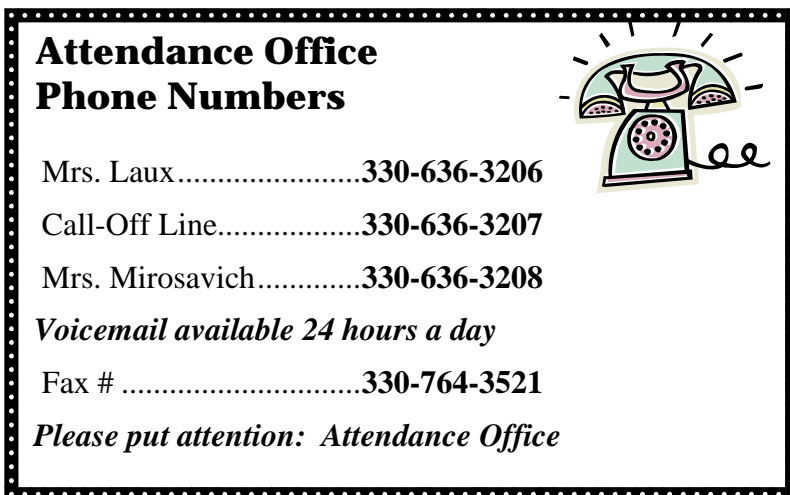
### Leaving Early

Parents need to send in a note requesting that the student leave early for court, an ortho appointment, doctor's appointment, etc. The note needs the date, reason for the absence, and the time that the student is to leave school. The parent does not have to come in to sign out the student.

If a parent calls **instead** of sending a written note, the parent will need to come in to the main office to sign out the student, using the notebook with the yellow pages. Parents need to realize that it will take time to find the student, especially if the student is in a gym class or at lunch.

### **Freshman Parents**

A card will be given to your son/daughter on the first day of school listing important MHS phone numbers.



**Attendance Office  
Phone Numbers**

Mrs. Laux.....330-636-3206  
Call-Off Line.....330-636-3207  
Mrs. Mirosovich.....330-636-3208

*Voicemail available 24 hours a day*

Fax # .....330-764-3521

*Please put attention: Attendance Office*

# Homecoming 2009

Homecoming Queen as well as Homecoming Escort applications will be available for the seniors the first day of school and are due September 14 by noon. **No late applications will be accepted.**

Homecoming week is October 5-10. The parade will be at 6:30 on Thursday. The Homecoming pep rally will be Friday, October 9th at 2p.m. and the queen will be announced at the rally.

Students wishing to attend the Homecoming Dance on Saturday, October 10th and bring a non-Medina guest must submit a guest form and purchase a ticket IN ADVANCE at the Hub. Please take

note: NO guest tickets will be available the week of Homecoming, nor will the Hub fax any guest forms to schools for signatures.

**Please be aware that all outstanding fees and obligations from previous years must be paid in full in order to purchase tickets and attend the Homecoming Dance. New fees for the current school year will not keep you from purchasing tickets.**

Tickets for non-Medina students will be a different color, and the guest must enter with ticket and a photo ID. Medina students **must** bring their student ID card to enter. No student will enter the dance

without an ID card. The dance will be held at the Rec.Center. Entry will be from the back circle only. The dance runs from 8-11:00p.m. and Woodard Photography will be available for pictures.

Dress code for dance: Gentlemen need to wear a dress shirt and tie, dress pants and dress shoes. Girls should wear dresses, skirt/blouse, or pantsuit. NO JEANS are permitted. Please make sure your outfit is age-appropriate. The administrator and advisors have the right to determine what is acceptable.

The first student council meeting of the school year will be September 8th during 2<sup>nd</sup> period

## Prom 2010

Prom 2010 is Saturday, May 15th at Greenbriar in Wooster. This is a **senior-only event**. Seniors may invite a guest who is of junior status through age 20. Guest forms will still be required if the person is a non-MHS student.

**Please be aware that all fees and obligations must be paid in full in order to be eligible to purchase tickets and attend prom.**

## The Sound of Music

Look for this year's musical in November instead of March. *The Sound of Music* will be on the PAC Main Stage on November 20, 21 and 22nd. Check the PAC webpage later this summer for more details.

**Try out dates and information will be posted on the PAC website by July.**

## Senior Sunrise

Senior Sunrise is one of the newer traditions for seniors symbolizing the sun coming up on their senior year. It will be held on Friday, September 4th from 6:45 a.m. to 7:20 a.m. in Ken Dukes Stadium.

Breakfast, drinks, games and give aways are all provided by the Senior Class.



## Key Club News

On July 1st, five members of Key Club and their advisor, Mrs. Patty Barany went to Dallas, Texas for the Key Club International Convention. The Key Clubbers attended workshops and participated in leadership seminars to better serve their home, school and community. The lucky travelers were: Carli Evilsizer, Kelley Moller, Ali Christy, Breanna Learn and Kristin Leuchtag.

You may have come across Key Club members at many other projects arranged for the summer...such as planting flowers at the Police Station and washing some police cars, as well as car washes, a dog wash or the lemonade stand at Art in the Park. Oh yes, they may help you park your car at the fair in August!

# College and Financial Information for College-Bound Seniors and their Families – July 2009

Apply for scholarships. Scholarship Updates will be produced monthly beginning in October. Updates are located on the Guidance webpage at [www.mcsoh.org/mhs/guide/guid.htm](http://www.mcsoh.org/mhs/guide/guid.htm). In the fall, most scholarship opportunities are from highly competitive national and state programs. In February the LOCAL scholarship opportunities will be available. This listing will include the elementary PTO Scholarships as well as numerous opportunities from sponsors within Medina City Schools and Medina County. LOCAL Scholarship applications generally have due dates in March or April of the senior year. Scholarship applications will be available either online or from House 4 Office through Mrs. Hershey.

Consult the colleges regarding scholarship opportunities. Keep in mind that most scholarship dollars come from college sources and not from private

sources. For example, although the Class of 2009 was awarded about \$160,000 from private sources, students received almost \$5 million from college/university sources!

If necessary, complete the Profile. Some private colleges require the Profile Financial Aid Application. Forms are available in House 4 Office or, apply online at [www.collegeboard.com](http://www.collegeboard.com).

Complete the FAFSA in January. ALL college bound seniors should complete the FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid) in January. For assistance, plan to attend the MHS Financial Aid Program on Thursday, January 7, 2010 at 7 PM in the Middle Stage. It is best to complete the FAFSA worksheet and then to submit it online at

[www.fasfa.ed.gov](http://www.fasfa.ed.gov). Even if a family does not qualify for need-based aid, the FAFSA is a necessary step in the process to apply for lower interest Federal bank loans such as the Stafford, PLUS, etc.

Avoid scholarship scams. It is NOT necessary to pay anyone to locate scholarships or student aid for your college bound student. Information is readily available from the library, the internet, high school guidance offices and college financial aid offices. Consult [www.lib.msu.edu/harris23](http://www.lib.msu.edu/harris23) or [www.fastweb.com](http://www.fastweb.com) to complete college and scholarship searches. Do not provide any search program with personal data such as social security number, etc.

Meet all deadlines. Due dates are set for a reason. Usually sponsors will not consider late applications.

## Regular Bell Schedule 2009-2010

<u>Class</u>	<u>Time</u>	
EB	6:35– 7:25	(50)
1	7:30– 8:20	(50)
2	8:24– 9:17	(53) - Announcements (3 minutes)
3	9:21– 10:11	(50)

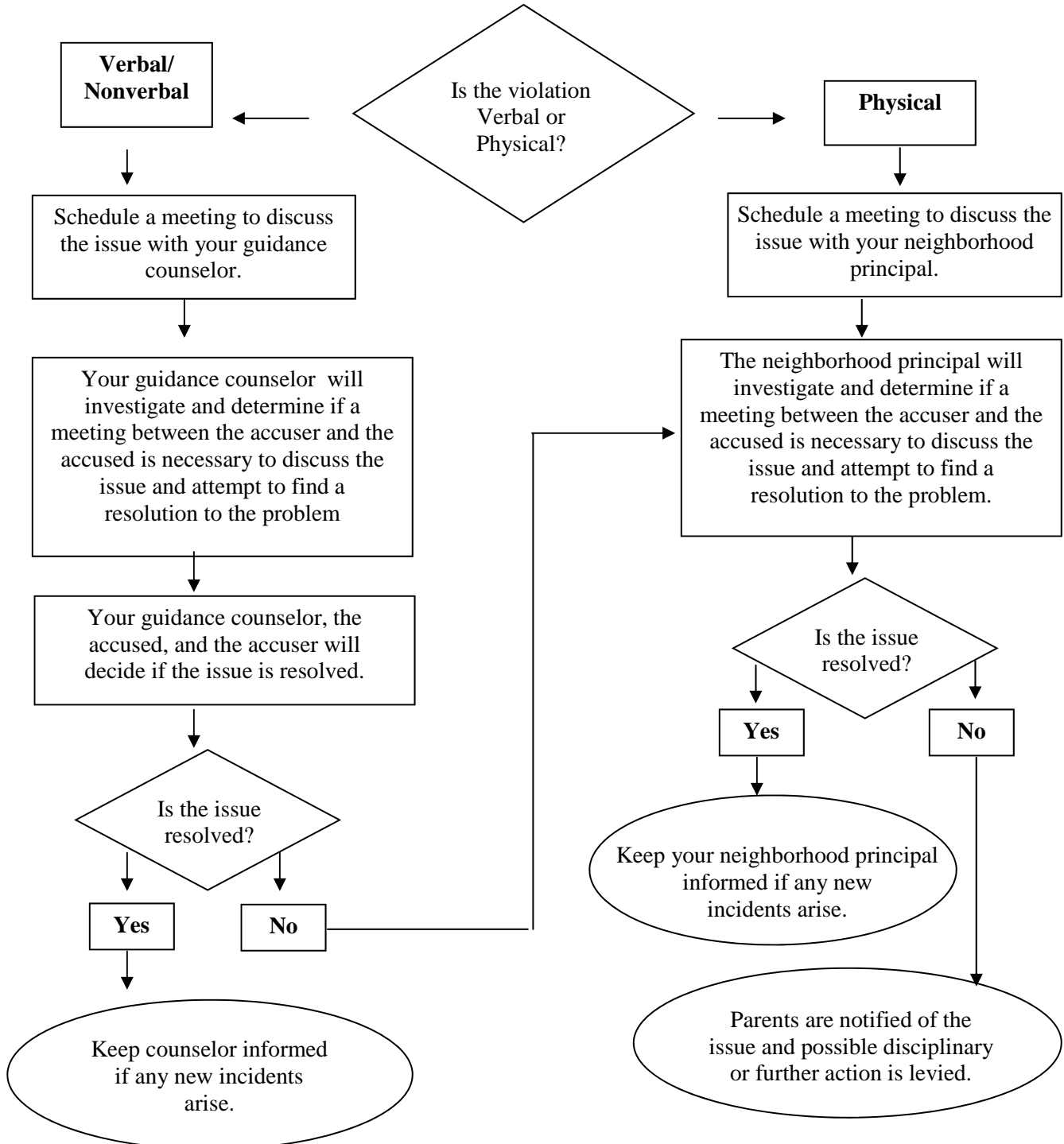


<u>A</u>		<u>B</u>		<u>C</u>		<u>D</u>	
<b>4L</b>	<b>10:15 – 10:45 (30)</b>	4/5	10:15 – 11:05 (50)	4/5	10:15 – 11:05 (50)	4/5	10:15 – 11:05 (50)
5/6	10:49– 11:39 (50)	<b>6L</b>	<b>11:09 – 11:39 (30)</b>	6/7	11:09 – 11:59 (50)	6/7	11:09 – 11:59 (50)
7/8	11:43 – 12:33 (50)	7/8	11:43 – 12:33 (50)	<b>8L</b>	<b>12:03 – 12:33 (30)</b>	8/9	12:03 – 12:53 (50)
9/10	12:37 – 1:27 (50)	9/10	12:37 – 1:27 (50)	9/10	12:37– 1:27 (50)	<b>10L</b>	<b>12:57 – 1:27 (30)</b>

11 1:31– 2:22 (51) - Announcements (1 minute)

# Medina High School Student Grievance Procedure

When a student feels that his/her rights have been violated by another student or staff member, he/she has the right to file a complaint with the neighborhood principal. Complaints may include, but are not limited to, issues such as: sexual harassment, hazing, bullying, unauthorized contact, staff disciplinary measures, attendance appeals, and discrimination of any kind. Students wishing to file a complaint should follow the procedure listed below. If a student wishes to speak to a staff member of the same sex, he/she may choose to visit their guidance counselor or their neighborhood principal at any point in this process.



# Testing Information from Mr. Halcik

## For Seniors and Their Parents:

### ACT and SAT Testing

College-bound seniors who need to take or retake either the ACT or SAT are encouraged to pick up registration materials in the HUB. Paper registration forms should be available in August. Students may register on-line or through the paper registration form. Registration and payment for the ACT and SAT are made directly through American College Testing and The College Board. Students do not register for these tests with Daniel Halcik, Jr. Students are advised to register early for these tests. Registration deadlines are postmark deadlines.

To register online for the ACT (available 24/7 on any computer connected to the Internet): Go to [www.actstudent.org](http://www.actstudent.org) and click on the "Registration Tab." If you register online you will receive your admission ticket sooner and you will have access to the most up-to-date list of locations and can get the best choice of test centers.

To register online for the SAT (available 24/7 on any computer connected to the Internet): Go to [www.collegeboard.com](http://www.collegeboard.com) and click on the "SAT Registration Tab". You will receive immediate confirmation and an admission ticket. If you register on-line you will receive the best choice of test centers and an e-mail reminder before the test day.

2009-2010 ACT national testing dates: September 12, October 24, December 12, February 6, April 10, and June 12.

2009-2010 SAT Reasoning national testing dates: October 10, November 7, December 5, January 23, March 13, May 1 and June 5. The SAT Subject Tests will be administered on all dates as the SAT Reasoning except March 13.

### Advanced Placement Testing

Registration for Advanced Placement testing in May 2010 will begin December 1, 2009. Registration forms will be available in the HUB. 2010 AP Testing will begin on Monday, May 3 and end on Friday, May 14.

## For Juniors and Their Parents:

### The 2011 National Merit Scholarship Program

Over the past 50 years 2.2 million National Merit Program entrants have been honored and more than 257,000 participants have won college scholarships. You must take the 2009 PSAT/NMSQT to enter the 2011 competition.

Medina High School will give the PSAT/NMSQT on only one date – Saturday, October 17. Registration forms will be available in the HUB. The regular registration deadline is Friday, October 9, 2009 at 3:30 PM and the late registration deadline is Tuesday, October 13, 2009 at 3:30 PM.

**Important:** Seating is limited and registration will end as soon as all seats are filled. The test fee is \$15.00.

Students and parents may learn about the Merit Program and the qualifying test by visiting the website [www.nationalmerit.org](http://www.nationalmerit.org). Registered students will receive the **2009 PSAT/NMSQT Student Bulletin**. The **Bulletin** includes an explanation of requirements for participation and how groups of high performers will be honored, a description of steps in the competition and a complete practice PSAT/NMSQT. To learn more, visit [www.nationalmerit.org](http://www.nationalmerit.org) or contact the National Merit Scholarship Program, 1560 Sherman Avenue, Suite 200, Evanston, Illinois 60201-4897.

Feel free to call Daniel Halcik, Jr. at 330-636-3215 with questions and concerns.

### 2011 National Achievement Scholarship Program

The Achievement Program is a privately financed activity in which Black American high school students compete for more than 800 awards for college undergraduate study. The program is conducted by the National Merit Scholarship Corporation.

Black American students may enter the 2011 National Achievement Program when they take the PSAT/NMSQT in October 2009. Medina Senior High School will give the test on only one date: Saturday, October 17. Registration forms are available in the HUB. The regular registration deadline is Friday, October 9, 2009 at 3:30 PM. The late registration deadline is Tuesday, October 13, 2009 at 3:30 PM.

Feel free to call Daniel Halcik, Jr. at 330-636-3215 with questions and concerns.



### Alternate Wednesday PSAT Testing

Students whose athletic/co-curricular commitments preclude testing on Saturday may be able to test on Wednesday, October 14, 2009. The Wednesday PSAT will be administered at Holy Martyrs Catholic Church, 3100 South Weymouth Road. Seating is limited and requests will be processed until all seats are filled. Students wanting to test on Wednesday should pick up the following two forms in the HUB:

1. Request for an Alternate Testing Date
2. Registration Form for the PSAT/NMSQT



Spring 2010 ACT and SAT Testing Juniors who plan on going to college after graduation are encouraged to take the ACT and/or the SAT in the spring of their junior year. Students are reminded that both the ACT and SAT have writing components. The writing component on the SAT is required whereas the writing on the ACT is optional. When registering either on paper form or on-line, students should be aware of the writing component.

Popular ACT testing dates for juniors will be April 10, 2010 and June 12, 2010 Popular SAT testing dates will be May 1 2010 and June 5, 2010 ACT and SAT registration materials are available in the HUB. Registration and payment for these tests are directly through ACT and The College Board, not Medina High School. Students

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# FERPA Information

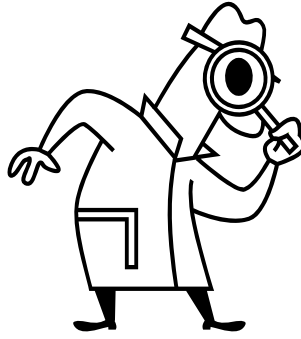
The Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA) of 1974 is a federal law designed to protect the privacy of a student's educational records. The rights transfer to any student, or former student who has reached the age of 18, or is attending any school beyond the high school level.

**In general, the Act stipulates that schools must have written permission from the parent or student who is over the age of 18 before releasing any information from a student's educational record.**

There are two general instances in which the district does not require written consent to release records. These instances involve releasing necessary records to educational and legal authorities, and the release of general "directory information" to the public.

**Release of records to educational and legal authorities does not require written consent in the following instances:**

- School employees who have an educational need to know;



- Other schools to which a student is transferring;
- Certain government officials in order to carry out lawful functions;
- Appropriate parties in connection with college financial aid for which a student has applied;
- Board-authorized organizations conducting studies for the school;
- Accrediting organizations;
- Individuals who have obtained court orders or subpoenas;
- Persons who need to know in cases of health and safety emergencies;
- State and local authorities within the juvenile justice system

pursuant to specific state law.

**Release of "directory information" to the public community does not require written consent. This is generally information contained in school yearbooks or released to the media to announce scholastic and athletic achievements. "Directory information" includes:**

- Student name, address, and telephone number;
- Date and place of birth;
- Student's height and weight, if a member of an athletic team;
- Dates of attendance;
- Dates of graduation, awards received, honor rolls, and scholarship information;
- Photographs or similar information such as videotape or school websites;
- Major field of study.

**Parents or adult students may elect to restrict the release of directory information by stating their wishes in writing. Complete the form below if you wish to restrict the release of directory information.**

## Directory Information Restriction for the 2009-2010 School Year

(To be completed ONLY if you wish to restrict access to directory information)

***EFFECTIVE ONLY THROUGH JUNE 7, 2010***

\_\_\_\_\_  
Student's Name

\_\_\_\_\_  
School

\_\_\_\_\_ Do not release directory information for my child. *I understand that my child will not appear in the school yearbook, published honor or merit roll, published sports and drama programs, or other forms of public notice of school events.*

\_\_\_\_\_  
Parent/Guardian Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

# Pay-to-Participate Program Medina City Schools 2009-2010 School Year

A pay-to-participate program will be in effect for the 2009-10 school year for athletics, music, and clubs. The following are the guidelines:

- A fee will be charged for each music, sport, or club at the middle school and high school level per attached list.
- At the high school level, \$100 per extracurricular sport, \$100 per non athletic extracurricular activity, \$50 per co-curricular music and \$20 per club with a high school student cap of \$150 per student and a \$450 family cap.
- At the middle school level, \$50 per extracurricular sport, \$25 per co-curricular music and \$10 per club with a middle school cap of \$75 per student.
- There is a full waiver of fees for students on free lunch and one-half (1/2) waiver of the fee for students on reduced lunch. Please bring your official letter documenting your free or reduced lunch status when paying participation fees.
- Participation fees for all extracurricular activities (athletics, non co-curricular music, clubs) are due prior to the first contest/activity/performance. Failure to pay will result in exclusion.
- Participation fees for co-curricular music programs are due the first official week of school. Failure to pay will result in a financial obligation. Unpaid financial obligations will result in withheld grade cards, diplomas, and exclusion from commencement ceremonies and parking privileges during school days.
- Participation fees for middle school and high school are to be paid in the main office at each school.
- No refunds for students becoming academically ineligible, students removed for disciplinary reasons, or for students who quit after the first official practice or meeting.
- If a student sustains a season ending injury and is unable to play (doctor's note required) a refund will be pro-rated.
- There are no guarantees of participation/playing time.

\*\*\*Please retain the top portion and return the bottom portion with your payment\*\*\*

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Fees may be paid by check, cash, or credit card. Checks should be made payable to Medina City Schools.

Cash

Check – Number \_\_\_\_\_

Credit Card – Number \_\_\_\_\_ MC/Visa Exp Date \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_

Name as it appears on credit card: \_\_\_\_\_

Student Name \_\_\_\_\_ Grade \_\_\_\_\_ School \_\_\_\_\_

Please list each music/sport/club in which this student will be currently participating

1) _____	Fee	_____
2) _____	Fee	_____
3) _____	Fee	_____
4) _____	Fee	_____

Total obligation for this student \$ \_\_\_\_\_ (\$150.00 cap per HS student, \$75.00 cap per MS student)

A \$450.00 family cap is in place. Anyone who feels they have reached this cap should contact the building administrator. Please bring documentation to support all **paid** pay-to-participate fees and proof of residency. The children's address must be the same as the parents' address.

I, as parent/or legal guardian of the above participant, have read and understand the policies and rules set forth for pay-to-participate.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of parent/legal guardian

\_\_\_\_\_  
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# **Medina High School Pay-To-Participate 2009-2010**

## **Sports \$100**

Cross Country-Boys' & Girls'  
Gymnastics  
Swimming-Boys' & Girls'  
Tennis-Boys' & Girls'  
Track-Boys' & Girls'

## **9<sup>th</sup> Grade**

Baseball  
Basketball-Boys' & Girls'  
Cheerleading - Football  
Cheerleading - Basketball  
Football  
"B" Soccer-Boys' & Girls'  
Volleyball  
Wrestling

## **Junior Varsity**

Baseball  
Basketball- Boys' & Girls'  
Cheerleading – Football  
Cheerleading - Basketball  
Football  
Golf-Boys' & Girls'  
Lacrosse-Boys' & Girls'  
"B" Soccer-Boys' & Girls'  
Soccer-Boys' & Girls'  
"A" Softball  
"B" Softball  
Volleyball  
Wrestling

## **Varsity**

Football  
Baseball  
Basketball- Boys' & Girls'  
Cheerleading – Football  
Cheerleading - Basketball  
Golf-Boys' & Girls'  
Lacrosse-Boys' & Girls'  
Soccer-Boys' & Girls'  
Softball  
Volleyball  
Wrestling

## **Co-curricular Music \$50**

Beeliner  
BAND (Pay only 1)  
Symphonic Band  
Concert Band  
Concert Winds  
Marching Band  
Starduster  
Emerald Silks  
Symphony Orchestra  
String Orchestra  
Concert Choir (Male and Female)  
Freshman Choir (Male and Female)  
H.S. Choir (Male and Female)  
Women's Chorus

## **Extracurricular Music \$100**

Men's Chorus  
Jazz Ensemble  
Chamber Orchestra  
ENCORE

## **Clubs \$20**

Debate Team  
Medinamite  
Medinian  
Musical Play (cast)  
Fall Play (cast)  
Ski Club  
SPICE (cast)

# Testing

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form or on-line. Students are encouraged to register early.

For test information and online registration, visit the following websites:

For the ACT: [www.act.org](http://www.act.org) and [www.actstudent.org](http://www.actstudent.org)

For the SAT: [www.collegeboard.com](http://www.collegeboard.com)

## For Sophomores and Their Parents:

### 2009 PLAN Testing

The PLAN test is designed for use with sophomores. The test measures the same academic skills as the ACT, but at the 10<sup>th</sup> grade level. Students who take the PLAN will receive an estimated ACT composite score range. The PLAN also includes an interest inventory, a study skills assessment, an educational planning section and a student needs profile.

Medina High School will give the PLAN on Saturday September 26, 2009. Registration materials are available in the HUB. The regular registration deadline is Friday, September 18, 2009 at 3:30 PM. The late registration deadline is Tuesday, September 22, 2009 at 3:30 PM.

### Alternate PLAN Testing

Students whose athletic/co-curricular commitments preclude testing on Saturday, September 26, 2009 may be able to test on Wednesday, September 30, 2009 immediately after school. Testing will be at Medina High School. The testing room will be announced at a later date.

**Important:** Seating is limited and registration will end as soon as all seats are filled. The test fee is \$10.00

Seating is limited and requests will be processed until all seats are filled. Students wanting to test on this alternate date after school should pick up the following two forms in the HUB:

1. Request for an Alternate Testing Date
2. Registration Form for the PLAN

### **Accommodations on College-Related Tests: PLAN, PSAT/NMSQT, ACT, SAT and AP**

A student with a 504 Plan or I.E.P. which specifies testing accommodations, often extended time, needs to submit special documentation in registering for testing accommodations. Please note guidelines below:

\*Students should see Mrs. Virginia House in room 2110, house 1, for necessary forms. Students on an IEP may direct questions or concerns to their IEP lead teacher. Students on a 504 may contact their guidance counselor.

### **Requesting Score Reports Be Sent to A**

**Important:** Necessary forms/documentation should be completed and returned at least two weeks prior to the regular registration deadline.

### College

Even though Medina High School will send ACT/SAT scores with the official transcript, some colleges and universities request that official score reports be sent directly from the testing agency. When registering for the ACT/SAT students can specify the postsecondary institutions to which an official score report should be sent. If a student does not provide when registering the name of a college or university, but later decides that this college or university should receive a report, additional score reports can be requested by contacting the testing agency as indicated below. There will be a charge for this service.

ACT: [www.actstudent.org](http://www.actstudent.org) (click on "Services – Send Your Scores") or by telephone 319-337-1313.

SAT: [www.collegeboard.com/student](http://www.collegeboard.com/student) (click on "For Students – Get and Send Scores) or by telephone 886-756-7346.

### **Test Preparation**

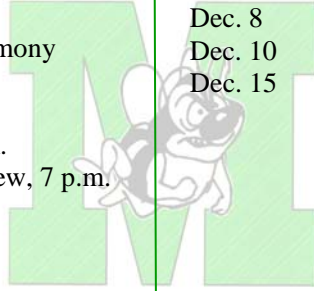
According to David Diciccio, there is no such thing as a good or bad test – only a prepared or unprepared test-taker. The first step in preparing for the PLAN, PSAT, ACT and SAT is taking a challenging college-core curriculum and earning the best possible grades. Medina High School does not endorse any particular test-preparation course.

The points of contact listed below are provided for reference only. Telephone numbers are subject to change without notice:

- Use the website for ACT and SAT provided above.
- Visit [www.number 2.com](http://www.number2.com)
- College-Bound: 330-334-0166
- ACT Preparation Course @ the Medina County Career Center, Contact for the MCCC course: Laura Icardi: 330-722-7235
- Kaplan: 330-384-9499
- Princeton Review: 1-800- 2- review
- Super-Course Reviews with David Diciccio: 1-800-937-6388
- The University of Akron: 330-972-7577
- Wayne College: 330-684-8980 or 1-800-221-8308 ext. 8980

# Upcoming Events

Aug. 24 Freshman Orientation  
 Aug. 27 First Day of School  
 Sept. 10 MHS Open House, 7 p.m.  
 Sept. 14 School Picture Day  
 Sept. 19 Band Show, 7 p.m.  
 Sept. 26 Lexington MB Competition  
 Oct. 8 Homecoming Parade  
 Oct. 9 Homecoming Game & Ceremony  
 Oct. 10 Homecoming Dance  
 Oct. 17 Copley MB Competition  
 Oct. 20 Fall Choir Concert, 7:30 p.m.  
 Oct. 22 Fall MS/HS Orchestra Preview, 7 p.m.  
 Oct. 24 Brunswick MB Competition  
 Oct. 26-30 OGT Week for Gr. 11 & 12  
 Oct. 27 Encore Recital, 7 p.m.



Oct. 31 MB State Finals  
 Nov. 2 & 3 Parent/Teacher Conferences  
 Nov. 12 VOFT Blood Drive  
 Nov. 13 Rock Fest  
 Nov. 20-22 *The Sound of Music*  
 Nov. 23 Showchoir Festival, 7 p.m.  
 Dec. 8 Orchestra Concert, 7:30 p.m.  
 Dec. 10 Band Concert, 7:30 p.m.  
 Dec. 15 Choir Concert, 7:30 p.m.

Check [www.mcsoh.org/pac](http://www.mcsoh.org/pac) for more information regarding events in the Performing Arts Center

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