



MEDWAY HIGH SCHOOL

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Dear Students and Families,

I hope that your family has been able to enjoy a restful and relaxing summer! While we wish to savor every moment of the summer, we are rapidly approaching the start of school and are in the process of finalizing plans for Opening Day on Tuesday, September 3rd. We are all excited to have students back in our classrooms and hallways filling them with energy and enthusiasm for learning. On behalf of the administrators and staff at Medway High School, welcome to the 2019-2020 school year!

This year, our work will be guided by the Medway Public Schools 2019-2024 Strategic Plan: *Excellence for All: A Medway Mindset*. On day one and every day thereafter, it is our goal to improve learning for all by engaging students in active-continuous learning opportunities both in and out of the classroom. We are also committed to supporting the needs of all of our students by forming relationships built on trust and mutual respect that enhances our positive learning environment. Through these efforts, our students will be prepared and empowered to thrive at MHS and beyond.

Our families play a critical role as partners in the students' journey and we strive to keep you informed in a variety of ways. Follow Medway High School updates on Twitter (@MedwayHighInfo) and look for biweekly email updates from me via the Mustang Minute. Also, please do not hesitate to reach out to teachers, counselors, or administrators with questions or concerns.

Following this letter, you will find important information to help prepare you and your child(ren) for the start of school. Because there is so much to share, we'll follow up again when schedules are posted and just before the start of school with the schedule for the first two days. This information will also be updated on the Medway High School webpage. In the meantime, I hope you all enjoy the rest of the summer and I look forward to seeing you soon!

Sincerely,

John J. Murray, Ed.D.
Principal

Important Information

Student Schedules: Student schedules will be posted on the Infinite Campus portal on August 15th around 3pm. An email with login information and tutorial will be sent to students and families to alert you. Should you require a change to the schedule, you may fill out a [Course Change form](#). Requests for level changes or elective changes will be honored as space is available. Please understand that we are unable to honor requests for specific teachers. Counselors will contact parents with updates as they address the scheduling concern. Please note that we may not be able to honor all requests.

All students will be provided a new schedule on the first day of school.

**We are excited to utilize all of the resources of Infinite Campus to improve our scheduling and grade reporting process. With that said, we are still learning all of the capabilities of the program and we anticipate that there will be some mistakes as we roll out schedules. We ask for your patience during this process.

Freshman Orientation: Freshman Orientation will be on August 21st from 8:45-2:30. Parents are invited to join us from 8:45am - 10:25am. Lunch will be provided to students courtesy of the Class of 2020! Please refer to [this link](#) to learn more.

1:1 Chromebook Program: All incoming grade 9 students and returning 10-12 MHS students should bring to school the chromebooks that the school has issued to them for daily use. Students who are new to our district should access our [Chromebook website](#) to learn about our distribution and insurance process.

Fall Athletics Meeting and Start Dates: The Annual Athletic Meeting and Fall Season Meet the Coach Night will take place on Monday, August 19th at 6:00pm in the Auditorium. This meeting is for all high school student-athletes and at least one parent/guardian (regardless of the season of play). Please contact AD Jeff Parcels (jparcells@medwayschools.org) with any questions.

- Football Practice begins on August 16th (all levels).
- All other Fall High School Sports begin on August 22nd.

MSPTO Donation Form: The MSPTO is a 501c3 parent volunteer organization, developed to help fund enrichment programs or provide resources that support all Medway students, educators, and families. Please click the link to access their donation form if you wish to contribute.

Upcoming Events:

- September 2 Labor Day (No School)
- September 3 School Opens - Students report to Homeroom
- September 12 MHS Open House 6:00pm-8:30 pm
- September 18 Performing Arts Parent Meeting 7 pm
- September 26 Flex Advisory Block (Summer Reading Discussion)
- September 26 Senior Family Post Secondary Planning/6:00pm-8:00 pm
- September 27 School Picture Day
- September 27 Athletics- Multiple Home Games- afternoon/evening
- September 28 Homecoming Dance 7:00-10:00 pm
- September 29 No School - Rosh Hashanah