

I write this newsletter with great enthusiasm as we now have all of our students back at Medina High School. Things have gone well these first two weeks as we all begin to return to a new normal. I want to be sure, now that all students have returned, that you are aware that we are addressing two of the concerns we are hearing from students and parents.

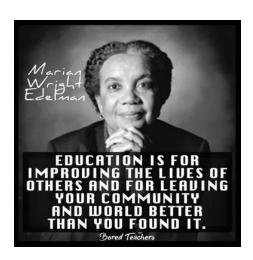
Traffic at drop off and pick up has been an area we are reviewing on a daily basis with the Medina Police Department. We are currently working with them on a few different possible solutions and will keep you updated if any changes are made.

You can help as well as this map shows the four locations where you can drop off and pick up your students at Medina High School. We are finding that many parents are using the Union Street entrance (Area B) only and the other three entrances are less busy. Please review your drop off and pick up procedures to see if a different route will work for you and your student.

In addition, several parents and students have asked about the use of lockers now that it is cold outside. We are currently reviewing possible options and will send out an email to all students, parents, and guardians should we look to change our locker use procedure.

We appreciate the ability to all work together to make the return of our students go smoothly.

Kristine Quallich #strongertogether



February Student of the Month



Henry Allen has a quiet confidence about him. Conscientious, thoughtful, and dependable, Henry can manage everything on his schedule with outstanding organizational skills and determination. He motivates others to get involved and do their best while still having fun. His senior class schedule consists of College Credit Plus, Advance Placement, and Honors courses. Henry is a member of the National Honor Society, a four-year member of Symphony Band and the Stardusters Jazz Ensemble, and a two-year member of the Musical Bees Marching Band, serving as a line leader for the trombone section this past season. He is also a member of the

Symphony Orchestra. Henry volunteers in the Joyce B. Ebner Tutoring Center as a peer tutor and has volunteered at Grace Church, Medina East Campus Vacation Bible School. Also, he works at Rad Air Complete Car Care and Tire Center in Medina. After graduation, he plans on attending college to study aerospace engineering. Henry is the son of Erick and Allison Allen.

Registration Gateway - Back-to-School Update Portal

The Medina City School District requires all parents/guardians to confirm your contact information and sign off on all of the necessary paperwork each school year. This includes all students enrolled at the high school and Career Center, and in CCP, MODA, Tech School and Night School. To complete your student's update, please <u>click on this link</u>. This must be completed and MHS staff have started following up this month with those families who have not completed it. The link can also be found on the MHS website.

Student Handbook - Important Student Sign Off Required

Your student(s) have received several emails regarding this requirement that read as follows: Please <u>click on this link</u> for a link to the handbook as well as a google doc to sign off that you agree to the policies outlined in this year's handbook. <u>All students are expected to sign off electronically.</u> Parents sign off on the handbook when they complete the Registration Gateway update electronically as well. We have started following up with students who have not completed their sign off. The link can also be found on the MHS website.



2021 Medina Senior Scholarship Application - February 1 - February 24, 2021

The Senior Scholarship Application is now available on the MHS website under Our School, School Counselors, then under Scholarships/Opportunities. There are more than 50 scholarships from various Medina Community and Medina High School organizations, from the Medina City Schools Foundation and from the elementary and middle school Parent Teacher Organizations. The Senior Scholarship Applications is divided up into eight sections. All students must fill out the Basic Information application. Each section has similar/like category application requirements, ie played sports, pursuing a medical career. Students can complete the application sections that apply to them. Each section of the application must be completed in one sitting; it cannot be saved. The application window is February 1 through February 24, 2021. All supplemental information must be received in the White Guidance office by the end of the school day February 25, 2021, unless otherwise stated. There is a preview/criteria sheet on the website available now for students to prepare application responses.

Spring Scheduling Process

February 8 - March 26th

All students will meet individually with a school counselor to review your Spring

Registration request. At this time, students will be able to adjust courses with the input of their school counselor. Grad Plan sheets for all students will be updated during this meeting.



One-on-one students meetings will occur through student study hall periods.

Study hall periods 1,2,3	Feb 22 Study hall periods 6/7,8/9,11
Study hall periods 1,2,3	Feb 24 Study hall periods 9/10,11,12
Study hall periods 2,3, 4/5	Feb 26 Study hall periods 9/10,11,12
Study hall periods 2,3, 4/5	March 2 Study hall periods 5/6,7/8,9/10,12
Study hall periods 3,4/5, 6/7	March 3 Study hall periods 5/6,7/8,9/10
Study hall periods 3,4/5, 6/7	March 5 Study hall period 7/8
Study hall periods 6/7,8/9,11	March 8-12 MODA students
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Students entering their senior year may request an early release. Early release will be given dependent on course availability. Courses will be scheduled as the priority over early release requests. Students entering grade 12 could have a maximum of periods 11 and 12 as an early release. Students entering grade 11 will be allowed one period of early release if their schedule produces a 12th period study hall. Only ONE PERIOD OF EARLY RELEASE will be allowed for junior students. To-be-junior students will not request the period of release, if a study hall is to occur 12th period, release will be assigned. 8th to 9th and 9th to 10th graders will be scheduled for classes from 7:30am-2:22pm. There is no early dismissal for freshmen or sophomores.

RECAPPING:

Senior Students:

- Must schedule a minimum of 5 classes each semester.
- May request early release when scheduling.
- Maximum of two (2) periods of release may be given depending on course availability. Courses take priority.

Junior Students:

- Must schedule a minimum of 6 classes each semester.
- Early release will be given if study hall occurs during 12th period.
- No more than ONE PERIOD OF EARLY RELEASE will be allowed.

Sophomore/Freshmen Students:

- Must schedule a minimum of 6 classes each semester.
- Students will remain in the building the entire school day, 7:30am-2:22pm.

CCP Students of any grade level:

- If all courses are attended within Medina High School, student will follow credit and course number rules listed above.
- If student participates in CCP courses outside of Medina High School (full time or part time), the student will be required to register for 2.5 high school credits per semester.

April 9

End of Spring Registration. Student initiated schedule changes will not be accepted after April 9,
 2021. Student schedules will be developed according to Spring Registration Requests.

9th grade scheduling google slide presentation - Click Here
10th grade scheduling google slide presentation - Click Here
11th grade scheduling google slide presentation - Click Here

Medina High School Drama Club News

The Medina High School Drama Club has been busy even under current circumstances. They just completed two months rehearsing for and then recording She Kills Monsters Virtual Realms, a fully online version of the popular high school play, She Kills Monsters, an adventurous tale set against the backdrop of Dungeons & Dragons about friendship, loss, and acceptance. The



show was shown free of cost online on January 29-31. Performers were Anna Fletcher, Madison Reed, Chris Smith, Elizabeth Barrett, Colin Barberic, Liberty Hooper, Gretchen Catherwood, Stevie Joseph, Owen Newman, Belle Oehler, Allison Custer, Liv Douglas, and Sam Tripi.

To top off all of their work, the Club is participating in The Playhouse Square Dazzle Awards Program. About 30 high schools in Northeast Ohio participate every year. This year it is a scaled-down and virtual version, but in a typical year, each school's musical is adjudicated and judges select nominees in a variety of categories. This is followed by an awards show at Playhouse Square where selected students get to perform. The winner of best actor/actress moves on to New York City to participate in the National High School Musical Theater Awards (The Jimmy's), which this year is also virtual, to compete against winners from other states.

Through Dazzles, Medina students have also had the opportunity to participate in a series of Master Class workshops in acting, dancing, and voice with Broadway performers. These are typically done at Playhouse Square but are being done virtually this year.

2021-2021 HUDDLE Application

The HUDDLE leadership program requires using highly qualified, well-established teen role models who have taken part in a very selective application process. Students MUST be nicotine, alcohol and drug-free, be involved in school and/or community activities, have average or above average grades, be comfortable talking in front of groups, and have an interest in mentoring and supporting younger students.

Acting as role models and presenting classroom lessons designed to build resilience by increasing self-esteem and confidence, the HUDDLE leaders strive to present mental wellness for the elementary school students. Programs are delivered to 3rd, 4th and 5th grade students in Medina City Schools 7 Elementary Schools and St Francis Catholic school.

Requirements:

Must be tobacco, alcohol and other drug free
Must have a 3.0 GPA or better
Currently a Sophomore or Junior
This application will be available Friday, February 12 through Friday, March 12, 2021.

School Fees

In addition to school and fall athletic fees for the 2020-2021 school year all Winter Sports and Activity Fees have been applied to your student's account and are available for viewing on www.PayForlt.net or in your student's ProgressBook account.

To view and/or pay fees in PayForlt.net you will need to create an account in PayForlt and register your student. Please follow the instructions on the PayForlt website. After adding your student, a detail of the fees due will appear on the home page. Please note that PayForlt charges a 3% credit card fee to use this service for payment. Alternatively, check or cash is accepted in the High School main office.

To view fees in your student's ProgressBook account, please go to http://pa.neonet.org/ and click on the Medina City Schools link. Click on "Students Sign in with Google". Please note that at this time parents/guardians cannot create their own account. A parent or guardian must log in through their student. The login credentials are the student's medinabees email address and password. There is a tab for Fees on the left side of the home page. Fees cannot be paid through ProgressBook.

Class of 2021 - Transcripts and Parchment

All MHS final transcripts are sent through Parchment. Every college needs your final transcript before you start school in the fall. Send it while it is free! In April/May 2021, seniors will need to order your final transcript - you MUST select HOLD FOR GRADES! HOLD FOR GRADES will signal that your transcript needs to be held until ALL grades are posted and a graduation date added. Final Transcripts are usually sent out to colleges around the second week in June. Seniors - please email Mrs. Veverka veverkac@medinabees.org in Gold Guidance with any questions. All students should complete Parchment even if they are not attending college in the fall.

Morning Announcements

Daily Student Bulletins are posted on the MHS website, https://www.medinabees.org/domain/372 Morning announcements can be viewed on YouTube at MHSTV Morning Announcements





All Students Driving to MHS Must Have a Parking Pass

Students may park in Lots B, C, E and F with a pass. Students *are not* to park the lots of any of the area buildings including the rec center parking lot.



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Click Here for the Parking Pass Form

2020-2021 Picture/Yearbook Information

Senior Yearbook Portrait Pictures:

Seniors should have their portrait pictures taken through Lifetouch. This is a free session and can be scheduled by calling 330-225-7666. <u>Senior pictures are due by March 1, 2021.</u> If you have questions please email hascherh@medinabees.org.

Grades 9-11 Yearbook Portrait Pictures

Good News!! Picture day is coming March 17 for all students grade 9-11. This includes current MODA students. More information will be coming soon, stay tuned!

If your child is a MODA student and you are not comfortable having them go to school for a picture, please upload their picture using this link https://www.ybkplus.com/auth. A student email address will need to be entered and you will be sent a code to continue on to the site and upload your picture. The deadline for these pictures is March 19.



If you have questions or need help about picture day please email brennera@medianbees.org.

If you have questions or need help with the portrait tool, please email hascherh@medinabees.org.

YEARBOOKS



The yearbook staff is working hard on this year's book. We are including everything we typically do minus the events that have been cancelled. Please consider purchasing one at www.jostens.com. The cost is \$70.00.

How to Check MCS Student Grades How do parents check grades?

Parents can check grades through the Parent Portal in BlackBoard. Blackboard can be found on medinabees.org and clicking on Blackboard in the top green banner. Once signed, the Parent Portal should be on the right hand side of the screen. All of the student's classes and grades should appear there. If they have not yet set up a parent portal account, here are directions on how to do so. Please call 330-636-4350 with any Parent Portal questions.

How do students check grades?

Students are able to check grades through ProgressBook. They can access ProgressBook on their Chromebook by going to the Medina Quick Links tab and clicking on "Grades in ProgressBook". They will then need to select Medina City Schools, then choose "Students Sign-in with Google." Once signed in, students can click on grades in the left hand column. Access to all students' classes and grades will then be available on the main screen.



Click Here to View a Video on How to Access a Report Card

Attendance

Please contact the Attendance Office for all non attendance/missed class time such as illness, doctor, dentist, etc. Remember to get a doctor/dental note and email it to the Attendance Office. Please communicate attendance matters through the Attendance Office.

24 Hour Attendance Line: 330-636-3207

Mrs. Linda Florian - Last Names A-K florianl@medinabees.org 330-636-3208

Mrs. Diane Boccio - Last Names L-Z bocciod@medinabees.org 330-636-3206



Homecoming Spirit Week





CAREER FAIRS

The Medina County Business Community wants to help our students learn about careers!

Individuals will be on-hand from 6:00pm—8:00pm through a virtual platform to talk with students (and parents!) to share what they do in their careers.

Thee are a total of eight career events by industry. Feel free to attend them all!

All events are 6:00 pm - 8:00 pm

December 9 - Financial Services and Accounting Career Fair

https://portal.premiervirtual.com/event/register-jobseeker/3095-financial-services-accounting-career-fair

January 7 - Healthcare Industry Career Fair

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January 28 - Engineering Expo

https://portal.premiervirtual.com/event/register-jobseeker/3097-engineering-expo

February 4 - Manufacturing and Logistics Career Fair

https://portal.premiervirtual.com/event/register-jobseeker/3098-manufacturing-logistics-career-fair

February 23 – Construction and Trades Career Fair

https://portal.premiervirtual.com/event/register-jobseeker/3099-construction-trades-career-fair

March 3 - Professional Services Career Fair

https://portal.premiervirtual.com/event/register-jobseeker/3120-professional-services-career-fair

March 24 - Information Technology Career Fair

https://portal.premiervirtual.com/event/register-jobseeker/3123-information-technology-career-fair

April 1 - Social Services and Personal Services Career Fair

https://portal.premiervirtual.com/event/register-jobseeker/3117-social-services-personal-services-career-fair



Flyer provided by the Medina County Economic Development Corporation

Midterms and Finals for 2020-2021 School Year

edina High School has made the decision to not have midterms and exams this school year. High school teacher leaders and administration feel that the time we have with students is too important to spend on midterm and exam preparation and administration. In addition, we do not want to lose a week of instruction for a shortened exam schedule.

Tutoring Center

Peer tutoring still available this year through the Joyce B. Ebner Tutoring Center, located at Medina High School, for all high school students. This program is made possible thanks to the continued support of the Medina City Schools Foundation. As in the past, tutoring will be available in all subject matters. In addition we provide ACT and SAT prep. Students will be paired with National Honor Society students and other honors students. They will meet virtually one to two times per week depending on their schedules. In addition, this year we will also be offering the option of virtual tutoring. Tutoring applications are available online or at school. All tutoring sessions will be coordinated through the Tutoring Center Director, Carolyn Grenfell. Any interested students and/or parents/guardians should contact Carolyn Grenfell at grenfellc@medinabees.org or 21wm9072@medinabees.org.



Things we can help you with:

Catching up on school work, studying for tests, proofread essays, organizing homework, creating a plan!

Contact <u>21wm9072@medinabees.org</u> to get help with anything you might need! We are willing to meet virtually via Google Meet, FaceTime, or Zoom!

College Credit Plus

Ohio's College Credit Plus (CCP) can help students earn college and high school credits at the same time by taking college courses from community colleges or universities. The purpose of this program is to promote rigorous academic pursuits and to provide a wide variety of options to college-ready students. As a Medina High School student, taking a college course from a public college or university is free. That means no cost for tuition, books or fees. If students choose to attend a private college or university, students may have limited costs.

Medina City Schools currently has agreements with The University of Akron, Kent State University, Cuyahoga Community College and Lorain Community College for specific courses; however, students can choose to take College Credit Plus courses from any college that offers a course that would benefit his or her future. This could include online courses. To learn more about College Credit Plus, please visit the College Credit Plus webpage at Ohio Higher Education.

The 2020-2021 annual CCP presentation is available on the MHS website and also on the through the high school counselor website. An Intent to Participate form is in the presentation and will need to be submitted to the counselors offices.



Important Class of 2021 Dates

• Due to COVID-19, this is a planning calendar only. All dates/places are subject to change. As dates become available, this calendar will be updated.

February 1 – 24, 2021 Senior Scholarship Application Available

February 15, 2021 President's Day, No School

March 1, 2021 - Updated Deadline for senior photos to be taken at Prestige for photo to appear

in yearbook

March 11, 2021 Early Release

March 12, 2021 Teacher In Service Day, No School

March 18, 2021 Parent/Teacher Conferences, 3:00 - 5:00 pm

March 29-April 2, 2021 Spring Break

April 5, 2021 Conference Comp Day, No School

April 8, 2021 Favorite Teacher Letters / Commencement Speaker Applications Due

TBD Prom

TBD Senior Awards
May 2021 Senior Sunset
May 2021 MCCC Awards

May 20, 2021 Last day of school for seniors May 2021 Graduation/Commencement

Favorite Teacher Letters and Commencement Speaker Applications

Favorite Teacher Letters and Commencement Speaker Applications are now available on the MHS website, Class of 2021, under Quick Links. Click here for a direct link to the MHS Class of 2021 web page.

Graduation Cap/Gown/Announcement Ordering

It's not too early to order your graduation items. Order packets from Jostens were handed out to MHS seniors the week of October 21, 2020 and information was emailed to MODA seniors on October 22,



2020. MCCC students received order packets the week of November 2, 2020. All orders can be placed online. Visit the Jostens website by <u>clicking here</u>, click on Shop High School, enter in Medina High School, and select Medina High School, Medina Ohio. For commencement, seniors will need a green cap and gown, which can be borrowed sibling/friend/neighbor, and a '21 tassel. <u>Click here</u> to view a Jostens order form. If you have any questions, please contact <u>john.armstrong@jostens.com</u> or call 330-722-0131.

From the HUB

Chromebooks: If you are having trouble with your Chromebook, please email kuickc@medinabees.org.

Work Permits: Go to the school website <u>medinabees.org</u> and select High School, scroll down to the link for "Work Permits". Print off the work permit application. When you have all 3 sections filled out and signed, you can email it to kuickc@medinabees.org and she can email you the permit.

Transcript Requests: For those who graduated 2017 or later, you will need to go on Parchment.com and request your transcript. 2016 and earlier, go to the school website medinabees.org and select High School, scroll down to the link for "Transcripts". Print or fill out the form online and submit it to kuickc@medinabees.org

Attention Seniors - Class of 2021

MENINGITIS VACCINE REQUIREMENT FOR SENIORS - In 2017, the Ohio Department of Health issued new Tdap and Meningitis vaccine requirements for students entering 7th 12th grades. All seniors must provide proof of receiving the required vaccine before the start of the 2020-2021 school year. Immunization forms should be emailed to whites@medinabees.org.

Attention Juniors and Seniors!

Need help with your campus virtual visits? Check out this link from the College Board.

Medina City Schools

Medina High School Meal Distribution

Free for all children 1-18





Starting the week of February

15th, meals for the entire week

will be distributed on



Thursday

9:00 a.m.-10:00 a.m.



By the main entrance off of E. Union Street A7 Doors

Thursday we provide 5 lunches/breakfasts



For additional information contact Liz Kiousis, our Café Manager, at kiousise@medinabees.org $This\ institution\ is\ an\ equal\ opportunity\ provider.$

In the event of a calamity day on a meal distribution day, the meal distribution will also be cancelled for that day.

Feed the Bees Food Pantry

In the spring of 2019, MHS started a food pantry to help any of our students facing food insecurity. Thanks to the generosity of our staff, community organizations, and MHS families, our pantry is currently well-stocked. If you or an organization you work with would be willing to partner with us on our next drive, please contact us at feedthebees@medinabees.org so that we can determine which items are needed most.



Athletics and Performing Arts Tickets

Athletic events have begun in the District as OHSAA and The Ohio Department of Health and Ohio Governor's office have approved them to move forward. Unfortunately at this time, due to the restrictions because of COVID-19 and the orders in place, we are not able to have any students at the games, staff passes, or senior passes. The only participants allowed at the games will be those that have tickets that were provided to by the players and/or coaches. The good news is families can watch many events from home with a subscription to the NFHS Network. Click here for more information and what events can be watched. A monthly pass is \$10.99 and a yearly pass is \$69.99. A portion of every subscription will be shared with the Athletic Department as well. At this time all events in the Performing Arts Center have been postponed for safety reasons.

Planning a Move?

If you currently reside in the Medina City School District and have recently moved, or plan to move to a new address within the District, you will need to provide proof of residency to the Medina City School District Registration Office. One of the following documents will be accepted as proof of residency: current utility bill, mortgage contract, purchase contract, lease agreement, insurance statement on the dwelling, or a letter from your builder indicating a possession date within 90 days of enrollment in the district. If you are moving out of the district during the school year, please notify the guidance secretaries so that the withdrawal process can begin. Please be certain to promptly register in your new school district and complete a records request so that we may release educational records to the new school.

Did you know?

Mail being sent home to parents is usually addressed "To the Parent of:" and the student's name. Sometimes that mail is returned to us by the post office because the child's last name is different from the parent's last name, and the post office says that is undeliverable as addressed. This is especially true if you live in an apartment. By the time all of this happens, several weeks can have passed. If this applies to you, please make sure to notify the post office of all last names that mail may be addressed to for delivery. Your help is appreciated.

Second Semester 2021 School Year Important Dates

February 4, 2021	No School
February 15, 2021	President's Day, No School
March 11, 2021	Early Release
March 12, 2021	Teacher In Service Day, No School
March 17, 2021	School Picture Day, 9th - 11th Grades
March 18, 2021	Parent/Teacher Conferences, 3:00 - 5:00 pm
March 26, 2021	End of the Third Nine Weeks
March 29-April 2, 2021	Spring Break
April 5, 2021	Conference Comp Day, No School
May 20, 2021	Last day of school for seniors
May 31, 2021	Memorial Day, No School
June 3, 2021	Last of the Second Semester/Early Release

A CELEBRATION OF YOUTH ART MONTH

STUDENT ART SHOW MARCH 5th = 28th Medina's Historic District

View artwork created by Medina County students.

Their works of art will be on display in local businesses in and around Medina's Historic District in celebration of Youth Art Month.



Save the Date

Medina City Schools Foundation

RUN.4.FUN 2020+

MAY 7, 2021

Medina High School 777 E. Union Street 7:00 PM

Registration information coming soon.



Parent/Guardian COVID-19 Symptom Check

Medina City Schools expects all parents/guardians to conduct this assessment on a daily basis with their children.

- Parents/Guardians should assess their child(ren) each day before sending them to school
- Temperatures should be taken each morning and parents should record them at home
- Students with a fever of 100 Fahrenheit or above or a cluster of the symptoms listed below that cannot be explained by any other condition should not be sent to school:
 - o Fever or chills
 - Cough
 - o Shortness of breath or difficulty breathing
 - Fatigue
 - Muscle or body aches
 - Headache
 - o New loss of taste of smell
 - o Congestion or runny nose
 - Nausea or vomiting
 - Diarrhea
 - Sore throat
- Symptom checks will not be done daily with students, but students may be checked during the school day if exhibiting symptoms listed above
- If you have been exposed to anyone you suspect has COVID or if you or anyone in your home are being tested for COVID you cannot attend school

For more information, please visit our website, <u>www.medinabees.org</u> and click on Back to School Safely Information.



Effective Communication

Do you have questions, concerns or feedback regarding your child, your child's school, or the school district?

Please follow this simple guide to ensure your voice is heard.

Social media can be a wonderful communication tool, but it's not an effective way to share questions or concerns about our students, staff members, or district. Often, it can actually make situations worse. When you have a question, concern or feedback, please follow these steps:





regarding my child

Please first contact your child's teacher. Many questions and challenges can be resolved in the classroom.

You may contact your child's teacher by phone or email using our **disrict staff directory**.

www.medinabees.org

If you have already worked with your child's teacher and you continue to have a concern, please contact the school principal using our district staff directory.





a school-related issue

Please contact the school's main office for school-related questions.

If you have a school-related concern, please contact the school principal or assistant principal using our **district staff directory**.

www.medinabees.org

If you have already worked with the school principal or assistant principal and you continue to have a concern, please contact the superintendent or assistant superintendent.





a district-related issue

Contact the central office at 330-725-8831.

A list of district administrators is available at:

www.medinabees.org

The district is led by the Medina
City Schools Board of Education
that welcomes and encourages
parent, student and community
involvement in all matters
regarding our schools and the
education of our students. More
information is available at
www.medinabees.org

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