



As we move into fall, I have been reading a lot about a new psychological phenomenon known as pandemic fatigue. Pandemic fatigue references the impatience and exhaustion that people are experiencing as this pandemic moves into the fall. People banded together in the spring due to the new pandemic and felt that we were all in this together to fight against this new virus. Months of quarantining, changing routines, staying away from our family and friends, and missing out on important life changing events have really taken their toll on all of us.

We realize that this includes our families and students at Medina High School and we are working hard to take this into consideration with every decision we make for students. This month we are sharing with you the new hybrid schedule that we will be moving to beginning December 1st. We developed this model based upon your feedback, student feedback, and feedback from our staff. We know it is another change in the lives of our students and families, but we feel it is a necessary one.

The schedule change will begin on November 30th as we will not have an online learning day for any students that day; November 30 will be a day off for students. Students will continue to come per the calendar below following their Green and Gold A-K and L-Z division beginning December 1.

[20-21 Green Gold Calendar](#)

We are also adjusting start times for students beginning December 1 and school will begin at 7:30am. We have found that we do not need the additional time in the morning for arrival and so we are going to add minutes to instruction. [Click Here for the Green Gold Bell Schedule](#)

Please note that although we have made a calendar for the remainder of the year and are providing you a full 2020-2021 calendar, we continue to work on a plan to bring all students back 5 days per week. We continue to balance the safety of our students and the three barriers I discussed at the Board meeting (study halls, lunch, and classroom size limits). We are meeting with our safety committee to discuss how to balance the restrictions in place and how to manage them in our large high school setting.

As always, we appreciate your patience and understanding as we move forward into the fall with the hope of a spring free from restrictions.



Kristine Quallich
#strongertogether

November Student of the Month



Weston Mansier is described as an excellent student, a natural leader, a hard-working athlete, and a compassionate teammate. He is a uniquely gifted individual and an outstanding citizen of Medina who is committed to making the world a better place. While always willing to help others, sharing his gifts and talents has not only enriched the lives of those around him but his as well.

He is a National Merit Commended Scholar with a class schedule consisting of all Advanced Placement courses. Weston is a member of the National Honor Society, HOPE Squad, and Recycling Club and has been a student leader in HUDDLE/SHUDDLE, Link Crew, and Fellowship of Christian Students. He is a member of the Heartland Community Church Youth Group and is a Bible Study Leader. In addition, he volunteers in the Joyce B. Ebner Tutoring Center as a peer tutor and is a member of the Medina High School Boys Soccer Team, and has played club soccer.

After graduation, plans on attending college, majoring in computer science and statistics. Weston is the son of Lawrence and Angela Mansier.

Registration Gateway - Back-to-School Update Portal Now Open



Registration Gateway

The Medina City School District requires that you confirm your contact information and sign off on all of the necessary paperwork each school year.

We have delayed the sending of this information for the 2020-2021 school year and are now asking that all parents complete the Registration Gateway update. All updates must be made online* through our Registration Gateway Back-to-School system and are due to be completed as soon as possible as the initial deadline was November 1, 2020. To complete your student's update, please [click on this link](#).

Parent Item Drop Offs

Due to restrictions in visitors due to COVID, we ask that parents only bring the following items to school for their students if they are forgotten at home:

- Calculators
- Chromebooks

Lunches are free at this time, so students can get lunch in our cafeteria if they forget lunch at home. We ask that parents not bring their children's lunch to school at this time if it is forgotten at home.

Lanyards are not essential items, as we currently have a procedure for students to come to the Hub and receive a temporary sticker for the day to replace their lanyard. We are asking that parents not bring lanyards to school if they are forgotten at home.

Student Handbook - Important Student Sign Off Required



Your students received an email regarding this requirement that read as follows: Please [click on this link](#) for a link to the handbook as well as a google doc to sign off that they agree to the policies outlined in this year's handbook. All students are expected to sign off electronically. Parents sign off on the handbook when they complete the Registration Gateway update electronically as well.

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](#)

Tutoring Center

Peer tutoring will once again be 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 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.

Medina High School Planning a European Trip for 2022



Medina High School is planning a trip to France, Switzerland, and Germany in 2022. This trip is open to all current, 8th, 9th, 10th and 11th graders. There is an informational Google Meet on Thursday November 12 at 6:30 pm. Please email Mike Mozingo at mozingom@medinabees.org for the link to the meeting.

Morning Announcements

Daily Student Bulletins are posted on the MHS website, <https://www.medinabees.org/domain/372>



Painted Pumpkins

Painting 1 students are using pumpkins as a "canvas" to paint vignettes of famous artwork combined with a Halloween scene.



Midterms and Finals for 2020-2021 School Year

Medina 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.

MHS Building Hours

Students dropped off before 7:30 must report to the Cafeteria.

Beginning December 1, students dropped off before 7:20 must report to the Cafeteria.

Students should leave the building at the end of their academic day.

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.

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.

Medina High School will post the 2020-2021 annual presentation on December 1, 2020 through the high school counselor website. Intent to Participate forms will be available and collected after students and parents view the presentation.

Pumpkin Carving Challenge: October 2020

In order to keep students engaged, MHS hosted a Pumpkin Carving Challenge via Twitter. The "Best of Show" award goes to Desiree Schafer for her rendition of Lady and the Tramp. The "Random Draw" from all the participants goes to Olivia Gillian, whose carving of Stitch was also impressive! Look for more fun activities from StuCo coming soon!



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 in the lots of any of the area buildings including the rec center parking lot.

Students have been sent a google form to sign up for a parking pass and they can pick up their passes in the Hub during designated times once school returns in person. [Click Here for the Parking Pass Form](#)



Class of 2021

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.**

November 23	L-Z Green In Person Learning
November 24	A-K Gold In Person Learning, Early Release
November 25-27	Thanksgiving Break
November 30	Teacher Work Day, No Students
December 1	Start of Green-Gold Calendar
Dec 21, 2020 - Jan 1, 2021	Winter Break
January 4, 2021	First day back after Winter Break
January 8, 2021	Diploma Verification/Commencement Information Due
January 14, 2021	Early Release
January 15, 2021	Teacher Work Day, No School
January 18, 2021	Martin Luther King Jr. Day, No School
January 19, 2021	Deadline for senior photos to be taken at Prestige for photo to appear in yearbook
February 1 – 24, 2021	Senior Scholarship Application Available
February 15, 2021	President's Day, No School
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
May 2021	Prom
May 2021	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 Application 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.](#)

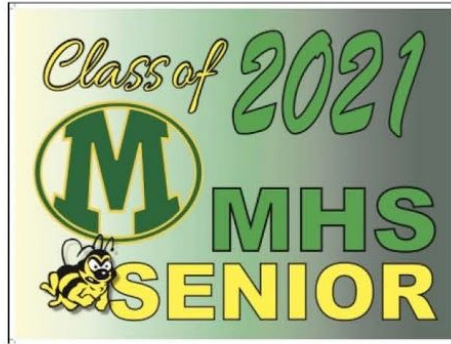
Graduation Cap/Gown/Announcement Ordering

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 MODE 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 [clicking here](#), 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. [Click here](#) to view a Jostens order form. If you have any questions, please contact john.armstrong@jostens.com or call 330-722-0131.



Class of 2021 Senior Yard Sign -

The order form is also available on the MHS website, under Our Schools, Class of 2021, After Prom or by [Clicking Here](#)



Senior Yard Sign Sale

The After Prom Committee is once again selling Senior Yard Signs. This is the largest fundraiser for After Prom and although we are in uncertain times, the committee is still going forward with planning and fundraising for this safe, drug & alcohol free event. The sale of the yard signs will begin on **Monday October 26th**. The cost of each sign is \$15.

There are several ways that you can purchase a yard sign:

1. Complete the order form below and enclose EXACT cash or check made payable to The Chemical People/Medina After Prom and turn it into the HUB or you can mail it to P.O Box 1546 Medina, OH 44256
2. Email your order to Christine Kasian at yardsigns2021@gmail.com Include the student's name, parents name, parent's email and cell phone number.
Payment will be EXACT CASH ONLY on the pick-up date.

New Date! Monday,
November 16th.

Signs will be available for pick-up starting on ~~Monday, November 23rd~~ from 1:00-2:30 outside the Main Office. You will be contacted via email with any changes to the pick-up arrangements. If you have any questions, please email Christine Kasian at yardsigns2021@gmail.com

Student's name: _____

Parent or Guardian name: _____ Cell phone # _____

Parent or Guardian email: _____

\$15 payment made: ___Cash ___Check ___@Pick-up

Medina High School
We're going to

Peru
Summer 2022



Dear Parents & Guardians,

I am thrilled to share this travel opportunity for your student! Learn more about this exciting tour at an information session where we'll discuss:

- What we'll see and do
- Travel logistics
- How to earn high school/college credit
- Affordable payment options
- And more

I look forward to seeing you there!

Mrs. Calaiacovo

P.S. Can't make the meeting but want more information?
RSVP using link below and select "No but send info."

Come to the meeting for details

Tuesday, November 106:30 PM _____
Meeting time and date

Google Meet _____
Meeting location

calaiac@medinabees.org _____
Contact Information

RSVP online



Scan this code or visit:
<https://bit.ly/31SVDO5>

2020-2021 Yearbook Information

It is with great pleasure to announce the kickoff of the 2020-2021 yearbook. In order to make the yearbook possible there a couple of things to keep in mind:

- Senior portrait pictures must be taken by Lifetouch. The cut off date for pictures is January 19, 2021. The yearbook only accepts Lifetouch photos. Please call Lifetouch to set up a free appointment 330-225-7666.
- Due to the current situation it is unknown if seniors will have the opportunity to take their picture at school so please try to schedule an appointment with Lifetouch to ensure your son or daughter is included in the book.

Also, below are the sales campaign dates. It is best to order the yearbook earlier in the year than later. Given the current situation, we can't predict what the future may hold, it is highly recommended to purchase the shipment of the book home so it is received during the summer of 2021. Any books not shipped home will not be distributed until school starts in the fall. Please order at www.jostens.com October 3 - May 31 Cost \$70.00 Shipment and personalization extra.

If you have any questions about the yearbook or pictures, please feel free to contact me at hascherh@medinabees.org

For 2019-2020 Yearbooks not yet picked up, students should check with the HUB.

The HUB - (330) 636-3210

The HUB is located adjacent to the main office and serves as a central distribution center. The HUB is a great place to find some of the following items:

- Calculator rentals
- Fees & fines billing
- Lost and found
- Parking passes
- Replacement student IDs
- Work permits

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.



Attention Juniors and Seniors!

Need help with your campus virtual visits this fall? Check out [this link](#) from the College Board.

Medina City Schools
Medina High School
Meal Distribution
Free for all children 1-18



NEW TIMES!!!

Pick up on

Tuesday and Thursday

9:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m.

By the Performing Arts Center

J6 Doors

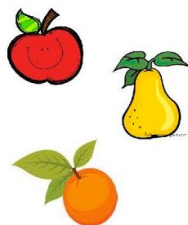
NEW:

Tuesday we provide:

2 lunches and 2 breakfasts

Thursday we provide:

3 lunches/breakfasts



For additional information contact Liz Kiouis, our Café Manager, at kiouis@medinabees.org
This institution is an equal opportunity provider.

School Fees

School and fall athletic fees for the 2020-2021 school year have been applied to your student's account and are available for viewing on www.PayForIt.net or in your student's ProgressBook account.

To view and/or pay fees in PayForIt.net you will need to create an account in PayForIt and register your student. Please follow the instructions on the PayForIt website. After adding your student, a detail of the fees due will appear on the home page. Please note that PayForIt 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.

From the Attendance Office

We encourage parents to look to schedule students' appointments for the two days they are remote learning from home.

If a Student Becomes Ill in School

- Students should report to the clinic with a pass from his/her teacher. If the student walks or drives home, the nurse will call a parent/guardian to obtain permission for that student to leave the school. If the student is being picked up, the driver can pick up that student at the front entrance A-7 doors-in the vestibule by the main office. The nurse or school staff may escort the student out if necessary.
- As has always been our policy STUDENTS SHOULD NOT BE USING THEIR CELL PHONES TO CALL PARENTS DIRECTLY TO GO HOME ILL - We will enforce that any student leaving the school ILL MUST be excused through the clinic.

For additional attendance policies/information, please [click here](#)

FAFSA - Class of 2021 - 7 Things You Need Before You Fill Out The FAFSA FORM

If you need financial aid to help you pay for college, you must complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) form. The 2021-2022 FAFSA form is available now. FAFSA should fill it out as soon as possible on the official government site, fafsa.gov.

It'll be easier to complete the FAFSA form if you gather what you need ahead of time. Below are 7 items you'll need to find before you start:

1. Your FSA ID
2. Your Social Security number
3. Your driver's license number
4. Your 2019 tax records
5. Records of your untaxed income
6. Records of your assets (money)
7. List of school(s) you are interested in attending

College 102 and Senior Google Meets

Counselors will be releasing College 102 for all seniors through the MHS School counseling website and direct email to the Class of 2021. This seminar will provide important information about college application/admissions and financial aid.

Beginning the week of September 7 school counselors will be reaching out to schedule individual Google Meets with every senior during the month of September. These meets will be scheduled during non-class times to review transcripts, course schedule and provide an opportunity for senior students to cover a variety of topics in perspective to life after Medina High School. Counselors will be able to help on whatever section of the next phase the student is at whether it be searching for a college major, applying for an apprenticeship or submitting a Common App! Topics to think about are: Personality Assessments, Career Connections, Major Matching, Big Future College selection, Ohio Means Jobs Career Hunt, Apprenticeship Information, College Application Help, Parchment Account (Transcript Request), Common App Help, FAFSA, Ohio Seal of Readiness Completion, College Essay proofing, Student Brag Sheets, Teacher Recommendations, Counselor Recommendation, or Scholarship Search. Look for your invite. Follow us on Twitter [@MHSSchoolCounseling](#).

Lunch with the Superintendent

In an effort to continue to stay connected with our parents and community, MCS is starting a new initiative, "Lunch with the Superintendent." The purpose of the meeting is to ask questions and allow for conversation about topics of interest among the group. Meeting will be scheduled through Google Meet from Noon to 1:00 pm. In an effort to make the most of the time, the group will be limited to the first 25 to sign up. The first 25 to sign up will receive an email with the link to the Google Meet link 30 minutes prior to the event. Please go to the MCS website at www.medinabees.org to see when the next meeting is scheduled.

Online Learning Tips for Parents and Students

Parents and students have entered a new world of learning during this pandemic as we continued instruction virtually to start the 2020-2021 school year. During this time, students are utilizing computers to connect with their teachers and classmates and learning from their homes and other locations outside of the school building. In light of this, we wanted to share some important information with parents and students on how to ensure digital safety in this new environment.

Board Policy 5136, Personal Communication Devices, indicates that "Students are expressly prohibited from using covert means to listen-in or make a recording (audio or video) of any meeting or activity at school". During this time of online learning, students should seek permission from their teacher if they are planning to record a meeting. To protect student privacy, parents should also not take pictures or record meetings at any time. Parents should not post pictures of their child(ren)'s google meets or google classrooms to social media as this is also a violation of student privacy. This policy has been in place and is not different than students recording live classes without prior permission from the student's teacher. We appreciate our partnership with parents and students during this pandemic and realize that as we all adjust to the new learning model, we will continue to work together to provide the best learning environment for our students.

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.

First Semester 2020 School Year Important Dates

November 23	L-Z in Person
November 24	A-K in Person, Early Release
November 25-27	Thanksgiving Break
November 30	Teacher Work Day - No Students
December 1	First Day of Green-Gold Schedule
December 21-Jan 3	Winter Break
January 14, 2021	End of the Second Nine Weeks/First Semester
January 19, 2021	First Day of Second Semester

<https://www.medinabees.org>, click on Our Schools, click on Medina High School

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:**
 - Fever or chills
 - Cough
 - Shortness of breath or difficulty breathing
 - Fatigue
 - Muscle or body aches
 - Headache
 - New loss of taste or smell
 - 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, www.medinabees.org and click on Back to School Safety Information.



**Medina City
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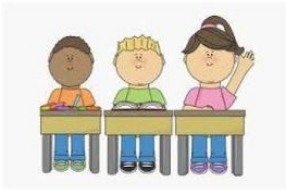
Effective Communication

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:

1



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 **district 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**.

2



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.

3



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

When BIG YELLOW STOPS!!!



Everyone STOPS!!!