MHS Family,

Words are a powerful force. They can inspire, encourage and create enthusiasm, or they can dishearten, discourage and create despair—especially in the lives of young, impressionable people.

As parents, it seems so many times that what we say to our children goes in one ear and out the other. But research proves that they are listening and that our words make a world of difference.

As the 1st quarter comes to a close next week please continue to be a strong advocate for your child and be the strong supportive voice they need. So as we turn the page on the first grading period instead of allowing our students to dwell on the negative, we can use our voices and positive influence to pump them up, and get them excited about a successful, new grading period.

Here are 10 Empowering Messages to share with your child (adapted from WabisabiLearning.com):

1. "Today is a new day. What can we do with it?"
The trials of yesterday are behind you. A new school day dawns, and with it come possibilities. Chances for success, empathy, and discovery are abundant. Inspiration is everywhere you look. The opportunity to be better than you were yesterday is right here, right now.

2. "You aren’t defined by your failures, you’re empowered by them."
It doesn’t feel good to fail, but mistakes are a normal and expected part of life. Not only do you gain knowledge from your mistakes, they help you grow and mature and become more resilient.

3. "The hardest person you’ll ever face is the one staring back at you in the mirror."
It’s true; you are either your own best ally or your own worst enemy. It’s up to you to decide which one—and you actually do have that choice.

4. "Success means caring."
Learning is personal to each one of us. Of course I care about your learning. YOU have to decide however, that YOU care and that you are willing to put in the hard work to achieve successful learning.

5. "I’m a learner too. We need to support each other in that."
Even as adults, we continue to learn—in both our working and personal lives. Adults are neither above nor beneath younger learners. It is a shared journey that connects us and provides an opportunity to create a strong network of support.
6. "There's nothing you can't do if you really want to."
Too often, many of us live with more awareness of our limitations than our potential. The time to change that is now. You are capable of anything you set your minds to. The only limits you have are the ones you choose to place on yourself.

7. "Great things begin with small actions."
Tackling too much at one time is a recipe for disaster. So start small; begin at the beginning and make a great change one step at a time. It's important to build on previous successes gradually and carefully, preserving the progress of every previous step. That's how greatness manifests.

8. "I'm always here to help you, but you've got to take the lead."
As your parent, I am here to support, assist and guide you in your academic potential. However, the responsibility for learning and succeeding is yours.

9. "I believe in you."
This one needs no explanation. Everyone can benefit from hearing this. No better time to start than right now.

10. "You're not alone."
It is easy to sometimes feel like no one has ever felt the way you do, and never can. But you are not alone. I am here to help you and I want you to feel comfortable coming to me and sharing with me whatever is on your mind.

If we can help plant the desire for success in our children early on, then they'll be unstoppable. Use your voice and positive influence today, to help set them on the path to lifelong learning success.

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Department Spotlight - Media Center
Happy October! As October arrives so do several research projects. Freshmen in Ms. Zavesky and Ms. Nicols's classes will be learning about careers while they write an informational paper. This fabulous project involves the school counselors, the librarian and classroom teacher. Students will have the opportunity to visit a Medina County business at the end of the month to learn how their academic skills translate into the workplace, as well as become aware of the many varied jobs available at all levels of training. Mrs. Hascher's freshman just completed this project and the other freshmen will have opportunities later in the year. Sophomores will begin persuasive research papers where they will explore our databases and continue learning to effectively cite sources in Noodletools. Mrs. Lippincott, MHS librarian, will be joining those class lessons to facilitate the research process.

In the library, several activities are getting ready to launch. A team of students is helping develop the 3rd season of Clue! where teams will be able to compete in a live whodunnit game. Mrs. Lippincott is also working with the new HOPE club and their advisor, Mr. Blue to bring “Wellness Wednesdays” to the library. It is the hope that one day a week students will be able to unplug, slow down and center themselves. Different activities and resources are being put together with the hope that by January
Wellness Wednesdays will launch. Students and community members interested in helping with this initiative can contact Mrs. Lippincott via email: lippinck@medinabees.org

The library is full of many new books for students to check out too! If you are looking for a murder mystery try *The Color of Lies* by CJ Lyons. Main character Ella, whose parents both died in an accident, has a condition where she can see the colors of people’s emotions, which usually allows her to “read” people in a way that others can’t. Then she meets Alec and her ability doesn’t work. Alec tells her that her parents’ death wasn’t an accident and her entire world gets flipped on its head. Now the killer must be found.

If you enjoy romance, *Comics Will Break Your Heart* by Faith Erin Hicks is the new book for you. Miriam’s family should be rich, but her grandfather, the co-creator of an insanely popular comic series, sold his share of the business to his partner in 1960. So for Miriam’s family money has been tight her whole life. When she begins to fall for the cute new boy it doesn’t take long for her to realize it’s the heir to her grandfather’s comic series. Enjoy this Romeo and Juliet style romance and see if they can overcome their families’ differences.

**CHROMEBOOKS:** All Chromebook issues should be brought to the library. Students with machines in need of repair will receive a loaner while their machine is being fixed. As a reminder, it is not a good idea to bring charging cords to school as they can easily be forgotten or stolen. Students are expected to come each day with their machine FULLY charged. Teachers are beginning to use tools such as Flipgrid.com, Edpuzzle (a YouTube quiz site) and Peardeck (an interactive Google Slides tool) to create truly interactive, student-centered lessons. Without a working computer, students will be at a disadvantage.

**October Students of the Month**

**Murari Bhimavarapu** is an extremely diligent and responsible student who consistently goes above and beyond what is required. He leads by example and gladly helps his classmates with their studies. Murari is a National Merit Semifinalist and achieved a perfect score of 36 on the ACT test. His class schedule consists of Advance Placement, College Credit Plus, and Honors courses. Murari is a member of the National Honor Society, Student Council, the Debate Team and HUDDLE/SHUDDLE. He volunteers at the North East Ohio Telugu Association and in the high school tutoring center. He manages his own tutoring business working with students to prepare for the ACT test. After graduation, he plans on attending college majoring in Physics with a minor in Computer Science. Murari is the son of Siva and Sudha Bhimavarapu.

**Ava Tenaglai** is described as a student of remarkable talent and unparalleled potential with a compassion for helping others. She makes a conscious effort to connect with and mentor underclassmen. Her class schedule this year consists of Advance Placement, College Credit Plus, and Honors courses. She is a member of the National Honor Society and has volunteered at Feeding Medina County. Ava is a member of the Girls Varsity Cross Country Team lettering three times as well as a member of the Girls Varsity Track & Field team. After high school, she plans on attending college majoring in nutrition. Ava is the daughter of Davide and Julie Tenaglia.
School Wide - Fall Testing Day - October 16, 2019

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- Seniors will not attend school on this day. There is an attendance form that must be filled out and turned in to the attendance office. The form is posted in Guidance Blackboard or Click Here
- All Freshmen, Sophomores and Juniors are required to attend school on the building-wide testing day. Normal attendance policy applies. Pencils, calculator and ID are a must.
- Juniors may take either the PSAT/NMSQT (National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test) or ASVAB based on their future ambitions. Juniors are registered for the PSAT. Please notify your counselor if you would like to change to the ASVAB.
- Freshman, Sophomores and Juniors will be released approximately at 12:00 pm

Debate Team News

Throughout the weekend of September 6-8, the Medina High School Debate Team competed at the National Speech and Debate Season Opener hosted by the University of Kentucky. There were 109 teams from around the country competing, bringing over 700 student competitors. At national tournaments, most schools send only seasoned veteran debaters. Medina lost almost half its 34 member team to graduation last year, so many of our students were competing in their very first tournament. Even so, nearly half of our contingent finished just one win away from the elimination brackets. Two of our congressional debaters qualified for the final round, and one of those finished in fourth place. All in all, this was a challenging experience, a learning experience, a team building experience, and a wonderful demonstration of the potential of this year’s team. Our 10 month competition season has begun!

10th Annual GSA Ally Coffee Break

The Ally Coffee Break is a wonderful opportunity for students and staff in Medina City Schools to talk with parents and community members about how to build a safe and inclusive community for all citizens. We hope you will join us in the Medina High School Media Center after school on Wednesday, October 9th, from 2:30-4:00 for refreshments, coffee, and conversation. All are welcome! The students LOVE to feel the support from people "in the real world", and they always appreciate seeing their teachers, counselors, and administrators in this relaxed setting. There is no cost to attend, but an RSVP to oehlerj@medinabees.org would be appreciated if you can attend so the office has notification of visitors, and more importantly, so we can plan for plenty of refreshments!
Boys Golf
The boys golf team was crowned Greater Cleveland Conference champions on September 24, winning the final GCC tournament of the season at Pine Hills Golf Club. The team won 3 out of 4 league tournaments and finished in 2nd place in the other. Blake Shienkaruk, John Varley, Kyle Salamon, and Preston Trumpler earned All-GCC honors. Coach Mike Mozingo was named GCC Coach of the Year.

Link Crew
Link Crew is planning a "Dews n' Dogs" Social Event tailgate exclusively for Freshmen students. This is a way for the Link Crew students to make connections with their freshmen and get them involved in activities surrounding our school. This event is October 11 from 5-6:30pm before the home football game vs. Strongsville, in the lower parking lot of the stadium.

Ohio High School Athletic Association Student Leadership Conference
On October 1st, a group of Medina High School Student-Athletes attended the Ohio High School Athletic Association Student Leadership Conference at the Ohio State University. The conference had more than 1,500 student-athletes in attendance from grades 9-11. The theme for this year’s conference was “respect”. The conference featured the following keynote speakers.

Dr. Mike Thompson is host of the award-winning PBS series “In Search of Character” as well as “The Learning Lunchbox” and published author. Dr. Thompson worked with the Department of Psychology and Psychiatry at the Mayo Clinic, Director of Healthcare Centers in Minnesota, Ohio, and Sweden, and is an Adjunct Associate Professor with the Ohio State University and Ashland University.

Devon Harris was a member of the 1988 Jamaican Olympic Bobsled team. He is the founder of Keep on Pushing which aims to support and enhance the education of kids in disadvantaged communities. Mr. Harris is an athlete ambassador for Right to Play, which uses sports and play in refugee camps around the world to enhance child development.

Beacon Light is an award-winning hip hop artist, and a survivor of bullying and abuse. He encourages students to talk about their situations and find help, rather than struggling in secret.
Julie Carrie is recognized as one of the Top 50 Student Leaders in the Nation and a Rotary International Ambassadorial Scholar to England. Her messages have been featured on the Today Show, the New York Times, and the Boston Globe. Because of her work as a speaker, coach, and expert for teens in leadership development, Ms. Carrie is one of 100 people worldwide to be named to the Marshall Goldsmith 100 Coaches Program.

Brian Williams works to inspire crowds in schools across the country to come together in solidarity to make a difference in the world. Mr. Williams has made appearances on MTV, USA Today, and MSNBC. His mission is to inspire youth, that every single person has the ability to make a difference in someone’s life.

Medina student-athletes that attended the conference were referred by their head coaches. The student-athletes in attendance were chosen based on the leadership qualities they bring to their respective teams. They will bring valuable leadership lessons and messages from the speakers back to their teams, and continue to inspire others through their hard work, determination, and accountability.
Homecoming 2019
Student Council would like to thank everyone who made Homecoming 2019: Dancing Through the Decades a huge success! Congratulations to the court members Haley Anspach, Gigi Cox, Anna Darrell, Maddie Macron and to the 2019 Homecoming Queen, Lindsey Linard. The dance had 1,500 students! Almost $600 was raised for classes from selling spirit links and proceeds went to SustainEd, a non-profit company established to advance the education of students interested in STEM related studies focused on sustainability, environmental and renewable energy technologies. The senior class won the spirit links contest and the juniors won hall decorating contests. Great job to all! Keep up that school spirit!

Homecoming Fun - Dancing through the Decades - Hallway Decorating

Freshman - the 70’s

Sophomores - The 50’s
Juniors - The 80's

Seniors - the 20's

2019 Homecoming Pep Assembly
Congratulations to Lindsey Linard, crowned Homecoming Queen during the pep assembly!
From the Counseling Offices…..

1) **Senior Seminars:** October seminar dates are 10/22, 29, 30 and 31. Counselors are available every period of the day for seniors to get help completing applications, scholarships, FAFSA, school and major searching, etc in ROOM 2216.

2) **FAFSA Night:** October 15 at 7pm, Middle Auditorium. Autumn Ransom from Kent State University will speak with parents about college financial aid and filling out the FAFSA form. She will also be available that evening to help parents complete the FAFSA form. Sophomore, Junior and Senior parents should plan to attend.

3) **Link Crew** is sponsoring a Freshman Tailgate Party before the game on October 11th.

4) **Oct 16: PSAT Testing** for grades 9-11 from 7:30-noon. Pencils, calculator and ID are a must.

5) **Oct 16: Senior options** - College Visit/Career Shadowing/College Applications. There is an attendance form that must be filled out and turned in to the attendance office. [Click Here for the Senior Attendance Form](#)

6) **Medina County College Fair:** The Medina County College, Tech, and Trade Fair will hold this annual event on Wednesday, October 16 at the Medina County Fairgrounds Community Center. The fair attracts 90-plus colleges and career-enhancing organizations from Ohio and nearby states. This year's fair will feature a Financial Aid/ACT/SAT Planning Lab that will be open 6:00-7:30 p.m. Students and parents from Medina County school districts and the general Medina County public are welcome to attend. It is a great place for sophomores and juniors to start looking into information about careers and colleges. No admittance fee is charged for those who attend.

**October is National Bullying Prevention Month**

Medina High School will hold its annual Anti-Bullying Slogan Contest, open to all 1st period teachers and their students. The challenge is to come up with a class slogan that promotes Anti-Bullying. The winning class will receive a morning Donut Party and the winning slogan will be our theme this year and will be promoted throughout the community and district wide, as we prepare to celebrate Unity Day on October 23, 2019.

**Feed the Bees Food Pantry**

This past spring we 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. Many community organizations hold food drives during the rapidly approaching holiday season. If you are able to, we encourage you to participate in a local drive at this time. We anticipate our pantry needing some re-stocking in the new year. If you or an organization you work with would be willing to partner with us on a drive in the early months of 2020, please contact us at [feedthebees@medinabees.org](mailto:feedthebees@medinabees.org) so that we can determine which items are needed most.
Art Club
Art Club painted the tables in the courtyard and added an extra picnic table to provide enough seating for 30 students. Teachers can reserve the courtyard for their classes. Thank you Art Club!

Parent Teacher Conferences
Medina High School uses “Arena Style” conferencing, eliminating the need for pre-conference sign-up or scheduling. The teachers will be located in the cafeterias, Mecca, and media center and are seated by department. Parents will be able to move about and meet with the teachers. Student Council members will be on hand to help direct parents.

As a courtesy to others, we ask you keep your conference short. If you need more time to discuss your child with a teacher, they will be happy to set up another appointment or a phone conference at a time.

October 24 3:00 - 8:00 pm
October 30 3:00 - 8:00 pm
March 12 3:00 - 5:00 pm.

Blackboard
Blackboard is a helpful communication tool for families. All students belong to the Student Organization in Blackboard. This is where students can find bell schedules, exam schedules, assignments, student bulletins/morning announcements, as well as other information posted throughout the school year. Seniors are also be assigned to the Class of 2020 Organization. Information regarding 2019-20 dates and events for seniors are posted in this organization.

Student Fees
At the high school, there is a general fee of $15 which covers the agenda, student ID and graduation costs. Full day Medina County Career students do not receive an MHS ID and therefore the fee is reduced to $10. Course fees are outlined in the Registration Guide. Pay to Participate fees are assessed once the team rosters are complete.

Fee Bills for current year fees will be mailed after all fees have been added, generally mid-September. At the end of the 2nd, 3rd and 4th grading periods, report cards will be held in the main office until all fees have been paid. Students will receive a fee bill in lieu of their report card.
All fees must be paid in order to purchase dance tickets with the exception of the Homecoming Dance. 
For the Homecoming Dance, only the PRIOR YEAR fees need to be paid.

Fees can be paid to Mrs. Platz in the main office using a check (payable to Medina High School), cash 
or money order. Fees can be paid online via Payforit.net with your Visa, Mastercard or ACH check.

Health Heros - Flu
In partnership with Akron Children’s Hospital School Health Services, it is our pleasure to offer on-site 
flu vaccinations to students this year on November 18 or 19, with times to be announced. Health Heroes flu vaccination clinics are completely voluntary and are offered to ALL consented students, 
regardless of their insurance coverage. Consent forms are due by Monday, November 11, 2019. The 
below letter and form can also be found on the school website.
Click Here for the 2019 Health Heroes Flu Shot Parent Letter
Click Here for the 2019 Health Heroes Flu Shot Consent Form

2019 Annual Junk Boat Float
The MHS Junk Boat Float has been helping students raise environmental awareness of plastic waste 
problems, especially as waste enters aquatic ecosystems. This year’s Junk Boat Float was held at 
Forest Meadows Lake and Pavilion on September 30. Junk Boat Float teams have made a permanent 
healthy and waste reducing improvement to our high school, A.I. Root, Claggett, Waite, Fenn, Garfield 
and the public restroom on the square by purchasing water bottle filling stations at drinking fountains. 
This year’s winning team was the Baker Boatfield, made and powered by Seniors Christian Knight, 
Ethan Mardovin and Josh Palombo. Congratulations!
2019-2020 Yearbooks
It is with great pleasure to announce the kickoff of the 2019-2020 yearbook. Our title this year is “Life Is A Game, Play It Like A Bee”. The theme will be centered around various games such as board, card, video, and arcade.

In order to make the yearbook possible there a couple of things to keep in mind:

Senior portrait pictures must be taken by Lifetouch on or before January 17, 2020. The yearbook only accepts Lifetouch photos. To set up a free appointment with Lifetouch, call 330-225-7666.

It is best to order the yearbook earlier in the year than later. It is highly recommended to purchase the shipment of the book home so it is received during the summer of 2020. Any books not shipped home will not be distributed until school starts in the fall. (Please note this is a change from previous years)

- Back to School Campaign: Now - Sept. 27: Cost $60.00 plus 4 free icons if personalization is purchased. Shipment and personalization extra.
- Fall Sale: Sept. 28 - Nov. 1: Cost $60.00. Icons, shipment, and personalization extra.
- Winter Sale: Nov. 2 - Jan 31: Cost $60.00. Icons, shipment, and personalization extra.
- Spring Sale: Feb 1 - June 1: Cost $70.00 Icons, shipment, and personalization extra.

If you have any questions about the yearbook or pictures, please feel free to contact Heather Hascher, Yearbook Adviser at hascherh@medinabees.org or 330-636-3344.

Coats for Kids
The 2019 Coats for Kids Express is coming to a school near you the week of November 11-15. Collect those gently used or new coats, hats, mittens, scarves, and other winter items and bring them to a school building near you. See the below flyer for dates, times, and locations. The bus will be at the Medina High School main office parking lot on Tuesday, November 12, from 11:15 to 12:15 pm. MHS Student Council will have collection boxes in all house offices beginning November 4.

Attention Seniors - Class of 2020
MENINGITIS VACCINE REQUIREMENT FOR SENIORS - In 2017, the Ohio Department of Health issued new Tdap and Meningitis vaccine requirements for students entering 7th and 12th grades. All seniors must provide proof of receiving the required vaccine before the start of the 2019-2020 school year. Immunization forms should be turned in at the main office.

Ski/Snowboard Team
Even though the snow isn’t flying yet, Brandywine ski and snowboard signups are beginning! There are a few changes this year. The bus from Fenn will cost $30 this year, and the sign up for the bus must be completed online. Payment can be made through Payforit. If paying by check, checks must be physically brought to Fenn Elementary. The deadline to sign up for Brandywine and/or the bus is December 20. Click Here for Ski/Snowboard Team Flyer.

Joyce B. Ebner Volunteer Tutoring Center
The Volunteer Tutoring Program provides tutoring help to high school and middle school students who have the desire to improve in any subject. Students requesting a tutor and volunteers are matched by the Volunteer Tutoring Program coordinator, Carolyn Grenfell, and work together before, during, or after school. During the 2018-19 school year there were over 200 volunteer tutors and 500 tutor/student matches. Applications for tutoring help or to be a volunteer tutor are available from Mrs. Grenfell in room 1300 by the Media Center.
**Medina High School JOG Program**
Is your son or daughter looking for help in career development, leadership development, resume building, job searching, job shadowing, applying and interviewing, post secondary education options, soft skills and much, much more? You are in luck! MHS offers the Jobs for Ohio's Graduates (JOG) program right here in the building during the school day. JOG and its parent affiliation Jobs for America's Graduates (JAG) has assisted thousands of youth transitioning from high school to post secondary education and training and/or into the workforce. JAG delivers consistent, compelling results – helping young people stay in school through graduation, assist with postsecondary education exploration and assist with transitioning into quality entry-level jobs leading to career advancement opportunities. Eligibility for the Medina High School JOG program is limited to Juniors and Seniors and there is limited space for the 2019-2020 roster. For more information or questions, please contact Mr. Jarrod Wenger at 330-696-3269 or wengerj@medinabees.org

**Graduation Cap/Gown/Announcement Ordering**
Need to order your cap and gown for graduation? Announcements? Visit Jostens website by clicking here or call 330-722-0131.

**VOFT Blood Drive**
With the help of Vitalant, VOFT (Volunteer Opportunities for Teens) will sponsor a blood drive on Tuesday, October 29, 2019, in the Rec Center Field House. Staff, students and community members have an opportunity to make a tremendous contribution to critically ill and injured in our community by participating in this year’s blood drive. Each unit of blood donated can save as many as three lives. Click here for online registration and as always, walk-ins are welcome. The registration link is also available on Blackboard, under MHS Students, and the MHS website. Students must be 17 years old or older to donate. Sixteen year olds must have the signed parental consent form from Vitalant. Click here for the Consent Form.

**All Students Must Have a Parking Pass**
All students are required to have a parking pass in order to park in the school lots. 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. Parking passes can be purchased daily at the Hub. Passes cost $40. The required paperwork can be found on the high school website. There will be regular sweeps of the parking lots to check for parking passes. Cars found without a pass will get a warning sticker with directions on what to do. If there is no parking pass during the next sweep, the car will be booted. Please note there will be a $ 20.00 fee assessed if we boot a car. We ask for parent support by making sure your student who is driving to school is purchasing a parking pass.

**Poetry Out Loud**
The National Recitation Contest returns to Medina High School Thursday, December 5, 2019. All students are welcome to participate and students can participate in local, regional, state, and national competitions. Look for competition applications here, the MHS website or from any Language Arts Teacher. For more information go to:: https://www.poetryoutloud.org/ Students can also ask Ms. Zavesky for more information. Click here for the application.
Recycling Club
Forty two students participated in the first Recycling Club meeting of the year on September 12. They made boxes to put in classrooms and offices for collecting recyclables. The club meets in the Mecca meet every other Thursday. Also be sure to follow the Recycling Club’s new Instagram account @mhs_recycling_club to see pictures and updates. Remember, it's always perfect weather for saving the world!

FAFSA - Class of 2020 - 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 2020-2021 FAFSA form will be made available as of Oct. 1, 2019. You 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 Oct 1:

1. Your FSA ID
2. Your Social Security number
3. Your driver’s license number
4. Your 2017 tax records
5. Records of your untaxed income
6. Records of your assets (money)
7. List of school(s) you are interested in attending
Attention Juniors and Seniors!
There are a number of colleges that will be visiting MHS to discuss their programs and answer any questions. This is a unique opportunity to meet college admissions reps, ask questions, and get a feel for each college. Please take advantage of these visits.

To view and sign up for visits with reps, go to the counseling link on Blackboard. Then, click on College and Career on the left. The list of schools and an online signup sheet are under the College Visitation Days link. You may also come to white guidance for a pass!!

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

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 unable to provide any of the approved documents, please complete the Residency Affidavit, have it notarized, and submit to the Registration Office. 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 than 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.

Athletics and Performing Arts Tickets
Medina event tickets are conveniently available for purchase online through TicketRoar. Online purchases benefits include avoid long ticket purchase lines at game time, no need to remember to bring cash for tickets to the game, quickly and easily access your ticket one of two ways. 1) Enter using our mobile app on your phone 2) Print your tickets at home

How to purchase tickets:

- Click on the event you would like to attend
- Click the green Tickets tab and select the number of tickets you would like to purchase
- Enter your information – this will also be your Eventbrite account information
- You will receive an email confirmation prompting you to either print tickets at home or use the mobile app
- Use this paper ticket or mobile ticket at the game!
**Morning Announcements**

Daily Student Bulletins are posted on the MHS website, [https://www.medinabees.org/domain/372](https://www.medinabees.org/domain/372)

Morning announcements can be viewed on YouTube at [MHSTV Morning Announcements](https://www.youtube.com/MHSTV)

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**Attendance Office**

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330-636-3208  
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Diane Boccio (L-Z)  
330-636-3206  
bocciod@medinabees.org

Call-Off Line  
330-636-3207 - Voicemail available 24 hours a day  
Fax: 330-636-3802 - Attn: Attendance Office

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**Reporting Student Absences**

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

· If a parent does not call, the student will be marked “unexcused absent” and an automated call will be generated at 10:30 a.m. each morning.

· If a student is late because of an orthodontist, doctor, dentist, court appointments, etc., the absence will be excused if the student brings in a school excuse from the doctor, dentist, etc. to the Attendance Office.

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**If a Student Becomes Ill in School**

He/she needs to go to the closest neighborhood office or clinic with a pass from his/her teacher. The neighborhood 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 the book at the front desk of the main office.

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**STUDENTS SHOULD NOT BE USING THEIR CELL PHONE TO CALL PARENTS DIRECTLY TO GO HOME ILL** - An MHS employee must talk to the parent before a child can be released.
Tardiness to School
Oversleeping, car trouble, power failures, traffic problems, frozen car locks are all unexcused tardies. A note or call from a parent to the Attendance Office regarding the reason is always appreciated and will be noted for your student’s records. A Principal or his/her designee shall make the final determination between excused or unexcused tardy if necessary.

As the student accumulates tardies to school, the following consequences may result:
- 4 tardies ~ One (1) ASD
- 8 tardies ~ (2) ASDs
- 12 tardies ~ 2 hour Saturday school and notification
- 16 tardies ~ 4 hour Saturday school and notification

Leaving Early
Parents need to send in a note requesting that the student leave early for court, an orthodontist 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 into the main office to sign out the student at the front desk. 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.

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.

Vacations
Ohio law does not specifically allow vacation travel to be considered an excused absence from school. In situations that are essentially unavoidable, schools are permitted to grant excused absences in order to travel. Medina City Schools allows up to 5 excused vacation days per year.

A Request for Vacation Travel is required to be filled out and turned into the Attendance Office well in advance of the intended absence. The form can be found under Forms on the MCS website, on the MHS website, on Blackboard under the Forms tab in the MHS Student Organization and this link. Request for Vacation Travel Form

IMPORTANT NOTICE: If a student will miss more than approximately 65 hours (10 days) due to a vacation, parents/guardians are required to un-enroll their student from the Medina City Schools and re-enroll them upon return from vacation. This is done by contacting the Office of Registration at 330-636-3100. Questions concerning this procedure may be directed to Dr. Kristine Quallich, Asst. Superintendent, at 330-636-3092.

Medications
All medications must be delivered by an ADULT ONLY to the SCHOOL NURSE. The medication must be in a new, unopened container. Students must never possess any type of medication without documentation from a physician allowing him/her to do so. Only school health personnel are permitted to receive and log medications. Clinic hours are 8:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. Monday thru Friday when school is in session.
First Semester 2019 School Year Important Dates

October 10  MHS Choirs Concert - 7:00 pm, PAC
October 11  In-service Day - No Classes
October 15  FAFSA Night - 7:00 pm, Middle Auditorium
October 16  Fall PSAT Testing Day
October 17  Fall Orchestra Preview Concert, 7:00 pm, PAC
October 18  End of 1st Nine Weeks
October 21  First Day of 2nd Nine Weeks
October 23  Picture Retake Day / Unity Day
October 24  Parent/Teacher Conferences, 3:00 - 8:00 pm
October 30  Parent/Teacher Conferences, 3:00 - 8:00 pm
October 27  Encore Showstoppers, 5:00 pm, PAC
October 29  VOFT Blood Drive
November 8-9  MHS Drama Club Fall Underclass Play
November 14  Family First Night
November 26  Early Release
November 27-29  Thanksgiving Break
December 5  Poetry Out Loud, 2:30 - 5:00 pm, PAC Studio Theater, MHS
December 10  MHS Holiday Orchestra Concert, 7:00 pm, PAC
December 12  MHS Holiday Band Concert, 7:00 pm, PAC
December 17-19  1st Semester Exams
December 19  Early Release/End of 2nd Nine Week
December 20-Jan 3  Winter Break

January 6, 2020  First Day of Second Semester

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

Important Senior Dates - Class of 2020

October 15  FAFSA Night - 7:00 pm, Middle Auditorium
October 16  College Visits/Applications/Shadowing
October 24  Parent/Teacher Conferences, 3:00 - 8:00 pm
October 30  Parent/Teacher Conferences, 3:00 - 8:00 pm
December 17, 18, 19  First Semester Exams / End of First Semester
January 17  Deadline for senior photos to be taken at Prestige for yearbook
February 1 to Feb 24  Universal Scholarship Application Available on Blackboard
February 8  Winter Formal Dance, MHS Gym, 7:30 to 10:00 pm
March 12  Parent/Teacher Conferences, Times T.B.D.
May 8-9  Showtime, PAC, May 8 – 7:30 pm, May 9 – 2:00 pm & 7:30 pm
May 11-14  Senior Exams – Exams will be given during a normal school day.
May 14  Senior Sunset, MHS Football Stadium, 7:00 p.m. to sunset
May 15  Senior Exam Make-up Day
May 19  Prom at Quaker Station in Akron, After Prom activities at MHS
May 20  Senior Awards Assembly, PAC, 7:00 pm

MCCC Awards Assembly, MHS Gym, 7:30 pm
Mandatory Graduation practice for All MHS and MHS-MCCC Seniors

- 7:45 to 8:15 Sign In and Continental Breakfast
- 8:15 Sharp - Practice Begins

May 21
Baccalaureate, Holy Martyrs, 3100 Weymouth Rd, 7:00 pm

Saturday, May 23, 2020
Commencement for all MHS and MHS-MCCC seniors,
James A. Rhodes Arena, University of Akron, 1:00 pm
You’re invited to the 10th Annual
Medina High School
Genders and Sexualities Alliance
Ally Coffee Break

When: Wednesday, October 9th
2:30pm-4:00pm

Where: Medina High School (Media Center)
777 E. Union Street, Medina

RSVP: Jen Oehler (oehlerj@medinabees.org)

What: To support GSA students and engage in conversation about building a safe and inclusive community for all citizens.
MEDINA HIGH SCHOOL'S

FALL CHOIR CONCERT

OCTOBER 10, 2019
7PM
MEDINA PERFORMING ARTS CENTER

FEATURING PERFORMANCES FROM ALL SIX OF OUR MHS CHOIRS
INCLUDES A SPECIAL PERFORMANCE OF FRANZ SCHUBERT'S MASS IN G
BY THE MHS CONCERT CHOIR AND STUDENT SOLOISTS
Save the Date!

Date: October 16, 2019 (Wednesday)
Time: 6:00-7:30 PM
Site: Community Center on Medina Fairgrounds

The Medina County College, Tech, and Trade Fair is registered with the Ohio Association for College Admission Counseling (OACAC).
Students and parents are invited to attend.

For more information, contact Brenda Zacharias:
Phone: 330/723-6393, Ext. 101
Fax: 330/723-0573
Email: bzacharias@medinaesc.org

Medina County College, Tech, and Trade Fair

NOTE: A Financial Aid/ACT/SAT Planning Lab will be open 6:00-7:30 PM.

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<td>Receive your FAFSA ID.</td>
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Art With A Heart

5th Annual Art With A Heart For Children Auction & Benefit

Friday, November 8, 2019

A variety of original multi-media art will be on display and available for auction at this exciting affair.

Art With A Heart will include select pieces from local community artists including Medina County Juvenile Detention Center & Medina County High School Students.

Preview, cocktails, music & hors d'oeuvres
At 5:30 PM
Auction at 7:00 PM
Blue Heron Event Center
Medina, Ohio
$50 per person (includes one drink ticket)

One of the most rewarding ways you can help abused and neglected children is by joining us for our 5th Annual Art With A Heart For Children Auction & Benefit.

Proceeds to benefit The Children's Center of Medina County with a portion designated for the Medina County Juvenile Detention Center’s Art Therapy Program.

The Children's Center of Medina County is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization providing services for victims of child abuse and neglect in Medina County.

Please register by Friday, November 1

Further Information: 330.591.2682 or medinacountychildrenscenter.org

SPONSORSHIPS AVAILABLE
SEE YOU AT THE PAC!

851 Weymouth Rd.
Questions? Call 330-636-3400

MHS Choir Concert
Main Stage
Oct. 10 at 7:00 pm

Tickets at the PAC box office, at the door, and online at Eventbrite.com

MHS Orchestra Preview
Main Stage
Oct. 17 at 7:00 pm

Free and open to the public
With performances by Claggett and Root Middle Schools’ orchestras

MHS Drama Club Play
Middle Stage
Nov. 8-9 at 7:00 pm

Tickets at the PAC box office, at the door, and online at Eventbrite.com
COATS FOR KIDS EXPRESS
NOVEMBER 11-15, 2019

Medina City Schools is sponsoring its annual "Coats for Kids Express," a gently worn and new coat drive for those in need.

Winter clothing items can be dropped off at the following locations:

**Monday, November 11**
10:00 - 11:00 AM
Heritage Elementary School
833 Guilford Boulevard

11:15 AM - 12:15 PM
A.I. Root Middle School
333 West Sturbridge Drive

**Tuesday, November 12**
10:00 - 11:00 AM
Canavan Elementary School
825 Lawrence Street

11:15 AM - 12:15 PM
Medina High School
777 E. Union Street

**Wednesday, November 13**
10:00 - 11:00 AM
Fenn Elementary School
320 North Spring Grove

11:15 AM - 12:15 PM
Northrop Elementary School
950 East Reagan Parkway

**Thursday, November 14**
10:00 - 11:00 AM
Blake Elementary School
4704 Lexington Ridge Drive

11:15 AM - 12:15 PM
Waite Elementary School
4765 Cobblestone Park Drive

**Friday, November 15**
10:00 - 11:00 AM
Garfield Elementary School
234 South Broadway Street

11:15 AM - 12:15 PM
Clagett Middle School
420 East Union Street

www.medinabces.org
Participant Name: 

Language Arts Teacher: 

Grade: 

Participant must choose and recite two poems from the Poetry Out Loud Anthology ONLY. Poems outside of the Poetry Out Loud anthology may NOT be used for the contest. These poems can be found at poetryoutloud.org. The contest will be held in the Medina High School Studio Theater, December 5, 2019, Thursday, 2:45 PM – 4:30 PM. Free and Open to the public. Performance rubrics, advice for performing can be found at www.poetryoutloud.org

1st Poem:
Title: 
Poet: 

2nd Poem:
Title: 
Poet: 

Please contact Ms. Hufford or Ms. Zavesky with any questions.
APPLICATION DUE December 2, 2019 IN ROOM 1212

Poetry Out Loud is a national poetry recitation contest. The MHS winner must attend the Poetry Out Loud Workshop in February 2020 AND the semi-final Regional contest in Cleveland in February 2020.
You are cordially invited to Medina City Schools Parent EdCamp 2019-2020. This year, there are three separate informational camps. In each camp, you will have the opportunity to choose from up to three informational sessions each lasting 25 minutes with five minutes allotted to move around to the next session.

**September 25, 2019**
Technology Camp
Medina High School
7:00 PM - 8:30 PM

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**January 22, 2020**
College and Career Camp
Medina High School
7:00 PM - 8:30 PM

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**April 22, 2020**
Innovation EdCamp
Claggett Middle School
7:00 PM - 8:30 PM

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When BIG YELLOW STOPS!!!

Everyone STOPS!!!