

# Medina High School Families:

Happy New Year! I hope everyone had a wonderful holiday season.

The start of a new year is a great opportunity to reflect on progress and set new goals. Work with your students to set academic and personal goals to finish the school year successfully.

As we start our second semester we will be embarking on scheduling season. We have so many wonderful courses that students can take advantage of. To showcase all that we have to offer at MHS, we will have an elective fair for our students on January 17th, 18th, and 19th during the school day. The goal of this event is for students to explore their elective offerings prior to deciding on their schedules for the 2023-2024 school year. Please speak with your students about their elective options to help them make the best decision to prepare for life beyond high school while exploring their passions. Keep an eye on our <u>counseling website</u> as we continue to update our course registration guides with new courses.

Thank you for all of your continued support. I am grateful to serve this community.

In partnership,

Elisa Tedona, Ph.D.

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MHS Principal

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#### Please check the MHS website for all the latest information!

www.medinabees.org
Click on Our Schools
Select Medina High School

# January Students of the Month



Abby Nicole Acierto is described as conscientious, kind, and possesses a great sense of humor. She is a hard worker who expects the best out of herself and those around her, but she balances her demanding work ethic with a wry sense of humor, an unfailingly friendly demeanor, and a level-headed and mature self-awareness. Abby's class schedule has consisted of Honors, and Advance Placement courses. She has earned the MHS Academic Distinction Award Summa Cum Laude, her freshman, sophomore and junior years. Abby is a member of National Honor Society and is Vice President of NHS. She is a member of HUDDLE, Key Club, Fellow of Christian Students, and HOPE Squad. Abby is a member of the MHS Girls Cross Country Team and Girls Track Team. Abby is also a member of the Honors Senior Concert Choir. Abby volunteers in the Joyce B. Ebner Tutoring Center as a peer tutor and also volunteers at her

church. Abby works at Lemonberry and is a dog sitter. She plans on attending Butler University, majoring in Health Sciences, pursuing a Physical Therapy track. Abby is the daughter of Sheri Hartman and Drew Acierto.



Isabella Marie Scottl is described as kind and thoughtful, and her gentle demeanor allows her to positively engage people. She is impressively mature, and has a contagious cheerful attitude. She has a heart to serve and work with children of different abilities and ages. Isabella's class schedule consists of Advance Placement and College Credit Plus courses. She has earned the MHS Academic Distinction Award Summa Cum Laude her junior year. Bella is a member of National Honor Society. For the past three years, Bella has been a member of Medina Law Enforcement Explorer Post 2552. She is currently serving as secretary. She participates in MCPAL at Garfield Elementary after school program. MCPAL is a youth crime prevention program that utilizes education, athletic and recreational activities to create trust and understanding between police officers and Medina County youth. She has volunteered in the

Joyce B. Ebner Tutoring Center as a peer tutor. Bella works at Western Reserve and a Dietary Aid, and also at the Medina Recreation Center, in the children's programs. She plans on continuing her education at Kent State, majoring in criminal justice. She is considering law school. Isabella is the daughter of Robert and Lisa Scott.

Winter Formal Save the Date - Saturday, February III, 2023, MHS Gym All fees from all years must be paid by Friday January 27th.

Tickets on sale: Friday Feb 3rd at 3:00pm. Ticket sales end: Feb 8th at midnight.



# National Honor Society Students and Cocoa, Cookie and Cram













# Wild America Class Field Trip

Students in Mr. Haramis' Wild America class traveled to the Cuyahoga Valley National Park on December 8th to experience first-hand the rich environmental history of the area. They traveled through time to see evidence of ancient Native American mounds, the 1800's Ohio and Erie Canal, Great Depression-era Civilian Conservation Corps projects, and even a former toxic waste dump recovered through the Superfund Act. There may have even been rumors of a mysterious haunted abandoned village thrown in there. There is so much rich environmental history right here in Medina's own backyard, and MHS students got to experience a lot of it.











# From the Medical Career Night Evening - December, 7, 2022





Speakers at the Medina Career Night Maddie Shipe Class of 2017 Corinne Habery Class of 2023

#### PSAT Score Returns

Many parents are receiving emails from CollegeBoard about their student's PSAT score reports being returned from our October 2022 testing. Score reports will be available through the student's CollegeBoard account beginning Dec 5.

All sophomores and juniors at Medina High School have a CollegeBoard account that can be accessed to review their score. It is essential that students (and parents) DO NOT create another account. Freshmen students will be making an account to view their scores during the month of January. School counselors will present to all students PSAT information, including how to access or create an account, how to read the score report, and what to do if the students would like additional testing support for future testing. Presentations will occur throughout the month of January.

In the meantime, sophomore and juniors can view their score report by logging into their CollegeBoard account. Freshmen may create an account if they would like to view the score early.

We request that the account be created using the following:

Username: students medinabees email beginning, such as 29cs1234

Password: Mcs123456! the digits are the student's ID number

#### FinalForms

FinalForms is currently open for parents/guardians to update. Go to <a href="https://medina-oh.finalforms.com/">https://medina-oh.finalforms.com/</a>, to check if MHS has all of your information.

# MHS Cooking Class Inaugural Cupcake Wars!

On December 9, Cooking Classes lead by Mrs. Melissa Karagiozis competed in a Cupcake War for the honors of the best cupcakes. The theme was Winter and MHS Staff members judged. The judges used the following criteria: cupcake appearance/decorations, cupcake taste & texture, display appearance, overall theme creativity. Thank you Mrs. Karagiozis and students! A delicious time was had by all!









#### Phone Calls from Santa's Elves



On a couple of cold nights in December, MHS Student Council members made phone calls from the North Pole posing as Santa's elves to check in on some very excited elementary students from Fenn and Garfield Elementary! Parents had filled out a Google Form with information for the StuCo kids to use to have a meaningful conversation with the students and get them excited about the season. Junior Reed Hinkle said, "All the calls went very

well. They would all get very excited when I talked about being good for Santa coming soon. It was a good experience and one parent texted me after and told me how excited the kid was after I called."

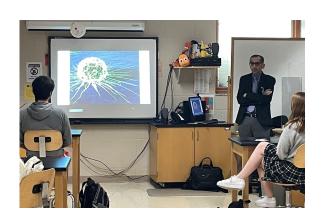
Senior Mia Stabile stated, "I look forward to doing elf calls every year, and I have heard a ton of positive feedback from this year's calls! The kids loved it!"

Sophomore Abby Petz agreed, claiming "All of the calls went really well and it was fun to hear the kids' questions about everything."

StuCo kids made some great suggestions on how to make this event even better so the StuCo elves are excited to continue this project next year!

# AP Biology

On December 5th, Dr. Mehool Patel spoke with the P ABiology classes. Dr. Patel works at the Western Reserve Hospital School, is the interim chair, department of internal medicine at NEOMED, and chair of the Institutional review board of NEOMED. Dr. Patel spoke with students about his career as an oncologist, work with artificial intelligence in medicine, and discussed upcoming advances in medicine. Thank you Mrs. Niemantsverdret!



#### After Prom

After Prom is a huge event put on by the parents of Medina High School students in order to have a safe place for Juniors and Seniors to enjoy "after prom". We like to transform the school into a totally different



place. We will be brainstorming a theme and will go over the committees that we have. It takes many people to make this event happen and we appreciate you all! You do NOT have to be a parent of a Junior or Senior...we would love to have anyone who is creative, who loves to help out, who would like to see their kids having a great time with their friends...so many reasons to volunteer! If you are unable to attend this meeting please consider attending upcoming meetings on: January

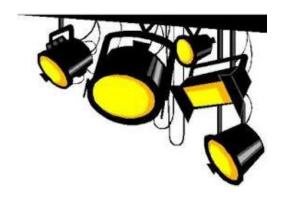
10, February 7, March 7, April 4, and May 2. All meetings are at 7 pm in the Senior Common.

If you have any questions, please email: afterpromPresident@medinabees.org

# S.P.i.C.E - Student Performing in Creative Entertainment

The MHS Talent Show, S.P.i.C.E., will be Friday January 20 and Saturday Jan. 21 at 7 pm on the Medina PAC Main Stage.

This MHS tradition, dating back to the 1970s, features students of all grades (9-12) and various talents, in self-chosen performances. Past shows have featured 100+ students singing, dancing, playing instruments (including guitar, piano, ukulele, cello, violin, harp, flute, sax to name a few) as well as rock/pop bands, Stomp-style percussion groups, juggling, stand up comedy and comedy skits,



martial arts, competitive jump roping, ventriloquism, poetry reading, musical theater acts, and even speed-painting.

The show also features the MHS Jazz Band, Stardusters, and the MHS Teacher Band, Paper Jam.

Returning for the first time since January 2020 will be in-school S.P.i.C.E., a 45-minute shortened version of the full show. There will be 2 student performances on Friday January 20 as part of an altered schedule. Students will purchase tickets at lunch for one of these 2 performances. Proceeds help Student Council fund the Augie Rios Scholarship. This in-school show is free to MHS teachers.

Tickets for the evening show may be purchased at the door on the nights of the show or through the PAC website. Student/ senior tickets are \$5 and adult tickets are \$10. All MCS employees may receive 2 complimentary tickets at the door by showing their MCS id.

# Student Shared Google Drive - MHS-Student

MHS uses a shared Google Drive called MHS-Student to post student club information, bell schedules, forms and all student related pertinent information. To access, open google drive, log in <u>with your student medinabees account</u>, click on Shared Drives, and click on MHS-Student.

#### Parchment

To make it easier for students to request transcripts, Medina High School has partnered with Parchment to provide secure online transcript ordering available 24/7. All sophomores, juniors and seniors who have not completed their Parchment registration received an email on Monday, August 29, 2022. All students must complete the Parchment registration. Students - please stop by to see Mrs. Veverka in the Gold Guidance office if you need any assistance completing your registration.

# Chromebooks and Chargers

Students are expected to bring their Chromebooks everyday and have Chromebook charged for the day. The school does not have Chromebook or charger loaners for students.

# Hometown Ticketing

Need a ticket for an athletic or PAC event? Click Here!

#### Just Write's Team

On December 10th, the Medina High School Just Write Team competed against almost 200 local writers in creative writing. Our team placed 2nd overall out of 16 schools in the Cloverleaf Regional Competition. All students wrote wonderfully and ten out of our twelve writers were chosen to advance to the State Competition in May.

#### **Division I Accomplishments**

- -Georgia Burtnett, Jaideth Cooper, Sophia Young, Mason Cooper, Nathalie Fellows, and Rebecca Riley all advance to the State Competition
- -Medina High School won second overall for the division for total points
- -Sophia Young placed 13th overall individually
- In addition, Mason Cooper's poem was recognized as one of the top 3 for his division and will be automatically published in the season's Winners Anthology.

#### **In Division II Accomplishments**

- -Livy Douglas, Sidney Frasier, Lucas Kennedy, and Sarah Kerrigan all advance to the State Competition
- -Our team had three students in the top 15 writers for the day. Sidney Frasier placed 11th, Lucas Kennedy placed 9th, and Llvy Douglas placed 8th overall.

As moderators, Mrs. Amy Hirzel and Mr. Ron Douglas are so proud of all our writers for their wonderful storytelling and efforts!



# Medina Flag Reaches Antarctica Thanks to the United States Coast Guard Cutter POLAR STAR

Homeported in Seattle, Washington, US Coast Guard Cutter POLAR STAR the United States' only heavy icebreaker, commissioned in 1976. The USCG POLAR STAR is commanded by Captain Keith Ropella, brother inlaw of MHS Science teacher, Mrs. Jessica Niemantsverdriet.. Each year, POLAR STAR travels to McMurdo Station, Antarctica to lead Operation Deep Freeze and break miles of ice up to 21 feet thick. Captain Ropella sent a picture taken in the McMurdo Sound of the Ross Sea, beneath the Antarctic Circle.



Click here to learn more about the USCG POLAR STAR

# Tutoring Center

Peer tutoring is available throughout the school 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. 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 <a href="mailto:grenfellc@medinabees.org">grenfellc@medinabees.org</a>. Click Here for a tutoring application.

# MHS Technology Club News

The MHS Technology Club recently competed against other high school teams in the FIRST Tech Challenge, Kirtland qualifier at Kirtland High School on Saturday January 7th. The team ended the day ranked 12th out of 21 teams. The Tech Club will be competing again on February 4th, at Kent State.

The Tech Club was started in 2000 with a mission of designing and building robots for competition. Most years they participate in the FIRST Tech Challenge in the winter and the National Robotics Challenge in the spring.

In the fast-growing field of robotics, competitions like these provide a great opportunity for young people to get involved and learn more about the technology. The team, made up of dedicated students, has the chance to work with cutting-edge equipment and learn from experienced mentors, helping to nurture their passions and prepare them for careers in science, technology, engineering, and math.

But it's not just about the technical skills that these students are learning. Participating in a robotics team also teaches important life skills such as teamwork, problem-solving, and communication. These skills are crucial for success in any field, and they are particularly important in the fast-paced world of robotics.

Congratulations again to the high school robotics team that has been active for over 20 years and came in 12th place out of 21. Keep up the great work, and we can't wait to see what you accomplish next!



# National Honor Society Applications

Attention Juniors and Seniors! Applications for NHS are now available on the MHS Student shared drive and the MHS website. A GPA of at least 3.8 is required for consideration. Applications are due on Wednesday, February 1, 2023. No late or incomplete applications will be considered. Applications can turned into the HUB or to Mrs. Grenfell, NHS Advisor, in the Tutoring Center, Room 1300. Current members do not need to reapply.



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# Pancake Breakfast and Spotlight on Students

After a three-year hiatus, the annual Pancake Breakfast and Spotlight on Students returns to Medina High School and the Medina Performing Arts Center on Saturday, January 21, 2023

Breakfast will be served from 8:00 AM-12:00 PM in the main cafeteria at Medina High School. Tickets are \$5 each and can be purchased online by clicking <a href="here">here</a>. Seniors 60+ are free of charge. To purchase tickets in person, they will be available at both Medina Buehler's locations beginning January 2, 2023. Breakfast includes pancakes, sausage, syrup, butter, coffee, tea, hot chocolate, milk, and orange juice. Net proceeds from this event benefit the Medina City Schools Foundation and the programs and services they offer to our students and staff.

Student artwork from all grade levels will be on display during the event. A lineup of student performances will take place on the main stage in the Performing Arts Center, including an appearance from Encore Entertainment Company, Medina High School's show choir. More information on the schedule will be coming soon.

# Lanyards

Lanyards with Student IDs or temporary IDs must be worn by students all day and everyday. Students who accumulate five or more violations of not wearing lanyards/student ID's are subject to after school detention.

From the 2022-2023 Student Handbook:

#### SCHOOL IDENTIFICATION

- 1. School issued ID cards and school issued lanyards must be worn and visible at all times, during the school day.
- 2. If a student has an ID badge and/or lanyard not in compliance with rule #1, they will be sent to their appropriate office for a temporary replacement and/or to purchase a new one. Repeated violations may result in student discipline.
- 3. If a student has lost or defaced their ID card, they must get a replacement from the HUB. Cost for replacing the ID card is five dollars (\$5.00) and the cost for a new lanyard is (\$2.00), \$1.00, and may be paid by cash, check. Failure to get a replacement card and/or lanyard will result in disciplinary action.
- 4. A student ID card should not be given to another person at any time. Violation of this rule will result in disciplinary action.
- 5. Students who have lost or forgotten their ID will be sent to the office to purchase a new one.
- 6. ID cards will be necessary for computer usage, admission to school dances and other functions, and for Media Center use. Failure to have your ID card may result in the loss of privileges.

7. ID cards are the property of Medina High School and may NOT be defaced in any way.

#### Dress Code

From the 2022-2023 Student Handbook:

#### DRESS CODE

- Being ready for school includes preparing for the day by choosing proper attire that reflects a
  consideration of hygiene, safety and environment. The following statements are provided as
  guidelines to promote understanding of a few areas of concern:Students must wear lanyards around
  their neck and IDs must be attached to lanyards at all times during the school day. Exceptions occur
  in the classroom based on teacher discretion of student activity.
- 2. Any apparel showing suggestive or profane pictures or wording; showing alcohol, tobacco, or drug-related sayings or pictures; promoting or depicting sex, violence, or self-destructive behavior; or any item that defames the nation, state, community, or an individual will not be permitted.
- 3. Tops that can be worn must cover underclothing and your midriff. Examples of tops that may NOT be worn include tube tops, halter tops, backless shirts, tops with spaghetti straps, sheer or fishnet shirts, and cut-offs or crop tops as well as other tops which show midriff.
- 4. Dresses, skirts, pants, shorts, or clothing showing skin must be long enough or worn to cover undergarments.
- 5. Clothing with group markings or clothing associated with a non-school group or gang will not be permitted; e.g. shirts of the same color or marking.
- 6. Any spiked jewelry or chains are not permitted in school; these items will be confiscated.
- 7. Proper safe footwear must be worn at all times in the school buildings.
- 8. Sunglasses are not to be worn in the building.
- 9. Hats and hoods are not permitted in school unless approved by administration.
- 10. Any new "fads" in clothing or anything not specifically covered in the above guidelines which are considered inappropriate dress shall be dealt with at the discretion of an administrator or designee.
- 11. No undergarments will be showing (male or female) whether standing or sitting.
- 12. Any other clothing deemed inappropriate by administration can be a dress code violation.

If there are any questions as to the appropriateness of any type of clothing, the school should be contacted in advance. In the event inappropriate clothing is worn or displayed, it is the responsibility of the student to make arrangements to immediately remedy the situation. Students will be retained in the office until appropriate clothing is obtained or clothing may be provided by the school. Any student violating this policy will be subject to disciplinary action.

# From the Main Office

Hours are from 7:00 am to 2:30 pm, 330-636-3200.

#### Work Permits:

Go to the school website <a href="www.medinabees.org">www.medinabees.org</a> 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 <a href="kuickc@medinabees.org">kuickc@medinabees.org</a> 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 <a href="www.medinabees.org">www.medinabees.org</a> and select High School, scroll down to the link for "Transcripts". Print or fill out the form online and submit it to <a href="kuickc@medinabees.org">kuickc@medinabees.org</a>

#### No Fast Food Delivers

No deliveries from parents, a delivery service or restaurant for students will be accepted.

# 2022-2023 Parking Permits

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. 2022-2023 Parking Permits will be sold at the Hub. Click here to complete the online form. Full school year cost: \$40.00 with Cash or Check Payable to Medina City Schools. For the students that start parking after 1/1/23 the cost is \$20 for the remainder of the year. Cost must be paid at time of permit pick up. Questions? Contact Mrs. Kuick at kuickc@medinabees.org

#### Attendance

Please communicate attendance matters through the Attendance Office for all non attendance/missed class time such as illness, doctor, dentist, etc.



24 Hour Attendance Line: 330-636-3207

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

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

#### **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 by 10:30 a.m. each morning.
- If a student is late because of an orthodontist, doctor, dentist, court appointment, etc., the absence will be excused if the student brings in a school excuse from the doctor, dentist, etc. to the Attendance Office.

#### If a Student Becomes III 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.

#### 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/guardians are to send in a note requesting their student leave early for the purpose of not attending an end of the day study hall. The note must be dated and the time that the student is to leave school. These notes should be brought to the attendance office by the student in the morning. Phoning in a request daily for a student to leave early is highly discouraged. Absences to avoid being in last period study hall are unexcused.

#### 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.

#### **Appointments**

Phoning in a request for a student to leave early is discouraged, although sometimes unavoidable. Writing notes in the morning is preferred. Parents need to realize that it may take time to find the student, especially if the student is in a gym class or at lunch. Dismissal slip will then be delivered to the student. The parent does not come in to sign out the student. The student will then meet the parent outside of the building at the designated time.

#### **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.

#### School Fees

School fees and fall/winter athletic fees have been applied to your student's account. Fee bills were mailed home the week of December 5th. Fees are also available for viewing on <a href="www.PayForlt.net">www.PayForlt.net</a> 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 4.5% 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 <a href="http://pa.neonet.org/">http://pa.neonet.org/</a>. 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. Partial payments toward the total fee balance are always accepted.

# Pay to Participate Forms

Click here for the Pay to Participate Family Cap Waiver Request Form

#### Bus Passes

At this time, students may only ride on their assigned bus. If students are on the same bus and would like to get off at another student's stop, both students need to bring a parent/guardian signed note to the HUB before 2:00 pm to receive a bus pass. Each note must specify both students' names and there is permission to be released at a different stop. Questions? Please email the HUB at <a href="mailto:kuickc@medinabees.org">kuickc@medinabees.org</a>.

# Feed the Bees Food Pantry

Due to overwhelming support from both staff and the community of Medina, the Feed the Bees Food Pantry at Medina High School is currently not in need of donations. If you or a community group is looking to donate, please email us and we will coordinate when would be a good time to do a food drive. If you or an MHS family you know is in need of assistance from the food pantry please let us know. In addition to food, we do have personal hygiene products.



Please email either Katie Shaffer <a href="mailto:shaffer@medinabees.org">shaffer@medinabees.org</a> or Ed Dargay <a href="mailto:dargaye@medinabees.org">dargaye@medinabees.org</a> with any questions, to receive help, or to make a referral. Thank you.

#### Come See the World with Us!!

#### 2023



Social Studies Department European trip to England, Ireland and Scotland \*Capitals of the British Isles EF tour www.eftours.com/2470448jy



Student Council Service Learning trip to the Dominican Republic \*Environmental Citizenship EF tour www.eftours.com/2487889zp

#### 2024



Spanish Department trip to Costa Rica
\*Pura Vida tour of Costa Rica
http://www.educationaltravel.com/Scho
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French Department trip to Quebec
\*Montreal and Quebec
https://www.efexploreamerica.com/tour
-website/2543678EU

#### 2025



Student Council Service Learning trip - tbd



Social Studies Department European trips

1. London, Paris and Madrid

https://www.eftours.com/tour-website/2557784DZ

2. Italy - Venice, Florence, and Rome
www.eftours.com/2570974df

Here is the <u>Parent Guide to Travel</u> from EF Educational Tours, our MHS travel partner. It covers everything from details about affordable payment options, safety, earning high school/college credit and more.

# 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.

#### 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. Click on "My eBackpack" to see a copy of the current report card. If you have not yet set up a parent portal account, 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

# 22-23 Important Dates

# Dates Subject to Change - Planning Calendar Only 2nd Semester Dates

| 1/4/23     | First Day Back After winter Break, Start of the 2nd |
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|            | Semester, Start of the Third Nine Weeks             |
| 1/13/23    | Inservice Day - No Students, Encore Dinner and a    |
|            | Show  |
| 1/16/23    | Martin Luther King Jr. Day - No School              |
| 1/20-21/23 | S.P.i.C.E., 7:00 pm, PAC                            |
| 1/21/23    | MCS Pancake Breakfast & Spotlight on Students,      |
|            | 8:00 am, MHS Main Cafe/PAC, S.P.i.C.E., 7 pm, PAC   |
| 1/24/23    | Club Picture Day                                    |
| 1/26/23    | Jazz Band Concert, HS & MS, 7:00 pm, PAC            |
| 2/2/23     | Mr. Medina Pageant                                  |
| 2/3-4/23   | Underclassmen Play, 7:00 pm, Middle Auditorium      |

| 2/11/23    | Winter Formal, 7:00 pm, Main Gym                    |
|------------|---|
| 2/16/23    | Early Release, Orchestra Concert HS/MS, 7 pm, PAC   |
| 2/17/23    | Inservice Day - No Students                         |
| 2/20/23    | Presidents Day - No School                          |
| 2/28/23    | Band Concert, 7:00 pm, PAC                          |
| 3/7/23     | Choir Concert, 7:00 pm, PAC                         |
| 3/10/23    | Last Day of the Third Nine Weeks                    |
| 3/13/23    | First Day of the Fourth Nine Weeks                  |
| 3/13-17/23 | Say Something Week                                  |
| 3/16/23    | Virtual Parent Teacher Conferences, 3:00-5:00 pm    |
| 3/18/23    | Jazz-a-ma-tazz, 5:00 pm, MHS Cafe and PAC           |
| 3/27-31/23 | Spring Break  |
| 4/7/23     | Good Friday - No School                             |
| 4/10/23    | Conference Comp Day - No School                     |
| 4/12/23    | SAT for all Juniors - ELA II EOC Sophomore Testing  |
| 4/18/22    | VOFT Blood Drive                                    |
| 4/20-22/23 | MHS Musical, 7:00 pm, PAC                           |
| 4/23/23    | MHS Musical, 2:00 pm, PAC                           |
| 4/26/23    | National Honor Society Induction Ceremony, 7:00 pm, |
|            | PAC, Invitation Only                                |
| 4/25/23    | Orchestra Concert, 7:00 pm, PAC                     |
| 4/27/23    | Band Concert, 7:00 pm, PAC                          |
| 5/1-5/23   | AP Testing  |
| 5/5/23     | Showtime, 7:00 pm, PAC                              |
| 5/6/23     | Showtime, 2:00 & 7:00 pm, PAC                       |
| 5/8-12/23  | AP Testing  |
| 5/17/23    | Jazz Band Concert, 7:00 pm, PAC                     |
| 5/23-25/23 | 2nd Semester Exams                                  |
| 5/25/23    | Early Release, Last Day of the 22-23 School Year    |
|            |   |



# Class of 2023 Website

Go to <a href="www.medinabees.org">www.medinabees.org</a>, under the gold Our Schools, select Medina High School, hover over the green Our School and click on Class of 2023 or <a href="Click Here!">Click Here!</a>

## 2023 Senior Scholarship Application

The Senior Scholarship Application is available from February 1 thru 22, 2023. Seniors can apply for over 50 scholarships.

<u>Click Here</u> for the Criteria Guideline document which previews all scholarships.

# Diploma Verification and Commencement Participation

A google form was sent to all seniors last month to verify diploma name and commencement participation. A diploma is an official document which includes first, middle last name and suffix, if applicable. A diploma will only be issued in the name which appears on the student's birth certificate.

The form also asks students to indicate whether or not they plan on participating in the commencement exercises. Commencement is planned for Saturday, May 20, 2023, Ken Dukes Stadium.

Click here for the link.

# AP Testing information for Parents

Advanced Placement exams will take place May 1st -12th. All exams will be at MHS.

Taking the Advanced Placement exams is an important part of all AP courses. Medina High School requires that all students take AP exams for the AP classes that they have taken. Scoring well on an AP exam can often earn students college credit for their high school class, saving a significant amount toward tuition.

An exam has been ordered for every student and the cost for the exam was added to his or her school fees in September. Seniors must pay their fees prior to graduation or they will not be permitted to walk. If a student does not take the AP exam then the AP weight will be removed from their transcript and they will still be charged for the exam.

This year each AP exam will cost \$96.00. Medina High School desires that every student be able to take their AP exams. Students requiring financial assistance should contact Mrs. Heather King, kingh@medinabees.org or Mr. McDermitt at mcdermis@medinabees.org, at Medina High School to learn more.

Please contact Mrs. Heather King, kingh@medinabees.org and Mr. McDermitt, mcdermis@medinabees.org at if you have any additional questions.

Exam Schedule: http://professionals.collegeboard.com/testing/ap/about/dates

Exam Day: https://apstudent.collegeboard.org/takingtheexam/exam-policies/exam-day-policies

Exam Scores: www.apscore.org

# Navigating Senior Year

The Navigating Senior Year Document is an informational tool for all our seniors and parents/guardians of seniors attending Medina High School, the Medina County Career Center and students attending College Credit Plus classes. This document is updated throughout the school year. As this is a planning document, all event dates, times and locations are subject to change. Please check it regularly and please call the high school main office with any questions. MHS will do our best to keep seniors and senior parents/guardians informed and we appreciate your understanding and patience.

<u>Click here for the Navigating Senior Year Document</u>. This document and other important information is posted on the high school website at www.medinabees.org, under Class of 2023 and is posted on the shared drive, MHS-Student, Class of 2023.

# FAFSA - 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 2022-2023 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 2020 tax records

- 5. Records of your untaxed income
- 6. Records of your assets (money)
- 7. List of school(s) you are interested in attending

# Cap / Gown /Announcement Ordering Information

All cap/gown/announcement orders are to be placed online through Jostens. Visit the Jostens website at <a href="www.jostens.com">www.jostens.com</a>, click on Shop High School, enter Medina High School, and select Medina High School, Medina Ohio. All seniors must wear a cap and gown to participate in the commencement exercise.

- All graduates wear green and can wear a green gown/green cap from a sibling/friend.
- A new tassel should be ordered for the class year of 23.

If you have any questions, please contact john.armstrong@jostens.com or call 330-722-0131.

- Cap and gown packets will be distributed from MHS beginning in May.
- Cap and gown packets for MCCC students will be taken to the Career Center beginning in May.

If a student is receiving an Honor Diploma, MHS will provide a gold tassel. The counselors make the final determinations of criteria met in April/May if a student will be receiving a gold tassel. Graduates only wear one tassel. NHS members will receive their gold cords when packets are distributed.

# **CLASS OF 2023** IMPORTANT INFORMATION

# Stay up-to-date on your senior year! Visit twitter@GuidanceMedina

**COLLEGE TESTING:** ACT registration: www.actstudent.org

SAT registration: www.collegeboard.com

Medina High School CEEB: 363360

Research online via college/career tab on counselor webpage COLLEGE/CAREER

> To meet with college reps at MHS, sign up for visits at: College <u>Visitation Days link</u> You may also come to gold guidance for a pass!!!

Listen to the Morning Announcements!

1. Complete the application online **COLLEGE APPS:** 

> 2. Investigate using the Common Application online, invite counselor to send transcript

3. Send your transcript for non Common App schools through:

Parchment (should have received email) or SendEdu

4. ACT/SAT scores should be on your transcript; clarify with college because they may require you to have scores sent directly from

ACT/SAT

5. **Final transcripts** are generated by your request through Parchment

and are sent the first week in June.

**ESSENTIALS:** Consult **registration guide** on counselors webpage for graduation

requirements, college core/honors diploma, etc. Registration guide

Your grad plan lets you know where you stand for graduation, search dsaxzyour Google drive with your 6 digit ID#

NCAA Division I or II, consult www.eligibilitycenter.org and your

coach.

**RECOMMENDATIONS:** Obtain Brag Sheet online at: Brag sheets

Complete and share with counselor and teachers

Allow 15 days for processing of recommendation

Colleges would like CORE teachers, align with your intended major

Complete FAFSA online at www.studentaid.gov

Application opens on October 1. APPLY FOR FSA ID NOW!

This is necessary even if you are only looking for Grants or LOANS!

Consult with the college regarding special circumstances

You will receive an "award package" from the college in late spring

Consult MHS Counselors webpage for Scholarship Updates **SCHOLARSHIPS:** 

Senior Scholarship App (Feb1-22)

Be aware of deadlines; no one awards a scholarship for late applicants

Consult each college for their Scholarship Opportunities

### **FINANCIAL AID:**

- Search for your own via search engines found on counselors webpage
- Avoid Scholarship Scams; Scholarship information is FREE!
- Create a new google email...you will get SPAM!

As this document may be updated throughout the year, it can be accessed by clicking this link.

It is also on the MHS Website, Class of 2023.

# 22-23 First Semester Important Dates for Seniors

# Dates Subject to Change - Planning Calendar Only Second Semester Dates

|            | Gooding Compositor Buttoo                           |
|------------|---|
| 1/4/23     | First Day Back After winter Break, Start of the 2nd |
|            | Semester, Start of the Third Nine Week              |
| 1/13/23    | Inservice Day - No Students                         |
| 1/16/23    | Martin Luther King Jr. Day - No School              |
| 2/1/23     | Senior Scholarship Applications Opens               |
| 2/2/22     | Mr. Medina Pageant                                  |
| 2/11/23    | Winter Formal, 7:00 pm, Main Gym                    |
| 2/16/23    | Early Release                                       |
| 2/17/23    | Inservice Day - No Students                         |
| 2/20/23    | Presidents Day - No School                          |
| 2/22/23    | Senior Scholarship Applications Closes              |
| 3/10/23    | Last Day of the Third Nine Weeks                    |
| 3/13/23    | First Day of the Fourth Nine Weeks                  |
| 3/16/23    | Virtual Parent Teacher Conferences, 3:00-5:00 pm    |
| 3/27-31/23 | Spring Break  |
| 4/7/23     | Good Friday - No School                             |
| 4/10/23    | Conference Comp Day - No School                     |
| 4/12/23    | No School for Seniors - Spring Testing              |
| 4/28/23    | Table Day   |
| 5/1-5/23   | AP Testing  |
| 5/8-12/23  | AP Testing  |
| 5/8-11/23  | Senior Exams  |
| 5/11/23    | Senior Sunset, 7:00 pm, Location TBD                |
| 5/12/23    | Senior Exams - Make Ups, Senior Densus Form Due     |
| 5/13/23    | PROM, Michaud's Event Center in Strongsville        |
| 5/16/23    | Senior Awards Ceremony, 8:00 am, PAC, Invitation    |
|            | Only  |
| 5/17/23    | MCCC Senior Awards Ceremony, 7:00 pm                |
| 5/18/23    | Mandatory Graduation Practice, 7:30 am, Ken Dukes   |
|            | Stadium, Baccalaureate, 7:00 pm, Location TBD       |
| 5/20/23    | Class of 2023 Commencement, 11:00 am, Ken Dukes     |
|            | Stadium   |
|            |   |



# SPOTLIGHT ON STUDENTS

Saturday, January 21, 2023 8:00AM - Noon Medina High School Main Cafeteria

Enter through the Performing Arts Center OR

D4 doors at Medina High School

# TICKETS ARE AVAILABLE ONLINE "CLICK HERE" OR VISIT MEDINABEES.ORG \$5 EACH

(A MINIMAL PROCESSING FEE APPLIES TO ONLINE SALES)

OR TICKETS MAY BE PURCHASED IN PERSON AT BOTH MEDINA BUEHLERS LOCATIONS

BEGINNING JANUARY 2, 2023

SENIOR CITIZENS 60+ ARE FREE

All proceeds benefit the Medina City School Foundation



STUDENT ENTERTAINMENT BEGINS @ 9:00AM IN THE PERFORMING ARTS CENTER

> STUDENT ARTWORK ON DISPLAY

FACE-PAINTING AND CRAFTS WITH MHS STUDENT COUNCIL

www.medinabees.org

Medina City Schools & Kids First Medina

# Community Meetings

Hear plans for redistricting and facilities. Break-out group discussion with Kids First Medina.



www.medinabees.org

**Two Meeting Dates** 

In-Person

TUESDAY **JANUARY 31, 2023** 

**Medina High School Media Center** 777 E. Union Street

6:00 PM-8:00 PM

Child care available.

To register, click <u>here.</u>

Virtual

THURSDAY **FEBRUARY 2, 2023** 

6:00 PM-8:00 PM

To register, click here.

# 2023 Food Distribution Schedule

Contact Us 330-421-4816 www.feedingmedinacounty.org





#### JANUARY

1/5 Lodi 1/12 Brunswick 1/19 Medina 1/26 Wadsworth

#### **FEBRUARY**

2/2 Lodi 2/9 Brunswick 2/16 Medina 2/23 Wadsworth

#### MARCH

3/2 Lodi 3/9 Brunswick 3/16 Medina 3/23 Wadsworth

#### APRIL

4/6 Lodi 4/8 MAG 4/13 Brunswick 4/20 Medina 4/27 Wadsworth

#### MAY

5/4 Lodi 5/11 Brunswick 5/13 MAG 5/18 Medina 5/25 Wadsworth

#### JUNE

6/1 Lodi 6/8 Brunswick 6/10 MAG 6/15 Medina 6/29 Wadsworth

#### JULY

7/6 Lodi 7/8 MAG 7/13 Brunswick 7/20 Medina 7/27 Wadsworth

#### AUGUST

8/3 Lodi 8/10 Brunswick 8/12 MAG 8/17 Medina 8/24 Wadsworth

#### SEPTEMBER

9/7 Lodi 9/9 MAG 9/14 Brunswick 9/21 Medina 9/28 Wadsworth

#### OCTOBER

10/5 Lodi 10/11 Medina 10/12 Brunswick 10/14 MAG 10/26 Wadsworth

#### NOVEMBER

11/2 Lodi 11/9 Brunswick 11/16 Medina 11/22 Wadsworth

#### DECEMBER

12/7 Lodi 12/14 Brunswick 12/20 Wadsworth 12/21 Medina

#### BRUNSWICK

Willetts Middle School 1045 Hadcock Road Brunswick, OH 44212

10:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

#### LODI

Hidden Hollow Camp 8672 Richman Road Lodi, OH 44254

4:00 p.m. - 5:30 p.m.

#### MAG CHURCH

Sports Complex 5735 Lafayette Road Medina, OH 44256

4:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.

#### MEDINA

Medina Fairgrounds 735 Lafayette Road Medina, OH 44256

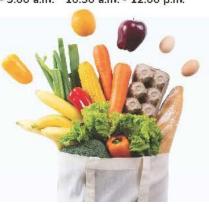
#### WADSWORTH

Art Wright Stadium 280 Grandview Avenue Wadsworth, OH 44281

7:30 a.m. - 9:00 a.m. 10:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.



WE CAN HELP





Would you like to participate in sports, get a work permit, or attend a summer camp?

The Free Clinic of Medina County now offers FREE physicals through the free youth physical exam program

To receive a free physical examination, students must:

- Have a parent or guardian complete the necessary paperwork and bring it to the appointment
- Call (330) 764-9300 to schedule an appointment

The Free Clinic is located at Cleveland Clinic Medina Hospital,
Entrance D, 970 E. Washington Street, Suite 104, Medina.

The Clinic has a satellite office at Cleveland Clinic Akron General Lodi
Hospital, Suite 102, 225 Elyria Street, Lodi.

To schedule an appointment for a physical exam, parents or guardians should call the Medina Clinic at 330.764.9300.