



### Medina High School Families:

It is an exciting week at MHS! On October 2nd, we welcomed four students and two teachers from Finland. This is the second year in a row where we have welcomed visitors from Finland. The purpose of these visits is to create international partnerships where we can discuss education and learn from each other about the teaching and learning experiences occurring in our respective school systems. Our four Finnish students will be spending the week as a typical MHS student as they venture the halls, enjoy our lunches, and learn a few new things in their classes. This is a wonderful experience for all of our MHS students as we learn from new perspectives.

As always, there is a lot of information in our newsletter. Please pay particular attention to our school wide testing day for the PSATs on October 11th and parent-teacher conferences on October 26th and November 2nd. There is detailed information below.

Another important date to take note of is October 20th, the last day of the first quarter of school. Please help your student stay on top of their work and check their grades in ProgressBook frequently. If there are any questions, the best person to contact is the student's teacher before the quarter ends. This will allow time to seek understanding and assist our students in finishing the quarter strong.

Lastly, this time of year our students typically start to gain confidence in their surroundings. This can lead to a lot of positive impacts in the classroom, but can also lend itself to students making impulsive decisions. Please continue to have conversations with your student about making productive decisions and asking for help when needed. One of the ways we help students make productive decisions is with the following equation:  $\text{Event} + \text{Response} = \text{Outcome}$  ( $E + R = O$ ). In other words, we cannot control the events that occur in our lives, but we can control our response to them. How we choose to respond to an event affects the outcome. Please assist us in using this language with your students when talking through various situations.

Thank you for your continued support.

In partnership,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Elisa Tedona'.

Elisa Tedona, Ph.D.  
MHS Principal  
#OneHive

Please check the MHS website for all the latest information!

[www.medinabees.org](http://www.medinabees.org)

Click on Our Schools  
select Medina High School

### Morning Announcements

Daily Student Bulletins are posted on the MHS website, <https://www.medinabees.org/domain/372>  
Usually beginning around the end of the first nine week, Morning Announcements can be viewed on  
YouTube at [MHSTV Morning Announcements](#)

### October Students of the Month



**Vivian Liu** is described as one of the most gifted, responsible, dependable and most importantly, kind, students. She has a quiet confidence about herself. She balances her intelligence and work ethic with an incessantly positive attitude, an unfailingly friendly demeanor, and a high level headed mature self awareness. Her class schedule consists of Honors, Advance Placement, and College Credit Plus courses. Vivian has earned the MHS Academic Distinction Award Summa Cum Laude her freshman, sophomore, and junior years. In May of 2023, Vivian was the recipient of the Rensselaer Medal Award. Vivian is a member of National Honor Society, Concert Mistress for the MHS Honor Senior Sinfonietta, a member of the MHS Chamber Orchestra, and HUDDLE. She is a member of the 5 Star Gymnastics Club, competing throughout Ohio, and the eastern United States. Vivian volunteers in the Joyce B. Ebner Tutoring Center as a peer tutor where she helps students with Math and Science. She also peer reviews in the MHS Writing Studio. Vivian is a private tutor and plans on attending university after graduation. Vivian is the daughter of Xiang and Jie Liu.



**Jodi Rabung** is described as hardworking, kind and intelligent. She always gives her best effort and strives to achieve her potential. When obstacles stand in her way, she accepts them as challenges and pushes forward. Leadership comes naturally for her, and she understands how to prioritize and balance all her activities. Jodi's class schedule consists of Advance Placement and College Credit Plus courses. She has earned the MHS Academic Distinction Award Summa Cum Laude her freshman, sophomore, and junior years. Jodi is a member of National Honor Society and the MHS Drama Club, currently in the fall play, "The Play that Goes Wrong." She is a student dance teacher at Medina Centre for Dance Art. Jodi volunteers in the Joyce B. Ebner Tutoring Center as a peer tutor and serves on the Student Leadership Team at Medina United Methodist Church. She plans on attending university, majoring in dance/theater performance. Jodi is the daughter of Brett and Michelle Rabung.

## School - Wide Testing Day - October 11, 2023



### MHS Freshmen

As part of our college and career readiness efforts at Medina High School, we strive to set all students up for success. That's why we're offering the PSAT™ 8/9—the first test in the SAT® Suite of Assessments—to our 9th grade students. Results from this assessment help us establish a baseline for each student as they start their high school journey. The results help us focus classroom instruction and support your child's growth. Taking the PSAT 8/9 can also help your child to:

- Know where they are and where they want to go.
- Find out what AP® courses they're ready to take.
- Explore college and career options.

This fall, the PSAT 8/9 will be administered in a new digital format that will provide an overall easier testing experience for students. Watch this [video](#) to see what students can expect with the digital PSAT 8/9. Your child will take the PSAT 8/9 on **October 11, 2023** using their own school-issued device and scores will be released in mid-November. If you or your child have questions about the PSAT 8/9, please reach out to your child's counselor or administrator - we can help!

Students are able to leave school once testing is concluded, which is approximately by 10:30. If students do not have a ride home, they can remain in the building for lunch and study hall until buses arrive at the end of the day.

### MHS Sophomores and Juniors

At Medina High School, we believe in creating as many opportunities as possible for our students to own their future. That's why we offer the PSAT/NMSQT® (Preliminary SAT/National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test) to our students. Whether your child is thinking about attending a two- or four-year college, is going straight into the workforce, or isn't sure what they want to do after high school, the PSAT/NMSQT can help make their path clearer.

Results from the PSAT/NMSQT provide insights into your child's academic strengths, along with areas they can work on while still in high school. Taking the PSAT/NMSQT can also help your child to:

- Enter the [National Merit® Scholarship Program](#) if they meet program requirements specified in the PSAT/NMSQT Student Guide.
- See where they are and set a target for where they want to be.
- Practice and prepare for the SAT®.
- Find out what AP® courses they're ready to take.
- Plan and pay for college.
- Connect to their future career.

This fall the PSAT/NMSQT will be administered in a new digital format—followed by the SAT in spring 2024—that will provide an overall easier testing experience for students. Your child will take the PSAT/NMSQT on **October 11, 2023** using their own school-issued device. [Watch this video](#) to see what students can expect from the digital PSAT/NMSQT. If you or your child have questions about the PSAT/NMSQT or college and career planning, please reach out to me or your child's counselor—we're here to help!



Students are able to leave school once testing is concluded, which is approximately by 10:30. Students who receive accommodations must follow the directions sent to them by their school counselor in a separate email. If students do not have a ride home, they can remain in the building for lunch and study hall until buses arrive at the end of the day.

### **MHS Seniors**

Seniors should not attend school. Rather, they should use this time to visit college campuses or college applications. Please click [here](#) to see available options for seniors to take advantage of. Please note, you must turn in proof of how you spent your time to our attendance office. The link above provides options for you to choose from.

### *Homecoming 2023*

Student Council would like to thank everyone who made Homecoming 2023: Battle of the Biomes a success! From the Thursday parade, pep rally, game, and fireworks to the dance, we could not do it without all of our amazing volunteers. A special thanks to the Cleveland Corvette Club for driving candidates and escorts in the parade.

Congratulations to the court members Marissa Sladky, Cecelia Sammon, Carleigh Johns and Kennedy Crean, and to the 2023 Homecoming Queen, Taylor Nicol. The students enjoyed participating in spirit days all week and the juniors won the hallway decorating contest with their ocean biome and seniors took second place with their rainforest biome. The juniors won spirit links and donated the most money for resources for the Public Schools of Hawaii Foundation to help Maui public schools affected by the wildfires. Great job to all! Keep up that school spirit!

### **Senior Hallway**





## Junior Hallway



## Sophomore Hallway





## Freshmen Hallway



## Ponder Puff Game

### Juniors





## Seniors



2023 Homecoming Queen - Taylor Nicol and Her Escort De'Andre Gross





## 2023 Homecoming Candidates



## 2023 Homecoming Escorts



## 2023 Homecoming Court





## Boat Float 2023

The Boat Float is back! On Wednesday September 20, the first post pandemic boat float made its splash at Forest Meadows pond. We had six groups of future engineers race their constructions in a round robin competition. Every single boat floated for the first time ever! The boat float was originally started to raise awareness of the Great Pacific Garbage Patch, a floating island of plastics in the Pacific. The boat float contributed to all the bottle filling stations throughout the district. Since all the buildings have stations now, this year's money was donated to OCOM and Hope Squad, two student help organizations. Sharon Schorr and Laura Frawley sponsored the float. Special thanks to Nelson Schorr, MC and bracket master, Andy Krejic, use of his kayak, Terri Searle, use of her golf cart, Tiffany Nicol, MHS yearbook, and Alex Gabrielsen, MHS media coverage and Jim Shields for his contacts at Forest Meadows HOA. Huge shout out to Longhorn Steakhouse for donating lunch for all participants and those in attendance. Thank you for being part of our village. Thanks to all those who participated and their families for transporting the boats. Boat Float 2023 was epic! Will your boat float in 2024???



## 2023 Parent Teacher Conferences

MHS Parent Teacher Conferences will be held virtually on Thursday, October 26 and Thursday, November 2, both from 3:00 to 8:00 pm.

Instructions for scheduling a Parent Teacher Conference for your high school aged child are as follows:

1. You must be logged into your child's medinabees google account. It is easiest to schedule your conferences using their school issued Chromebook.
2. **The Conference Scheduling Document will be sent to parents and to students medinabees google account, on Wednesday, October 11, 2023. It will be posted on the MHS website.** The Conference Scheduling Document will display all teachers organized by department.
3. Click on the teachers name which is a link to their conference appointment
4. Scroll to the date of the conferences, either October 26 or November 2. The conference appointment slots that are still available will show.
5. By hovering over the slots, you will be able to see the conference times. Each conference is set for a 10 minute appointment. Click on the appointment you would like to schedule.
6. The Book Appointment screen will appear. Click save.
7. Return to the Conference document to schedule for the other teachers.
8. There are two places you can find the Google Meet link to log into the day of your conferences: On the google calendar or in the email that will be sent to your child's email account.
9. Conference scheduling will end at NOON on each day so teachers may adequately prepare for your conference.

[Click Here for How to Schedule a Parent Teacher Conference Video](#)

[Click Here for the Parent Teacher Conference Scheduling Link Document](#)

## In October, We Wear Pink!

In October we wear pink to recognize and support those battling breast cancer, as well as honor those we've lost, and their loved ones.

Collin CaresCure Cancer is a local non-profit founded by Collin Kiouisis after he was diagnosed with a rare form of cancer his senior year at MHS. Collin wanted to start a foundation that would donate to people who were going through what he was going through. The donation can be used however the recipient would like.

\*CollinCares has now donated over \$250,000 to families dealing with cancer, the majority from NE Ohio. Please visit [Collin CaresCure Cancer website](#) to learn more about the Foundation this MHS graduate created while battling his own cancer and how his family and friends continue to honor his legacy.

You can purchase [a Medina pink t-shirt here](#) as well as make [direct donations](#).





# MEDINA COUNTY COLLEGE/TECH/TRADE FAIR

**October 11, 2023  
(Wednesday)**

**6:00 to 7:30 PM**

## **FRESHMEN, SOPHOMORES, JUNIORS, & SENIORS: YOU ARE INVITED TO ATTEND!**

**Parents and community members are also welcome!**



An optional feature this year is StriveScan, which provides student-scanning technology. We encourage you to use it, but it is not required to attend. Most, but not all, organization representatives will be participating in this process. Scan the QR code to the right (or go to [www.StriveFair.com](http://www.StriveFair.com)) to register for a barcode before the fair. During the fair, you will show your barcode to organization representatives, who will scan it to send you more information about their schools. The day after the fair, you will receive a report with information on the organizations with whom you scanned.



**Financial aid and other resource personnel  
will be available in the registration area  
beginning at 5:30 PM.**



### **○ Located at:**

Medina County Fairgrounds  
Community Center  
735 Lafayette Road  
Medina, OH 44256

### **○ Hosted by:**

ESC of Medina County  
and  
Medina County Economic  
Development Corporation

### **○ Authorized by:**

Ohio Association for College  
Admission Counseling

### **MEDINA COUNTY COLLEGE/ TECH/TRADE FAIR**

For more information,  
contact Brenda Zacharias.

Email: [bzacharias@medinaesc.org](mailto:bzacharias@medinaesc.org)  
Phone: 330/723-6393, Ext. 601572  
Fax: 330/723-0573

A list of participating organizations can be found at:  
[www.medina-esc.org](http://www.medina-esc.org), "Programs," "College/Tech/Trade Fair."

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## ProgressBook StudentAccess

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.

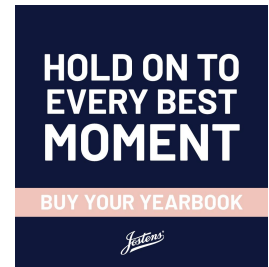
## Tutoring Center

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 [grenfellc@medinabees.org](mailto:grenfellc@medinabees.org). [Click Here for a tutoring application](#)

2024 Medinian Yearbook - [Click Here for the Order Link](#)



Picture Retakes - October 24, 2023, During Lunch  
Periods, 10:00-12:45 pm



## Covid - Frequently Asked Questions

Do kids have to stay home if someone in the family has COVID? In general kids can come to school as long as they are feeling well unless they have tested positive for COVID. If a student tests positive for COVID, they have to stay home 5 days from symptom onset (symptom onset is day 0). On Day 6, as long as the student is feeling well, and has been fever-free for 24 hours without fever-reducing medication, they may return to school.

Are masks required days 6-10?

No, they are recommended and encouraged. Per the CDC, individuals should wear a well-fitting mask if they have symptoms of COVID-19, if they had a positive SARS-CoV-2 test in the past 10 days, or if they had [recent exposure](#) to someone with SARS-CoV-2 infection.



## Hope Squad

Your MHS Hope Squad participated in a 6 school training event this past Thursday at Heartland Community Church. Schools from the area included Wadsworth, Cloverleaf, Buckeye, Highland and North Olmsted. The Hope Squad Advisors included Dr. B, Liz Parker, Trish Jackson, Mitch Charvat, Kristi Cavalier, Sam Strickland, Ron Blue, Stacy Wilson, Toby Stepsis and Ashley Risch (who was out sick, ugh).

Teams trained on QPR -the mental health's version of CPR, participated in team building exercises and listened to peers share stories about their experiences in Hope Squad. Bravo Medina!



## 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 with your student medinabees account, click on Shared Drives, and click on MHS-Student.



## Lanyards

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

From the 2023-2024 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), and may be paid by cash, check, ~~or credit card, with the exception of Discover~~. 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 2023-2024 Student Handbook:

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:

1. 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.

## Transcripts

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 in August 2023. All students must complete the Parchment registration. Students - please stop by to see Mrs. Carr in the Gold Guidance office or Mrs. Debnar in the Green Guidance office if you need any assistance completing your registration.

## 2023-2024 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. 2023-2024 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. The cost must be paid at time of permit pick up. Questions? Contact Mrs. Kuick at [kuickc@medinabees.org](mailto:kuickc@medinabees.org)

## FinalForms

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

## 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 [shafferk@medinabees.org](mailto:shafferk@medinabees.org) or Ed Dargay [dargaye@medinabees.org](mailto:dargaye@medinabees.org) with any questions, to receive help, or to make a referral. Thank you.**

## Hometown Ticketing

Need a ticket for an athletic or PAC event? [Click Here!](#)



THE MEDINA HIGH SCHOOL  
**GENDERS & SEXUALITIES ALLIANCE**  
INVITES YOU

## **Ally Snack Break**

Support GSA students and engage in conversation about building a safe and inclusive community for all citizens.

**MONDAY, OCTOBER 9, 2023**

**2:30-4:00 PM**

Medina High School

## **Senior Commons Cafeteria**

**RSVP to Jennifer Oehler by Friday, October 6**

**[oehlerj@medinabees.org](mailto:oehlerj@medinabees.org)**

**(330) 969-2669**





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

### *Work Permits:*

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

### *Chromebooks and Chargers*

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

### *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 [www.medinabees.org](http://www.medinabees.org) and select High School, scroll down to the link for "Transcripts". Print or fill out the form online and submit it to [kuickc@medinabees.org](mailto:kuickc@medinabees.org)

### *No Fast Food Delivers*

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

### *Attendance*

Please communicate attendance matters through the Attendance Office for all nonattendance/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 Ill in School**

Students should report to the clinic with a pass from his/her teacher. If the student walks or drives home, the nurse will call a parent/guardian to obtain permission for that student to leave the school. If

the student is being picked up, the driver can pick up that student at the front entrance A-7 doors-in the vestibule by the main office. The nurse or school staff may escort the student out if necessary.

*As has always been our policy STUDENTS SHOULD NOT BE USING THEIR CELL PHONES TO CALL PARENTS DIRECTLY TO GO HOME ILL - We will enforce that any student leaving the school ILL MUST be excused through the clinic.*

### **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.

## Moved or 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.

## School Fees

### MEDINA CITY SCHOOLS

#### PAYMENT OPTIONS FOR SCHOOL FEES

Payment of school fees can be made by **cash** or **check** at each individual school. For your convenience you may also pay online by **ACH Check** or **Credit Card** through the PaySchools system. You will be charged a small fee if you use the PaySchools system per transaction.

Food Service Deposits		School Fees and All Other Non-Food Service Payments	
Transaction Amount	Associated Fee	Transaction Amount	Associated Fee
\$ 0.00 - \$24.99	\$1.65	Any	4.5%
\$25.00 - \$49.99	\$2.00		
\$50.00 – or more	4.5%		

For your convenience, you can make partial payments for school fees on PaySchools.

#### PaySchools

This is available for payment of lunch and school fees.

#### How to Sign Up:

Log On to [www.payschoolscentral.com](http://www.payschoolscentral.com) and select the "Register" option from the menu. The screens will guide you through the process to establish your account:

1. You will be prompted to enter your contact data, password, payment information, etc.
2. You will need to indicate which student(s) to attach to your account by entering their student identification numbers. Students are already loaded in the PaySchools system. If you are unsure of your student's ID number, please contact the building secretary where the student attends.

Once all the information is entered, PaySchools will email a validation code for you to confirm the registration. Once confirmed, you can begin using PaySchools. Each time you log in, school messages and the balance(s) of your student(s) on your account are displayed on the *Home Page*. Please visit the "My Account" menu option to set up preferences for your email options when your account is established.

#### How to Get Help

Log In instructions can be found on the PaySchools website.

Under the "How Do I" tab, there are detailed instructions for your reference. *Information (FAQ)* and a *Contact Us* feature are available to you. PaySchools phone support is available for assistance (see website under "Contact Us").

**Questions?** Please contact the Medina City Schools Treasurer's office

Laura Molnar 330-636-3053

[molnarl@medinabees.org](mailto:molnarl@medinabees.org)



## ProgressBook ParentAccess

We are pleased to announce that ProgressBook ParentAccess is now available. If you are the student's legal guardian and are noted as a Primary Contact in Final Forms you should have received a ProgressBook ParentAccess Introduction Letter which includes a Registration Key. This letter with the Registration Key would have come to your email anytime between Thursday, 9/7 and Monday, 9/11. The Registration Key is necessary to link your student(s) to your account. You should have received a letter for each student you have in the district. If you are not the Primary Contact in Final Forms but you are a legal guardian and/or you are able to be copied on correspondence pertaining to your student(s) you will need to complete the ProgressBook Registration Key Request Form. This is located at the bottom of the emailed form as well as on the website <https://pa.neonet.org/>

ProgressBook ParentAccess allows you to...

- View homework, grades, attendance, and missing assignments.
- Access teacher comments, messages, and contact information.
- Receive email alerts for low grades and missing assignments.
- Link multiple student accounts for quick, single sign-on.

To get a preview of what you need, visit <https://pa.neonet.org/>. If you have questions pertaining to ProgressBook ParentAccess please email us at [helpdesk@medinabees.org](mailto:helpdesk@medinabees.org)

## MSC Food Service & Child Nutrition Program Information

*Welcome to the Medina City Schools*

**Food Service & Child Nutrition Program**

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**MEAL ACCOUNT INFORMATION**

Your student(s) will be using his/her student ID number to purchase meals throughout the duration of their time at Medina City Schools. Please assist your student in learning their number. The Food Service & Child Nutrition staff will use this number to charge your student's meal amounts to their meal account. To place money in your student's account, you may send cash or a check made payable to the Medina City Schools Food Service Department or you may sign up for PaySchools Central. There is a small processing fee for this option. This helps reduce the day-to-day handling of cash, prevents the loss of lunch money, and expedites the lunch line for all students. For any questions, please contact Angie Sellars at [sellarsa@medinabees.org](mailto:sellarsa@medinabees.org).

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**PAYSCHOOLS CENTRAL.COM INFORMATION**

Payment of lunch and school fees can be made by **cash** or **check** at each individual school. For your convenience you may also pay on line by **ACH Check** or **Credit Card** through the PaySchools system. You will be charged a small fee if you use the PaySchools system. Food Service Deposits up to \$24.99 = \$1.65 per transaction; \$25.00-\$49.99 = \$2.00 per transaction; \$50 or more = 4.5%. Any School Fees and All Other Non-Food Service Payments = 4.5%.

**How to Sign Up**

Log on to [www.payschoolscentral.com](http://www.payschoolscentral.com) and select the "Sign Up" option from the menu. The screens will guide you through the process to establish your account.

You will be prompted to enter your contact data, password, payment information, etc. You will need to indicate which student(s) to attach to your account by entering their student identification numbers. Students are already loaded in the PaySchools system. If you are unsure of your student's ID number, please contact the building secretary where the student attends.

Once all the information is entered, PaySchools will email a validation code for you to confirm the registration. Once confirmed, you can begin using PaySchools. Each time you log in, school messages and the balance(s) of your student(s) on your account are displayed on the *Home Page*. Please visit the "My Account" menu option to set up preferences for your email options when your account is established.

**How to Get Help**

Each major function used for PaySchools has online help available under the menu option of "How Do I ...". This provides step by step instructions as well as screen examples.

Within the "Help" menu option, *Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ)* and a *Contact Us* feature are available to you. These areas are addressed directly to PaySchools Help Support Staff to assist users of the system.

**Questions?** Please contact the Medina City Schools Treasurer's office at 330-636-3053 or email Laura Molinar at [molinarl@medinabees.org](mailto:molinarl@medinabees.org)

## October is National Bullying Prevention Month

WEAR AND SHARE ORANGE to show unity for kindness, acceptance, and inclusion and to send a visible message that no child should ever experience bullying.



## VOET Blood Drive

Friday, October 19, 2023

Medina Community Recreation Center

[Click Here for Sign Up Instructions](#)

[Click Here for the 16 Year Old Permission](#)



## After Prom

What is After Prom??? It 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! Be sure to look for an email with meeting dates and times.








If you have any questions, please email: [afterpromPresident@medinabees.org](mailto:afterpromPresident@medinabees.org)



Come See the World with us!! [Click Here for the Flier Link](#)

## MEDINA HIGH SCHOOL COME SEE THE WORLD WITH US!

<p><b>2024</b></p>  <p><b>Spanish Department trip to Costa Rica</b></p> <p><b>*Pura Vida tour of Costa Rica</b> <a href="http://www.educationaltravel.com/Schoolrr%E2%80%99909727">http://www.educationaltravel.com/Schoolrr%E2%80%99909727</a></p>	<p><b>2024</b></p>  <p><b>French Department trip to Quebec</b></p> <p><b>*Montreal and Quebec</b> <a href="https://www.efexploreamerica.com/tour-website/2543678EU">https://www.efexploreamerica.com/tour-website/2543678EU</a></p>
<p><b>2024</b></p>  <p><b>Charting the Galápagos Islands - Ecuador</b> <a href="http://www.eftours.com/2606481nv">www.eftours.com/2606481nv</a></p>	<p><b>2025</b></p>  <p><b>Social Studies Department European trips</b></p> <p><b>1. London, Paris and Madrid</b> <a href="https://www.eftours.com/tour-website/2557784DZ">https://www.eftours.com/tour-website/2557784DZ</a></p> <p><b>2. Italy - Venice, Florence, and Rome</b> <a href="http://www.eftours.com/2570974df">www.eftours.com/2570974df</a></p>
<p><b>2025</b></p> <p><b>Student Council Service Learning trip -Marine Conservation in the Dominican Republic</b></p>  <p><a href="http://www.eftours.com/2668419PA">www.eftours.com/2668419PA</a></p>	

Here is the [Parent Guide to Travel](#) 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.

Pay to Participate Forms

[Click here for the Pay to Participate Family Cap Waiver Request Form](#)

Be sure to check [Flyer Central](#) to see what's happening around our community from youth sports camps and programs to other community events.

## MHS 23-24 First Semester Important Dates

Dates Subject to Change - Planning Calendar Only

### 2023-2024 Medina City Schools Calendar

10/10/23	MHS Choirs Concert, 7:00 pm, PAC
10/11/23	Fall Testing Day
10/12/23	MH & MS Orchestra Concert, 7:00 pm, PAC
10/13/23	Inservice Day - No Students
10/20/23	Last Day of the First Nine Weeks
10/26/23	Parent Teacher Conferences, 3-8 pm
11/2/23	Parent Teacher Conferences, 3-8 pm
11/10-11/23	MHS Fall Play, 7:00 pm, Mid Aud
11/12/23	MHS Fall Play, 2:00 pm, Mid Aud
11/13/23	Early Release
11/21/23	Early Release
11/22/23	Thanksgiving Break - No School
11/23/23	Thanksgiving
11/24/23	Thanksgiving Break - No School
12/1/23	Encore Holiday Show, 6:30 pm, PAC
12/5/23	Choirs Holiday Concert, 7:00 pm, PAC
12/7/23	Orchestra Concert, 7:00 pm, PAC
12/14/23	Band Holiday Concert, 7:00 pm, PAC
12/18-20/23	First Semester Exams
12/20/23	Early Release, Last Day of the First Semester
12/21-1/3/24	Winter Break
1/4/24	First Day of the Second Semester





## Class of 2024 Website

Go to [www.medinabees.org](http://www.medinabees.org), under the gold Our Schools, select Medina High School, hover over the green Our School and click on Class of 2024 or [Click Here!](#)

## Transcripts

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 in August 2023. All students must complete the Parchment registration. Students - please stop by to see Mrs. Carr in the Gold Guidance office or Mrs. Debnar in the Green Guidance office if you need any assistance completing your registration.

## 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 18, 2024, Ken Dukes Stadium.

[Click Here for the Link](#)

## 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.

[Click here for the Navigating Senior Year Document](#). This document and other important information is posted on the high school website at [www.medinabees.org](http://www.medinabees.org), under Class of 2024 and is posted on the shared drive, MHS-Student, Class of 2024.

## 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 2023-2024 FAFSA form will be available in December. FAFSA should fill it out as soon as possible on the official government site, [fafsa.gov](http://fafsa.gov).

It is 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 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 through Herff Jones. Visit the Herff Jones website at <https://gradmidwest.com/> and click on Shop Senior Graduation Products. All seniors must wear a cap and gown to participate in the commencement exercise. Email [aj.higradservices@gmail.com](mailto:aj.higradservices@gmail.com) or call 740.357.2160

- 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 24.
- 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.



[Click Here for a Cap, Gown, Tassel Flier](#)

[Click for a Class of 2024 Information Video](#)

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.

### Fall Testing

On October 11, 2023 freshmen through juniors will be taking the PSAT. On this day, seniors should not attend school. Rather, they should use this time to visit college campuses or college applications. Please click [here](#) to see available options for seniors to take advantage of. Please note, you must turn in proof of how you spent your time to our attendance office. The link above provides options for you to choose from.

## CLASS OF 2024 IMPORTANT INFORMATION

**Stay up-to-date on your senior year! Visit [twitter@GuidanceMedina](#)**

#### COLLEGE TESTING:

- ACT registration: [www.actstudent.org](http://www.actstudent.org)
- SAT registration: [www.collegeboard.com](http://www.collegeboard.com)
- Medina High School CEEB: 363360

#### COLLEGE/CAREER

- Research online via college/career tab on counselor webpage



- To meet with college reps at MHS, sign up for visits at: [College Visitation Days link](#) You may also come to gold guidance for a pass!!!
- Listen for announcements!

### **COLLEGE APPS:**

- 1. Complete the application online
- 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 your Google drive with your 6 digit ID#
- NCAA Division I or II, consult [www.eligibilitycenter.org](http://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

### **FINANCIAL AID:**

- Complete FAFSA online at [www.studentaid.gov](http://www.studentaid.gov)
- Application opens December 2023. 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

### **SCHOLARSHIPS:**

- Consult MHS Counselors webpage for [Scholarship Updates](#)
- Senior Scholarship App (Feb1-22)
- Be aware of deadlines; no one awards a scholarship for late applicants
- Consult each college for their Scholarship Opportunities
- 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!

## **23-24 First Semester Important Dates for Seniors**

**Dates Subject to Change - Planning Calendar Only**

10/11/23

Fall Testing Day for Underclassmen

10/13/23	Inservice Day - No Students
10/20/23	Last Day of the First Nine Weeks
10/24/23	Picture Retake Day
10/26/23	Parent Teacher Conferences, 3-8 pm
11/2/23	Parent Teacher Conferences, 3-8 pm
11/13/23	Early Release
11/21/23	Early Release
11/22/23	Thanksgiving Break - No School
11/23/23	Thanksgiving
11/24/23	Thanksgiving Break - No School
12/8/23	Diploma Verification Google Form Due
12/18-20/23	First Semester Exams
12/20/23	Early Release, Last Day of the First Semester
12/21-1/3/24	Winter Break
1/4/24	First Day of the Second Semester



# 2023 Fall Mix and Mingle



*Join  
us!*

Enjoy an evening with  
**Friends of MCPAL**

**Wednesday, October 4, 2023 5:30pm-7:30pm**  
**Blue Heron Brewery and Event Center**  
**3227 Blue Heron Trace, Medina**  
**\$50 ticket includes 2 drinks and appetizers**  
**Silent Auction and Live Music**

MCPAL creates trust and understanding between police officers and youth by utilizing educational, athletic and recreational activities.

To purchase tickets contact Rebecca Byrne by  
Monday, October 2nd at  
rbyrne@ohmedinaco.org or 330.764.8631  
Venmo: MedinaCountyPAL  
PayPal: rbyrne@ohmedinaco.org

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**WHEN BIG YELLOW  
STOPS!!!**



**EVERYONE STOPS!!**





# 2023 Food Distribution Schedule

Contact Us  
330-421-4816

[www.feedingmedinacounty.org](http://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

Willets 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  
7:30 a.m. - 9:00 a.m.

### WADSWORTH

Art Wright Stadium  
280 Grandview Avenue  
Wadsworth, OH 44281  
10:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

# Need Groceries?

## WE CAN HELP





## Attention All Medina County Students!

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.