



Medina High School Families:

I hope everyone had a wonderful holiday and is having a smooth start to the new year!

As previously mentioned, we will have our elective fair on January 16, 17, and 18. This is a wonderful opportunity for our students to better understand our elective course offerings and all that we have to offer at MHS. We will also highlight some of our elective offerings at the pancake breakfast and spotlight on students being held at MHS on January 20th from 8:00 a.m. until 12:00 p.m. in the main cafeteria. 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 [counseling website](#) as we continue to update our course registration guides with new courses.

I also wanted to provide important levy information. During the December 18, 2023 board meeting, the board approved the second resolution to officially place the 7.5 mill continuous operating levy on the March 19, 2024 ballot. This issue will generate approximately \$14 million annually at a cost of \$263 per \$100,000 auditor's total value to taxpayers. Based on the current five-year forecast, \$8 to \$10 million in total permanent reductions, primarily in personnel, will be made beginning in the 2024-2025 school year impacting administration and certificated and classified staff over all buildings and departments. Reductions will be made based on student enrollment, and program and service requirements. We will be hosting a meeting at MHS to help provide you with more information and answer any questions you may have. ***Please join us on January 29th at 6:00 PM in the media center where we will share information and have light refreshments.***

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

Click on Our Schools
select Medina High School

Morning Announcements

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

Morning Announcements can be viewed on YouTube at [MHSTV Morning Announcements](#)

January Students of the Month



Ryan Hamm is an intrinsically motivated and meticulously organized student. His wisdom combined with morality and sense of humor allow him to be everything expected in a student and more. Ryan is the prime example of hard work leading to success, always working effectively with peers and going beyond the minimum requirements. His class schedule consists of a variety of Honors, Advanced Placement, and College Credit Plus courses. Ryan has earned the MHS Academic Distinction Award Summa Cum Laude his freshman, sophomore, and junior years. He is a member of National Honor Society, a two-year member of HUDDLE, plays in the Honors Symphony Band and Stardusters Jazz Band. He is the MHS Marching Band percussion section leader and a band Vice President. Ryan volunteers in the Joyce B. Ebner Tutoring Center as a peer tutor where he helps students with Spanish II.

He works at Petitti Garden Center in Brunswick. Ryan plans on studying mechanical engineering in college. Ryan is the son of David and Dawn Hamm.



Ashley Kollar's experience and involvement in many sports and clubs have shown her the value of teamwork and selfness. Ashley is constantly supportive of those around her and can always be counted on for encouragement. She firmly believes communication is vital for strong leadership, for mentoring, and for bringing people together. Ashley's class schedule consists of Advanced Placement and College Credit Plus courses. She has earned the MHS Academic Distinction Award Summa Cum Laude her freshman, sophomore, and junior years. Ashley is a member of National Honor Society, and a two-year member of both HUDDLE and Key Club. Ashley is a four year member of the MHS Cross Country team, a two-year member of the MHS Girls Varsity Basketball team, and a four-year member of the Track and Field team. Ashley volunteers in the Joyce B. Ebner Tutoring Center as a peer tutor. She works at Lemonberry Frozen Yogurt and dog sits.

She plans on attending college to major in biology and is considering becoming a veterinarian. Ashley is the daughter of Bob and Kristen Kollar.

MCCC Sophomore Visitation

The Medina County Career Center is excited to be hosting all the Medina County sophomores at our Sophomore Visitation in January! It is not too late to get your permission slip in to your School Counselor. Please click on [the link here to access the permission slip](#). If you have any questions or concerns regarding this county-wide event or for more information regarding MCCC opportunities, please contact [Enrollment Services](#) at enroll@mcjvs.edu or 330-721-0213. Remember to mark your calendars with the following important MCCC event dates!

SOPHOMORE VISITATION

Tuesday, January 30, 2024

**Buckeye
Highland
Medina**



Wednesday, January 31, 2024

**Black River
Brunswick
Cloverleaf**

FIRST CHANCE APPLICATION NIGHTS
February 1 & 7 from 6:00-8:00 PM @ MCCC
FRESHMAN OPEN HOUSE
February 7 from 6:00-8:00 PM @ MCCC

Winter Formal Save the Date - Saturday, February 10, 2024, MHS Gym

All fees from all years must be paid by Friday January 26th.

Tickets on sale: Friday Feb 2nd at 3:00pm. Ticket sales end: Feb 8th at midnight.



The Medina Grand Prix at High Voltage Indoor Karting - February 3, 2024, 6:00 pm

Get ready for an adrenaline-packed racing experience like no other at the Medina Grand Prix at High Voltage Indoor Karting! Join us for an exhilarating evening of high-speed thrills, fierce competition, and unforgettable memories in support of Kids First Medina. Spectator tickets are available for \$60. They include food, non-alcoholic beverages, raffles, race wagers, and a good time. Driver tickets are available for \$110. These include 3 races throughout the evening, an event shirt, and all of the benefits of the spectator ticket. We have 6PM and 8PM tickets for drivers. If you sign up for 6PM you will be racing during the front half of the event. If you sign up for 8PM you will be racing during the back half of the event. We will do our best to accommodate groups if you either purchase tickets together or message us to indicate you would like to be in the same series of races. Questions? Reach out to us at kidsfirstmedina@gmail.com. [Click here for Kids First Grand Prix Tickets.](#)

Student Council Leadership Workshop

On Saturday, December 2, 2023 the Medina High School Student Council hosted a leadership workshop. The goal for the day was to focus on leadership skills and team building exercises. Student Council advisors Laura Calaiacovo and Erin Puskas helped plan and oversee the day. From 9:00-1:00pm the students participated in large group sessions and small group labs that were created and facilitated by StuCo members. Juniors Hayden Henry and Piper Jackson planned and implemented all the large group activities. The students played games, participated in team building activities and had a lot of fun! Highland High School Student Council members also joined for the day.

Lab 1 – **Gratitude: Make Gratitude Your New Attitude**

Discussion leaders: Lacie Haffner, Avery Reed, Autumn Campbell

Lab 2 – **Public Speaking: Use Your Voice**

Discussion leaders: Olivia Czarnomski, Avery Henry

Lab 3 – **Problem Solving: If You've Got a Problem, Yo I'll Solve It!**

Discussion leaders: Morgan Molnar, Trent Schirmer

Lab 4 – **Inclusiveness: Bee Kind**

Discussion leaders: Carleigh Johns, Reed Hinkle, Brady Vein

Lab 5 – **Time Management: Make the Most of Your Minutes**

Discussion leaders: Cassandra DeMichael, Hailey Blanco, Lauren Rudd

Lab 6 – **Stress Management: Welcome to the Zen Life**

Discussion leaders: Marissa Sladky, Max Dudley, Ava Campbell

Lab 7 - **Risk Taking: Take the Leap**

Discussion leaders: Emma Spangler, Evan Kotick, Molly Gilbert

Lab 8 - **Decision Making: The Choice is Yours**

Discussion leaders: Sophie Akers Novak, Heidi Sebaugh, Katherine Johns

Lab 9 - **Communication: Let's Talk About It**

Discussion leaders: Sam Boyland, Addy Casper, Nonsi Malusalila



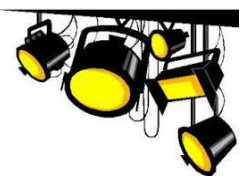


National Honor Society Applications

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, 2024.** No late or incomplete applications will be considered. Applications can be turned into the HUB or to Mrs. Grenfell, NHS Advisor, in the Tutoring Center, Room 1300. Current members do not need to reapply.



S.P.I.C.E - Student Performing in Creative Entertainment



The MHS Talent Show, S.P.I.C.E., will be Friday January 19 and Saturday Jan. 20 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.

There will be an 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 19 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.

Pancake Breakfast and Spotlight on Students

Medina City Schools will host its annual Community Pancake Breakfast and "Spotlight on Students" on Saturday, January 20, 2024, from 8:00 a.m. until 12:00 p.m. in the main cafeteria at Medina High School, 777 E. Union Street. Tickets are \$5 each and can be purchased online now by visiting www.medinabees.org. Tickets may also be purchased in person at Medina Buehler's locations from January 4 through January 20, 2024. Senior citizens, 60 and over, are free of charge. Breakfast includes pancakes, sausage, syrup, milk, juice, coffee, tea and hot chocolate. As part of this annual event, student artwork will be displayed, and various student performances will begin at 9:00 a.m. in the Performing Arts Center on the main and lobby stages and run through noon. The current schedule of events is below and may be subject to change.

9:00 a.m.-9:15 a.m. Canavan Elementary Glee Club

9:15 a.m.-9:30 a.m. Claggett Middle School 6th Grade Choir

9:30 a.m.-9:45 a.m. Heritage Elementary 3rd Grade Students

9:45 AM-10:00 AM Northrop Elementary

10:00 a.m.-10:15 a.m. Garfield Elementary 5th Grade Choir

10:30 a.m.-11:00 a.m. Waite Elementary Glee Club & Steel Pan Ensemble

11:00 a.m.-11:30 a.m. Medina High School Stardusters Jazz Ensemble

11:30 a.m.-12:00 p.m. Medina High School Encore Entertainment Company

Students will also perform on the Performing Arts Center Lobby Stage.

10:00 AM-10:15 AM Fenn Elementary

10:30 a.m.-10:45 a.m. Northrop Elementary Kindergarten Poetry Reading

Net proceeds from ticket sales to this event will go to the Medina City Schools Foundation to support the services and programs they provide to Medina City Schools' students and staff, including support of the Joyce B. Ebner Tutoring Center located at Medina High School.

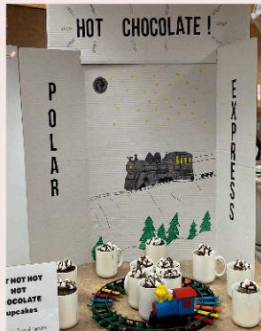
About the Medina City Schools Foundation: The Medina City Schools Foundation was established in 1984 to support and enhance learning opportunities for the students in the Medina City School District. The Foundation is an independent organization comprised of committed community members who support programs that benefit our students in collaboration with the teachers and staff of the Medina City Schools. The Foundation is a private organization, not directly affiliated with the school board or the school administration. It is incorporated under Ohio laws as a non-profit organization. It is funded by various members of the Medina area through the generous individual support and community support of our annual fundraising activities.



Cupcake Wars Results

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!

1°
K2
Hot Hot
Hot
Chocolate
Cupcakes



5/6°
K3
Santa's
Ho Ho
Hot Cocoa



2°
K5
Christmas
Tree Farm
Cupcakes



7/8°
K3
Christmas
on the
Beach



3°
K6
Starbucks



9/10°
K5
Walking in a
Winter
Wonderland



Wild America Field Trip

Students in Mr. Haramis' Wild America class traveled to Cuyahoga Valley National Park to see first-hand some of the environmental history of the area. Students met with park rangers to discuss the role of the National Park Service in many things, including the cleanup of a toxic waste dump under the Federal Superfund Act. They also visited structures and features built by the young men of the Civilian Conservation Corps during the Great Depression and hiked along the Ledges trail. They ended the trip with a short visit to Lock 29, part of the historic Ohio and Erie Canal and a slight detour past a Hopewell Indian mound.



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.

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 over 100 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. Chairperson Avery Henry said the calls were super fun and the kids loved it. She organized all the elves and calls with advisors Mrs. Calaiacovo and Ms. Puskas.



- Junior Becca Ambrosetti said, "The kids were so cute and their reactions were priceless!"
- Sophomore Autumn Campbell claimed, "The kids were excited and it was a magical experience for them!"
- Sophomore Addy Casper said, "It was a rewarding way to give back to the community around the holidays and it was so fun to hear the kids' reactions!"

StuCo kids love this event and are excited to continue this project next year!

2023 Cocoa Cookies & Cram

Cocoa Cookies & Cram was held two different days for all freshmen students during the week of December 11th. There were over 200+ student attendees each day. This is an after school opportunity for freshmen to meet up with National Honor Society students for help in preparing for exams. There were NHS students to help with all freshmen courses. Not only did the students receive academic help but they were also treated to cocoa and cookies!



December Senior Citizen Seminar

On December 4th, Broadway Creek Senior Living residents visited Medina High School for our second Senior Citizen Seminar. Organized by teachers Katie Shaffer and Vic Kaplack, each month seniors visit MHS to meet with students who showcase the learning they are doing in their classrooms. This month, Tiffany Nicol's yearbook class showed residents how they lay out a yearbook page. Students Kaitlyn Cline, Carmen Donze, and Addison Meyers from Stephani Itibrou's French I class gave residents a lesson on French holiday words and phrases, while Addison Shuman, Ella Barberic, Reven Kline, Hannah Weaver, Tyler Hurley, Kat Wright, and Marissa Yurtz taught them Jingle Bells in French. Residents also had the opportunity to decorate Christmas ornaments with art students Abby Vitko, Kayla Bloom, Blair Crandall, Isabelle Aldea, CJ Jordan, and Katelyn Schreiber from teacher Lauren Smith's classes. We are looking forward to their visit in January!



MEDINA HS ENCORE ENTERTAINMENT COMPANY PRESENTS...

A NIGHT OF SHOWCHOIR AND PIT BAND PERFORMANCES

~DESSERT AND A SHOW TO GO~

MEDINA PERFORMING
ARTS CENTER
JANUARY 11, 2024
7PM



Tickets available for \$15 from your favorite Encore performer or **ANYONE MAY PAY VIA VENMO** where tickets can be held under your name at "will call"

VENMO @hhhelpers (2221 4 digits)



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. [Click Here for a tutoring application.](#)

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.

Hometown Ticketing

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

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.

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.

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.

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.

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.

Flyer Central Digital Bulletin Board

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



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

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 or Ed Dargay dargaye@medinabees.org with any questions, to receive help, or to make a referral. Thank you.

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

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 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

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.

School Fees

All course fees, extracurricular activity fees and athletic fees for fall and winter have been added to student accounts. Please log in to your Progressbook Parent Access Account to view outstanding fee details. If you have not yet signed up for a Progressbook Parent account please see the information provided on the Medina High School website. Fees can also be viewed and paid at Payschools Central via the link on the High School website. Keep in mind that **all fees from all years** must be paid in order to purchase a ticket to the Winter Formal Dance on February 10, 2024. Please be proactive in paying your student's fees to avoid any delays when dance tickets go on sale in early February. [MCS Payment Options for School Fees Form](#)



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

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.

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! The meetings are the 2nd Wednesday of the month excluding the last one which is the first Wednesday. Meeting dates are 1/10, 2/14, 3/13, 4/10 and 5/1. Prom/After Prom is on May 11-12th.



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

Pay to Participate Forms

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

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2024



Spanish Department trip to Costa Rica

***Pura Vida tour of Costa Rica**

<http://www.educationaltravel.com/School%20%80%909727>

2024



Charting the Galápagos Islands - Ecuador

www.eftours.com/2606481nv

2025

Student Council Service Learning trip - Marine Conservation in the Dominican Republic



www.eftours.com/2668419PA

2024



French Department trip to Quebec

***Montreal and Quebec**

<https://www.efexploreamerica.com/tour-website/2543678EU>

2025



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 [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.

MHS 23-24 Second Semester Important Dates

2023-2024 Medina City Schools Calendar

Dates Subject to Change - Planning Calendar Only

1/4/24	First Day of the Second Semester
1/12/24	Inservice Day - No School for Students
1/15/24	No School - MLK Jr. Day
1/19/24	SPICE, 7:00 pm, PAC
1/20/24	MCS Pancake Breakfast/Spotlight on Students, 8 am, MHS Main Cafeteria, SPICE, 7:00 pm, PAC
1/25/24	HS/MS Jazz Band Concert, 7:00 pm, PAC
2/10/24	Winter Formal, 7:00 pm, MHS Main Gym
2/15/24	HS/MS Orchestra Concert, 7:00 pm, PAC
2/16/24	Inservice Day - No School for Students
2/19/24	No School - Presidents' Day
2/21/24	Club Picture Day
2/26/24	Early Release
2/27/24	Band Concert, 7:00 pm, PAC
3/5/24	Choir Concert, 7:00 pm, PAC
3/6/24	Early Release
3/14/24	Virtual Parent Teacher Conferences, 3:00 - 5:00 pm
3/15/24	Last Day of the Third Nine Weeks
3/16/24	Jazzamatazz, 5:00 pm, PAC & MHS Cafeterias
3/25-29/24	Spring Break
4/1/24	Conference Comp Day - No School
4/2/24	First Day Back from Spring Break
4/8/24	Eclipse Calamity Day - No School
4/10/24	VOFT Blood Drive
4/12-13/24	MHS Musical, 7:00 pm, PAC
4/14/24	MHS Musical, 2:00 pm, PAC
4/19/23	SAT Test for all Juniors, Sophomore ELA End of Course Test Day - Only Students Testing Attend
4/19-20/24	MHS Musical, 7:00 pm, PAC
4/21/24	MHS Musical, 2:00 pm, PAC
4/23/24	Orchestra Concert, 7:00 pm, PAC
4/25/24	Band Concert, 7:00 pm, PAC
4/30/24	Algebra I/Geometry End of Course Test Day, 7:30 - 10:30 am.
5/1/24	Biology/American History End of Course Test Day, 7:30 - 10:30 am.



NEW

5/3/24	Showtime, 7:00 pm, PAC
5/4/24	Showtime, 2:00 & 7:00 pm, PAC
5/6-10/24	AP Testing
5/13-17/24	AP Testing
5/15/24	HS/MS Jazz Band Concert, 7:00 pm, PAC
5/16/24	Strings in the Park, NOON, Medina Square
5/21-23/24	End of Year Exams
5/23/24	Early Release, Last Day of School



5/15/24 **Senior Awards, Invitation Only, 8:00 am, PAC**
5/17/24 **Mandatory Graduation Practice, 8:30 am, Ken**
Dukes Stadium

NEW DATES

Class of 2024 Website

Go to 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!](#)

2024 Senior Scholarship Application

The Senior Scholarship Application is available from February 1 thru 21, 2024. Seniors can apply for over 50 scholarships.

[Click Here](#) for the Criteria Guideline document which previews all scholarships.

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.

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, 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 is now available. FAFSA should be filled out as soon as possible on the official government site, fafsa.gov.



[Preparing for the FAFSA Form YouTube Video](#)

[Link to the MHS College and Career Information](#)

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 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.

CLASS OF 2024

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

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 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
- Application opens December 31, 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 (Feb 1-21)

- 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 Second Semester Important Dates for Seniors

Dates Subject to Change - Planning Calendar Only

1/4/24	First Day of the Second Semester
1/10/24	After Prom Meeting, 7:00 pm, Senior Commons
1/12/24	Inservice Day - No School for Students
1/15/24	No School - MLK Jr. Day
1/19/24	SPICE, 7:00 pm, PAC
1/20/24	MCS Pancake Breakfast/Spotlight on Students, 8 am, MHS Main Cafeteria, SPICE, 7:00 pm, PAC
2/1-21/24	Senior Scholarship Application Available
2/10/24	Winter Formal, 7:30 pm, MHS Main Gym
2/14/24	After Prom Meeting, 7:00 pm, Senior Commons
2/16/24	Inservice Day - No School for Students
2/19/24	No School - Presidents' Day
2/21/24	Club Picture Day
2/26/24	Early Release
3/6/24	Early Release
3/13/24	After Prom Meeting, 7:00 pm, Senior Commons
3/14/24	Virtual Parent Teacher Conferences, 3:00 - 5:00 pm
3/15/24	Last Day of the Third Nine Weeks
3/20/24	All Fees Must be Paid to Purchase a Prom Ticket
3/25-29/24	Spring Break
4/1/24	Conference Comp Day - No School
4/8/24	Eclipse Calamity Day - No School
4/9-11/24	Prom Ticket Sale Dates
4/10/24	After Prom Meeting, 7:00 pm, Senior Commons
4/11/24	Commencement Speaker / Favorite Staff Letters Due
5/1/24	After Prom Meeting, 7:00 pm, Senior Commons\
Week of May 6	Cap / Gown Distribution
5/6-10/24	AP Testing
5/6-9/24	Senior Exams - Seniors Must Report to Classes Daily
5/6-7/24	Math, Science, Phys Ed, Business/Industrial Tech
5/8-9/24	Language Arts, World Languages, Art, Social Studies

NEW DATES

5/9/24	Senior Send Off, 12:45 to 2:00 pm
5/9/24	Senior Sunset, 7:30 pm, Location TBD
5/10/24	Senior Exams - Makeups
5/10/23	Senior Census Google Form Due
5/11/24	Prom, 6:00 pm, Michaud's Catering & Event Center, 16808 Pearl Road, Strongsville
5/13-17/24	AP Testing
5/14/24	Baccalaureate, 7:00 pm, Medina United Church of Christ
5/15/24	Senior Awards, Invitation Only, 8:00 am, PAC
5/17/24	Mandatory Graduation Practice, 8:30 am, Ken Dukes Stadium
5/16/24	Strings in the Park, NOON, Medina Square
5/16/24	All fees, fines, books fines, and financial obligations must be paid no later than 2:00 pm in order to receive a diploma on 5/18/24.
5/16/24	MCCC Senior Awards, 7:00 pm, Ken Dukes Stadium
5/18/24	Class of 2024 Commencement, 11:00 am, Ken Dukes Stadium



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2024 Food Distribution Schedule

JANUARY

1/4 Lodi
1/11 Brunswick
1/18 Medina
1/25 Wadsworth

FEBRUARY

2/1 Lodi
2/8 Brunswick
2/15 Medina
2/22 Wadsworth

MARCH

3/7 Lodi
3/13 Medina
3/14 Brunswick
3/28 Wadsworth

APRIL

4/4 Lodi
4/11 Brunswick
4/18 Medina
4/25 Wadsworth

MAY

5/2 Lodi
5/9 Brunswick
5/16 Medina
5/23 Wadsworth

JUNE

6/6 Lodi
6/13 Brunswick
6/20 Medina
6/27 Wadsworth

JULY

7/3 Lodi
7/11 Brunswick
7/18 Medina
7/25 Wadsworth

AUGUST

8/1 Lodi
8/8 Brunswick
8/15 Medina
8/22 Wadsworth

SEPTEMBER

9/5 Lodi
9/11 Medina
9/12 Brunswick
9/26 Wadsworth

OCTOBER

10/3 Lodi
10/10 Brunswick
10/17 Medina
10/24 Wadsworth

NOVEMBER

11/7 Lodi
11/14 Brunswick
11/21 Medina
11/26 Wadsworth

DECEMBER

12/5 Lodi
12/12 Brunswick
12/18 Wadsworth
12/19 Medina

BRUNSWICK

Grace Baptist Church
3480 Laurel Road
Brunswick, OH 44212
5:00 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.

LODI

Hidden Hollow Camp
8672 Richman Road
Lodi, OH 44254
3:30 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.



Medina City Schools Community Pancake Breakfast & Spotlight on Students



SATURDAY, JANUARY 20, 2024

8:00 AM-12:00 PM

MEDINA HIGH SCHOOL MAIN CAFETERIA

777 E. UNION STREET



STUDENT PERFORMANCES 9:00 AM-12:00 PM

PERFORMING ARTS CENTER MAIN STAGE

STUDENT ART ON DISPLAY

Breakfast is \$5 Senior Citizens 60+are FREE

TICKETS ARE AVAILABLE **ONLINE
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WWW.MEDINABEES.ORG

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851 WEYMOUTH ROAD

MEDINA, OH 44256

Parents and guardians,
please join us for this
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addressing:

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VALUABLE EDUCATIONAL MATERIAL AND INSIGHTS TO
BECOME BETTER EDUCATED ABOUT THIS IMPORTANT TOPIC

*AUDIENCE Q&A

*RECEIVE VALUABLE INFORMATION, RESOURCES & INSIGHTS



THIS WILL BE AN **ADULT ONLY** EVENT

*NO REGISTRATION REQUIRED

FOR QUESTIONS, PLEASE
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**THE CHILDREN'S CENTER OF
MEDINA COUNTY**
330.764.8891



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.

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