



Mead High School

Energy Focus & AP Capstone School
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Dear Parents, Guardians, and Students:

Welcome to the upcoming 2017-2018 school year! It is hard to believe that the summer is about over, and a new school year will begin shortly. We are excited to reconnect with former students and to meet new Mavericks about to join the Mead family. We plan to have our best year yet, and look forward to partnering with families to ensure each and every student finds success. Our goal is to provide opportunities for every student to be an integral part of the Mead school culture where we are committed to academic success, involvement in extracurricular activities, and representing the “Maverick Way.”

We have several initiatives that we are excited to focus on for the 2017-2018 school year:

1. In an effort to focus on **academic success for all students**, we will be emphasizing the academic preparation leading up to the **SAT test**. As a strong indicator of postsecondary success, the SAT test will be an important strategic initiative for our school this coming year. To help prepare for this important benchmark, 9th graders will be testing with the PSAT8/9 and 10th graders will be testing with the PSAT10, all which align to the SAT test in the 11th grade.
2. We are encouraging more students to access **Advanced Placement/Honors courses**. By expanding enrollment and resources for students in AP/Honors curriculum, we are confident that academic performance and success will follow for ALL students. Students will have the opportunity to earn the **AP Capstone Diploma** which promotes Mead students in a very competitive postsecondary collegiate market.
3. **Student Advisory** will meet after 2nd block for 1 hour on Fridays this year. We will emphasize academic choice and pride, college preparation and long term planning, social/emotional health, and contributing to an inclusive community. Each student will have a \$10 fee for advisory that will be added to their IC accounts to pay for a class Maverick t-shirt that each class designs.

Please check your Infinite Campus accounts regularly for updated school information. If you do not have access to Infinite Campus you **MUST** come in and see Andi Felton, Mead Registrar, to set up an account. She will be available beginning August 1st to assist you. Please bring an ID with you. This will allow you to view your student’s attendance and grades throughout the year, as well as receive updated information from Mead HS. If you have forgotten your password or your account has been disabled, please contact Mrs. Felton to reset it.

At Mead, we value the partnership that we have with parents in the education of their children. Please do not hesitate to contact your child’s teachers, counselors, or administrators regularly throughout the year. It is really true that “it takes a village to raise a child.” Every investment we put into our young people results in a better future for us all.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

IMPORTANT DATES:

Band Camp Starts	July 31	8:00 am - 5 pm	
Office Opens	August 1	7:00 am - 3:00 pm	
Golf Season Starts	August 8	consult athletic website for info.	
Mav Corral/Registration	August 7(alpha Pf - Z), August 8 (alpha Hb - Pe), August 9 (alpha A - Ha)	3 - 7 pm	Students will receive ipads, take pictures, turn in forms, etc.
Fall Sports Parent Mtg	August 16	6:30 pm in the Auditorium	
Fall Sports Tryouts	August 14	consult website for individual sport info.	
Foreign Exchange Student Orientation	August 14	10:30am - noon (lunch provided)	
First Day (Freshmen & new students)	August 15	7:15 am - 2:15 pm	
First Day (all students)	August 16	7:15 am - 2:15 pm	A day - Alternate Advisory Schedule
Mead Roundup	August 18	5:30 pm - 8:00 pm	Family event
Back to School Night	August 31	6:00 pm - 8:00 pm	
Homecoming Week	September 11 - 15		
Homecoming Dance	September 16		
Picture Retakes	September 20		
Parent Teacher Conferences	October 11 and October 12,	2:30 pm - 7:30 pm each night	
College Fair @ MHS	October 27		
Thanksgiving Break	November 20 - 24		
Final Exams (1st Semester)	December 13 - 15		
Winter Break	December 18 - January 1		
Semester 2 Begins	January 2		
Late Start Days	Sept. 6, Oct. 4, Nov. 1, and Dec. 6	(start time is 9:45 ---please be on time)	

NEW SCHOOL SCHEDULE:

School begins each day at 7:15 am and ends at 2:15 pm. Please see the 2017 - 2018 bell schedule posted on <http://mhs.svvsd.org/> in the "about" tab for specifics. We will have a single lunch of 40 minutes each day, and offer a 15 minute breakfast break after 1st block. Please plan ahead to drop students off so they can be in their seats by 7:15 am. Being on time has an huge impact on academic performance and student confidence.

NEW TO MEAD HS:

We have added a few new faces to the Mead Family this year. You will get to meet them soon! WELCOME!

Dainelle Mendenhall -- receptionist/communications

Jessica Christian - para

Bree Ervin - English

Kathleen Freischlag - Spanish

Mary Durkin - Math

Jonathan McHugh - Art

Erin Warren- English/Social Studies

Scott Keenan - Special Education

Andrew Steitz - Social Studies

You can access any staff member at Mead High School by emailing [last name _ first name@svvsd.org](mailto:last_name_first_name@svvsd.org).

BACK TO SCHOOL REGISTRATION:

The Maverick Corral (Registration) will be held at Mead High School on August 7-9th. You can expect to pay outstanding fees, acquire parking passes (these will cost \$5 this year), turn in paperwork, get information, register for athletics, support the Mead Boosters and the Mead Education Foundation, purchase athletic passes, pick up student iPads, and take student pictures.

August 7 3 - 7 pm	August 8 3 - 7 pm	August 9 3 - 7 pm
Student's last name Pf - Z	Student's last name Hb - Pe	Student's last name A - Ha

★ Please come when you can if you cannot make your specified day. We will accommodate your family.

Parents/Guardians will need to turn in the registration paperwork that is posted on our school website under the "Summer Information" link. Please print out all relevant forms listed on this form and bring them to Mead High School in person on the day specified above.

Counselors will begin meeting with **new students** on August 1st to build class schedules. Please plan for 1 hour of time with a counselor to build your class schedule. Please contact Andi Felton, Registrar, in the counseling office to set up an appointment or to activate your Infinite Campus account prior to this date. 720-494-3940

SCHEDULE CHANGES:

Student Schedules were released in early June and change requests should be completed.

As communicated last Spring, we WILL NOT be doing schedule changes by request. Our class offerings were built from student requests. To honor student requests, we have allocated FTE and sent teachers to trainings specifically to make sure we can provide students with their requested courses. Changing these now may cause holes in strategic programming.

We will allow schedule changes ONLY for the following reasons:

1. A student attended summer school/online courses and passed a course that is currently on their schedule.
2. Students are requesting a time release to replace a non-core class.
3. A student wants to make a move from a regular class to an Honors/AP class.
4. Students have filled out a **Student Aide Form** and were selected to be a teacher's student aide.
5. Students (seniors) are missing a class needed for graduation or college admissions.

Schedule request changes should be reflected in your online schedules via Infinite Campus by August 11.

LOCKERS:

Lockers will be assigned automatically to 9th graders. The cost for a locker is \$1 for the school year. Because we do not have enough lockers for every student in our school, we want to make sure that students who want one can get one. We believe the \$1 fee is affordable and gives students who want a locker priority. If your 9th grade student has not paid for their locker by Friday, August 25, it will be released and available to rent by other students. Non-freshmen wishing to rent a locker must see Val Rine, Attendance Clerk, during lunch the week of August 29th.

FALL SPORTS:

Fall team sports begin practice on Aug 14th (Golf starts August 7). This is the first official day and all athletes must be registered, the athletic fee paid, and have a current sports physical on file with Sue Derden, Athletic Secretary. Students who do not have these important forms done **WILL NOT BE ALLOWED TO PARTICIPATE** until they are submitted.

Take care of this during Registration to avoid missing tryout requirements or delays in processing. Please visit the [athletic website](#) to get current information about your son/daughter's sports.

To register for Sports, parents must go to https://stvrain.revtrak.net/tek9.asp?pg=2_High_Schools. ALL athletes must register and pay through this site. If your family has a hardship due to financial constraints, please talk to us. Scholarships are available. Questions??? Please contact Chad Eisentrager, Athletic Director, or Mrs. Derden, Athletic Secretary.

POLICIES YOU SHOULD BE AWARE OF:

- 1. Knives in School** - In keeping with board policy, we will have a “no tolerance” policy on knives in school. Our intent is to keep Mead High School a safe place for students to learn and achieve. There is NO reason for a student to carry a pocket knife or any other type of blade on campus. There will be disciplinary action if a student is found carrying a knife.
- 2. Dress Code** - We will be reinforcing the same dress code as we have over the past few years. Shoulders will need to be covered, underwear and private parts must be covered, and no short shorts or short skirts. No hats/hoodies, bandanas, or inflammatory clothing that references gangs, alcohol, violence, drugs or sex. Please consider this as you are purchasing new school clothes for your child. Students violating dress code will be asked to change or we will call home and ask that parents bring in appropriate dress.
- 3. Hats** - We will continue to ask our students to remove their hat/hoodie in the building. Our goal is to prepare students for the business world that is all around us. Many careers require a hat to be removed out of respect for customers or business associates. Please respect the wishes of our teachers as we prepare your sons/daughters to transition to college and, eventually, careers.
- 4. Headphones** - We will not allow headphones during the academic period. The only exception would be a teacher directive to listen to a podcast, lesson, or video online. We only have approximately 7.5 hours of instruction over 2 weeks to impact learning and thinking. It is essential that students are “plugged into” the lesson.
- 5. Cell Phones** - Cell Phones should not be used during the academic period. We ask that parents and students do not text/call students during class time. Our teachers will not be using their cell phones during class, and it is our desire that our students act “professionally” as well. If you must get information to your child, please contact the front office and we would be happy to pass a message along. Thank you for your cooperation in our efforts to value your child's and other students' instructional time.

STUDENT RESOURCES:

Admin/Counselor Teams:	Alain Valette/Anthony Elliott	alpha A - He
	Lisa Schwartz/Calan Anderson	alpha Hf - Pe
	Chad Eisentrager/Maura Brady-McMullen	alpha Pf - Z
Interventionist	Pedro Linsenmeyer	available Mon, Wed, Fri
Student Resource Officer	TBD	on call at MHS
School Psychologist	Andrea Wolfe	full-time in building

STUDENT PARKING:

Good News! We will have additional parking spots this year -- YEAH! A fee of \$5 will be charged for a yearly **parking pass**. Students can purchase these during the Mav Corral on August 7 - 9th. They must present a valid ID or driving license, and documentation of insurance to purchase a parking pass. Each student will receive a sticker for their front dash. This must be present for a student to park at Mead High School.

We have an open campus at lunch for Juniors and Seniors ONLY, with parent permission. Please make sure that the **Parent Permission Form** is on file in the front office before you leave campus for lunch. Freshmen and Sophomore students will not be allowed to leave campus for lunch at any time.

Thank you, in advance, for driving cautiously in our parking lot and keeping our students safe.

STUDENT FEES:

1. All students will be assessed a \$10 fee on IC for their class t-shirt. T-shirts will be designed by each class and handed out to students during Homecoming week in October. We wear these with great pride!
2. Any student wishing to have a locker this year will be charged a \$1 fee.
3. Parking Passes can be purchased for \$5/year.
4. Athletic Participation fees are \$150, the same as last year.

VOLUNTARY FEES:

1. We recommend a "voluntary donation" to the Mead Education Foundation of \$10 per year per family. This organization is instrumental in helping with large projects in the building that directly affect our students and community i.e. special student activity trips, college visits, educational resources outside of what our budget can handle, teacher training, etc. **Please visit their booth during Registration or our [website link](#) on the Mead HS website.**
2. We recommend that families get involved with the school community by supporting or joining the "Mead Booster Club." Statistics show that the more closely involved a person is in an organization, the more success they will have. We need the support of our families. Please consider volunteering in the following ways: working events, chaperoning student activities, donating funds for sports teams and providing meals for school functions, etc. **Please visit with the Mead Boosters during Registration to see how you can best serve or visit the [Boosters website](#).**

ATTENDANCE:

Attendance in school is one of the leading indicators of whether or not a child will graduate from high school. Please take a look at the following [link](#) for more information and statistics. It is our goal for 100% of our students to graduate every year. It is critical that you prioritize when your child is absent.

- Please schedule doctor, dentist, orthodontic appointments after school hours as much as possible.
- Plan family vacations during times that students are already scheduled for vacation.
- Students should be in attendance on their birthday if it falls on a school day.
- Students need to plan time for traffic in the mornings, as it gets congested on the county roads around Mead after 7:00 am.
- Being on time is a healthy habit! 10 minutes early is on time!
- Students should NOT be in school if they are throwing up or running a high fever. If they have a cough, sore throat, or just a tummy ache, they should be in class for the day.
- If you have transportation issues, please let us help you by reaching out to us. We have several resources we can tap into to help in this process.
- We will be taking a tougher approach on what we will excuse students for this year. We value our students being in school, and know how important it is to their preparation and success in the world beyond school.

I am excited about the upcoming school year. Thank you for the opportunity to serve the Mead community and to carry on its great traditions. See you in a few weeks.

Sincerely,

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