

MHS Freshman Parent Survival Guide



Class of 2023

Success at MHS:

7 Habits of Highly Effective People

1. Be Proactive
2. Begin with End in Mind
3. Put First Things First
4. Think Win-Win
5. Seek First to Understand,
Then to be Understood.
 1. Synergize
 2. Sharpen the Saw



Graduation Pathways - Mandatory for Freshmen!

1. HS Diploma Credits Plus

2. Employability Form (no waiver)

- Job
- Sport
- Marching Band
- Spotlighters, Finesse
- Winter Guard
- 4-H
- Eagle Scout
- Something else above and beyond typical school day

3. College & Career Readiness

- Honors Diploma, AP/Dual Credit, SAT, ACT
- Career-Technical Education (CTE) pathways, apprenticeships, industry: 3 or 4 year programs
- Civics Arts (Art or Music): 4 year program



Survival Tip #1


- **Tip #1: The Freshman year matters and may be the most important**
- We can't stress enough the importance of the freshman year!
 - Attendance and grades matter to your child's academic success at MHS and leads to their post-secondary success.
- Make Good Choices starting now

Cell Phones and Ear Buds/Headphones



Cell Phone Experiment

- 23 students - 30 minutes
- 58 texts
- 182 social media
- 28 other
- 268 disruptions

A photograph of a person's hands holding a pink flip phone, with a green laser pointer beam visible in the foreground.

Vaping



It's not
water
vapor.

Aerosol from vaping has
**cancer-causing
chemicals.**

The tobacco and vaping industries target you



They target young people so you'll become lifetime users addicted to their products.

Cigarette makers own and invest in vape companies.



The vaping industry makes their products taste like fruit or candy so you will want to try them.

If you vape, you are

4x

more likely to

smoke cigarettes



Survival Tip #2

- **Tip #2: Know the MHS administrative team**
- We are here to help you and your child have a successful year and overall high school experience. Please contact us if you need assistance:
 - Dr. Brian Disney – MHS Principal
 - Mrs. Chrissy Owens – Assistant Principal
 - Mr. Wes Upton – Assistant Principal
 - Mrs. Sarah Melone – Attendance Officer and Dean
 - Mr. Mike Mossbrucker – Athletic Director



Survival Tip #3

- **Tip #3: Know the MHS School Counseling Staff**
- Our guidance counselors are available to assist you in making academic decisions for your child that will benefit them throughout their four years at MHS and into their post-secondary careers. They also help with social-emotional issues.
 - Mrs. Michelle Mitchel, Last Names: A-Fe
 - Mrs. Amy Colbert, Last Names: Fi-Me
 - Mrs. Sarah Iams, Last Names: Mi-S
 - Mrs. Laura Mikesell, Guidance Director, Last Names: T-Z



Survival Tip #4

- **Tip #4: If your student is absent or needs to leave early, please call MHS at 831-9203 select option 2 to report their absence.**
 - If have to schedule appointments during the school day; please have your student turn in doctor's note or funeral notices to Mrs. Bischoff, our attendance secretary.



Survival Tip #5

- **Tip #5: Utilize Skyward**
- Skyward is our student management system, from Skyward you can access:
 - assignment summaries
 - attendance
 - discipline referrals



Survival Tip #6

- **Tip #6: Chromebooks, Canvas, & Google Docs**
- Teachers will share materials through Canvas and/or Google Docs
 - Both Google Docs and Canvas are educational platforms where students can complete their school work.
- E-learning Days for Inclement Weather



Survival Tip #7

- **Tip 7#: Know where your students are online**
- Social media is a wonderful tool but it can have devastating consequences if used incorrectly.
- Friend your child on Facebook
- Follow them on Twitter, Instagram, and SnapChat
- Know what is on your child's phone



Survival Tip #8

- **Tip #8: Get involved**
- There is a place for everyone to belong at MHS, whether that is in athletics, performing arts or a club- GET INVOLVED!
- Encourage your student to find a place where they belong and make MHS a great place to learn and grow.
- List of Clubs on Website & Club Fair on 8/16

Get Involved

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Survival Tip #9

- **Tip #9: Never Too Early to Plan for Post-Secondary Education**
- Most future careers will require some post-secondary education.
- There are many opportunities for students and parents to prepare for post-secondary education (AP, Dual Credit, Area 31, etc.).
- It's also never too early to plan for paying for post-secondary education.



Survival Tip #10

- **Tip #10: Caring staff**
- MHS is filled with a staff that wants the very best for you and your child.
- High school is a journey. We are glad that your child is here and are excited to be a part of their journey to success.



Important Dates

8/7 – Picture Day

8/15 – Class Ring Presentation

8/22 – Class Ring Order (11:30-1:00 & 2:30-6:30)

9/2 – Labor Day

9/6 – Mid-Term ends

9/20 – Homecoming

10/1-10/3 – 1st Quarter Exams

10/11-10/18 – Fall Break