



ROUGHER REVIEW



What's Happening at MHS

September 2018

MHS September Calendar of Events

SUN- DAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
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2	3 NO SCHOOL 	4 Alternative 8th Grade Reading Test	5 FCCLA Meeting@ 7:15	6	7	8 ACT Test
9	10 PTSA 5:30 in Cafeteria	11	12	13 OCDA All State Riverhawk Choir audition clinic	14	15 OCDA All State River- hawk Choir audition clinic
16	17	18	19	20	21 College Fair - top of D Gym	22
23	24	25 •OMEA All State Riverhawk choir audition clinic •Parent/Teacher con- ferences 4-7 pm	26	27 Parent/ Teacher confer- ences 4-7 pm	28 NO SCHOOL Speech Tournament @ Jenks	29

Meet the new faces of MHS



Steve Barton
Freshman Principal



Denisa Howe
9th Grade
Attendance Clerk



Stephanie Miller
10th Grade
Attendance Clerk



Jennifer Slader
10th Grade Counselor



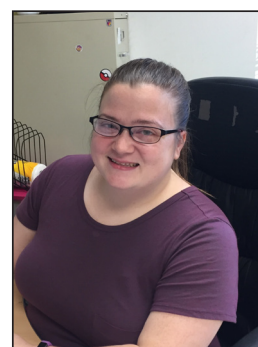
Ethyl Gault
Biology/Physical Science



Sarah Bailey
Choir Assistant



Elizabeth Graves
Physical Science



Chelsea Hayes
Int. Algebra/ Math of Finance



Keirsten Edwards
Biology



Sara Muzny
US History, Softball



Jason Andrews
Fund. of Tech/ Wrestling



Sara Reyes
Instructional Coach



Kim Ogden
English II



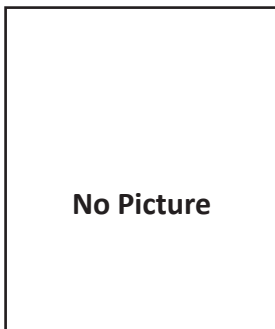
Stacey Grounds
Alg 1/Geometry



Jennifer Contreras
Spanish 1



Michelle Green
English 2



Jeff McCoy
Percussion



ROTC at the Air and Space Museum



FCCLA August Blood Drive

MPS Response to Media Questions

08/23/2018 11:30am

RE: MPS response to questions concerning passing period time, lunch periods, lunchroom seating and tardy and absence fines

In response to the information circulating on social media, MPS would like to clarify any misunderstanding regarding various practices at the High School.

Passing Periods:

Passing period length has not changed at Muskogee High School. The length of time that students have to pass between classes is five minutes.

Lunch Periods:

Muskogee High School lunch period duration has been shortened by 4 minutes to lengthen instructional time. There are four lunch lines open in the cafeteria where students can be served quickly. We continue to monitor this change and will adjust as needed.

Lunch Room Seating:

There is adequate seating for all students who choose to eat lunch in the cafeteria. It is the expectation that all students in the cafeteria must be seated. Additionally, there is an outdoor cantina area and a circle drive area available for students during their lunch period if they prefer to stand. Students are not allowed to loiter in the cafeteria due to safety issues.

Attendance Policy:

Title 10 of the Oklahoma Statutes (Oklahoma Statutes, Title 70, Sec 10-105), state that if a child is absent without a valid excuse for four (4) or more days, or parts of days within a four-week period, or is absent without valid excuse for ten (10) or more days or parts of days within a semester, the attendance officer must notify the parent, guardian, or custodian of the child and immediately report the absences to the District Attorney. Parents are notified on a daily basis of all tardies and absences.

This law means that unexcused tardies and absences that fall within this criteria must be submitted to the District Attorney. The fines are set by the State with the presiding judges discretion to determine the fine amount. The message that was given to students, stated that MPS is required to follow the law. It was also stated that fines can range from \$25.00 to \$100.00 a day, averaging around \$250 per referral.

It is our desire and priority to have each and every student in school every day. Given that our attendance rate has been low in the past, we felt it was important to provide this information to our students and parents before the start of the school year. We will continue to be proactive in our efforts to ensure that our students are in class on a daily basis.

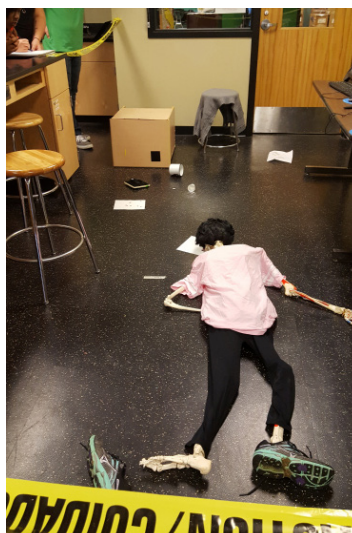
University of Central Oklahoma Spanish Tours

UCO will be offering campus tours in Spanish this year. The first Spanish tour is next Friday, September 7th from 10am-noon. These tours are perfect for Spanish-speaking or bilingual families!

https://uco.co1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_0Up3CsXEEaEmITj

Choir Fundraiser

The MHS Choir will be selling cookie dough for a fundraiser from September 5-19. See Mrs. Pointer or a choir member for more information.



Mrs. Cotten's class

Crime Scene Investigation



Library Fun

Tips for Freshman Year

1. Talk to teachers and counselors

If you're having problems at school, something is troubling you at home, or you're struggling with a class, and you want to talk privately, your teachers and school counselors are there for you. Establishing relationships with teachers and counselors is not only a good way to practice communication skills but it will also help for assistance with college applications or resume letters.

2. Do homework

While there has been some controversy about homework in recent years, it's best to listen to what your teacher wants. If they say "do your homework", then do it! It can't hurt to reinforce what you're learning in class and maybe even improve your grades. If there's some legitimate reason you can't turn in homework on time, ask the teacher for more time for partial credit. Or request extra credit to make up for lost points.

3. Time and space management

Students should have a designated learning space at home, free from clutter, stocked up with all the necessary school supplies. Put up a large wall calendar and get an academic planner to keep track of assignments and class projects. When you're in class and the teacher announces the homework, make a note in your planner so you won't forget after school.

4. Find your community

A great way to get adjusted to life in high school is joining a club or trying out for an activity. Maybe you're interested in a sports team, choir, or robotics club? You'll not only meet students who share the same interests, but your skills will grow as well.

Computer Class Information

All computer application classes are working on Typing.com. Students will be able to access this website from their laptops where WiFi is accessible. This is a very important life skill to have when our students leave high school. We will also be learning Microsoft Office in our classes- parents may learn these skills by going to gcflearnfree.com. All Administrative Technology classes are now capable to have your students get certified in computer skills (if applicable).

College Tuition Information

For academic year 2017-2018, the average tuition costs for Colleges in Oklahoma State (Undergraduate) is \$ 5,676 for in-state and \$ 15,241 for out-of-state. You can see full tuition information including tuition, fees, books and supplies, living costs, and financial aid for Oklahoma State at Oklahoma State Tuition and Financial Aid page. Also, Oklahoma Best Schools tuition comparison charts may be helpful to students to see what Oklahoma State tuition & other college costs.

<https://www.collegetuitioncompare.com/compare/tables/?state=OK°ree=Undergraduate>

2018-19
Its a great year to
be a Rougher!!

The Gates Scholarship DEADLINE Sept 18th

The Gates Scholarship is a highly selective, full scholarship for exceptional, Pell-eligible, minority, high school seniors. Starting in 2018, the scholarship will be awarded to 300 top student leaders each year with the intent of promoting their academic excellence through college graduation, and providing them the opportunity to reach their full potential.

BASIC ELIGIBILITY: To apply, students must be

- A high school senior
- From at least one of the following ethnicities: African-American, American Indian/Alaska Native*, Asian & Pacific Islander American, and/or Hispanic American
- Pell-eligible
- A US citizen, national, or permanent resident
- In good academic standing with a minimum cumulative weighted GPA of 3.3 on a 4.0 scale (or equivalent)
- Additionally, a student must plan to enroll full-time, in a four-year degree program, at a US accredited, not-for-profit, private or public college or university.

IDEAL CANDIDATE

An ideal candidate will have:

An outstanding academic record in high school (in the top 10% of his/her graduating class)

Demonstrated leadership ability (e.g., as shown through participation in community service, extracurricular, or other activities)

Exceptional personal success skills (e.g., emotional maturity, motivation, perseverance, etc.)

<https://www.thegates scholarship.org/scholarship>