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PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Greetings Blue Devil Families,

It's hard to believe that we're more than halfway through the school year but here we are with the second semester well underway. The next few months will be a very busy time at MHS as we gear up for 2020-21 course registration, CTSO competitions, and athletic events. These busy schedules, along with the attraction of social media, focusing on schoolwork can be a challenge for many students. So we'd like to provide you with specific strategies that you can implement at home to help teach your student how to focus.

- **Help them recognize when they're not focused:** Say, "I think you've lost your focus" when you see them fidget, daydream, yawn or stare into space.
- **Don't make lack of focus a crime:** Your student needs to be able to admit when they've lost their concentration. Blaming them only makes them defensive and likely to make lame excuses instead of figuring out ways to focus.
- **Help them prioritize:** It will be easier for your student to focus when they know what to do first, second and third.
- **Encourage them to break large tasks into smaller ones:** Students lose focus when a task is overwhelming.
- **Slow things down:** Don't move or talk too fast yourself. And comment when you see your student speeding up. Ask, "Are you taking your time?" and "Have you stopped to check your work?"
- **Get your student to relocate:** If they've lost their focus, it might be easier to refocus in another place, free from distractions.
- **Minimize distractions:** Make rules about screen time (TV, phone, computer, video games). Schoolwork should come first.
 - **Avoid interrupting:** When your teen is working on schoolwork, don't remind them to do something else (pack their soccer bag, for example).
 - **Give clear instructions:** Saying, "Get organized" is too vague. "List the tasks you have to do tonight" is more specific.

Students must be able to concentrate on one thing with minimal distractions. It is important to remember that focused concentration is a learned behavior. Mastering the ability to focus, with your assistance and guidance will benefit your student throughout his or her life.

Thank you for your ongoing support!

Eric Schwarzenegger

FEBRUARY 2020

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Who's → Who

WHO'S WHO AT MOORESVILLE HIGH SCHOOL

Do you have a question or concern? Save yourself time by contacting the right person. Email addresses can be found on the MHS website.

SCHOOL COUNSELORS ASSIGNMENTS

- **Mary Royal:** Last Names A-D
- **Brian Landis:** Last Names E-K
- **Allyson Morris:** Last Names L-Q
- **Beth Mical:** Last Names R-Z
- **Melanie Allen:** Mi-Waye
- **Ann Keating:** College Adviser
- **Colleen Kennedy:** Attendance Facilitator
- **Traci Willis:** Social Worker

ADMINISTRATOR ASSIGNMENTS

Eric Schwarzenegger: 12th grade students and English Dept. and Exceptional Children's Dept.

Yamaro Scott: N.F. Woods Campus and the MIWAYE Program

Meredith Bost: 11th grade students and Social Studies Dept.

Michael Few: 9th grade students and Career & Technical Education Dept.

Samone Graham: 10th grade students and Science

Tracey Waid: Math and World Languages Depts.

Kevin Wilson: PE Dept., Arts Dept., NJROTC, Transportation

Charles "Hoppy" Hopkins: Interim Athletic Director

OUTSIDE FOOD POLICY

Students are not allowed to bring outside food to school for consumption during the school day. Parents are reminded that food from local fast food restaurants is not permitted during the school day. Also, students are reminded that they are not to leave campus during the school day or during lunch. When a student is assigned to lunch, they are only permitted in the cafeteria and the amphitheater.



BECAUSE EVERYBODY NEEDS SOMEBODY

Mooresville High School is looking for those community members who are willing to serve as a positive role model for a student. We are looking for mentors who could meet with a student for 15-20 minutes at least twice a month. For additional information or to request an application, you can contact Colleen Kennedy at 704-658-2573 or colleenkennedy@mgsd.k12.nc.us.

BRING YOUR ID

As a school safety measure, all parents, guardians and emergency contacts must have their driver license, or another form of government issued ID, in order to pick up a student or enter the building for meetings and conferences. Thank you for your support in keeping our school safe!

TARDY PLAN

Students are expected to report to each class on time to maximize instructional time in the classroom. Failure to report to class on time will be tracked and consequences will be assigned accordingly. The consequences reset at the start of each semester.

Tardy #	Consequence
Tardy # 1	Conference with Student
Tardy # 2 & 3	Warning and Parent Contact
Tardy # 4 & 5	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • After School Detention (30 min) or • Lunch Detention or • Other Discipline as determined by the administrator
Tardy # 6 & 7	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • After School Detention (1 hr) or • In-School Suspension or • 1 Hour Saturday School or • Other Discipline as determined by the administrator
Tardy # 8+	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • In-School Suspension or • Other Discipline as determined by the administrator and • Loss of Privilege List (until end of next quarter)

- A "Tardy" is defined as being up to 5 minutes late for class and will follow the above guidelines.
- "Excessive Tardiness" is being 6+ minutes late for class and carries a consequence of After School Detention on the 1st offense.
- More than 30 minutes late to class will be coded as an absence including the "excessive tardy" consequence.



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SUMMER SCHOOL ELIGIBILITY

In order to be eligible to take a course during summer school, students must earn a final course grade between 50 and 59. If a student earns a final course grade below a 50, he or she must repeat the course the following school year. The purpose of this requirement is to maintain course integrity and ensure that students have obtained the necessary knowledge and skills to be successful at the next level of coursework.

CHECKING STUDENTS IN AND OUT OF SCHOOL

Anytime a student arrives or leaves campus during school hours, they must sign in and/or out in the office of the campus they are located at the time.

If a student needs to leave school early, the parent must come into the school to sign-out the student or submit a signed note to the school. **Parent/Guardian phone calls, asking for students to be dismissed from school, is not permitted.** If a student gets sick during the day, they should report to the office and use the school phone to contact the parent/guardian.

According to the Student Handbook, students may not be signed out of school after 2:00 pm unless a note is received in advance and the student brings it to the office in the morning.

PARKING ON CAMPUS REMINDERS

Students who park on campus must remember to abide by the following:

1. Park in your assigned lot.
2. Make sure the sticker is attached to the windshield in the proper location.
3. When driving a different car, to sign it in with the office to avoid a ticket.

Failure to follow these rules may result in a loss of driving privileges. You may also lose your privileges if you drive past a stopped school bus on Blue Devil Blvd. You must STOP when the lights are flashing and the stop sign is out.

DO YOU WANT TO PARK ON CAMPUS?

Parking permits are still available. Here are the requirements to purchasing a parking permit:

- You must be 16 years old and have your driver's license
- No fines or fees
- Complete the Prior Approval Form - found on the MHS Website, under INFO FOR STUDENTS

STUDENT DROP-OFF

Parents who drop off students in the morning must use the drop-off lines at the front of Main or Magnolia campuses. For student safety, students should not be dropped off on the street, student parking lots, or Blue Devil Blvd.

SHUTTLE BUS AND PARKING AT N.F. WOODS

During each class change, students are shuffled between the Magnolia Campus and N.F. Woods. Students are not permitted to use their own vehicles to transport themselves, or others, between campuses during the day. Only students that are scheduled for N.F. Woods for their first class and last class are permitted to park at N.F. Woods. These students must contact Ms. Scott for permission to park on the N.F. Woods campus.

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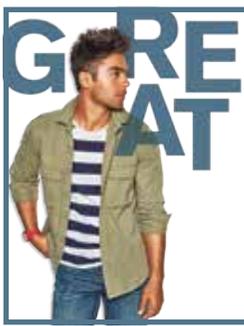
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LOSS OF PRIVILEGES PLAN

Participation in extracurricular activities, whether it be as a student-athlete, club member or spectator, is a valuable experience for any high school student. Extracurricular activities are a source of school pride, provide opportunities for students to engage in their passions, and challenge students in a variety of ways that are not always possible in the classroom. Extracurricular activities are also a privilege, and certain, but rare, circumstances merit the revocation of these privileges. This school year, Mooreville High School will implement the Loss of Privilege Plan (LoP Plan) to determine when, and for how long a privilege should be revoked. Additionally, this plan lays out the steps by which a student may appeal the revocation of his/her privileges.

There are two ways in which a student may lose his/her privileges, each with a defined period of time for the revocation of privileges:

1. Accruing 8 unexcused period tardies in a semester.
2. Assigned 5 or more Out-of-School Suspension days, cumulatively, over the course of a school year.

For further details on the LoP Plan and the appeal process, please click on the link located on the homepage of the MHS website.

CELL PHONE ENFORCEMENT PLAN

Mooreville High School embraces the benefits of technology in teaching and learning. Additionally, the district and school devotes significant resources to training teachers and students on the proper use of technology in the classroom to enhance instruction. However, the prevalent and disruptive use of cellphones by students during class has a negative impact on instruction as they become distracted by notifications, the use of social media, and the time teachers take to address inappropriate cell phone use.

Therefore, when a student chooses to use a cell phone during class without permission from the teacher as part of an educational activity, he/she will receive a printed notification that he/she was observed using a cell phone inappropriately. An office referral will be submitted by the teacher. An administrator, or designee, will confiscate the phone. The phone will be logged and locked up until a parent or guardian comes to school to pick it up from school during school office hours.

For more details on our Cell Phone Enforcement Plan, please click on the link located on the homepage of the MHS website.

CAP AND GOWN ORDERS

Attention Seniors! Have you ordered your Cap and Gown for Graduation? If not, time is running out. Place your order by going to www.southernrecognition.com. Graduates must wear a cap and gown in order to walk for graduation. Please see your school counselor if you are having a financial hardship

SCHOLARSHIPS FOR SENIORS

Seniors looking for scholarships should bookmark this website www.tinyurl.com/moscholarships. Local scholarships will be posted here. It is also recommended for all seniors to complete the Local Scholarship Form. Local businesses and organizations will utilize these forms to select scholarship recipients. You can find the form on the scholarship website.

MOORESVILLE HIGH SCHOOL COURSE REGISTRATION

Students will request courses for the 2020-2021 academic year beginning on March 2 and ending on March 31, 2020. Important scheduling decisions are made based off of these course requests, so students are asked to select courses and alternate courses thoughtfully. Schedule changes are not permitted once course requests have been finalized on March 31, and students are asked to honor their course requests for the entirety of the 2020-2021 academic year. For questions regarding course offerings, unique courses, and the registration process, please visit www.tinyurl.com/mhsclasschoice.

MATH TUTORING! (MATH I, MATH II, AND MATH III)

Did you know that MHS teachers offer after school tutoring for Math I, Math II, and Math III? In addition to the teacher, students from the Math Honor Society volunteer their time at these tutoring sessions as peer tutors. Please encourage your child to attend! Tutoring sessions are usually held on Monday, Tuesday, and Thursday after school. Please contact your child's teacher for more information.

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PTSO

All MHS parents are invited and encouraged to join our PTSO on the second Tuesday of each month at 6:00pm at the Magnolia Campus. If you have any questions, please email bluedevelopilpto@gmail.com.

The PTSO is also looking for your support through the "Fund a Student" drive. We are asking for a minimum, tax-deductible donation of \$5 per family. Checks can be made out to MHS PTSO and dropped off at the Main Office or donations can be paid online through the MHS website. Funds raised through the PTSO directly benefit our students and staff.

STAY INFORMED & ENGAGED WITH MHS!

If you're looking for the best way to stay informed and engaged with MHS, be sure to follow us on social media. We post information, pictures, and videos of student life on **Facebook** (www.facebook.com/MooresvilleSeniorHighSchool) and **Instagram** (@MooresvilleHighSchool).

2020-2021 SCHOOL CALENDAR & FINAL EXAM DATES

Please mark your calendars with the Final Exam testing window for the 2020-2021 school year to avoid trips and vacations. Students are required to take state exams and MHS has no flexibility in testing students outside of the scheduled window.

- Fall Final Exams: December 13-19, 2020
- Spring Final Exams: May 14-20, 2021

MGSD & MOORESVILLE PUBLIC LIBRARY PARTNERSHIP

Even if your family does not possess a public library card, all MGSD students (in grades K-12) have access to the Mooresville Public Library's resources online and at the library with the Mooresville All Access Card (MAaC), a free digital library card. The student's I.D. number is their digital MAaC card number which gives the student access to:

- The library's Digital Resources where students can download books, audio books, use resources to help with homework assignments, learn languages, and so much more!
- The privilege of checking out a maximum of 5 physical books with their MAaC card when they visit the library.
- Internet access and printing availability in the library.

Students can visit mooresvillelibrary.org to browse the online catalog and access the public library's print and digital resources. Students login to the online catalog using their Student I.D. #. Their PIN is the last four digits of their Student I.D. number. Ms. Brawley and Ms. Stutts in the Media Center are available to answer any questions and will continue to share this program with MHS students.



What is the Mooresville All Access Card (MAaC)?

MAaC is a free digital library card. It provides MGSD students (in grades K-12) free access to Mooresville Public Library's resources online and at the library.

The student's school I.D. number is his/her digital MAaC card number which gives the student access to:

- The library's Digital Resources where students can download books, audio books, use resources to help with homework assignments, learn languages, and so much more!
- Digital items are automatically returned on time and no fines are accrued.
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Mrs. Hauff's Art I classes participated in an Art Exchange project this semester with high school Art students in Holland. The second block Art I class chose famous American Artists and recreated one of their artworks or a similar artwork in the chosen artists' style. The fourth block Art I class chose a famous American Landmark to create. All images were created on A5 or A6 postcards and information about the artist or landmark was shared on the back. This was our first time doing an Art Exchange and it was a lot of fun! We plan to do it again in the future. We are excitedly awaiting our postcards from Holland which will teach us about famous Dutch artists and landmarks. When the postcards arrive, they will be on display in the Art hall. Come check them out! Images of Mrs. Hauff's students' postcards will be shared on Instagram and Mrs. Hauff's Art Room Facebook page soon.

NEWS FROM CAREER AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION

News from the Business Department: This past semester twenty-six Honors Excel students obtained their Microsoft Office Specialist Excel Certificate. In addition, eight students also certified in Microsoft Office Expert Excel, giving them Master Level Certifications. Twenty-four students obtained their Microsoft Office Specialist Word and Powerpoint certifications. Twelve students are preparing to attend the FBLA State Leadership Conference from March 25-27 in Greensboro, NC. Students will compete in Accounting, Banking & Financial Systems, Cyber Security, Digital Video Production, Emerging Business Issues, Intro to Business Presentation, Intro to Financial Math, Marketing, and Public Service Announcement.

News from Film and Media courses: This past semester, eighty-two certifications were obtained in the Visual Design course and the Video Production course in Adobe Photoshop, Illustrator, InDesign and Premiere. This upcoming semester, students will have more opportunities to earn certifications in Visual Design as well as in Final Cut Pro in Film Production 2. The Blue Devil Update class finished a great fall season of their show. We look forward to more shows next semester. Underclassmen interested in being a part of the Blue Devil Update should first take Video Production or Film Production.



News from Construction & Engineering courses: This past semester, thirty-three(33) Drafting 2 - Engineering(12) and Drafting 1(21) students earned industry-recognized Autodesk Certified User certifications. In Core & Sustainable Construction, forty-two(42) students earned industry-recognized National Center for Construction & Education Research (NCCER) Core Curriculum certifications. In addition, two(2) students earned Carpentry 1 certification, and nine(9) students earned Masonry 1 certification from the same (NCCER) organization. Students have begun preparing for SkillsUSA Regionals February 24 in Wilkesboro, and State Conference April 22-24 in Greensboro.

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PROM

The 2020 Junior/Senior prom will be held on Saturday, April 25, 2020 at the Charles Mack Citizen Center located at 215 N. Main Street Mooresville, NC 28115. The event will begin at 8:00pm and conclude at 12:00am.

Prom night is an extremely special night for many people. We want as many Juniors and Seniors at Mooresville High School to attend prom, however, attending prom is a privilege and the following requirements must be met in order to purchase a ticket:

1. You can not be on the Loss of Privileges list.
2. All fines and fees must be paid. Exceptions will be made however if payments are being sent towards your debt to Mooresville Graded School District. This includes cafeteria fines, library dues, technology fees or band/choir/athletics charges.
3. You can not have any pending criminal charges.

We want everyone to have an amazing time; therefore, the following expectations are made of anyone attending the event:

1. You must be a student classified as a Junior or a Senior in PowerSchool at Mooresville High School by the start of the 2nd semester.
 - OR Guests of a Mooresville High School Junior or Senior:
 - May be a Mooresville High School Sophomore or Freshman (10th or 9th grade)
 - May be a student at another High School (9th-12th grade) (a Guest form must be submitted no later than **April 1**, and approval must be received in order to purchase a ticket for this guest. The guest must bring a PHOTO ID to enter)
 - May have graduated high school but be UNDER the age of 21 (a Guest form must be submitted no later than **April 1**, and approval must be received in order to purchase a ticket for this guest. The guest must bring a PHOTO ID to enter)
2. You must have a ticket purchased in your name by **Thursday, April 9.**
3. Prom doors open at 8 pm, you must enter NO later than 10 pm.
4. Once you exit Prom, you will NOT be allowed to re-enter.

The administration reserves the right to approve any student attending the Prom based on individual attendance and/or discipline circumstances. Mooresville High School reserves the right to deny any Guest request.

Purchasing Prom Tickets

- The cost of each prom ticket will be \$50. Payments may be in Cash or a Check made out to Mooresville High School
- Tickets will go on sale on Monday, March 30 and tickets sales will conclude Thursday, April 9. Tickets can only be purchased during this time period. Tickets can be purchased **during lunch, before or after school**. No tickets will be sold during instructional time. A specific schedule will be published closer to the sales dates.
- Guest forms must be approved by MHS Administration before a guest ticket can be purchased. Guest Forms are available online or in the Office.
- You and your date's MHS school ID number will be needed to purchase a ticket.
- No refunds will be given after purchase.
- SWITCHING DATES is not allowed after tickets have been purchased.

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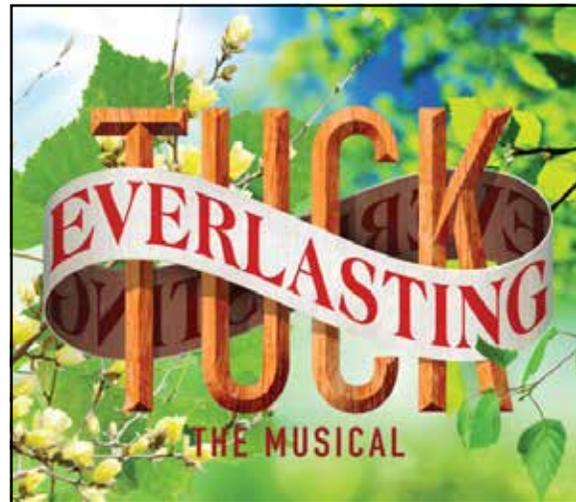
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To Addressee or Current Resident

UPCOMING DATES

- Feb. 3-7: School Counselor Appreciation Week
 - Feb. 6: Progress Report Distribution
 - Feb. 11: Spring Sports Concussion/Eligibility Meeting - 6pm - MPAC
 - Feb. 12-13: VOICES - MHS Theatre Performance - 7:00pm, MPAC
 - Feb. 17: No School - Teacher Workday
 - Feb. 25: ACT Test - All Juniors (Seniors will not be marked absent)
 - Feb. 27-29: Spring Musical - **TUCK EVERLASTING** -7pm - MPAC
 - March 1: Spring Musical - **TUCK EVERLASTING** -2pm - MPAC
 - March 2-31: Course selection for the 2020-2021 school year is open
 - March 4: Mid-Term Exams (English and Social Studies)
School Improvement Team Meeting - 3pm, Media Center
 - March 5: Mid-Term Exams (Math, Science, and World Language)
Rising 9th Grade Info Night in the MPAC - 6:30pm-7:30pm
Elective Showcase - 7pm-8pm Main Gym
 - March 6: End of 3rd Quarter
 - March 9-13: Spring Break
 - March 16: MHS Chick-fil-A Night - 5:00-8:00pm
 - March 19: MPA Review Band Concert - 7:00pm-9:00pm - MPAC
 - March 24: Career Bridge - 6:00pm - 8:00pm - Charles Mack Citizen Center
 - March 25: NJROTC Blood Drive - Magnolia Gym
 - April 3: School Improvement Team Meeting - 3pm, Media Center
 - April 9: Spring Theatre Variety Show 7pm - MPAC
 - April 10: No School - Teacher Workday
 - April 13: No School - Holiday
 - April 15: Southern Recognition - Cap and Gown Distribution (A-M)
 - April 16: Southern Recognition - Cap and Gown Distribution (N-Z)
Progress Report Distribution
 - April 16-17: Theatre-Honors Class Performance 7pm - MPAC
 - April 20-24: School Library Appreciation Week
 - April 22: Administrative Professionals' Day
 - April 24: Cap and Gown Pictures (Individual and Group)
 - April 25: MHS Junior/Senior Prom
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