August 2023

Dear MHS Junior and Family,

Welcome to another year at Mendon High School! While your junior year may be challenging, it is important to remember that the Mendon staff is here to support you. Reach out to any staff member you feel connected to whenever you need help. As Juniors, you may be able to experience several new privileges that we outline below. With these new privileges comes additional responsibilities and we expect you to continue being your best selves and the rich legacy of the students before you.

Please be sure to review all the information below. You can also find some of this information on our website in the Back to School section.

All Students Must Submit the Census Verification Form Annually:
It is imperative that you update all the information we maintain in our database on your Census Verification Form, as this information may be used in case of any student emergency. This form will be mailed home to you. If there are changes, you must return it to school, or we will assume the information in our system is up to date.

Juniors Who Will Be Driving To School:
Students who want the privilege to drive to school must return the Student Driver Form including current vehicle information and with parent/guardian and student signatures at the bottom of the form. Once we have this information, you will be issued a parking sticker, which must be displayed prominently on your car at all times. Enforcement will begin at the start of the second week of school.

• Special Note: Students who have not submitted their vehicle information, and/or do not have a parking sticker, may not park on campus or at Thornell Farm Park. (Please note that the Town of Pittsford has provided us with authority regarding all student activity on Thornell Farm Park grounds during school days.)

Lunch Dismissal Privilege:
Students who wish to obtain permission to leave campus during their lunch period must attend one of the two “MHS Lunch Dismissal” programs listed on the district calendar. The first two meetings will be held on August 30th at 6:00 p.m. and on September 6th at 7:00 p.m. in the Mendon High Auditorium. As per the Board of Education Policy, a parent or legal guardian must accompany each student to the meeting. Makeup meetings will be scheduled, no sooner than October 1st, based on student need. You should attend one of these meetings even if permission is withheld until a later time during the year or your child does not currently hold but may obtain a valid NYS license; a parent/guardian may choose to place a hold on permission at any time.

• Special Note: No Juniors will be allowed to leave campus for lunch until new I.D. cards are issued. We will work to get the I.D. cards to you as soon as possible, but we expect your cooperation in remaining on campus for lunch until that occurs.
Late Arrival/Early Dismissal Privilege:
Juniors who are not scheduled for a class 1st period or 1st and 2nd period and wish to arrive late must complete a Late Arrival Form. Students who are not scheduled for a class 9th period or 8th and 9th periods and wish to leave early must complete the Early Dismissal Forms. These forms may be found in the main office and online in the Back to School section on the Mendon homepage. Completed forms, including parent/guardian signature, should be returned to the Main Office. These forms must be completed each year for permission to be awarded. Students leaving campus without permission may be subject to disciplinary consequences.

Morning Arrival Procedures:
School doors open at 7:00 a.m. on school days. To ensure proper supervision, no student will be able to enter the school until 7:00 a.m. Students who arrive on campus after 7:40 a.m. during the school day will only be able to enter the school through the center front door at the Main Office. Students should never knock on any door or window to signal to be let into the school at any time.

First Day of School Procedure:
On the first day of school, you should report directly to your 1st period class. You will be able to access your schedule through your Infinite Campus Portal.

Student I.D. Cards/ School Pictures:
School pictures are scheduled for September 11th and 12th during PE Classes. All students will be provided with an order form to bring home for the purpose of purchasing school pictures. Even if you are not ordering any pictures, you need to have your picture taken. You must also submit your completed Academic Honesty Agreement to be issued your Student I.D. Card. After it is issued, students are to always carry their Student I. D. Card while at school. While we wait for new I.D. cards, you can use your old I.D. from last year. I.D. cards will be prepared as soon as the school receives your picture from the company hired by the school to take school photographs.

Cell Phone Use:
As our students have their district provided laptops, student cell phones should be off and away during instructional periods unless otherwise directed by the teacher. Vikings can use their cell phone during lunch, in study halls, and between periods. If a student violates this rule, they will face disciplinary consequences. We appreciate our families’ ongoing support with this.

Other Important Family and Student Resources:
Visit the MHS website and check the Parent and Student Resources links for important information, especially the MHS Family/Student Handbook. As you review the Family/Student Handbook, we ask that you give special attention to the sections on attendance procedures, school conduct and discipline, purchasing lunch, internet access, Academic Honesty, electronics and cell phone use, and AP Exam expectations.

Save the Dates:

• MHS Open House is scheduled for Thursday, September 21st with more information forthcoming.
• Our first MHS PTSA Meeting for the year is scheduled for Thursday, September 14th at 9:00am.

If at any point you have questions, please reach out to any of the faculty and staff members who are here to help you be your best and do your best. We are all looking forward to starting a new year with you!

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