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Parent Link

Dear Monroe High School Community:

After spring break, we have many challenges from students anticipating summer vacation, spring sport schedules, student activities and nice weather! To help keep student achievement gains on track in this time period, Finish Strong is a plan to help you, students, and administration work together so student achievement continues to improve in the midst of spring fever!

I have some suggestions for parents as we all work toward increased student achievement and a strong finish.

Please remember **attendance matters**. If your child says they really do not have to go to school today, please remember, we are doing our best to make everyday matter with full lesson plans. If you have any questions or concerns regarding this, please contact the teacher directly or administration if policy related.

Parents of Seniors: Attendance impacts final transcripts. Employers, the military and colleges make many of their decisions and scholarship awards based on final transcripts. Student transcripts will be a part of each student's permanent record and are required to be sent to the colleges students plan to attend as the final step in the admissions process, even if they have already been accepted. Please end well! They judge more heavily as to how students end than how they began their high school career.

Perseverance: We have all learned that the final days of the school year or steps in any endeavor can be the hardest. Keep encouraging your child, especially when they do not think they can do it! This is the point they learn perseverance. There is no short cut to vision, action and reaching the finish line. There is no short cut to greatness!

Go Trojans!
Sandy Kreps

**VISION WITHOUT
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MERELY A
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JOEL A. BARKER

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HANG ON YOUR FRIDGE ** WE HOPE TO SEE YOU THERE!!

MHS Fall Kickoff

(Open House)

Tuesday, August 28th, 2018, 5:00 to 7:30 pm

The whole family is invited. Students will enter their Trojan Pride tickets for drawings. Tickets will be given at registration days as well as during Fall Kickoff. There will be drawings for yearbooks, homecoming dance tickets, family season athletic passes, T1-84 calculators, gift certificates for school supplies and more. You must be present at Fall Kickoff to win! There will be a barbeque, and opportunities to meet teachers, visit classrooms, meet with clubs, hear the MHS Drum Line @, and much more.

- Teachers: Travel room to room to meet your teachers who will give you a Trojan Pride ticket for the drawings!
- Student Service and Career and Technical Education Tables:
 - College Board: 9th, 10th and 11th graders will take the PSAT
 - General scheduling questions
 - Advanced Placement, Early College, Dual Enrollment and Direct College options
 - 504 and IEP questions
 - Career and College Ready course selections
 - Social/Emotional Services
- Clubs, Athletics, Lotus Leaf, Highlighter, and Music and Drama tables
- Parent Leadership Team Friendly Ford Challenge in the MHS parking lot – For each person that test drives a car, they earn \$35 for the MHS Renaissance Program that provides incentives and scholarships for our students

7:00 pm – MHS Auditorium: Principal Sandy Kreps

- Families new or returning to MHS:
 - Making MHS What You Would Like It To Be!
 - How to Have a Great Year
 - Leveraging MHS-Student-Parent Partnerships

7:30 pm Trojan Pride Ticket Drawings – Auditorium - **Must be present to win.**

Pep Club and Homecoming shirt orders taken. Lower cost when ordered at the Fall Kickoff and drawings for free shirts!

MHS Events Calendar

June

- 6/1 MHS Graduation @ 6:30 PM
- 6/8 OCHS Graduation @ 7:00 PM
- 6/13 Last Half Day of School for Students - 10:30 AM Dismissal
- 6/13 End of Third Trimester (66 student days)
- 6/18 – 6/22 Testing Out Exams Given
- 6/21 – 6/23 M.A.R.C. Robotics Competition

August

- 8/21 Senior Registration from 8:00—12:00 PM
- 8/21 Junior Registration from 1:00—3:00 PM
- 8/22 Junior & Sophomore Registration from 8:00 AM—12:00 PM
- 8/22 Sophomore Registration from 1:00—3:00 PM
- 8/23 Freshman Registration from 8:00 AM—12:00 PM
- 8/28 MHS Fall Kick-Off / Open House—5:00—7:30 PM

September

- 9/5 First Day of School

WHAT IS THE 8 HOUR BLOCK SCHEDULE? WHAT IS THE ACHIEVE HOUR WITHIN THE BLOCK SCHEDULE?

8 HOUR BLOCK SCHEDULE

	PERIOD	
A Day	1/5	B Day
A Day	2/6	B Day
A Day	Achieve	B Day
A Day	3/7	B Day
A Day	4/8	B Day

MHS will be going to semesters in 2018-19. This decision was made after a 2-year review of which schedule would best fit the academic needs of our students, and maximize the opportunity for course selection of our rich elective curriculum while providing additional opportunities that do not fit into the traditional semester or trimester schedule.

Additional advantages:

- Semesters - Students have their core classes all year which helps lessen learning gaps**
- 8 course selections a semester allows selection of electives with fewer conflicts**
- Achieve Hour: provides academic support, enrichment for career and college readiness, clubs and organizations, and exploration of new interests!**
- Students can manage the homework schedule with only 4 classes a day**
- Students are able to get academic support with a day between classes**
- Prepares students for a college schedule**

EXPLORATORY FLEX HOURS

Student Interests for the Exploratory Flex Hours: We collected exploratory suggestions from students during TFT. We put the list out to the staff for volunteers to select as many of the suggestions as possible. So far, we have staff who have said they would offer the following from the student's suggestions and the list is growing daily!

- ◆ Creative Writing
- ◆ 11th Grade Book Club
- ◆ Sustained Silent Reading
- ◆ Drama Scenes
- ◆ Drama Club
- ◆ Poetry Study
- ◆ Color Book/Coloring
- ◆ Ways to De-stress
- ◆ Board Games
- ◆ Trivia
- ◆ PPI
- ◆ SAT Prep - Math
- ◆ Art - Studio Time
- ◆ Art Club
- ◆ Trivia
- ◆ Crocheting & Knitting
- ◆ Arts and Crafts Exploratory
- ◆ Strength Training
- ◆ HOSA – Future Health Professionals
- ◆ BPA – Business Professionals of America



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Through Education**

*Living A Dream,
Building A Future*

Achieve Hour

It is a 43 minute class hour, each day, after 2nd hour on A day and after 6th hour on B Day. It is considered a “Flex Hour” because it will be used for opportunities that a traditional schedule limits, and it is also based on student choice. These opportunities ranges from club involvement, tutoring, extra help with classes, exploring topics that go beyond the curriculum, and for some, time to get their homework done! TFT will also be scheduled for 3 of the 10 days. It is predicted, that for many of you, it will be your favorite part of the day.

Achieve Time – 10 Day Rotation

Days 1, 2 and 6 will be TFT. Freshman will also report to TFT on Day 7.

Achieve Time options within the Achieve Hour: Students will select **Direct, Indirect, Enrichment or Exploratory** options for the days that say Achieve Time. These are Day 3, 4, 5, 7, 8, 9, and 10.

- ✦ **Direct Study:** A flex hour(s) with a current teacher that allows:
 - ✦ Time to do your homework with a teacher you have selected,
 - ✦ Time for extra instruction or tutoring
 - ✦ An opportunity to make up tests or assignments.
 - ✦ Peer tutoring
 - ✦ Any or all of the above
 - ✦ **Indirect Study:** A flex hour(s) with a former teacher, AIM mentor, Coach, Club Advisory or another staff member you work with. Peer tutoring also works well in these sessions.
- ✦ **Enrichment:** A flex hour in a subject you want to learn more than what the class time allows.
- ✦ **Exploratory:** A flex hour offered in an area of interest that is not already offered in the school day.

1	A	TFT - Positive Behavior and Career and College Ready Activities and Progress Monitoring
2	B	TFT – Sustained Silent Reading
3	A	Achieve Time –
4	B	Achieve Time –
5	A	Achieve Time –
6	B	TFT – Student Progress Monitoring
7	A	Achieve Time
8	B	Achieve Time –
9	A	Achieve Time –
10	B	Achieve Time –

SUPPORT STAFF CONTACT INFORMATION

Grade	Alphabet	Title	Staff	Schedule	Phone
9 th – 12 th	A - G	Guidance Counselor/Coordinator	Scott Hochradel	M-F: 7:00-2:15	265-3435
9 th – 12 th	H – O	Guidance Counselor/Coordinator	LiKina Turner	M-F: 7:00-2:15	265-3434
9 th – 12 th	P – Z	Guidance Counselor/Coordinator	Lisa Warnke	M-F: 7:00-2:15	265-3439

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9 th – 12 th	A - G	Student Services Provider	Ellen Ivey	M-F: 8:00-1:30	265-3437
9 th – 12 th	H – O	Student Services Provider	Jamila Clark	M-F: 8:30-2:00	265-3436
9 th – 12 th	P – Z	Student Services Provider	Brenda Woolard	M-F: 7:30-1:00	265-3438

Grade	Title	Staff	Schedule	Phone
9 th -10 th	Positive Climate Liaison	Darin Hoskins	M-F: 8:45-2:15	265-3505
11 th -12 th	Positive Climate Liaison	Estelle Medina	M-F: 8:45-2:15	265-3539

Grade	Title	Staff	Schedule	Phone
9 th -10 th	Post-Secondary Planner	Manuel Hoskins	M-F: 8:45-2:15	265-3517
11 th -12 th	Post-Secondary Planner	Shawna Mann	M-F: 7:30-1:00	265-3518
	EDP Facilitator	Jaelyn Wenneman	M-F: 8:00-2:30	265-3519

Grade	Title	Staff	Schedule	Phone
12 th	Senior Advisor (MCAN Grant)	Cierra Toliver	M-F: 7:15-2:15	265-3516

Guidance Counselors/Counselor: Typically meet with students about schedule changes, classes, college information, credits, graduation plans, and Educational Development Plans (EDP).

School Service Provider: Assist students with social/emotional issues, mean behavior and bullying.

Climate Liaison: Assist students and parents with attendance.

Post-Secondary Planner and Senior Advisor: Assist students and parents with preparing for work, college and military options after high school.

EDP Facilitator: Assist students and parents with EDP information.