

MMHS NEWSLETTER

MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Families,

As we enter the month of November, I'd like to take a moment to reflect on the season of gratitude. This time of year reminds us all to pause and appreciate the many things we often take for granted—our health, our families, and the support of our school community. I am grateful every day for the incredible students, dedicated staff, and supportive families that make our school a wonderful place to learn and grow.

I'd like to highlight some key updates and important reminders for the month ahead. Please note that **Sunday, November 3** is Daylight Savings—remember to set your clocks back one hour! Our second marking period begins on **Monday, November 4**, so let's start this next chapter with a strong focus on academic growth.

Also, on **Monday, November 4**, we are excited to host a special event for our school and community. At 6:30 p.m. in the MMHS Auditorium, MAPS will welcome a keynote speaker for a presentation titled "The Power of Showing Up: Unlocking Student Potential Through the Power of Presence." Students will also hear from the speaker during the school day. This is a wonderful opportunity for us all to reflect on the importance of being present and engaged in the lives of our students.

Looking ahead, **Wednesday, November 27** is a half day for students and staff. School will be closed on **November 28-29** for the Thanksgiving holiday. As always, I appreciate your ongoing support. I wish everyone a safe and restful holiday break, and I look forward to continuing to work together to support our students' success.

Warm regards,
Morgan Nowicki
MMHS Principal



COUNSELOR'S CORNER

- FAFSA applications open December 1, 2024. In order to prepare, you can create your user ID and password by going to <https://studentaid.gov/>
- AP exam registration deadline is November 8, 2024
- Fall Testing is complete
- Dual enrollment for Semester 2 has opened

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MMHS STAFF HIGHLIGHT

Joseph Hedges shared insights from his 20+ year teaching journey, noting that his passion for education began long before high school, inspired by exceptional social studies teachers.

While he teaches various subjects, his favorite is Extreme Fitness, where he thrives on witnessing the hard work and dedication of his athletes as they develop their skills. Joe finds joy in seeing students have fun in school and pursue their dreams—a rewarding experience that never gets old.

Outside the classroom, he loves spending time at the beach with his wife and dogs, as well as hunting, fishing, and playing basketball. He also shared a lighthearted memory of his first dog, Darth Vader, and a humorous moment when he performed the Truffle Shuffle in front of the Goonies house in Astoria, Oregon, much to his wife's chagrin.



Teaches: 8th History, 9th U.S. History, and Extreme Fitness

Coaches: Middle School Football and 8th Basketball