

January 2025

MMHS NEWSLETTER



Dear MMHS Families,

Happy New Year! I hope you all had a restful and joyful holiday season surrounded by loved ones. As we step into the second half of the school year, January provides us with a fresh start and an opportunity to set new goals, both individually and as a school community.

With the beginning of a new calendar year, we focus on finishing our first semester strong and preparing for the challenges and opportunities of the months ahead. Whether it's academic growth, extracurricular involvement, or personal development, I encourage all of our students to reflect on their achievements so far and set intentions for continued success.

Please mark your calendars for the upcoming high school exams on January 16th and 17th.

Additionally, note that there will be no school on Monday, January 20th.

Here's to a successful and rewarding new year!

Morgan Nowicki
MMHS Principal



After School Tutoring

Monday through Thursday

Tutoring is offered from 2:45 to 3:45 in the library. Students should arrive no later than 3:00. Students may receive help with English, Social Studies, Math and Science. In addition, they may make up classwork, organize/write papers, or complete notes.

Teachers in the Tutoring Center

Ms. Cindy Erdman

Ms. Brooke Koller

Ms. Amber Poortvliet

Ms. Amy Watkins

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COUNSELOR'S CORNER

FAFSA

Completion Night
January 21, 2025
3:30-6:30
MMHS Commons



Register Here
(Scan)




Questions? Email Ms. Hammer
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ATTENDANCE

Punctuality Matters

IN ONE SCHOOL YEAR

5 MINUTES
Late Each Day
= 3 Days
Off In Total



FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid) is a form used to apply for financial aid for college, including grants, loans, and work-study programs.

Staff Highlight



In this interview, we get to know Mitchel Mast, a passionate Science teacher who has been inspiring students for over a decade. When asked what first got him into teaching, Mitchel credits his high school Science teacher, Mrs. Wink from Ludington. "She had this incredible ability to connect with students and make learning feel personal," Mitchel recalls. "Her style of problem-based learning really stuck with me, and she encouraged me to pursue teaching. She made science come alive, and I wanted to do the same for my students."

Mitchel's favorite subject to teach is Chemistry, a subject he finds endlessly fascinating. "I'm fascinated by the world of atomic particles—the fact that everything we see and touch is made up of these tiny building blocks. It's truly amazing to think about how these particles come together to form every substance known to humankind. I love sharing that awe with my students!" Even after 12 years in the classroom, Mitchel's enthusiasm for Chemistry continues to shine through in every lesson.

When it comes to what he loves most about teaching, it's the connections he forms with his students. "I enjoy making lessons fun and approachable, often through a little bit of goofiness and humor. A good dad joke or two is a must in my classroom!" he says with a smile. For Mitchel, the heart of teaching is about creating a welcoming environment where students feel comfortable, supported, and excited to learn.

Outside of the classroom, Mitchel has a wide range of hobbies. "I'm pretty outdoorsy—hunting, fishing, and boating are some of my favorite pastimes," he shares. He also enjoys video games and has recently been introducing his little one to the joys of the outdoors. "It's fun to pass along those hobbies to the next generation," he reflects. Alongside these hobbies, Mitchel is also quite proud of a personal achievement: "I hold a Master Angler Certificate for a catch I made in the U.P. of a Splake, which is something I'm really proud of."

And for something a little unexpected, Mitchel reveals an interesting fact that might surprise some of his students: "At one point, I held the rank of 98 in the world in a game called World of Warcraft. It was a big achievement at the time and a testament to my dedication in the gaming world." This fun fact highlights Mitchel's competitive side, along with his passion and commitment to his interests—whether in the classroom or in the gaming world.