

# MMHS NEWSLETTER



March 2025

Dear Families,

As we enter March, we find ourselves in a busy and exciting time of the school year. With the third marking period well underway, I encourage all students to stay committed to their academic goals and make use of the support available to them. As we approach the end of the semester, staying engaged in class, keeping up with assignments, and seeking help when needed will be key to success.

March also brings a variety of events, including spring sports, theater and musical performances, and academic competitions. I want to commend our students for their hard work and dedication in these areas. Your involvement in extracurricular activities not only enriches your school experience but also strengthens our school community.

Additionally, seniors, please continue to monitor your attendance and academic progress to ensure eligibility for commencement. Graduation will be here before we know it, and we want every one of you to be part of this milestone celebration. If you have any concerns, please reach out to Mrs. Hammer or Mrs. Nowicki for support.

Thank you to our students, staff, and families for your continued commitment to making our school a great place to learn and grow. Let's keep up the momentum and make the most of the coming months!

Morgan Nowicki  
MMHS Principal

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## COUNSELOR CORNER



Chelsea Hammer  
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- There will be a practice SAT test offered for 11th grade in March.
- Dual Enrollment information for next year will be shared this month.
- Spring PSAT/SAT is scheduled for April 9, 2025.
- Spring ACT Workkeys for 11th grade is on April 10, 2025.

\* Registration for fall and summer courses at WSCC will open on April 14, 2025.

[Sport Schedules](#)  
[District Calendar](#)  
[Student Handbook](#)

## MMHS Average Daily Attendance Year to Date 88.3%

- Monitor your child's academic progress and seek help from teachers as necessary. Just as a reminder, MMHS offers after-school tutoring M-F (2:45-3:45) in the library. Transportation is not provided.
- Encourage your child to join meaningful after-school activities, including sports and clubs.

**If your student is tardy or absent, make sure to call the main office at MMHS (231-723-2547).**

[Click here for more attendance facts!](#)

## ATTENDANCE SUPPORT

Andy emphasizes that his role is not about traditional truancy enforcement but about removing barriers that prevent students from attending and succeeding in school.

He is committed to ensuring that families feel comfortable reaching out for support, whether it's related to attendance, problem solving, accessing resources or obtaining essential supplies. If he doesn't have an immediate solution, he will work diligently to find one.

Please feel free to reach out by call or text, anytime, at (231) 794-1649



**Mr. Huber**  
Home to School Liaison  
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## OUR CUSTODIAL & MAINTENANCE STAFF

Our custodial and maintenance team plays a crucial role in keeping our school environment safe, clean, and well-maintained. They ensure the effective use of cleaning agents and follow proper procedures to minimize the spread of germs, viruses, and bloodborne pathogens, contributing to the overall health and safety of the school community. Special care is taken in areas where food is consumed, using the appropriate cleaners, and when dealing with bodily fluids, ensuring proper disinfectant use. They also work diligently to keep walkways clear of slipping and tripping hazards, and make sure entryways and walkways are shoveled and salted during the winter months to prevent accidents.

The team ensures proper air handler maintenance to guarantee clean, tempered air throughout the building. They were also responsible for installing the AI camera system at MMHS and Kennedy, enhancing safety and security. The team is entrusted with maintaining proper chemical balance for the pool and spa, as well as managing all fire systems, including fire extinguishers, alarms, and fire system equipment, ensuring the school is fully equipped to handle any emergency.

In addition, they manage the maintenance of all school vehicles, ensuring they are in top condition, and take care of both exterior and interior doors across the campus. They also ensure that sanitizers, soaps, and paper towels are readily accessible for staff and students. With a wide range of equipment, the team is equipped to clean and maintain the school effectively, and their hard work and dedication contribute to creating a safe and welcoming environment for everyone.

### MMHS

Jeff Bowerman  
James Kropacek  
Steve Sciba  
Sarah Picklesimer

**Facilities Director**  
Josh Schubert

**Kennedy**  
Johnny Skocelas  
Don Froncek

**Jefferson**  
Mike Vandyke  
Bill Cole  
Sue Steinberg

**Maintenance and  
Buildings/Grounds**  
Don Olk  
Dave Rutowski  
Nathan Cole

**Custodial Sub**  
Gary Sielski  
Dave Vincent

**Pool**  
Larry Froncek