



MIDDLE + HIGH SCHOOL

MONTHLY



MISSION

Mariners lead the way by providing an inclusive, high-quality, diverse educational environment that inspires and fulfills the goals of all learners at every stage of their journey.

August Office Hours

Monday-Thursday 8:00-1:00,
Friday - Closed
* August 26 - Closed

2026-2027 Office Hours

Monday 8:30-4:00
Tuesday-Thursday 7:30-4:00
Friday 7:30 - 3:15

[26/27 District Calendar](#)

[MAPS Website](#)

MMHS CONTACTS

Main Office: 231-723-2547

Athletics: 231-723-1522

Guidance: 231-723-2547

After Hours Attendance Line:
231-398-3625

Morgan Nowicki, Principal
Mitch Mast, Assistant Principal
Bridget Warnke, Assistant
Principal/Athletic Director
Kendra Mikolajczak, Athletic
Secretary

Karen Beldo, Secretary
Tara Lange, Guidance Secretary
Chelsea Hammer, Counselor



MONTHLY WORD

from Principal Nowicki



Welcome Back!

Dear MMHS Students and Families,

Welcome to the 2026-2027 school year! On behalf of the entire staff at Manistee Middle High School, I'm excited to welcome back our returning students and families and to welcome those who are joining the Mariner community for the first time.

Our staff has been busy getting ready for the start of school, and we're looking forward to having students back in the building. At MMHS, we want our students to have a great experience both in and out of the classroom. Of course, we want them to work hard, learn, and be successful academically, but we also want MMHS to be a place where students and families feel like they belong and are an important part of our school community.

One of the best ways for students to feel connected is to get involved. We encourage our students to take the plunge and try something new. Join a student committee or club, go out for an athletic team, participate in an extracurricular activity, attend school events, or find another way to be involved at MMHS. You don't have to do everything, but we hope every student finds something that helps them connect with others and makes their time at MMHS even more meaningful.

We also know how important our families are to the success of our students and our school. We encourage parents and guardians to stay connected, reach out when you have questions, and join us for school activities and events throughout the year. We'll continue to keep families informed through newsletters, emails, social media, and our district website.

I'm looking forward to another great year and all of the opportunities ahead for our students, staff, and families. Welcome back, Mariners! Let's make 2026-2027 a great year!

Warm regards,

Morgan Nowicki
MMHS Principal



**FIRST DAY
OF SCHOOL**
Monday,
August 31st



**Login to
Powerschool**

ONLINE ENROLLMENT

All of our enrollment and re-enrollment **forms are to be completed online.**

Please log into your PowerSchool account **prior to orientation** to update all student forms and device agreements for the 2026-27 school year.

THE DISTRICT CODE FOR POWERSCHOOL IS: RHZF

IMPORTANT DATES!

- **Dual Enrollment Students** - First Day August 24
You must login and begin class before Sept. 3 or WSCC will drop you from the course. Last day for a drop is Sept. 4
- **Middle & High School Orientation Dates** (grades 6-12)
School photos, schedule, & device pick-up:
 - Monday, August 24 (1:00-6:00)
 - Tuesday, August 25 (9:00-1:00 & 2:00-4:00)
- **MS Open House** (grades 6-8)
Tuesday, August 25 (4:00-6:00)
6:00 PM Auditorium:
Information for incoming 6th Grade families
- For any student taking a **MI Virtual course**, the first day of class is Friday, August 28, 2026. Students who have not previously enrolled in MI Virtual will receive their username and password via their school email.
- The first day of classes for (**STC, formerly CTE**) students is Wednesday, September 9, 2026. Students enrolled at STC do not need to report to Manistee High School during their AM or PM STC session until September 9. This will not affect a student's eligibility to participate in athletics or extracurricular activities.

All online forms must be submitted prior to August orientation dates. Forms can be found online or in the school office.

Can't attend orientation?

You can pick up your schedule and iPad Wednesday, August 26th. Pickup hours are strictly 8:00 AM to 1:00 PM

For schedule changes or questions, contact:

- Chelsea Hammer - chammer@manistee.org
- Tara Lange - tlange@manistee.org

SCHOOL DAY SCHEDULE

Day	Building Open	First Hour	Dismissal
Monday	8:35 am	8:55 am	2:40 pm
Tuesday - Friday	7:35 am	7:55 am	2:40 pm



Need Transportation?

This year we are using the EZArrival app for bus transportation. Please register **before August 26** if you wish for your child to ride a bus this coming school year.

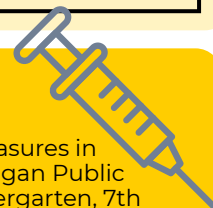
Questions? Bus Garage: 231-723-4821

Bus Registration - website

Apple Download

Google Download

Immunizations



Immunizations are one of the most effective measures in protecting children from harmful diseases. Michigan Public Health Code requires any student entering Kindergarten, 7th grade or a new school district in MI to have an up-to-date immunization history or a valid waiver on file.

If you fall into any of these categories and your child is not up-to-date you will be receiving a letter before school starts indicating what immunizations your student needs and where to get them, or a waiver.

Questions can be addressed at District Health Department #10, 231-723-3595 and under Programs & Services - Immunizations on their website www.dhhd10.org. More information can also be found at <http://www.aimtoolkit.org>.



Nutrition Services

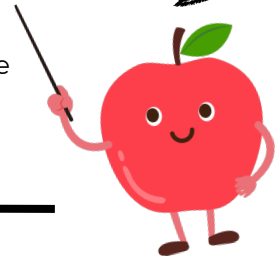
Free Breakfast and Lunch will be provided for free to all students for the 26/27 school year.

Please use the **Meal Magic Family Portal**, to complete the **education benefits form** by clicking the Apply for Benefits tab. It is important to fill out this form, as MAPS uses this information to determine other student benefits, such as device insurance eligibility. Completing this also allows you to access your student's account for payments via the 'My Account' tab.

Nutrition Services is looking for students, parents and community members to start two committees/clubs and a continuing committee - Gardening/Sustainability, Menu Development and Local Wellness Policy. Contact our Nutrition Services Director, Haleigh Savage (hsavage@manistee.org) if interested. Additionally, please contact the nutrition services department if you have any questions.

Meal Magic Portal

Hey students and parents interested in wellness!



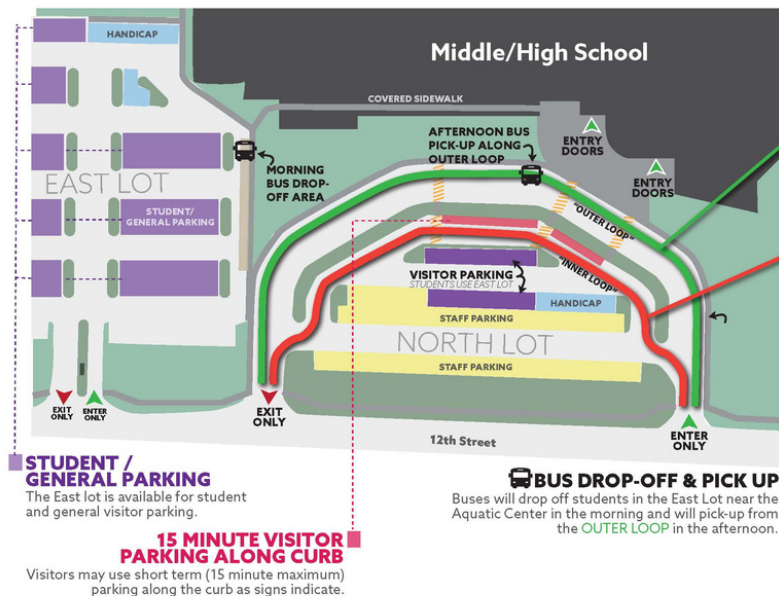
MMHS PICK-UP/DROP-OFF

STUDENT DROP-OFF is permitted along the **outer loop** (closest to the entry doors) from the beginning and throughout the school day up until 30 minutes prior to dismissal.

STUDENT PICK-UP is permitted along the **inner loop**. Vehicles may line up along the curb. Please keep the entry intersection clear for buses. Please note: this area is also still used for 15 minute visitor parking outside of student pick-up times.



Manistee Area Public Schools
Middle/High School
525 Twelfth Street | Manistee, MI 49660



CLOSED CAMPUS

MMHS is a closed campus, students may not leave the building without permission. Prior to leaving the building all students **MUST SIGN OUT IN THE OFFICE**. Students will receive an unexcused absence if they do not follow this procedure. Students may not wait outside, they need to remain in the office for pickup.

Early dismissal requests must be called in before 1:30pm to MMHS Main Office: 231-723-2547



WORK STUDY STUDENTS

Please attend orientation to complete your work study application to bring to school on the first day. You will stay at school to complete the safety training modules, verify paperwork, and create your training plan. Once all of this is complete, you can go to your designated work site.



ATTEND TODAY, ACHIEVE TOMORROW

How Attendance in 6–12 Grade Impacts Student Success



ATTENDANCE MATTERS



7 OUT OF 10

students with good attendance (90% or higher) earn better grades and are more likely to succeed.

Source: Attendance Works

ABSENCES ADD UP

Missing just **2** days a month adds up to:



20
DAYS MISSED
in a school year

That's nearly 4 weeks of instruction lost—and harder to catch up.

Source: Attendance Works

GOOD ATTENDANCE = BETTER OUTCOMES

Students with 90% or higher attendance are more likely to:



2.5x

more likely to earn high grades (A's and B's)



2x

more likely to graduate on time



1.5x

more likely to be on track for college and career readiness



less likely

to disengage from school or drop out

Source: Attendance Works, U.S. Department of Education



BE PRESENT. BE PREPARED. BE SUCCESSFUL.

Every day in school is a chance to learn, grow, and build a better future. Let's show up for success—together!



Be here. Every day counts.



Stay engaged. It leads to opportunity.



Your future starts with attendance.



ATTENDANCE TODAY. SUCCESS TOMORROW.

YOU BELONG. YOU MATTER. BE HERE.

Success Starts With Showing Up!

Being present is one of the strongest predictors of student success. More importantly, when students are here, they build relationships, participate in learning, and their connection to the school community.

GET TO KNOW



OUR STAFF



Please join us in welcoming our new staff members for 2026/27!

- Brendan McComb
- Kieran O'Connor
- Jason Vanderwall
- Dan Dilworth
- Stephanie McCoy

[Staff Presentation](#)

Make it a great school year... Get Involved at MMHS



- ☒ Join a sport
- ☒ Attend an athletic event
- ☒ Join HS fall theater production
- ☒ Join a club
- ☒ Attend Homecoming activities
- ☒ Volunteer
- ☒ Try something new!

What We Hope EVERY STUDENT FEELS

At MMHS, we want every student to know:



I **belong** here.



I have adults who **care** about me.



My **voice** matters.



Mistakes are part of **learning**.



I can **improve** through effort and perseverance.



My future is full of **possibilities**.



You Belong. | YOU CAN. You Matter.



STUDENT ACTIVITIES

TRY SOMETHING NEW!

A new school year presents an opportunity to join in the fun. In addition to athletics, MAPS also offers students a wide variety of extracurricular activities.

MMHS ATHLETICS

Students MUST HAVE a physical on file before they can begin practicing with a team. Physicals need to be **dated after April 15, 2026**, per MHSAA rule. Forms can be found online or in our office.

For questions, please contact the MMHS Activities office at 723-1522.

- All our sports schedules are available online at manisteehighschool.bigteams.com
- It's not too late to be part of a team - call the office or contact a coach to join today!



Fall Sports Schedule

Fall Sports Practice Schedule

- Karma Club
- Jazz Band
- National Honor Society
- Quiz Bowl
- Robotics
- Science Olympiad
- School Plays



Explore Activities



**Gear up for another
great school year!**

Visit the Mariner Shop

