

MADISON HIGH SCHOOL

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Madison High School Families,

We hope that you have had a relaxing and enjoyable summer filled with quality time spent with family and friends. It is with great excitement that we welcome you back for the 2021-2022 school year. We look forward to partnering with each of you while implementing the district's new Multi Tiered System of Supports to ensure that all of our students have an educationally rewarding experience while attending Madison High School.

Summer Packet

This letter will provide you with additional information pertaining to the upcoming school year and includes a list of forms that we ask parents to review and complete for each child prior to the first day of school. We have created direct links to provide parents with access to the information and forms needed to prepare for the upcoming school year. We have also categorized information according to its relevance, with mandatory items parents need to complete listed up front. We recognize that this can be a cumbersome process and appreciate the time you take to complete everything requested of you. The link to this letter and summer packet will also be posted on the [MHS Home Page](#). Please remember that if you have more than one child attending the high school you will need to complete the applicable forms for each child.

Staffing

We are pleased to welcome in a number of new faculty members this year as a result of recent retirements, transfers, and resignations. We have thoroughly invested our time in hiring the best educators and support staff to work with our students, and we are confident that the individuals joining our faculty will do an outstanding job.

- Leslie Barry - Teacher's Assistant
- Karen Bessin - Media Specialist
- Cheryl Bolton - Chemistry
- Arden Dean - School Counselor
- Lisa DiTuro - English
- Carisa Kelly - Special Education
- Nicholas Liberato - Physical Education
- Brandon Lopez - Teacher's Assistant
- Alison Mackessy - Part Time Administrative Assistant in Guidance
- Rose Mikula - Administrative Assistant to the Principal
- Aylen Solis - Spanish
- Laura Soulages - Spanish

Bell Schedule

Last Friday, we introduced an innovative new bell schedule Madison High School will implement to begin the school year. This schedule increases instructional time in the classroom, provides safe and flexible eating options throughout the day, and adds time for support and extracurricular activities. Please be sure to review this communication (<https://5il.co/x450>) prior to the start of school.

MHS Ventilation Project

We are on track to have unit ventilators installed in every classroom that previously did not have a source of fresh air other than the opening windows by November 19th. All unit ventilators will serve as a source of heat and draw in fresh air from the outside through a Merv8 filter that is installed with an iWave in each unit. As a result, windows can remain closed this winter with temperatures ideal for learning.

When we begin the school year, all prepwork (ductwork, piping, electrical work, and controls) will have been completed ready for the unit ventilators to be installed. With an expected arrival of the units around the first week of school, they will be installed in classrooms one at a time after students and staff leave the building. Until then, there are spaces carved out in every classroom where these units will be installed.

New Student / Ninth Grade Orientation

We welcome all incoming ninth graders, and any students new to Madison High School, to sign up and join us for in-person tours and Q&A sessions on Thursday, August 26th. We would also like to welcome any tenth graders that were fully remote last year who would like to be reacclimated to the building. Students who have not yet received a school issued chromebook, will be able to pick one up at this time, and receive their Madison email account information. Those interested in attending should [sign up using this link](#). In addition, please [click this link](#) for a letter sent last Friday that contains information regarding various offerings at the high school and more.

Back to School Night

Back to School Night will be held on Wednesday, September 22nd at 7:00 pm. There may be some modifications, but every effort will be made to hold Back to School Night in-person in an effort to provide you the opportunity to meet your child's teachers and administration at the high school.

How to Stay in Touch with What's Happening at MHS

Get push notifications sent directly to your phone when important information is released by searching "Madison Public Schools, NJ" on your personal device and downloading our app. Be sure to check off Madison High School in your settings to receive notifications.

Follow Us on Social Media - Parents and students are highly encouraged to follow Madison High School on Twitter ([@DodgerAthletics](#)), Facebook ([Madison High School, New Jersey](#)) and Instagram ([@madisonhighschool07940](#)) to keep up to date with the most recent events and information pertaining to MHS!

In closing, we eagerly look forward to opening day and having the opportunity to work with all of you to make the 2021-2022 school year a productive and educationally rewarding experience for our students. Enjoy the remaining days of summer and go Dodgers!

Sincerely,



David Drechsel
Principal
Madison High School



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Section I - Mandatory Forms on the Genesis Parent Portal (link: [Genesis Parent Portal](#))

To access the forms, the Primary Guardian will need to log into the parent portal. Upon signing in to the parent portal, you will be prompted to complete or review each of the following forms. The forms will be listed under the forms tab. Please note that all of the forms must be filled out in order to gain access to any additional information, other than contact information, in the Parent Portal. Please also note that the forms will only be available to the Primary Guardian. Once the Primary Guardian fills out the forms the portal will be unlocked for all Guardians and Students. If you encounter difficulty signing into the parent portal please contact the Main Office at (973)-593-3117 or [click this link](#).

1. MPS Certification to Complete Daily Student Screening
2. Demographic Information
3. Computer and Internet Use and Agreement & Parent/Student Permission
4. Computing Device Student Responsibility Contract
5. MHS Day of Service Consent
6. Military Consent to Contact
7. MHS Diploma Name & Graduation Gown (Mandatory for 12th Grade Parents Only)
8. District Media Consent and Release Form
9. NURSE: Annual Medical Information Update Form
10. NURSE: Permission for Medication Administration (If applicable)
11. Health Insurance
12. MHS Honor Pledge
13. Madison Mail & Email Consent to Send Out
14. Panorama Social Emotional Learning Survey Consent

Section II - Information Helpful to Students & Parents

Click on the links below to access information that is relevant to you or your child.

1. [MHS Communication Protocol](#)
2. [Madison Public Schools Calendar](#)
3. [MHS Bell Schedule](#)
4. [MHS ABCD Day Schedule](#)
5. [Guidance Events Schedule](#)
6. [Athletic Schedules](#)
7. [ECA Brochure and Offerings](#)
8. [Schedule Template](#)

Section III - Parent Organization & Grade Level Related Information

Click on the links below to access information and/or forms that are relevant to you or your child.

1. [PTSO Welcome Letter & Membership Form](#)
2. [MEF Website](#)
3. [Class Council Letter](#)
4. [Graduation Lawn Sign & Senior Stars Form for Class of 2022](#)
5. [Yearbook Order Form](#)
6. [Madison Music Association \(MMA\) Membership Form](#)
7. [Marching Dodgers Booster Club Letter](#)
8. [MHS Soccer Booster Club Mums Flyer](#)

Section IV - School Policy & Operating Procedures

Click on the links below to access information about important policies and operating procedures.

1. [Alternative Physical Education Option - Fall Application & Requirements](#)
2. [Peak Physical Therapy Consent Form](#)
3. [Calculator Letter for Parents](#)
4. [MHS Cell Phone & Technology Use Protocol](#)
5. [MHS Student Handbook](#)
6. [MHS Attendance Policy](#)
7. [MHS Code of Conduct Policy](#)
8. [MHS Honor Code Policy](#)
9. [MHS Dress Code Policy](#)
10. [MHS Visitor and Security Protocols](#)
11. [MHS Drop Off / Pick Up Traffic Regulations](#)
12. [MHS Student Parking Letter](#)
13. [MHS Senior Privilege Rules & Regulations](#)

Section V - Additional Parent Resources

Click on the links below to access information and/or forms that are relevant to you or your child.

1. [Health Services Webpage](#)
2. [Parent/Guardian's Guide to Configuring Alerts in the Parent Portal](#)
3. [National School Lunch & Breakfast Program Letter](#) (English)
 - a. [Free & Reduced Lunch Application](#) (English)
4. [National School Lunch & Breakfast Program Letter](#) (Spanish)
 - a. [Free & Reduced Lunch Application](#) (Spanish)