



# Welcome to the '23-'24 School Year!

Dear MGS Families–

It is with great excitement that I welcome you to the 2023-2024 school year! This is my third year as Superintendent at MGS and I take great pride in the tremendous responsibility of valuing tradition while also moving the district forward.

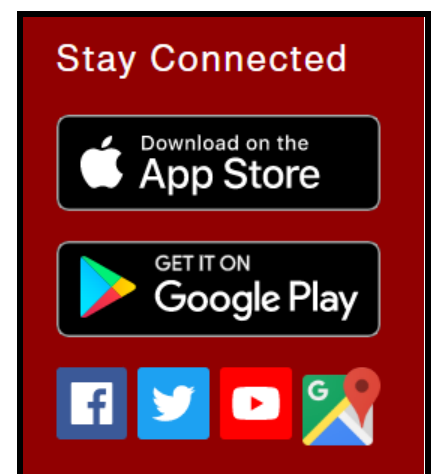
Many ask me what a superintendent does over the summer. The summer months are actually the most active for a District Office administrator! Securing utility contracts, facilitating summer construction projects, filling unanticipated staffing needs, overseeing summer staff development, participating in leadership training as well as planning and budgeting with the Board of Education for the upcoming school year are all big ticket items that happen over the summer.



We continue to strive at providing a safe and positive learning opportunity for students. My wife, Hannah, and girls Olivia (10) and Sadie (6) love being part of the Redbird family! Thank you for trusting in me to lead this incredible community of learners!

–Dr. Lee

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Metamora Grade School

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# Upcoming Events/Opportunities

- August 15: [Back to School Night](#)

Please find your child's designated timeframe as this is a one-evening all-school event! Take advantage of meeting the teacher, dropping off supplies and getting your bus, technology, medical and any other questions answered! Food trucks will be on site with food available for purchase. [Here is a map to help you navigate the building.](#)

*\*\*If you purchased a school supply box for your child, it will be in your child's homeroom that evening.*

- August 16: First day of school (11:30 dismissal)

**Regular School Hours:** 8:15 a.m.-3:05 p.m.

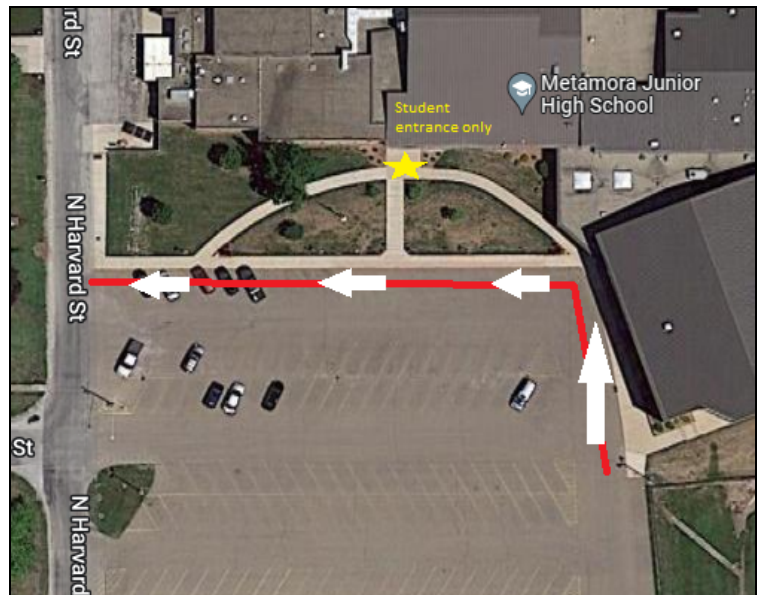
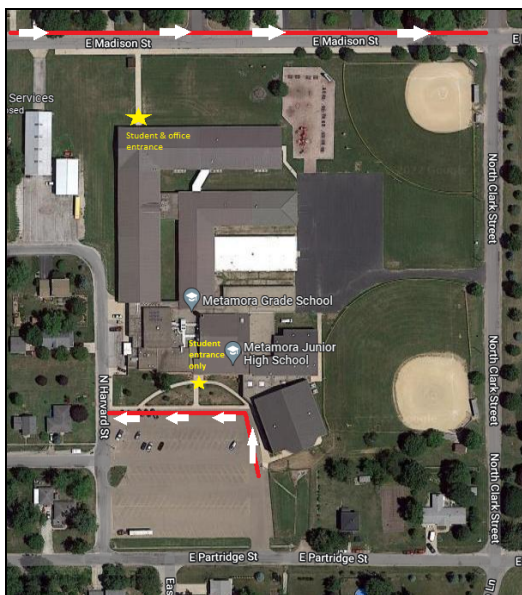
Students may arrive at 8:00 or after. A grab and go breakfast is available at 8:00.

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## Student Drop Off & Pick Up

Students can be dropped off prior to 8:15 am on Madison Street as well as the main parking lot. The picture below shows the car lane used for student drop off. The drop off lane in the main parking lot will only be available in the morning. After school pick up will require parents to park in a designated parking space.

Parents can still park in the main parking lot and walk their kids up to the building. We ask that they not walk them throughout the building. As for pick up, parents can still wait in the grassy area out front for dismissal or wait in their cars on the north side of the building on Madison St.



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# Bus Information from Director Oplt

[All community route maps with stops can be found by clicking this link.](#) ***Please note some buses are rural routes that do not have community stops.***

We have reduced our working fleet of buses by 3, causing some changes in bus routes. Some bus numbers have changed and that information can be found in Skyward. Most bus routes will have a pick up time at least 5 minutes earlier than previous years.

It is important that all bus riders be at their pick up location five minutes prior to the time listed in Skyward. This is important for the community stop bus riders to maintain a very tight timeline.

Community stop maps for Bus 1, 4, 6, 7, 8 and 26 will be located on the PARENTS tab under the BUS subheading. Please take the time to locate the corresponding bus map and take note of the closest stop to your home.

We will be continuing to make changes in Skyward to the pickup times through the registration process. The pick up times in Skyward are accurate but may change slightly due to new student enrollment.

With the back to school evening being the 15th of August we encourage you to stop by and to meet your bus drivers and ask any questions you might have. This is important for first time riders and new parents to the district.

This will be the last year as Director of Transportation for Mr. Oplt. He will be succeeded by Elizabeth Stephens next school year.

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# MGS Strategic Plan



## ACADEMIC GROWTH & PROGRESS



- Align curriculum and learning experiences across the District Strategies.
- All students achieve Expected/Higher Than Expected Growth.

## ENGAGING LEARNING ENVIRONMENT



- Provide an innovative educational experience that cultivates curiosity for all students.

## SOCIAL & EMOTIONAL WELLNESS



- Cultivate a safe, secure respectful environment for students and employees.

## FACILITY & OPERATIONS



- Align resources to enhance student learning.

## COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIPS



- Effectively communicate to enhance school-home-community relationships.

GOALS

BELIEFS

- Value tradition while embracing innovation.
- Navigate life beyond graduation.
- Cultivate resourcefulness.

- We emphasize school community & experiences.
- We value innovation and collaboration.
- All employees are student-centered and model learning.

- Recognize we are part of something bigger than ourselves by developing empathy and selflessness.
- We are to develop a community of social & emotional learners.

- Develop and sustain shared accountability and trust.
- Positively steward community resources.

- All parents provide opportunities for involvement.
- Develop & enhance strong connections to the larger community.