

MASSABESIC HIGH SCHOOL

James Hand, Principal
Scott Lavertu, Asst. Principal Grades 11-12
Amanda Dube, Asst. Principal Grades 9-10



Welcome Back!

Dear Students and Parents/Guardians,

It's hard to believe the 2018-2019 school year is right around the corner. The teachers and staff here at MHS are excited to welcome students back to what surely is going to be an amazing year of learning and growth for everyone. We can't do this work effectively without your partnership. Please communicate with our teachers, guidance counselors, and administrators so that we can continue to work together to improve upon the educational opportunities here at Mustang Nation.

This year you will see some new faces around the building, as well as some familiar folks in new positions. We want to extend a warm welcome to all of our new students and staff members.

Our Shared Vision

*Preparing Respectful,
Responsible and Creative
Thinkers for Success in the
Global Community.*

New Administrative Team Members

We are pleased to announce that Scott Lavertu has joined the Admin Team as Assistant Principal here at MHS. He will be working with students in grades 11-12 and will be located in the East building. Amanda Dube is on board as our new Assistant Principal for grades 9 & 10 and will be in the West building. They are both eager to get to know everyone in our school community. Come by and say hello!

Back to School Dates

Tuesday, 9/4 Grade 9 & SRTC Only
Wednesday, 9/5 Grades 10-12 & School Pictures
Wednesday, 9/12 Open House 5:15 – 6:15
Wednesday, 9/19 Early Release Day (11:45am)
Friday, 10/5 Staff In Service / No School
Monday, 10/8 Columbus Day / No School
Wednesday, 10/17 Early Release Day

Schedule Changes

Please note that the student schedule attached is *subject to change* from now until the beginning of school. We are still putting on final touches, adding study halls and advisory's. Students will check with their advisors on the first day of school for their most current schedule.

Students can make schedule changes by making an appointment with the student's guidance counselor during the add/drop period, which will be held until September 17th. Students will be able to make appointments for this time period once school starts.

TECH NEWS

MHS students will be using the same Chrome books that they were issued last year. Students will have until September 7th to bring in the signed usage agreement with the \$20 annual fee. Agreement is available under "FORMS" on MHS website or in the Main office.

On Monday, September 10th, all students that have not handed in their agreement and payment will have their school device locked.

CELL PHONES

Cell phones, texting, and the use of electronic devices are a big part of today’s world. In order to give our student body the opportunity to use these devices wisely and in order to make good decisions regarding when they ARE and ARE NOT to be used, the following expectations are to be followed:

1. Cell phone/electronic device use and texting will be allowed during lunch
2. Cell phone/electronic device use and texting will be allowed between classes
3. Cell phone / electronic device use during class will be allowed per teacher discretion.

DRESS CODE

Students are encouraged to use sound judgment and reflect respect for themselves and others in dress and grooming. The following restrictions on dress shall be enforced:

1. Articles of clothing which promote the use of tobacco, alcohol or other drugs may not be worn on school grounds (when school is in session) or at school functions;
2. Clothing, footwear, insignia or accessories are intended to identify the wearer as a member of a particular gang are prohibited;
3. Articles of clothing with displays which are sexual, vulgar, lewd or indecent or include insulting words (e.g., racial/ethnic slurs) are impermissible;
4. Clothing which is destructive of school property (e.g., cleats, pants with metal inserts that scratch furniture) is not permitted; and
5. Other prohibited clothing includes sunglasses, shorts and/or skirts/dresses, which do not cover the hips, thighs, and upper leg.

Student dress cannot detract from the educational process and cannot be a safety hazard. Students dressed inappropriately will be required to cover up or change clothing. Building Administrators will be the final judge as to whether student clothing is appropriate.

PARKING FOR JR’s & SR’s

Do you want to drive to school and park in the MHS parking lot?

If so, you must be a junior or senior, and you must register your vehicle at MHS. Students can register their cars and purchase a parking tag for \$15.00 for the first vehicle and \$5.00 for every additional sticker. Registration forms can be picked up in the main office. Announcements will be made when stickers are available for purchase. There will be a 2 week grace period before permits are required on vehicles.

Students must bring the following with them to register a vehicle: Valid driver’s license, motor vehicle registration, insurance card and MHS Registration form with parent signature.

NOTE: Students are to park in the WEST Building Student Parking lot ONLY.

IMMUNIZATION REMINDER

The Maine Department of Health and Human Services and Department of Education have revised the Maine School Immunization Requirements rule to now include meningococcal meningitis disease. Meningococcal disease is a rare, but dangerous disease that strikes healthy young people without warning. It can affect all ages, but teens and young adults are at highest risk of getting the disease. The following changes are effective for the 2018-2019 school year for all students attending a public or private school in the State of Maine:

- One dose of meningococcal vaccine MCV4 (serogroups A, C, W, and Y) is required for all students entering 7th grade.
- Two doses of meningococcal vaccine MCV4 are required for students entering 12th grade, with a minimum interval of 8 weeks between dose one and dose two. If the first dose of meningococcal vaccine was administered on or after the 16th birthday, a second dose is not required.

Any questions, please contact Nancy Sobanik, RN at 247-3141 x2215.

NEW STAFF

We are proud to welcome the following new staff members. Taylor Poulin/ French Teacher, Scott Harris/Guidance Counselor, Kelly Presby/ISAS, Jackilyn Peters/Art, Christian Carmody/Math, Amanda Todd/Social Studies, Joe Robinson/History, Molly Shannon/Science., Chris Laskey/Ed Tech, Deb Cormier/Ed Tech.

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