

MHS Back-To-School

MHS-Parent meeting Aug. 17

Chromebooks, Bullying Issues, and Athletic Code Review

As part of our 1-to-1 learning initiative, every student in grades 9-12 will be issued a Chromebook for his/her exclusive use. It is our plan to use the Chromebooks to fully engage students and create a learning environment that creates critical thinking, collaboration, communication and creativity. Students will be able to access the internet anywhere in the school building increasing their productivity. For students to receive their Chromebook at the beginning of the school year, **parents will be required to attend a mandatory meeting at the high school on Wednesday August 17, from 6-7 PM.** At this informational meeting we will review with parents; Chromebooks-use and care, and fill out required paperwork. **School counselor, Ms. Pagel, will review bullying and social media issues as well as provide critical information regarding each individual graduating class. Athletic Director Curt Miller will be reviewing the Athletic Code.**



Back-to-School Registration

On Monday, August 8, 2016 and Tuesday, August 9, 2016, from 2:00 PM to 7:00 PM, all students will be required to come to school to complete their registration for the 2016-2017 school year.

At the registration students and parents will:

- Pick-up finalized schedules
- Purchase a Chromebook Case around \$13.50 new, \$10 used (mandatory that students have one purchased from school or on your own, see Parents Page on school website for more details)
- Pay school fee-\$20
- Buy lunch (place money on family account)
- Take school photo (for yearbook and school ID-packages for sale-forms available in main office)
- Purchase 2016-2017 yearbooks with early bird discount of only \$50 (plus \$6 for personalization)
- Pay for sports participation (\$25 per year/per athlete \$50 family max-HS only)
- Update medical information sheet all students must have **annually** (provided in mailing and can be downloaded online on "parent page" link)
- Fill out or drop off computer/network use agreement-all students must have yearly (available to download online on "parent page" link-**This will be reviewed and available at the mandatory parent meeting Aug, 17**)
- Buy a sports pass for the entire year (\$20 students-no adult passes this year)
- Change of information-if contact information has changed download the sheet and return during registration.



Days to Mark:

Aug. 1-Football equipment handout

Aug. 2-Football practice begins

Aug 8-9—Registration 2-7 PM at HS-all students/parents should attend

Aug. 15-Volleyball and Cross Country begins

Aug. 17-Mandatory Parent meeting, 6:00 PM in the auditorium. We will cover chrome books, sign use agreements, discuss bullying in school, and review the athletic code

Aug. 24-Fall sports picture for teams beginning at 9AM

Sept. 1-Freshman Jumpstart-only freshman and new students report to high school, grades 10-12 start on Sept. 2

Student Images

Pictures or videos of students working at school, competing in athletics or activities may be used for school publications, newspapers, yearbook, including the school webpage, Facebook, twitter, or Instagram accounts, and the school district app. If you would not like to have images of your child used please contact Mr. Beranek at 715-443-2226 x-4106



Sports Passes for 2016-2017

Buy a discounted sports pass for all athletic events at Marathon High School (except for WIAA tournament events). This pass will cover all home sporting events including; football, volleyball, wrestling, and boys and girls basketball. The cost of this pass is \$20 for students. They will be on sale when you come for registration only. They are not available this year for adults.

Fee/Prices for 2016-2017

Sports Fee: \$25 per student per sport with a family max of \$50

Yearbook: \$50 if ordered during registration

Lunch: \$3.00 daily/ \$15.00 weekly

School lanyard: \$5.00-optional

MAC School Calendar: \$10.00

Sports athletic pass: \$20 student/no adult passes this year

Gym uniforms: \$6.00 shirts

Chromebook Case: If school purchased around \$13.50 new, \$10 used while supplies last



Student Dress Code

Students are provided a copy of the school district dress code in their student handbooks. The vast majority of students dress appropriately for school and represent themselves well. Occasionally, student dress is not appropriate for a public school setting. In these cases, they are asked to change or adjust their clothes. Some examples of inappropriate dress: drug, tobacco, or alcohol related shirts, tube tops or thinly strapped tops, shirts or pants with excessive holes as well as any type of clothing that exposes a students mid-section, wallets with chains, **jeans with holes in them or short shorts**. Students with extremely short shorts will be asked to change clothing or be sent home. We ask for students and parents support involving dress code issues as they begin to shop for fall fashions.

Check Out the Website

At the beginning of August, parents will be able to go to the Marathon High School web page and select the “**Parents Page**” link. This link will allow you to download school newsletters, registration materials (medical forms, change of information forms, transcript requests, and more).

Fastest Access to Information and Alerts

APP

For access to alerts, important information, calendars, teacher contact information and more be sure to download the Marathon School District app at the Apple App Store or the Google Play Store

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follow us on twitter

“@MHSMarathon”



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Lunch Prices and Procedure

During last year MHS switched to a keypad lunch system where students punch in their codes. Students will pay for lunches as they have in the past in the main high school office. Students will then have the money paid credited to their account. When they go through the lunch line **they will be required to know their code to type into the keypad.** Students will need to turn money into the office in the morning (before school) for the credit to appear on account by lunch time. **Parents will be able to view account balances online.** It is recommended that parents pay attention to lunch account balances and make arrangements to have money in the account to avoid running a deficit and to avoid phone calls regarding your account.

Senior Students/ Parents

Beginning in August seniors and senior parents will be invited in to meet with our school counselor, Ms. Kendra Pagel. At this meeting transcripts and schedules will be reviewed. Questions regarding preparing for the college/tech school application as well as scholarship questions will be answered. Each meeting will last around 20 minutes. Meetings will be scheduled on Aug.8-Aug. 12. To schedule a time slot please call Jackie in the main office, 443-2226 x-4110. During the summer if you have any scheduling or other guidance questions please call or email Ms. Pagel at 715-443-2226 x-4136 kpagel@marathon.k12.wi.us As Ms. Pagel is transitioning into the position new this year you can also feel free to contact school principal Dave Beranek at 715-443-2226 x-4106 or email dberanek@marathon.k12.wi.us

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Free and Reduced Lunch Program

Information and applications for the Free and Reduced Lunch Program can be obtained on the school district web site, "Parents Page" link or by contacting the main office at 715-443-2226 x-4110

Transcripts

Students/parents are able to make transcript requests electronically. Marathon High School has joined the Wisconsin Transcript Project. Colleges and Technical Schools prefer these electronic transfers. Parents will log on to the Marathon School District web page and make transcript requests under the guidance page. A small fee will be charged.

It is easy, fast, and reliable!

Cell Phones in School

Students are prohibited from using an electronic paging or two-way communication device (e.g., beeper, cellular phone, iPod touch, iPad, personal computer, or other mobile devices) during the instructional hours of the school day, including study halls and RE without the consent of the supervising teacher or representatives in the main office.



The building principal is authorized, however, to allow the use of such devices for medical, school, educational, vocational, or other legitimate use and acceptable cell phone use procedures will be defined annually in the student handbook.

Under no circumstances may electronic devices with photographic capabilities, including cell phones, be used in locations where there is an expectation of privacy, such as locker rooms or bathrooms. Students violating this policy shall be disciplined in accordance with established procedures.

Students may use phones during lunch in the cafeteria. Students may use them in classes when permission is given by the supervising teacher. If a student is using a phone without permission, the phone makes noise in class, or a student is using a phone to contact a student in class the phone may be turned in to the office and the student's parents will be required to come pick-up the phone. If a student is found to have a phone out during an assessment (quiz, test, etc.), they will receive a score of zero for the assessment.

Gym Uniforms

Students participating in physical education (gym) classes are required to have a gym uniform shirt. Students may wear their own shorts of choice. If you already have a gym uniform there is no need to purchase a new one. If you need a new uniform shirt they may be purchased in the high school office and on the **registration days Aug. 8 and 9 from 2:00 PM –7:00 PM.**

Shirts-\$6.00

Fall Sports

Pictures

will be taken on
August 24
beginning at 9:00
AM. Check with
your coach for
more details and
picture order forms.

Juniors

All Junior
students will be
taking the
required ACT
plus writing test
at school this
year. Ms. Pagel
will be sending
out information.

Suggested School Supplies

As a general rule for high school students we suggest a separate notebook and folder for each class, pens and pencils, highlighters, a calculator, and some type of planner or organizer. With the Chromebooks students may want a pair of earphones or earbuds.

Class Specific Supplies

App

- If students and parents have a device (cell phone, tablet, iPod, etc) that they can download the school district app it is strongly suggested as important notifications are sent through the app as well as other important information, calendars, and much more.

Math Classes

- All math students taking **pre-algebra, algebra 1, geometry, or algebra 2** will need a scientific calculator.
- Students in **pre-calculus or calculus** will need a graphing calculator AND a scientific calculator.
- **Notes on graphing calculators:** TI84 or TI83 is recommended (or equivalent in another brand) The "silver edition" or "extra memory" is not necessary. It is possible to find great deals on used calculators using craigslist or ebay. Please contact Mrs. Fingerson with any calculator questions or if it will not be possible for your student to purchase a graphing calculator. We have a very limited number of calculators that may be checked out (on a first come first serve basis) for the duration of the class for a fee of \$5. mfingerson@marathon.k12.wi.us
- Students in all of Mrs. Fingerson's math classes will also need a separate three ring binder devoted to math (at least 1.5") for daily handouts.

Band

- Students will want to have an extra pair of sneakers to practice marching in the fall as the field is often muddy. This will help keep the school clean.

Chemistry

- A calculator is need with a recommendation of a TI-30 series. No graphing calculators allowed on exams or quizzes.

Physics

- A calculator is needed, with a TI type suggested. Graphing calculators are allowed.

Agriculture

- A scientific calculator.

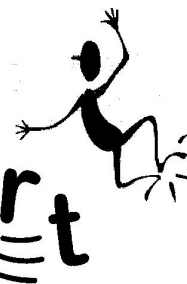
Biology

- Ruler, protractor, colored pencils and a scientific calculator.

English 9, 11

- A 3-ring binder for handouts.

Freshman Jump Start



INCOMING FRESHMAN ORIENTATION AND SEMINAR

Coming to high school can be exciting and a little overwhelming. New friends, new teachers, new schedules, new responsibilities, and new expectations to fulfill. Marathon High School's Site Improvement Team has developed a special day for incoming freshman and new students to assist in the transition to high school and to give students the tools necessary to have a successful start to their high school career.

The first day of school for the 2016-2017 school year will be a special day for incoming freshman. They will be greeted by staff and members of the Student Council and National Honor Society. Students will participate in a seminar on a number of subjects that will help them transition to high school. After a picnic lunch, students will walk through their schedules meeting their teachers, and becoming familiar with the school.

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Morning Session

Students will be greeted as they arrive at school. A light breakfast of fruit, juice, and milk will be available. Students then have an official opening keynote address in the auditorium. During this keynote presentation, students will meet all staff and receive an information packet which includes their schedule and other important information. Students will rotate through four seminar sectionals covering a range of topics to assist the transition to high school and help them become successful students.



Sessions include:


- Study tips, daily planner use, other academic tips.
- Co-curricular review, sports and clubs. Healthy living, diet and relationships.
- Google Apps for Education, school network, Chromebook distribution
- Developing a four-year plan and student and handbook review.
- New this year will be a Club/Activities Fair highlighting things students can get involved in at MHS.

Afternoon Session

Students will have assistance with their lockers and then will follow their schedule in an abbreviated fashion. Students will have 17 minutes with each teacher to review the class materials.

COOL STUFF!

At lunch door prizes will be given away to every student including calculators, book covers, folders, locker organizers, pen drives, and other groovy school supplies.



For incoming freshman and new students to the district.

When: Tuesday, September 1, 2016

Where: Marathon High School. A light breakfast and full lunch will be provided free of charge to students.

Door prizes will be given away.