

MUSKEGON HEIGHTS ACADEMY



Greetings MHA Students and Parents!



"If you don't get out there and define yourself, you'll be quickly and inaccurately defined by others." — Michelle Obama, *Becoming*

CONGRATULATIONS!!!!

**to the Muskegon Heights Academy
Boys Varsity Basketball team and
Coach Stewart on a great season**

I challenge every MHA student to student to take the initiative to read something that is not tied to social media. You all have the power to influence let's get ready make it happen!

Dates to Remember

March

National Reading Month

- March 8- Parent Teacher Conferences
- March 9- Chronic Attendance Meeting-Specific parents will be notified.
- March 20- Spring ANET Testing begins
- March 31 Quarter 3 Ends

Happenings for the week of March 13, 2023

- March 15 attendance and behavior meeting is scheduled for at 4pm
- PBIS drawings when you are caught doing good. Additional PBIS opportunities throughout the quarter
- MS Data Chats will be held March 16 for academic transparency.
- ANET Testing begins next week.
- Quarter 3 ends March 31. What do your grades look like???

FYI: NPFE/MHPSA School leaders, Board members, Muskegon ISD, MDE, and other stakeholders will participate in bi-weekly partnership meetings. Be on the lookout for more information to follow.

Three buckets were discussed in small groups: Leadership & Governance, Educational Programming, and Student attendance/staffing using the Gap/Problem Statement and Analysis (Fishbone strategy) to identify root causes and some solutions. Next meeting, we will focus on the Challenge Statement.

Parents and students, it is IMPERATIVE that you are in school daily, on time, and ready to learn. Staff and I are available to assist in any way to making this school year a progressive one for all students.

- Don't get behind- make every attempt to get all assignments and homework completed on time
- Attendance is so important to achieve academic success.
- Bring your chrome books charged and ready to school daily
- DeansList is where you can find important academic, attendance, behavior info
- Maintain contact with teachers for

MHA On Track to Graduation Data as of Sem 1

- Class of 2023 75%
- Class of 2024 58%
- Class of 2025 43%

Things to Know

Attendance must be at 75% daily for all students in order for the day to count

PBIS Incentive

Fun Friday will an exciting activity that all MHA students can earn the last school Friday of the month.

When students meet the criteria they are automatically registered to attend.

Criteria:

- 90% Attendance for the month
- No more than 1 office referral
- No suspensions, cell phone or dress code violations

Attendance

Parents advised that you will be receiving communication this month if your child truant or at the risk of becoming truant

MHA Schedule

Breakfast starts at 8:30 am (parents must sign tardy students in after 9:15 am)

School starts at 8:45 am (after 9:15 parents **MUST** sign there children in at the main office.

School dismisses 3:20 pm

REMINDER

Students **CANNOT** sign themselves out of school.

Parents **MUST** be in person to sign their child out of school.

Students will not be released to anyone not listed in their demographics

MHA Dress Policy

(the policy is strictly enforced and will receive consequences when repeatedly broken)

Remember these items are prohibited

- excessively ripped bottoms
- Leggings may only be worn with tops that cover your bottoms
- midriff or cropped tops
- spaghetti straps
- skirts/shorts more 3 inches above the knee (fingertip)

- sandals and slides (crocs are ok)
- Hats, bonnets, or head scarves

CELL PHONES

Cell phones are prohibited and should be confiscated if seen or face a suspension consequence.

Student Handbook

[MHA Tiger Handbook](#)

BEHAVIORS

Administration and staff are seeing an increase in undesired behaviors being displayed amongst middle school students, high school students, and even some parents. There are some destructive behaviors that just will not be tolerated by MHA and will be turned over to the Muskegon Heights Police Department. Behaviors that will not be tolerated include but are not limited to:

- Bringing ANY weapons into the building (guns, knives, instruments that can be used as a weapon, mase, pepper spray, etc.)
- Fighting
- Repeated threats to do physical harm to others
- Physically assaulting staff directly or indirectly
- Parents trespassing to physically assault students or staff
- Students recording incidents of violence on campus
- Students sharing videos of assault or sexual activity
- Any other behavior as deemed grossly inappropriate or illegal

Any students or parents found in violation of any of the above mentioned infractions will be referred to the local authorities and MHA will give full participation in following through with the consequences outlined by the police.

New Paradigm for Education Instructional Priorities



Priority #1: Integrate reading, writing and discussion in all content areas to provide cohesive instruction and opportunities for productive struggle.

Priority #2: Provide effective feedback to students that affirms what they have done well and guides them toward academic improvement and achievement of learning goals.

Priority #3: Study and leverage student-level data on a regular and consistent basis to identify learning opportunities and create plans to address them.

Priority #4: Use rubrics as tools to provide a shared language with clear guidelines and expectations to provide a measure, adjust and evaluate learning.

