

# MUSKEGON HEIGHTS ACADEMY



## Greetings MHA Students and Parents!



“Reading is essential for those who seek to rise above the ordinary.” - Jim Rohn

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!

### Happenings for the week of March 6, 2023

- Parent-Teacher Conferences will be this Wednesday March 8 from 4:30-7pm
- Quarter 2 attendance and behavior meeting is scheduled for March 9 at 4pm
- PBIS drawings when you are caught doing good. Additional PBIS opportunities throughout the quarter
- Data Chats will begin in the week of March 12 for Family and student academic transparency.
- Quarter 3 ends March 31.

## Dates to Remember

March

**National Reading Month**

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

**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, mace, 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.



**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.

### **New Paradigm for Education Instructional Priorities**