



MOUNTAINSIDE HIGH SCHOOL
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Dear Parents/Guardians,

It is with great excitement that I welcome you and your student to the 2023-2024 school year at Mountainside High School. We look forward to seeing all of our students on the **first day of school, Tuesday, August 8th at 9:15 AM**. Enclosed in this email you will find a copy of our summer mailer that contains pertinent information regarding our Senior Business Day on Tuesday, August 1st, and Walkthrough on Wednesday, August 2nd for grades 9-11th. Additional information regarding class schedules, student parking, class supplies, etc., is also included. Please note that further information regarding the start of the school year can also be found on the school website located at www.mhs.nadaburghsd.org.

Seniors are highly encouraged to attend the Senior Business Day on August 1st from 9-11am. Seniors will have their student ID photos taken on this day, collect their schedules, pay course fees, and verify early release schedules as applicable. Eligible seniors will also have an opportunity to apply for a student parking permit on this date. Please be aware that parking is limited. Seniors and West-MEC students will be prioritized on a first-come, first-serve basis. With availability permitting, all other parking spots will be granted on a lottery basis. Please visit the school website to locate and complete required forms under the Services > Transportation tab.

The MHS Walkthrough will be held at Nadaburg Elementary School Gym located at 21419 W. Dove Valley Rd. from 5-7 pm on Weds., August 2nd for all 9th – 11th grade students. Students will be able to collect an unofficial schedule, collect their laptop (if not already assigned), meet teachers, check out clubs at athletic opportunities, pre-order yearbooks and class t-shirts, pay course fees, and register for student parking if eligible.

Aside from the new school start time of 9:15 am this school year, MHS has also moved to Infinite Campus for our new student information system, and we will no longer use Tyler for grade or attendance recording. Within Infinite Campus you will now be able to see student grades and attendance in real time.

The MHS staff and faculty have been hard at work preparing for another great year and we look forward to seeing you at these upcoming student events!

Respectfully,

Dr. Kathryn Strevell
Principal

Ms. Katelynn Paine
Assistant Principal



MOUNTAINSIDE HIGH SCHOOL WELCOME!

JULY 2023

On behalf of Mountainside High School, faculty, staff, and administration, we welcome you to the 2023-2024 school year! Within this summer newsletter, you will find pertinent information to help start the year off right! Please note that a digital and hardcopy version of this information will be provided for your reference. Also, please be sure to update email and physical addresses during the school year as necessary so that we may continue to communicate throughout the year.

SCHOOL STARTS TUESDAY, AUGUST 8TH

NEW START TIME 9:15 AM
DISMISSAL 3:30

On Tuesday, August 8th, we ask that all students pick up their official schedule between 8:45 and 9:15 AM in the following areas:

- **Freshmen:** Collaboration Room
- **Sophomores:** Outside Basketball Courts
- **Juniors:** Weight Room
- **Seniors:** Front of MHS Office

**If you are a senior that does not yet have a student ID, or has a schedule change after attending the Senior Business Day on Aug. 1st, please see Mrs. Bedoy in the MHS Office. If you are a senior with early release, you must have your student ID.*

MHS ADMINISTRATION

Dr. Kathryn Strevell

Principal

Ms. Katelynn Paine

Assistant Principal

Mr. James Marshall

Counselor

Mrs. Sandra Vasquez

Counselor

Mrs. Jasmin Bedoy

Office Manager

Ms. April Redondo

Administrative Assistant

WALKTHROUGH WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 2ND

Walkthrough for all grades, 9th-11th, will be held at

Nadaburg Elementary School Gym

21419 W. Dove Valley Rd., Wittmann

5-7 PM

Students will receive their course schedule, collect their laptop (as needed), purchase their class t-shirt, pay any course fees, register for student parking (if eligible), learn about extracurricular opportunities and meet staff.

ALL MHS PARENTS/GUARDIANS

Please save the date! Open House is

September 12th, 6:00 - 7:30 PM

COURSE SCHEDULES

Course schedules will be provided to grades 9th–11th at Walkthrough. Students should collect an official course schedule the morning of the first day of school on Aug. 8th. Course schedules are based on credit requirements for graduation, spring student course requests, and teacher recommendations. All efforts are made to accommodate students' course requests. Please note that schedule changes are not available except for the following:

- Missing a class period
- Class period double scheduled
- Summer school credits earned

INFINITE CAMPUS

NUSD has moved to a new Student Information System: Infinite Campus. Infinite Campus will be used to access students' grades and attendance. Please visit our website [HERE](#) for access to the login portal. Students should see their 3rd-hour teacher for usernames and passwords.

BUS/TRANSPORTATION

Please visit the MHS transportation page via our school website located at [HERE](#) or at www.mhs.nadaburgsd.org for bus stop locations, pickup, and drop-off times. For questions regarding bus transportation, please contact our Transportation Department at (623) 388-2125.

STUDENT SUPPLIES

Needed supplies will vary by class and is dependent on your student's course schedule and the elective they chose. All students will receive a course syllabus for each class they are enrolled in during the first week of school. However, some basic supplies will be needed by all students include:

- Dry erase markers
- Hand sanitizer for your student's personal use
- USB flash drive (8GB or larger)

PARKING

Mountainside High School has limited parking available to students. Parking is a privilege and not a right. Eligible students are required to park in the student parking lot. Eligibility requirements include, but are not limited to:

- Student is in good standing regarding student conduct (may not exceed 3 conduct referrals)
- Student must have a valid AZ driver's license
- Student must possess a registered vehicle or motorcycle
- Student must be in grades 10th, 11th, or 12th
- Student must have **all** school and course fees and fines paid prior to purchasing a parking permit.

**Please note that priority parking will be given to Seniors and West-MEC students on a first-come, first-serve basis. In the event there are more parking permit requests than parking spots available, a lottery system will be used to administer parking permits.*

Mountainside High School will assess a parking permit fee of \$60 for any registered vehicle or motorcycle for the school year. This fee is prorated by quarter and is non-refundable. Replacement for a lost parking permit will be assessed a \$10 charge. Students must have a valid parking permit to park on campus. Parking permits must be visibly placed in the lower driver's side of the windshield.

Eligible students must complete the MHS Driving Expectations and the NUSD High School Parking Registration form with parent signatures, **clear all outstanding fees, fines/debts, and/or return any missing school items, i.e. uniforms, etc.** To purchase a parking permit, eligible students must bring to the walkthrough:

- 1) Download, print, and complete the [MHS Student Driving Expectations 23_24](#) form and the [NUSD High School Parking Registration and Rules](#) (including required parent signature) from the MHS Website.
- 2) Bring a copy of student's valid AZ Driver's License, a copy of a valid AZ Vehicle Registration, and payment in the amount of \$60. Do not purchase a permit if you do not have a valid driver's license or vehicle.

ATHLETICS

To participate in high school athletics, all student-athletes must complete an Athletic Clearance Packet, which may be downloaded from the [MHS Athletics Website](#).

Steps for high school participation:

1. Complete and submit an Athletic Clearance Packet.
 2. Fill in or update all sport, school, athlete, guardian, insurance, and medical information
 3. Freshman and new students must complete the online concussion course (valid for five years) aiaacademy.org/users/login/brainbook
 4. Transfer students must have their parents complete additional forms located at: admin.aiaonline.org/public-forms/student-transfer
 5. Each athlete must obtain a physical (must be dated after March 1st each year) and complete athletic packet every year.
- Athletic Clearance Packet, physical form, and consent to treat forms should be submitted to the MHS Athletic Office prior to participation.
 - The complete NUSD Athletic Handbook can be found [here](#) or online at mountainsidenadaburgaz.schoolinsites.com/athleticshome

ATHLETIC PASSES AVAILABLE

FAMILY PASS

The Family Athletic Passes allow entrance up to 4 individuals. This may include parents, grandparents, and K-8th grade school-aged children (when accompanied by an adult). Children 6 and under are free. These can be used at Mountainside *HOME* games for one school year. This excludes all Invitational, Regional, and State AIA Games. Cost \$125. Passes may be purchased through the Webstore.

STUDENT ATHLETIC PASS

The Student Athletic Pass allows a Mountainside High School student entry to all Mountainside High School regular-season *HOME* games only. This pass is not valid at other Non-NUSD district high schools. Excludes all Invitational, Regional, and State AIA Games. Cost \$35. Purchase passes through the Webstore.

BREAKFAST/LUNCH

Mountainside offers one lunch period for all students. Students may bring or purchase a cafeteria lunch for \$3.40 and can be purchased by adding money to your account through [EZ School Pay](#). Free and reduced priced meal applications can be accessed from Nutrition Services online or contact our office at 623-388-2111. Breakfast is also offered to students daily for \$1.40.

SCHOOL PORTRAITS/IDS

Students grades 9th-11th will have portraits taken on Monday, Aug. 14th. Seniors will have their portraits taken at Senior Business on Aug. 1st. Grad's Photography will provide additional information regarding how to purchase portraits at the start of school. ID badges will be issued to each student and all students are expected to wear their ID Badge at all times while on campus, including afterschool events and activities.

DROP OFF/ PICK UP

For safety purposes, MHS utilizes one main point in ingress/egress for student drop off/pick up, located in the district parking lot. Please visit our [WEBSITE](#) to view a map and please watch for pedestrians. Late arrival students must enter through the district office to sign in and early release students must sign out through the MHS Office.

FRESHMEN

Visit the school website in August for upcoming videos on school norms, traditions, and expectations to get a head start on a successful first year!

SOPHOMORES

Interested in attending West-MEC next year? Most West-MEC courses begin accepting applications during the first semester of your sophomore year. To ensure a successful application, please see Mr. Marshall in counseling about requirements needed for your program of choice.

JUNIORS

Jostens will present on Oct. 11th options to help commemorate your high school experience. The presentation will include class ring options, letterman jackets, and more.

STUDENT MENTORS

ATTENTION UPPERCLASSMEN: Like helping others and want to assist underclassmen to have the best high school experience? Interested in becoming a student mentor? Please see Mrs. Macias for more information on how to join.

DRESS CODE

The following guidelines are not all-inclusive (Please see Parent/Student Handbook for all details). Students are to wear clothing that:

- Covers the entire midriff and back, fits closely under the arms, and not too low cut.
- Covers the bottom at all times
- Is appropriate in language and images.

SENIORS - CLASS OF 2024

SENIOR BUSINESS

All seniors are expected to attend Senior Business Day on Tues., Aug. 1st from 9-11 AM. Seniors will have their student ID taken, adjust ID for early dismissal schedules if applicable, and register for parking. If you anticipate an early dismissal due to credit attainment or a West-MEC course, we highly encourage you to attend Senior Business to acquire your student ID in advance. A valid student ID is required to leave campus early and missing Senior Business may delay your dismissal time.

SENIOR PANORAMIC PHOTO

The Senior Panoramic will be held on Weds., Oct. 11th. Students will be required to wear black or their senior class t-shirt for the photo.

SENIOR FINAL EXAMS

Final exams for seniors will be held on Weds., May 15th and Thurs., May 16th. These are not early release days for seniors. Final exams are held early so that teachers may assess final exams, final course grades, and for counseling to verify credit attainment required for graduation prior to the ceremony on Weds., May 22nd.

GRADUATION

Wednesday, May 22nd
6:30 PM.

CLASS SHIRTS

Class shirts will be available for pre-order at Walkthrough on Aug. 2nd. All proceeds benefit MHS Student Government.

YEARBOOK

Advance Order Your Yearbook Today!

\$35

Pre-Orders will be accepted via Webstore. Prices increase throughout the school year!