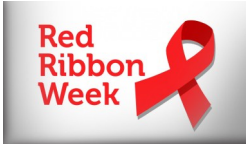




Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1 5PM HS VB @ Fulton 6PM 5th/6th VB @ Lena	2 7PM HS FB H Amboy	3 JH VB Conference Tourney @ Lena 9AM JH & HS CC @ Freeport
4	5 2:05 Early Dismissal 5:30pm HS FB H Amboy (JV)	6 JR Tackle Playoffs 5pm HS VB H Morrison	7	8 5pm HS VB @ Amboy Career & Manufacturer Visit Day (HS) 6pm JH Boys BB Parent Meeting	9 7pm HS FB H River Ridge	10
11	12 No School—Columbus Day	13 JH BBB Practice Begins 5pm HS VB @ West Carroll	14 Freshman Class—Eat Wings Raise Funds @ Buffalo Wild Wings in Sterling	15 5pm HS VB @ Polo	16 1st Quarter Ends 7:30pm HS FB H Alden Hebron	17 HS VB (V) @ Eastland Tourney
18	19 5pm HS VB @ Pearl City 7pm Board Meeting	20 5pm HS VB H AFC	21 7pm PTO Meeting	22 5pm HS VB H Eastland	23 Report Cards Issued No Preschool	24
25 	26 Butter Braid Sales Begin! HS VB Regionals Begin 5pm JH BB @ Stockton	27	28 4:30pm JH BB H Pearl City	29 11:10 Early Out 4-8pm Parent/Teacher Conferences 4pm JH BB @ AFC	30 NO SCHOOL 8am-12pm Parent/Teacher Conferences	31 <i>Happy Halloween!</i> 

October 2026 LUNCH MENU

	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SAT/SUN
Breakfast Prices Gr. K-8 \$2.05 9-12 \$2.30 Lunch Prices Gr. K-5 \$3.55 6-12 \$3.80 Ala Carte \$1.50 Milk \$.50 Adults \$4.30 All meals served with white or chocolate milk (low-fat or fat-free). PB&J will be offered daily as an alternative to the main entre. Chef salad offered daily. Meals may be subject to change without notice. USDA is a equal opportunity Employer				1 Loaded Tater Tots Veggie Juice Fruit Cookie	2 Bosco Sticks Caesar Salad Corn Fruit Slushy	3/4
	5 Cheeseburger Baked Beans Broccoli w/ cheese Fruit	6 Chicken Patty Cheesy Potatoes Steamed Carrots Fruit	7 Tater Tot Casserole Dinner Roll Green Beans Fruit	8 Pork Chops Mashed Potatoes Corn Fruit	9 Chicken Nuggets Smiley Potatoes California Blend Fruit	10/11
	12 NO SCHOOL Columbus Day	13 Grilled Cheese Tomato Soup Crackers Corn and Fruit	14 Nachos Refried Beans Grahams Fruit	15 Chicken Alfredo Breadstick Broccoli Fruit	16 Chili Cornbread Applesauce Pudding Cup	17/18
	19 Chicken Fajitas Spanish Rice Corn Fruit	20 Spaghetti w/meat sauce Garlic Bread Romaine Caesar Salad Fruit	21 Hot Ham/Cheese on Pretzel Bun Sweet Potato Fries Pasta Salad & Fruit	22 Chicken Noodle Soup Applesauce Cinnamon Roll	23 French Bread Pizza Lettuce Salad Fruit Slushy	24/25
	26 Orange Chicken Fried Rice Broccoli Fruit	27 Beef Enchiladas Refried Beans Spanish Rice Fruit	28 Creamed Chicken on a Biscuit Peas & Carrots Fruit	29 11:10 Early Dismissal No Lunch Served	30 NO SCHOOL Parent/Teacher Conferences	31 

Notes From the **Superintendent**

At our Teacher Institute held on Monday, August 13, we continued the tradition of honoring our District's staff for perfect attendance. Staff recognized for perfect attendance during the 2025-26 school year were as follows: Ms. Carlee Faber.

The following are new certified & support staff members in the district:

- Ms. Sammi Katschke, Instrumental Music and Elementary Music
- Deputy Ken Myers, School Resource Officer

We hope you will have the opportunity to meet our new staff and welcome them to the District.

With approximately six weeks of the school year already completed, the mid-term progress reports were available via the Parent Portal on Friday, September 11, and the first 9-week report cards will be issued on Friday, October 23. Parent Teacher Conferences will be held in person this year. Conferences can be scheduled by contacting either school office at 815-225-7141 Building Office or 815-225-5839 District Office. Conferences will be held on Thursday, October 29 from 4:00 – 8:00 P.M. and on Friday, October 30 from 8:00 A.M. -12:00 P.M. Please see the related article elsewhere in this Newsletter. Home support for the student's education is important for a student to be successful. We encourage you to contact the teachers about your student's progress frequently, to participate in the Parent Conference Program, and to seize every opportunity to be involved in your student's education.

Finally, I want to thank the parents of our community for your support and vigilance in helping us start the school year safely. Thanks, and appreciation to our staff and students as well for their cooperation and extra efforts to make our school environment as safe as possible. Our community values education and it shows!

Sincerely,
Tim J. Schurman, Superintendent

Counselor's Corner

Career Day will be held on Thursday, October 8. Freshmen are going to tour local businesses (Walmart DC, HALO, CGH, and Westwood). Sophomores are going to participate in Manufacturing Day sponsored by NWILED. Juniors are going on college visits with a staff member or parent. Seniors can job shadow, go on a college/admission visit, fill out the FAFSA, or use the day for anything that is career/college related.

SENIORS

I would like to encourage all seniors to begin applying to colleges/universities if you have not already done so. There are several state universities that have priority application deadlines early in the fall (November 1). There are several private universities that require early applications to be included in their presidential and dean scholarships. If you need an official copy of your transcript sent to the college, please let me know where to send it.

I will also be posting scholarships as I receive them so please check my district website a few times a week <https://www.dist399.net/counselor>.

SENIOR PARENTS The FAFSA is OPEN! You can start filling out at FAFSA® Application | Federal Student Aid. Any senior parents who have questions or have never filled out the FAFSA and would like some guidance, please contact Sauk's financial aid department for help with the FAFSA <https://www.svcc.edu/students/finaid/index.html> 815-835-6339

Even if your student is not attending Sauk, they offer this as a community service because we are in their district. The FAFSA is mandatory for any student attending any sort of post-secondary schooling, this includes tech schools, colleges, and universities.

Stacey Bontz,
School Counselor
Chadwick-Milledgeville CUSD #399

Parent-Teacher Conference Days are Thursday, October 29th and Friday, October 30th

Watch for an email in the next few days, which will include a link and instructions on how to sign up for a conference with your child's teacher. Parents of 6-12 students, our teachers want to meet with you, so please participate in the conference days. If you have trouble signing up through the link, please feel free to contact your child's teacher or the District Office #815-225-5839. Conferences will be held on **Thursday, October 29 from 4:00 – 8:00 p.m.** and on **Friday, October 30 from 8:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.**

Fiscal 2027 Budget

This is formal notice to district stake holders and community members that the fiscal 2027 budget for Chadwick-Milledgeville CUSD #399 is available on the District website. One can access the budget at www.dist399.net. Click the "Overview & Reports" tab under the District Information section on the home page. Please contact the District office if you have questions or concerns at 815-225-5839.

Raising Readers: What Parents Can Do

Learning to read takes practice. Loving to read takes enthusiasm. Read with your child often and create a sense of enjoyment, wonder, and a passion for reading.

Read together every day. You can read the morning news at breakfast, share a story after supper, or cuddle up for a book at bedtime. A daily reading routine is something everyone can look forward to.

Talk and build vocabulary. Interesting conversations build vocabulary, language skills, and knowledge about the world. Talk is a child's best source of exposure to new words and ideas.

Model reading. Kids want to do what the grownups do. Make sure your kids get to see you reading and hear you talk about it.

Point out print. Read and talk about the words you see in the world around you. There's lots to read—signs, recipes, cereal boxes, instruction manuals, bus schedules, news, maps, and menus.

Start reading traditions. Beyond bedtime stories, consider a special birthday book,

Discuss what you read. Give your child enough time to absorb the story and look at the pictures as you read. Think aloud about what you are reading and looking at and encourage your child to do the same.

Ask questions when you read. Ask your child to guess what comes next. Ask open-ended questions that help them relate to characters or events in the book. Let your child get involved and ask questions too—interruptions are okay!

Encourage re-reading. Repetition helps kids learn. Re-reading favorite books and poems helps kids make meaningful connections between themselves and books.

Make media matter. Connect kids with appropriate technology—videos, apps, or games that help them learn new words and interesting things about the world.

Make reading an experience. Link life experiences with books, like a trip to the zoo and books about animals, or planting a garden and reading "The Ugly Vegetables" by Grace Lin.

Content from the National Education Association



The High School Student Council would like to thank all those that participated and attended the Homecoming Parade and Activity Night.
We have such a supportive community!

Physical, Immunization, and Dental Requirements Are Now Due

Complete physicals are required for students entering preschool, kindergarten, sixth and ninth grades. Dental examinations are required for students entering Kindergarten, Grade 2, Grade 6, and Grade 9. Students who do not show proof of all required physical and immunization requirements by Friday, October 9, 2026, will be ineligible to attend school until the information is received by the school. Please contact Mrs. Robinson, School Nurse, with any questions.



School Reach Automated Telephone Contact System

When the administration decides to close school, dismiss early, or wants to provide an important reminder to parents we will execute a School Reach call. When a School Reach call is made a recorded message will be sent to the contact numbers you provide the school district during registration. Please make sure that the contact numbers we have for your family are accurate and up to date. Warning: In the case of school closing you will receive phone call notification very early in the morning i.e. 5:00 A.M. If this is not acceptable notify in writing to the school secretary that you would like to be removed from the School Reach telephone notification program.



Butter Braids are back!

MHS kicks off it's Butter Braid fundraiser October 26th to support school dances and class accounts. Order from any high school student and have your holiday dessert already checked off the list! Questions? Contact Mrs. Moe.