

**MIDDLETOWN HIGH SCHOOL**  
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August 16, 2022

Dear Parents/Guardians,

As summer vacation winds down, those of us at Middletown High School have been busy preparing for the 2022-2023 school year. We are excited to welcome our scholars back and look forward to another successful school year.

The success of our scholars is only possible with your input, involvement and support. Ninth grade parents are invited to join us for a Parent Orientation during “Middie Move-Up Day” on Monday, August 29th from 11am to 12pm for scholars with the last names A-L and 12pm-1pm for scholars with the last names M-Z . Additionally, all parents are invited to learn about their child’s curriculum at Open House on Tuesday, September 13th from 6pm to 8pm. We will have New Scholar Orientation on August 30th from 11am to 1pm. In addition, we will be hosting an informational session to discuss college level classes and our academies for parents on October 3, 2022 at 6:00 pm.

Outside of school, there are many ways you can provide support for your children at home:

- ❖ Keep open communication with your scholar’s teachers and guidance counselor. Share your email with us to receive important updates on your scholar and the High School. Call anytime for a parent/teacher conference or any other information.
- ❖ Make sure your scholar gets adequate rest and good nutrition.
- ❖ Encourage your scholar to get involved in the school community – clubs, sports, and/or music.
- ❖ Continue to participate in school-sponsored parent workshops and join our parent organization. Parents can sign up at Parent Orientation, Open House or you can contact Tamika Charles at (845) 326-1910.
- ❖ Please note that every scholar will be expected to wear their identification badges at all times while in the building. They will be asked to swipe in when they enter the building and also to lunch. Thank you for your support.
- ❖ Schedules will be available on the infinite campus portal starting August 15th. There will be school counselors available to address schedules during the following virtual hours.- 9am to 11am, 1pm to 3pm, and 6pm to 8pm. We will send out additional information on ways to sign up.

We have worked hard to plan a rigorous and fulfilling academic program at Middletown High School for your children.

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Sincerely,

The MHS Administrative Team

## IMPORTANT INFORMATION FOR THE 2022-2023 SCHOOL YEAR

- The following is a list of Cohort contact numbers for the 2022-2023 school year:

<b>Cohort 2022 (9th Grade)</b>	<b>Cohort 2021 (10th Grade)</b>	<b>Cohort 2020 (11th Grade)</b>	<b>Cohort 2019 (12th Grade)</b>
Elissa Schreiner <b>Cohort Principal</b> 845-326-1815	Karina Acevedo <b>Cohort Principal</b> 845-326-1580	TBD <b>Cohort Principal</b>	Dwayne Whitaker <b>Cohort Principal</b> 845-326-1695
Michael Fratto <b>Dean</b> 845-326-1601	TBD <b>Dean</b>	TBD <b>Dean</b>	Nagla Elsakka <b>Dean</b> 845-326-1617
Lissette González <b>(A-Gap)</b> <b>Counselor</b> 845-326-1581	Schadrac St. Louis <b>(A-Gom)</b> <b>Counselor</b> 845-326-1539	Kaitlyn Kras <b>(A-Gros)</b> <b>Counselor</b> 845-326-1579	Eric Hipsman <b>(A-Gil)</b> <b>Counselor</b> 845-326-1544
Juliet Leight <b>(Gar-Paq)</b> <b>Counselor</b> 845-326-1553	Michael Bernard <b>(Gon-Pak)</b> <b>Counselor</b> 845-326-1629	Maria Ferrer <b>(Grot-Pad)</b> <b>Counselor</b> 845-326-1549	Kimberly Gurda <b>(Gim-Nur)</b> <b>Counselor</b> 845-326-1543
Courtney Sarvis <b>(Par-Z)</b> <b>Counselor</b> 845-326-1633	Christine Donohue <b>(Pal-Z)</b> <b>Counselor</b> 845-326-1548	Deanna Saunders <b>(Pae-Z)</b> <b>Counselor</b> 845-326-1879	Lauren Cutler <b>(Nus-Z)</b> <b>Counselor</b> 845-326-1554

### BELL SCHEDULE

We have a nine period day in which classes will begin at 7:35 am and end at 2:20 pm.

### Regular Day Schedule

Period 1	7:35 am – 8:18 am
Period 2:	8:22 am – 9:03 am
Period 3:	9:07 am – 9:48 am
Period 4:	9:52 am – 10:33 am
Period 5:	10:37 am – 11:18 am
Period 6:	11:22 am – 12:03 pm
Period 7:	12:07 pm – 12:48 pm
Period 8:	12:52 pm – 1:33 pm
Period 9:	1:37 pm – 2:20 pm

## FIRST DAYS OF SCHOOL

- The first days of school for high school scholars are as follows:

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- Transportation for the first two days will be as follows:
  - o Scholars attending Session 1 on the 6th or the 7th will take the bus at their typical route and time in the morning.
  - o Scholars attending Session 2 on the 6th or 7th will take the bus at their typical route 3 hours after the time that they typically take the bus in the morning. For example, scholars that would typically take the bus at 7:30 a.m. would take the bus at 10:30 a.m. if they are scheduled to attend during session 2.
- Homeroom is your scholar's first period class.
- On the first day, all scholars are to review their schedules on the portal and be aware of what their first period class is.
- During this day, an abbreviated schedule will be followed.
- During their **Homeroom** class, all scholars will receive any updated schedule, which may reflect any changes.

## BOCES PROGRAM

BOCES programs will start on September 6, 2022. Transportation to and from the BOCES Center will be as follows:

- AM BOCES bus leaves MHS at 7:35 am and returns at 11:25 am.
- PM BOCES bus leaves MHS at 12:05 pm. Scholars will return to the high school by 3:30 pm in time to catch the late bus home.
- If your child misses the BOCES bus, alternate transportation will not be provided.

## DROP OFF PROCEDURES/PARKING

In an effort to improve the safety of our scholars and staff, scholars who are being dropped off to school must enter from the Gardner Avenue Extension entrance (by the athletic fields) and must follow student drop off signs and the direction of security personnel. PLEASE BE ADVISED THAT ANY VEHICLES PARKED IN RESTRICTED AREAS ARE SUBJECT TO TICKETING AND TOWING AS PER BOARD POLICY. Scholars are not allowed to park their cars on school property unless they have a valid 2022-2023 parking permit (this includes the first day of school).

## LATE BUSES

The after-school activity bus (also known as the "late bus") will depart from Middletown High School between 3:30-3:40 pm, Monday through Friday. Scholars must have an approved BUS PASS from their activity teacher to board the late bus. A sports bus will depart from Middletown High School at 5:30 pm, Monday through Friday.

## **STUDENT IDENTIFICATION/INFORMATION SHEET**

- Correct information on the ID information sheet is critical. This information is used to contact parents in case of an emergency.
- **All scholars must bring this completed sheet with them to their homeroom on the first day of school.**
- Please be advised that all scholars will not be released from school for any reason to any adult who is not listed as an emergency contact on this form. All scholars must be physically picked up from school by a listed emergency contact adult.

## **STUDENT SCHEDULES**

- Your child's schedule represents the careful selection you made with your child's counselor in the Spring. At this time, there will be few, if any, schedule changes allowed.
- Schedule changes will be made only for those scholars who can fit additional courses in their schedules.
- Schedules are not changed for period or teacher switches.
- Scholars are also scheduled to support growth and earn credits to support their journey to graduation.

## **ATHLETIC FIELDS**

Please review game schedules for the location of sporting events. Game schedules can be viewed at <https://www.section9sports.org/page/2463/category>

## **DRESS CODE**

Our scholar dress code serves to support all scholars in being ready to be their best, engage positively in academics, and develop a body-positive self-image. All scholars are expected to know and value the importance of the ECSDM Student Dress Code Policy, which is a part of the Student Code of Conduct referenced in *Board Policy 3410*. Some highlights, from the Code of Conduct where dress code is outlined, worth noting are outlined below:

- At all times, clothing must cover and conceal. Revealing clothing is not permitted. Undergarments cannot be visible and no private parts, including midriff, should be visible. Shorts, skirts, and dresses must be long enough that they reach the same point on the thigh as the bottom of a student's closed fist when the arm is extended and resting on the thigh.
- All pants must be kept up to hip level - wearing pants below the hip exposing underwear is not permitted.
- Appropriate shoes must be worn at all times - slippers are not considered appropriate footwear.
- Clothing, backpacks, and accessories must be free of images and content that are sexually suggestive, depict drugs, alcohol, or tobacco use, firearms, gang-related images, or other illegal activities.
- No hats of any kind are permitted to be worn inside school.
- Sunglasses are not permitted to be worn inside school unless there is a medical need with appropriate documentation on file.
- Earbuds are not permitted to be worn in school.
- Hoodies are not permitted to be worn up on a young person's head.
- Any clothing masking a scholar's identity is prohibited - this includes balaclavas and gaiter face masks. If a scholar chooses to wear a mask, the mask should be a medical grade mask.

Our administrators, educators, and staff are responsible for enforcing our dress code. Families, we are calling on you to support us with this expectation. We want our interactions with scholars to be positive and encourage a culture of community. We do not want to use our valuable time together in school to address dress code infractions. We are sending this reminder out early so there is time for families to review the dress code expectation prior to the start of school. Scholars who do not meet dress code expectations will be counseled on making appropriate decisions and where needed asked to remove items/change clothing. If the scholar refuses the reasonable request of any staff member related to the dress code, progressive discipline will be administered.

## ELECTRONIC COMMUNICATION DEVICES

Our goal continues to be providing each of our young people with opportunities to learn and grow in an optimal academic-focused environment. To do this, we need to ensure we are working together to make safety a priority and limit as many distractions as practicable. We will be kicking off the 2022-2023 with a refreshed set of expectations on cell phone use in schools. In order for our collective school community to rally around our vision, we need your support. Beginning with the 2022-2023 school year, the following will be in place on all school campuses grades K-12:

- ❖ Cell phones must be turned off and put away during the school day.
- ❖ Scholars may only access their cell phones prior to the start of the school day and then again after the school day ends.
- ❖ Scholars will not have access to their cell phones at any point during the school day (this includes during study hall and lunch periods).
- ❖ Scholars are not permitted to use cell phones during passing times.
- ❖ To ensure the integrity of assessments, all scholars are prohibited from having cell phones in a classroom or other location where an assessment is being administered.
- ❖ Scholars are not permitted to use any electronic device during any exams, including all classroom and State exams. Scholars who use electronic devices during local assessments will have their exam invalidated and will receive a zero grade on the exam. Scholars found in possession of an electronic device during a State Exam will have their exam invalidated and the exam will not be scored. The student will need to retake the exam during the next State scheduled exam period.

## IMPORTANT DATES TO NOTE

- Middie Move Up Day (incoming 9th grade) – Monday, August 29th
  - Last Names A-L 11am-12pm
  - Last Names M-Z 12pm-1pm

If you have an incoming 9th grader, please register to attend the Middie Move Up Day on August 29, 2022, via Eventbrite with the following link: [Middie Move Up Day](#)

If you have a newly registered scholar who is entering the 10th, 11th, or 12th grade, please register for the New Scholar Orientation on August 30, 2022 via Eventbrite with the following link: [New Student Orientation](#).

If you are unable to attend either of these days and times, please call the school at (845) 326-1601 so that we can support your needs. Thank you in advance.

- First Days of School for Scholars

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- Permission for Student Use of Acceptable Computerized Resources Form - Due Tuesday, September 8, 2022 – (School computer access may be withheld without receipt of this form)
- Rosh Hashanah – Monday, September 26 and Tuesday, September 27, 2022 (SCHOOL CLOSED)

- Open House – Tuesday, September 13, 2022 at 6pm-8pm
- Overview of College Programs and Academies- October 3, 2022 at 6:00 pm
- Emergency Early Dismissal Drill (County wide drill)- Tuesday, October 4, 2022 (15 minutes early dismissal)
- Senior Parking Permit- Mandatory Seminar for senior scholars who will be driving and parking on school property. Monday, August 29th 3:00pm-4:00pm OR August 30th 3:00pm-4:00pm. Scholars must attend one of the seminars. Applications will be handed out at the conclusion of the seminar.