



Mohonasen High School



2011
FRESHMAN
AND
NEW STUDENT
ORIENTATION



Things to Remember



- ★ First Day of School - **Thursday, September 8**
- ★ Homeroom begins at **7:38 AM**
- ★ Extended homeroom to explain basic high school procedures
- ★ Administrators and Monitors will be at door to direct students
- ★ Schedules and lockers will be handed out in Homeroom
- ★ Purchase an agenda today \$4.00 (may also be purchased the first week of school)
- ★ Supply needs will be addressed by individual teachers



Resources for You and Your Student

★ Guidance Counselors 356-8322

Ms. Huszar

Ms. Lockwood

Ms. Pauley

Mr. Wood

★ Admin. for Student and Operational Support Services –
Mr. Ruberti 356-8222

★ Admin. for SPED & Alternative Programs- Ms. Empie 356-8221

★ Student Assistance Counselor – Ms. Blinn 356-8313

★ Student Social Worker– Ms. Sutton 356-8312 and
Ms. Stevens 356-8347

★ School Nurse – Ms. Cunningham 356-8310

★ Student Resource Officer – Officer Rumbaugh 356-8214

★ Athletic Director – Mr. Scalise 356-8275





Resources for You and Your Student



★ Homeroom Teachers

★ Attendance Office – Ms. Clough (356-8315)

★ Main Office (356-8301)

Ms. Carroll

Ms. Dergosits

Ms. Malinowski



★ Grade 9 Advisors

Ms. Vachon and Ms. Hunt



★ Peer Mediators – Students



Resources for You and Your Student



★ Hall Monitors

Mr. Battaglia

Mr. Devito

Mr. Anderson

Mr. LeMay

Mr. Daley



★ Counseling and Career Center

Ms. Ellison and Ms. Furbeck



★ Athletic Office – Ms. Semerad

★ Dean of Students – Ms. Eberz & Mr. Massaroni



Academic Program Information



- ★ The Role of Guidance
- ★ Graduation Requirements
- ★ Regents Exams
- ★ Course Weighting
- ★ Homework
- ★ Extra Help

Peer Tutoring Program

Activity Period



- ★ PASS Program



What is the major difference between the Middle School and High School Academic Programs?



- ★ At the High School students no longer will have essential tasks, however, handing work in on time remains critical to academic success. Late work will be penalized; teachers will define their policies for their individual courses in the syllabus that the students receive the first week of school.
- ★ Students will have a larger number of academic electives to choose from. There are elective offerings in all subject areas. In addition, there are other programs including the Mo-Tech program here on our high school campus which offers a criminal justice, and film/television production program, Vo-Tech programs which are off campus and offer certification and career programs for students, internships in education at our intermediate and elementary buildings as well as internships at local community business.



When should a student seek out a teacher for extra help?



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- ★ Teachers are available after school Tuesday-Friday, 10th period, 2:10-2:50 p.m. Teachers are typically in meetings on Mondays. To accommodate athletes, a sports study hall is available on Mondays only in cafeteria A. Otherwise athletes are expected to stay for a teacher during 10th period prior to practice.
 - ★ Busing is available for students who stay for 10th period Tuesdays and Thursdays only. Students can wait for the afterschool buses outside on the main platform. If the weather is bad they can wait in the gym or main lobby.



Attendance



★ Daily Attendance/Tardiness

★ Loss of Credit

★ Calls

★ Written excuses to verify calls

must be submitted within three days of absence





How many minutes are there between classes and what happens if a student is late to a class?

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- ★ There are six minutes between classes.
 - ★ If a student is late to a class, teachers may assign a teacher detention.
 - ★ Students in the hallways during times other than those established as passing times are required to use a passbook (which is located in the back of the purchased student agenda). Students in the halls without a valid pass will have their name placed on the “Wanderers List”.
 - ★ If a student accrues five wandering list infractions, they will be assigned a 2 hour detention.
 - ★ Once a student accrues multiple infractions they will receive a 2 hour detention for every infraction. Additional consequences will occur if the problem persists.





Breakfast



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- ★ Students can purchase various breakfast items prior to homeroom in cafeteria B. The breakfast line closes promptly at 7:30am. Students cannot get breakfast after 7:30am without a pass from their teacher.



How does the student know what Cafeteria to eat lunch in? What are lunches like?



- ★ Freshman and juniors eat lunch in cafeteria B. Sophomores and seniors eat lunch in cafeteria A. All students must eat in their assigned lunch room.
- ★ There are three 40 minute lunch periods (periods 5, 6 and 7). Students may sit wherever they choose, there are no assigned seats in the cafeteria.
- ★ In each cafeteria students have many choices and options for lunches, including meals that are prepared using low fat, healthy foods. Lunches cost \$2.50.
- ★ If a student has a concern with their assigned cafeteria, they need to see their counselor or administrator to request a cafeteria change.



What bathrooms are opened during the school day?



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- ★ During the course of the school day, the bathrooms in the gym lobby are open for student use.
 - ★ During lunches (periods 5, 6 and 7) the gym lobby bathrooms are closed and the bathrooms closest to the lunch rooms will be opened (LGI and Café A bathrooms)
 - ★ The bathrooms in the music/band wing are for faculty & staff only. We respectfully ask students to please use student designated bathrooms.



Discipline (Respect, Trust, Accountability)



★ Levels of Discipline



- Code of Conduct
- Computer Usage
- Electronic Devices
- Dress Code Expectations
- Lunchroom Behavior
- Internal Suspension
- Hallway (Wandering/Language)
- Deans (Mr. Massaroni) (Ms. Eberz)
- Assistant Principals



Mr. Hulihan – Students A-L

Mrs. Bullinger – Students M-Z



Are cell phones, iPods, backpacks or hats allowed during the school day?

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- ★ Students can carry backpacks.
 - ★ Students are not allowed to wear hats during the school day.
 - ★ Cells phones should not be visible or used in school during school hours.
 - ★ iPods/MP3 players are allowed in study halls and lunches and may be permitted in some classes at the discretion of the teacher. They are not allowed in the hallways or classes.
 - ★ If a teacher sees electronic devices during times they are prohibited, they will be taken, placed in an envelope, labeled and brought to the Main Office for secure storage.
 - ★ Students may pick their device up at the end of the day for the first offense.
 - ★ Procedure will be the same for the second offense, with addition of a phone call to a parent.
 - ★ The third offense will require a parent conference to discuss the issue and disciplinary consequences may result.
 - ★ Students who violate the policy and refuse to turn in the device when asked will receive a 5:20 detention for insubordination.





Social Issues Facing 9th Graders



★ Physical Maturity

★ Behavioral Maturity



★ Relationships: Good and Bad

★ Healthy Interaction with Others

★ Peer Mediation



★ Student Leaders as Mentors



When a student is in conflict with another student, what should they do?



- ★ When a student is in conflict with another student, they are encouraged to seek out the adults they have relationships with in the building, whether it be a teacher, guidance counselor, student assistant counselor, the SRO or administrator to discuss possible resolutions to the problem.
- ★ Students can request peer mediation to help resolve problems. These are students that are trained to help other students resolve conflicts in a constructive, non-violent fashion. Any student can request mediation at any time during the school year.
- ★ Confronting the person you have a conflict with in a crowded hall, lunch room or in front of friends will not help to resolve the situation. Taking the time to define the issue, talk to each other as reasonable young adults and get to root of the problem, will help to resolve the conflict.





In what situations would a student seek out the Resource Officer for advice or guidance?



- ★ Thanks to our partnership with the Rotterdam Police Department, our School Resource Officer (SRO) Michael Rumbaugh is available to all high school students/faculty/staff/administration during the school year.
- ★ Officer Rumbaugh is very approachable. He is almost always available to speak with our students regarding any concerns they may have. He holds many responsibilities, including but not limited to counseling students, participation in classroom lectures, addressing safety and security concerns of our student body, administering student parking permits, and addressing parking and driving infractions.
- ★ He is also the advisor to SADD (Students Against Destructive Decisions).
- ★ His office is located in the Gym Lobby.



Extracurricular Clubs

Full Club Descriptions in Survival Guide

...Get Involved



- @ Arrowhead
- @ Art Club
- @ Audio Visual Club
- @ Book Store
- @ Color Guard
- @ Dance Club
- @ History Club
- @ Impressions
- @ International Club
- @ Masterminds
- @ Mohon Masque Theatre Club
- @ Odyssey of the Mind
- @ Peer Mediation
- @ Peers for Peace
- @ Rocket Club
- @ Science Club
- @ Science Olympiad
- @ Ski & Snowboard Club
- @ Student Senate
- @ Technology Club
- @ Totem – School Yearbook



Honor Societies



- ★ There are seven honor societies that students can be a part of at the high school. Most require the student to be a junior or senior to apply, in some cases you can apply as a sophomore.
- ★ Eligible students must maintain a certain GPA for each society, have no major disciplinary infractions and some societies require community service and leadership participation.



Trading Post/First New York Credit Union



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- ★ The Trading Post is the school store located in the library lobby. It is open during all three lunch periods and after school during 10th period. Students can purchase school supplies, school spirited items, and regents review books.
 - ★ First New York Credit Union is a student run bank located in the Trading Post. It is open every Friday during all three lunch periods. Students and faculty members can open saving accounts, make deposits and cash checks.



Parent Communication & Involvement



★ Be pro-active – Get involved (PTSO, Booster Clubs)

★ Contact Faculty & Administrators

★ Sign up for Parent Access/SNN

★ Leave a message (356-8301) dcollins@mohonasen.org

★ District Website www.mohonasen.org

★ Speak to your child about school everyday

★ Create guidelines for study/homework time, internet, curfews





*We look forward to seeing you on
the first day of school -
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