

BACK-TO-SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

REDBIRDS

**REGISTRATION: THURSDAY, JULY 27, 1PM-8PM
FRIDAY, JULY 28, 8AM-3PM**

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Registration will have two elements: on-line and on-site components. The on-line component is an easy-to-follow process for parents/guardians to complete all required information and updates as well as pay all fees. This component will save you from waiting in long lines and completing multiple registration forms by hand. All forms necessary for registering your student

will be available on-line at this site. If all forms are filled out and printed, it will not be necessary for a parent/guardian to accompany the student for the on-site component. However, feel free to join your student during on-site registration. For juniors and seniors wishing to purchase a parking permit for the west parking lot, permits will be sold in the Main Office on Monday July 17th,

Tuesday, July 18th, and Wednesday, July 19th starting at 8 a.m. on a first come, first serve basis. No permits will be sold to students who have outstanding registration, food service, or book fees. All fees can be paid on the day you come in to purchase your parking permit. Permits will cost \$50 and can be purchased with either cash or a check. Any unsold permits will be available to purchase during onsite registration.

ON-LINE COMPONENT

The on-line component for registration opens July 17 and remains open through July 26. Please log on during that time to your Skyward Family Access, not your student's account. If you have forgotten your log-in and password, please email Mr. Greg Harrison at gharris@mths.us and include your day phone number and student's name or you may call him at 367-4151 ext. 523. The on-line component will allow you to pay all fees by credit or debit card as well as fill out all necessary paperwork prior to attending the on-site registration section. If you prefer to pay at school by cash or check, all fees can be paid in the main office.

If you do not have access to a computer or are unable to access or print the forms, all forms will be available at the school. Computers will also be available and staff members will assist anyone during the on-site days of registration.

ON-SITE COMPONENT

Registration will be finalized on-site on July 27 and 28. The following items will be completed on those dates; all forms turned in, fingers scanned for the biometric lunch program, all athletic/extracurricular forms turned in, student ID photos taken, parking permits distributed, student schedules distributed, and any fees that have not been paid on-line or at the time of registration.

Registration Fees

Freshmen through Seniors
\$125.00

Parking (west lot Jr./Sr. only)
\$50.00

Drivers Ed. Behind the Wheel
\$200.00

(This fee must be paid before a student takes the "Behind the Wheel" portion of Drivers Ed. For students taking Behind the Wheel in the Fall, this fee can be paid during the on-site portion of registration. For students taking it in the Spring, the fee must be paid before the first day of instruction in January.)

Fees may increase in the future.

**METAMORA TWP. HIGH SCHOOL
2017-2018
SCHOOL CALENDAR**

Wednesday, August 16	Teacher Institute 12:00 P.M.-8:30 P.M. Freshmen/Parent Attendance 6:00 P.M.-8:30 P.M.
Thursday, August 17	Student Attendance—Full Day
Monday, September 4	Labor Day – No School
Friday, October 6	Teacher Institute
Monday, October 9	Columbus Day—No School
Thursday, October 26	Evening P/T Conference
Friday, October 27	Morning P/T Conference—No School
Wednesday, November 22–24	Thanksgiving Vacation—No School
Thursday, December 21—Jan 2	Christmas Vacation—No School
Wednesday, January 3	Teacher Institute—No School
Thursday, January 4	Start of Second Semester
Monday, January 15	Martin Luther King’s Birthday—No School
Monday, February 19	President’s Day—No School
Monday, March 26—April 2	Spring Vacation—No School
Sunday, May 20	Graduation
Monday, May 28	Memorial Day—No School
Friday, June 1	Last day of school will be a Teacher Institute— No Student Attendance

BACK-TO-SCHOOL NIGHT

MTHS will have a Back-to-School Night on Thursday, August 16, from 6-8:30 p.m. A general student/parent meeting will be from 6:00-6:30 in the school auditorium. Starting at 6:30, students and parents can follow their class schedule and briefly meet with each teacher, if desired. Every one is invited, but freshmen and their parents are encouraged to attend.



1ST DAY OF SCHOOL

All students will attend classes on Friday, August 17, from 8:15a.m.-3:15p.m. with buses making regular morning runs and returning students home immediately after dismissal. The scheduled time of bus pick-up will be available on the days set for registration and payment of fees.

GUIDANCE NEWS

Welcome back to school!

The schedules are set and we have balanced classes through the summer. Please pick up your final schedule on July 27th or July 28th during registration.

The only changes that we can make at this time are for mistakes or teacher request. First semester schedules are set. After September 1st, second semester changes may be possible depending on class sizes.

HOT LUNCH

The cafeteria will be serving hot lunches beginning Thursday, August 17. The cost of a hot lunch will be \$3.00. Students may choose the main entrée or a sandwich

from the ala carte line, along with different choices of vegetables, fruits, potatoes, and milk. The salad bar line will consist of salad, fruit, baked po-

tato and milk. Soup is also available. Breakfast will be served beginning Thursday, August 17.

***The application for free and reduced meals can be obtained by contacting Sandy Larson in the Superintendent's Office at 367-4151 ext. 512**

P.E. CLOTHES

All students must have a uniform specifically for physical education which meets the guidelines established by the department. Each student will be required to wear red shorts, not necessarily those of the school, but red shorts without lettering and a shirt purchased

from the MTHS P.E. department. The P.E. outfit is included in the registration fee for freshmen and new students. Additional items or replacement items may be purchased from the school at the time of registration and will be issued during clas-

ses at the beginning of the year. The cost of each item is \$5.00. Students are expected to participate in a fitness program. This includes exercise, good nutrition, and abstaining from the use of alcohol, tobacco, and other drugs. MTHS believes a sound mind and sound body go together.

DAILY BULLETIN

- The daily bulletin can be viewed by accessing our web site at www.mths.us
- Another option of receiving the daily bulletin would be via email. If you would like to receive the bulletin daily by email, contact Mrs. Grebner in the main office with
- your email address or email her at cgrebner@mths.us.

SCHOOL SUPPLIES

A list of supplies needed for particular classes is posted on our web site. You may access this list by going to “staff” on the top of the home page of our web site. From the drop down menu click on “departments”. Go to the indi-



vidual departments to access this list.

This list is not a complete list of everything students will need. Other information regarding supplies will be conveyed by teachers during the first week of school.

STUDENT PLANNER

Every student will be given a student planner during the first week of school. The planner has space for students to write assignments and activities. Parents and students must be aware of school rules listed in the planner. Students will be expected to carry the planner throughout the school day.

FRESHMEN PHYSICALS

All incoming freshmen are required by state law to have a physical examination and updated immunization records. Dental exams are recommended. These records must comply with the state immunization law or students will be excluded from school. School health forms are

available at the high school Guidance Office. **All students, grades 10-12, attending MTHS for the first time must submit a valid 9th grade physical report, have their previous school's records sent, and present their birth certificate.



STUDENT IDs

Student I.D. pictures will be taken at the time of registration, and I.D. cards will be required for free admittance to school functions or to check out material from the library. Cards will be distributed when the activity fees have been paid and the parent form signed. We strongly encourage you to become involved with the school and to contact MTHS when you have questions involv-

ing your children. Positive attendance, getting to class on time, coming to class prepared, and doing homework all contribute to academic achievement. MTHS offers a variety of activities for students, ranging from Scholastic Bowl and band to athletics and theater. If you would like more information, please feel free to contact the office at 367-4151.

STUDENT ACCIDENT INSURANCE

Your child is covered against medical expenses for accidents that occur while attending regular school session. This coverage includes travel time directly to and from your home to attend regular school sessions, up to 1 hour before or 1 hour after regular classes. If your child travels to school on a district bus, the coverage extends to the travel time of the bus. This protection is provided at no cost to you. This coverage can help to protect you against expenses related to accidental injuries that occur while participating in activities exclusively organized, sponsored, and supervised by the school and school employees, except for tackle football. This includes travel to and from the activity in a vehicle owned by or leased by the school and supervised solely by school employees.

METAMORA TOWNSHIP HIGH SCHOOL MATHEMATICS

Graphing Calculators and The Common Core State Standards

In June of 2010, the Illinois State Board of Education adopted the Common Core State Standards for English-Language Arts and Mathematics. These Standards were designed to better prepare Illinois students for success in college and the workforce in a competitive global economy. The Metamora Township High School Mathematics Department has been transitioning to these new Standards. One of the transition initiatives is the requirement of a graphing calculator in courses aligned to the Common Core State Standards.

According to the Common Core State Standards, “The strategic use of technology is expected in all work. This may include employing technological tools to assist students in forming and testing conjectures, creating graphs and data displays and determining and assessing lines of fit for data. Geometric constructions may also be performed using geometric software as well as classical tools and technology may aid three-dimensional visualization. Testing with and without technological tools is recommended.”

There are many graphing calculator options available to parents and students, and not all are equal in power and ease of use. It is also very confusing for students when in-class directions do not align with their calculator. To simplify the purchasing process for parents, the MTHS Math Department has created this document explaining the calculators that are acceptable for MTHS students. Students who are on free or reduced lunch who find the cost of these graphing calculators too burdensome will be offered the opportunity to check out a TI-nspire CX through the MTHS library. When you purchase a graphing calculator, please save the entire packaging to submit to your math teacher as they can redeem that packaging for free rewards for the school.

2017-2018 REQUIRED FOR ALL MTHS MATHEMATICS COURSES

For graphing calculators, there are two versions of the TI-nspire that are the BEST: the grayscale TI-nspire and the color TI-nspire CX. There is no significant difference between the two calculators other than the color capabilities of the CX version.

Please be careful not to purchase a TI-nspire **CAS** or TI-nspire CX **CAS** because they are banned from all ACT and PARCC tests. They are, however, allowed in Honors AP Statistics, Honors AP Calculus AB and Honors AP Calculus BC.

TI-nspire or TI-nspire CX



Metamora Township High School

Athletic & Extra Curricular Activities Required Forms

ALL 2017-2018 MTHS ATHLETES: Now is a good time to schedule a summer appointment for your sports physical for the 2017-18 school year. (Incoming freshman only need a school physical for their sport(s). You do NOT have to get both a sport and school physical for freshman year.)

Also, athletes can pick up an Athletic Permit Card, IHSA Drug Testing/Concussion Form, Concussion Impact Form and MTHS Drug Testing Form (MTHS Drug Form good for all 4 years) in the Main Office or print them from our website. These forms/physical will need to be turned in at registration which is being planned for the end of July.

NO forms/physicals will be accepted before that time.

ALL 2017-2018 MTHS STUDENTS INVOLVED IN ANY EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITY: A MTHS Random Drug Testing Form needs to be signed and turned in at registration which is being planned for the end of July. NO forms will be accepted before that time.

Sign-Up to Work in the Football Concession Stand – Below are the 2017 dates for our home football games. We ask that each athlete family sign up for at least one shift for each sport that your child(ren) are involved in (Max of 2). Money raised from Friday night football games goes to ALL sports at MTHS. Sign-ups will take place during July registration or contact Jackie Mathews, 367-4151 or jmathews@mths.us after July 31st.

Redbird Home Football Schedule 2017

Friday, August 18th – Fall Emphasis Night 6:00 pm

Friday, September 8th

Friday, September 29th

Friday, October 13th

Friday Nights Clean-Up Crew

Play Off Game(s)



GIRLS' SPORTS

GOLF If you are interested in trying out for the girls golf team this fall and have not been in contact with Coach Danner, you should email him at cdanner@mths.us or call 367-4033 or 251-6293

TENNIS Girls' tennis tryouts will begin August 9th. Varsity will tryout from 8-11 a.m. and 2-4p.m. Freshmen & Sophomores will tryout from 12-2 p.m. All paperwork is due to MTHS Athletic Office by Tuesday, August 8th. Email Contact Coach Boeker with any questions: bboeker@mths.us

Volleyball Tryouts will be held on Wednesday, August 9th at 8:00-11:30am SHARP. Open gym dates and times are listed on the website.

BOYS' SPORTS

FOOTBALL Equipment pick-up will be Wednesday Aug 2nd at 3:00 p.m. The first day of practice is Monday, Aug. 7th.

GOLF Tryouts will be held on Monday, August 7th, Tuesday, August 8th and Wednesday, August 9th at Metamora Fields. Times TBA

SOCCER The season is quickly approaching. Please see the varsity boys soccer link through our website for the most up-to-date information and schedules. Questions? Email Coach Ray at sray@mths.us



BOYS' & GIRLS' SPORTS

“RUNNIN’ RED” & “LADY RUNNIN’ RED” - the Boys & Girls MTHS Cross Country Teams

Here is your “Invitation” to join the Metamora Cross Country Teams for the Fall of 2017. Do I hear you saying – “I can’t run distance!” I have coached this wonderful sport at MTHS since 1970 and that is the first statement that I usually hear. However, I know that is a false statement. Everyone can run distance! True not everyone has the same ability but that is the case in everything that we do. This sport is one that you can very easily see your improvement from one week to another (or one race to another). Your motivation to improve is more important than your ability to run! Our Coaching Staff will prepare you to compete in the meets so that you can improve your times as you progress through the season.

Some important dates:

August 5th: Equipment Handout & Locker Assignment at MTHS between the hours of 9 -11 a.m. This will take approximately 15 minutes. No need to be there the full two hours.

August 8th: Meeting for all runners and their parents at 7:00 p.m. in Room 200 at the High School. Information about the season will be given out at this meeting. A letter outlining the meeting will be mailed to all those who have signed up for Cross Country toward the end of July. If you wish to receive a copy of this letter, please contact me (Coach Jones) at the telephone number or e-mail at the bottom of this note. We also have a system of sending info by way of the internet - REMIND. Contact me to get info on how to sign up for REMIND.

August 9th: First Day of Practice! A Practice Schedule for the season will be available at the August 8th Meeting.

August 17th: First Day of School.

August 26th: “Practice Meet” at Black Partridge Park (our Home Course). Starting at 9:00 a.m. there will be a Grade School Girls’ Race followed by a Grade School Boys’, High School Girls’, High School Boys’ & then an Open Race for anyone who wishes to run a CC Race (either the 2 mile Grade School Course or the 2.94 mile High School course).

Please DO NOT use the phrase “I can’t run distance” as your excuse for not going out for Cross Country. You will be surprised with what you can accomplish if you take the challenge! A positive attitude toward any challenge is a valuable lesson to learn in life. No one ever succeeds in life, if they start their challenges with “I can’t do that!”

If you wish more info – PLEASE contact me (Coach Jones) at: telephone # 309-367-4878 or by e-mail at cjonesyrun@yahoo.com -- More info (also some MTHS Cross Country History) can be obtained on the Metamora High website – mths.us --then go to athletics and then Cross Country.

Coach Jones

Parents Right to Know

Qualifications of Educators

Dear Parent:

In accordance with ESEA Section 1111 PARENTS RIGHT TO KNOW, Metamora Township High School District #122 is notifying every parent in a Title I school that you have the right and may request information regarding the professional qualifications of your child's teacher. This information regarding the professional qualifications of your child's classroom teacher includes, at a minimum, the following:

Whether the teacher has met state qualification and certification criteria for the grade level and subject area in which the teacher provides instruction.

Whether the teacher is teaching under emergency or provisional status.

The bachelor's degree major of the teacher, and any other degrees or certification held by the teacher and the subject areas of the certification or degrees.

Whether the child is provided services by paraprofessionals and, if so, their qualifications.

If at any time your child has been taught for four or more consecutive weeks by a teacher not highly qualified, the school will notify you.

If you have questions, please contact a district administrator at 367-4151.

Sincerely,

Sean O'Laughlin
Superintendent

ANNUAL NOTICE OF NON-DISCRIMINATION

MTHS INSURES EQUAL ACCESS TO ALL ACADEMIC, EXTRACURRICULAR, AND VOCATIONAL PROGRAMS. EQUAL EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES ARE OFFERED TO STUDENTS REGARDLESS OF RACE, COLOR, NATIONAL ORIGIN, AGE, SEX, SEXUAL ORIENTATION, RELIGION, OR HANDICAP. QUESTIONS RELATED TO DISCRIMINATION MAY BE DIRECTED TO PETE LIST. THE TITLE IX (SEX DISCRIMINATION) COORDINATOR IS KEVIN HO-DEL. THE SECTION 54 (HANDICAP) COORDINATOR IS RHONDA DANNER.

SEXUAL HARASSMENT

It is the policy of Metamora Township High School District #122 to provide employees and students an educational and employment environment free of unwelcome sexual advances, requests for sexual favors, and other verbal or physical conduct or communications constituting sexual harassment as defined and otherwise prohibited by state and federal law.

It is a violation of policy for anyone who is authorized to recommend or take personnel actions affecting an employee, or who is otherwise authorized to transact business or perform other acts or services on behalf of Metamora Township High School #122:

1. To make sexual advances or request sexual favors when submission to or rejection of such conduct is the basis for either implicitly or explicitly recommending, imposing, granting withholding, or refusing terms and conditions that either favor or adversely affect an employee's condition of employment or a student's grade or assignment.
2. To recommend, impose, grant, withhold, or refuse to take any personnel action consistent with his or her duties and responsibilities because of sexual favors, or as a reprisal against an employee or student who has rejected or reported sexual advances.
3. To disregard and fail to investigate allegations of sexual harassment whether reported by the individual who is the subject of the alleged harassment, or a witness, and to fail to take immediate corrective action in the event misconduct has occurred.

It shall also be a violation of this policy for any employee or any student to abuse or harass another employee or student through conduct or communication of a sexual nature and continuing sexual harassment as defined in the Illinois Human Rights Act, Ill. Rev. Stat. Ch. 68, Para. 2-201(D). Whenever such misconduct exists, prompt and corrective action should be taken by the district's administration. There are no express limits for initiating complaints and grievances under this policy; however, every effort should be made to file such complaints as soon as possible while facts are known and potential witnesses are available. Employees, students, or other individuals who feel aggrieved because of sexual harassment have several means available to make their concerns known:

1. Aggrieved persons who feel comfortable doing so should directly inform the person engaging in sexual harassment or communication that such conduct or communication is offensive and must stop.
2. An aggrieved individual may contact the Board President or the Superintendent of Metamora Township High School District #122 for counseling and assistance.
3. Aggrieved persons alleging sexual harassment may file a formal grievance per Board of Education policy.

There shall be no reprisal against any student, parent, or employee for filing a sexual harassment complaint or for utilizing the grievance procedure. Regardless of the means selected for resolving the problem, the initiation of a complaint of sexual harassment will not adversely affect the complainant's employment, compensation, or work assignment. The complainant is entitled to confidentiality and shall not be subjected to harassment or retaliation as a result of having filed a complaint or appealed a decision.



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