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METAMORA TWP. HIGH SCHOOL BACK-TO-SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

2016-2017

REGISTRATION:

THURSDAY, JULY 28, 12PM-8PM

FRIDAY, JULY 29, 8AM-4PM

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 availa-

ble 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 Tuesday July 19th, Wednes-

day July 20th, and Thursday July 21st on a first come, first serve basis. No permits will be sold to students who have outstanding registration, food service, or book fees from a previous school year. Any outstanding 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 at midnight on July 18 and remains open through midnight on July 27. 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 28 and 29. 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

2016-2017

SCHOOL CALENDAR

Thursday, August 11	Teacher Institute 12:00 p.m.-8:30 p.m. Freshmen/Parents Attendance 6:00p.m.-8:30p.m.
Friday, August 12	Student Attendance – Full Day
Monday, September 5	Labor Day – No School
Monday, October 10	Columbus Day – No School
Thursday, October 20	Evening P/T Conference
Friday, October 21	Morning P/T Conference – No School
Friday, November 11	Veterans Day – No School
Wednesday, November 23	Teacher Institute – No School
Thursday, November 24, Fri. 25	Thanksgiving Vacation – No School
Wednesday, Dec. 21-Jan. 2	Christmas Vacation - No School
Tuesday, January 3	Teacher Institute – No School
Monday, January 16	Martin Luther King’s Birthday – No School
Monday, February 20	President’s Day – No School
Monday, March 27 –	
Friday, March 31 Spring Vacation	No School
Friday, April 14 – Monday, April 17	Easter Break – No School
Sunday, May 21	Graduation
Monday, May 29	Memorial Day – No School
Wednesday, May 30	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 Thurs-

day, August 11, 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 12, 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 28th or July 29th 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 Friday, August 12. The cost of a hot lunch will be \$2.75 (This price may increase). 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 and soup

or potato. Breakfast will be served beginning Friday, August 12.

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

PE 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 classes 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 “departments” on the left side of the home page of our web site. There is a link on the department home page or you may go to the individual departments to access this list.

This list is not a complete list of everything students will need, as we are still in the developmental stage of compiling a supply list for the web site. 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 involving 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

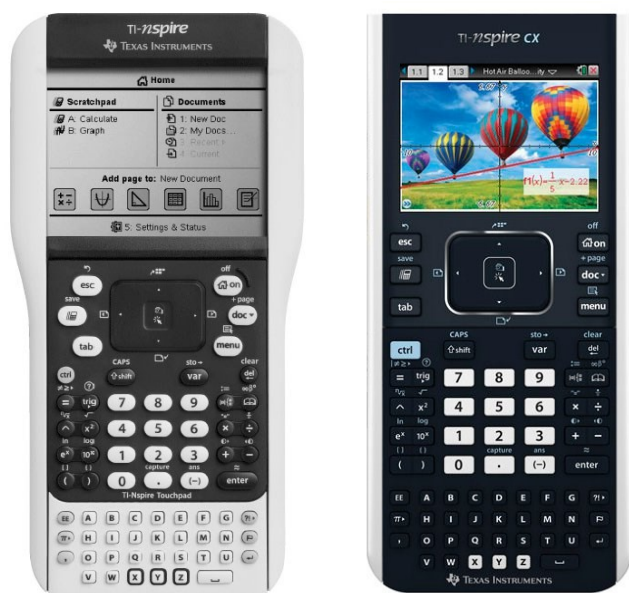
In June of 2010, the Illinois State Board of Education adopted the Common Core State Standards for English-Language Arts and Mathematics. These Standards were designed to better prepare Illinois students for success in college and the workforce in a competitive global economy. The Metamora Township High 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.

2016-2017 REQUIRED FOR ALL MTHS MATHEMATICS COURSES

TI-nspire or TI-nspire CX



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.

ATHLETICS

ALL 2016-2017 MTHS Athletes: Now is a good time to schedule an appointment for your sports physical for the 2016-17 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 Concussion/Drug Testing 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 at the end of July. NO forms/physicals will be accepted before that time.

Also, below are the home football games that volunteers are needed to work the inside and outside concession stands. We ask that you sign up at registration in July. All profits from these nights go to ALL sports in the high school. We appreciate everyone's help.

Fri. August 19- Fall Emphasis Night

Fri. September 2

Fri. September 16

Fri. September 23

Fr. October 7

Fri. October 21

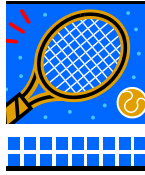
Friday Nights Clean-up Crew

Playoff Game(s)



All Fall Sports Emphasis Night will be held on Friday, August 19th at 6:00 p.m., showcasing all fall sports. Admission will be a canned food/non-perishable item.

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 10 for both varsity and frosh/soph teams. Check the girls tennis web site for exact times. All players must have proper paperwork turned in to the MTHS athletic office and be cleared to try out. Contact Coach Boeker with any questions: bboeker@mths.us.

VOLLEYBALL

Volleyball tryouts will be held on Wednesday, August 10 at 8:00 am SHARP.

All athletes must have a physical, athletic permit card, IHSA drug testing form, IHSA concussion form, and MTHS drug testing form on file. These forms/physical will need to be turned in at registration at the end of July. NO forms/physicals will be accepted before that time.

BOYS' SPORTS



FOOTBALL

Equipment pick-up will be Aug 3rd at 3:00 pm The first day of practice is Monday, Aug. 8th.

GOLF

Boys Golf Tryouts will be held on Wednesday, August 10 and Thursday, August 11 at Metamora Fields. Times TBA

SOCCER

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



SPORTS FOR GIRLS & BOYS

CROSS COUNTRY

"RUNNIN' RED" & "LADY RUNNIN' RED" - the Boys & Girls Metamora High Cross Country Teams

A myth: "I cannot run distance!" Yes, everyone can run distance – some better than others. There are not too many sports that do not "run." In fact, some sports use "runnin" as their punishment! That is something I really dislike! Everyone can run Distance and they can improve. I have coached Cross Country at Metamora High since 1970 and have enjoyed opening the wonderful world of runnin' to many students & parents. Here is your "Invitation" to join the Metamora Cross Country Teams for the Fall of 2016. I merely ask that you come to the sport with a willingness to work. You will be given the opportunity to compete in meets (usually on Tuesday & Saturdays). Our Coaching Staff will prepare you to compete in these meets so that you can improve your times as you progress through the season.

Some important dates:

August 4th: 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. Contact me to get info on how to sign up for that. The more ways we can contact athletes & their parents is extremely helpful!

August 6th: Equipment Handout at MTHS between the hours of 9 & 11 a.m. This will take approximately 15 minutes.

August 10th: First Day of Practice! A Practice Schedule for the season will be available at the August 4th Meeting.

August 12th: First Day of School.

August 27th: "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 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 give yourself a chance to "TRY!" A positive attitude toward any challenge is a valuable lesson to learn in life. I sincerely believe 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

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.

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,

*Randall G. Toepke
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 Hodel. The Section 54 (Handicap) coordinator is Rhonda Danner.

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