



WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 30, 2023

MASON MINUTE

Weekly District News

Student Support

As our community continues to grieve the loss of two Mason High School students, please know that Mason Public Schools is here for you. Our mental health professionals are available, and willing, to provide continued support to students and staff as long as needed.

The Mason community is strong, and we will continue to lean on one another. Students are encouraged to share their feelings and grief and honor their classmates in ways that help them process this loss.

Students should feel comfortable discussing events with teachers, administrators, counselors, and mental health staff in their buildings and seek immediate help if they find themselves in crisis. In addition, we have included [resources for families](#) to review that may help you support your child during this time.

We want to extend our most sincere thanks to the Mason Community as well as Ingham Intermediate School District, Haslett Public Schools and Okemos Public Schools for sending mental health support staff and therapy dogs as well as all districts who offered support and services. We truly appreciate the community members and neighboring districts rallying for our community and students.

Skyward Updates and Family Communication

Stay connected this school year! All families should log into their Skyward accounts to ensure parent/guardian contact information is up to date and correct. The [Skylert](#) system is used to share school closing, building-specific information and other district messages with families.

Before and After School Job Opportunities

Looking for a part-time job? MPS is hiring Before and After School Aides! Hours are 7-8:30 a.m. (Wednesday 7- 9:30 a.m.) and afternoons from 3:30-6 p.m.

Interested individuals can complete a [short online application](#) for these positions, additional job opportunities at MPS can be viewed on the [employment website](#).

MPS In the News

Fox 47 paid a visit to MHS to feature the Marching Band and preview the upcoming football season. Check out the [story](#).



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Health Update

With Labor Day weekend is fast approaching, and the Health Team wants to keep our students and staff healthy.

If you and/or family members are having symptoms of illness, tested positive for an illness, or had an exposure to a sick individual, the Health Team nurses will be available via email at the times/dates below for questions about return to school:

- Monday, Sept. 4, 5-8 pm: hakiml@masonk12.net
- Tuesday, Sept. 5, 7am-2 pm: stacyc@masonk12.net

Remember to not to come to school with any of these symptoms:

- A fever >100 degrees; a person MUST be free from a temperature for 24 hours without medication before returning
- Vomited or had diarrhea in the past 24 hours
- Severe eye drainage or red swollen eyes
- A severe or croup sounding cough
- Severe cold symptoms or constant thick nose drainage
- Rash of unknown origin

Thank you and have a safe and healthy holiday weekend!

Medication Forms

For the 2023-2024 school year, medications can be dropped off at school by a parent or guardian. Medications must be in their original container with an expiration date, staff are not able to administer expired medication.

If your child has medication needs during the school day, please remember:

- All prescription medication forms need to be completed and signed by the doctor and parent/guardian; this includes self-carry medications. (Examples: EpiPens, inhalers)
- All non-prescription (over the counter) forms need to be completed and signed by the parent/guardian. (Examples: pain relievers such as Tylenol or Motrin, Benadryl and sunscreen)

Forms can be picked up in person or are available [online](#). For questions, please contact District Nurse [Emily Epling RN](#).



Meals at School

MPS is excited to offer free breakfast and lunch to all students this year thanks to the Michigan Healthy School Meals Program!

Even though meals will be provided for free, it is important for families to continue sharing household income information in order for our schools to receive full access to federal and state funding for educational programs.

Please take a moment to complete the [form](#) which collects information needed to ensure MPS receives state and federal funding. In addition, based on the information you provide on your School Meals and Summer EBT Application, your student may qualify for other programs including:

- Summer EBT
- Pay to Play or Pay to Participate assistance
- Programs that provide food support
- Programs that provide field trip support
- Programs that provide school supplies or assist with school fees
- Programs that provide holiday support
- Potential household support for cable and internet



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Important Dates

- **Friday, September 1- No School**
- **Monday, September 4- No School, Labor Day**
- **Thursday, September 7- High School Picture Day**
- **Thursday, September 21- Middle School Picture Day**
- **Friday, October 20- No School**
- **Monday, October 23- No School, Teacher Professional Development**



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