



MAHTOMEDI HIGH SCHOOL BACK-TO-SCHOOL INFORMATION & EVENTS

2024-25 SCHOOL YEAR



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Dear MHS Students and Families,

Welcome to the 2024-25 school year! This time of year always brings about a sense of excitement as we prepare for a new school year. I hope you have found time to spend with family and friends and have had the opportunity to enjoy all that the summer months have to offer. The MHS staff is looking forward to reconnecting with our sophomores, juniors, and seniors and welcoming our new group of freshmen.

We want to give a big Zephyr welcome to our new staff:

- Lisa Faletti-Watkins - Associate Principal
- Aleah Felton - English
- Chris Hemstad - Science
- Rachel Nixon - Speech Language Pathologist
- Shumian Amelia Teillard-Cui - Multilingual Learners
- Karen Vidlock - Social Studies

As a school community, our goal is to continue to work toward making our Mahtomedi High School mission a reality.

The mission of Mahtomedi High School, a driven and supportive family of Zephyrs whose individual growth enriches the community as a whole, is to ensure a transformational experience in which students are life-long learners and empathetic community members equipped with the desire and ability to explore their passions through a vital system distinguished by:

- **inclusive and safe environments where all Zephyrs belong and advocate for one another through**
- **authentic relationships**
- **a culture that seeks out and honors diverse and global perspectives**
- **dynamic educational experiences for varied interests**
- **embracing the discomfort of setbacks as an important part of the learning process**
- **a community that recognizes that success comes in many forms**

Thank you for your continued partnership and support,

Justin Hahn
Principal, Mahtomedi High School

Back-to-School Guides

The Back-to-School Guides are available via the links below. The guides contain information about school supplies, open house events, nutrition, transportation, and helpful information to prepare for the 2024-25 school year.

- [Preschool](#)
- [Wildwood Elementary School](#)
- [O.H. Anderson Elementary School](#)
- [Mahtomedi Middle School](#)
- [Mahtomedi High School](#)

Important Calendar Dates:

- **New Mahtomedi High School Student Welcome**
-All 9th-grade and new-to-the-district high school students
Tuesday, August 27, from 8:00 am-12:00 pm
This is a fun, peer-led welcome for students. Our Link Crew (11th and 12th-grade student leaders) will guide students through support, activities, and conversations about being a student at Mahtomedi High School. Students will get a chance to find their classes, get comfortable in the building, and receive their Chromebooks.
- **High School Success Meeting**
-All 9th-12th grade families are invited to attend
Tuesday, August 27 at 11:30 am-12:00 pm or 6:00-6:30 pm
MHS Fine Arts Center
Topics will include:
 - Support staff and resources
 - Organization and time management
 - Getting involved in the school community
- **Welcome Back Open House**
August 27 from 2:00-4:00 pm
The 2:00-4:00 pm time frame is for students who are returning to Mahtomedi High School (we will have met with our 9th-grade or new students earlier in the day). During this time, students will receive their Chromebooks, pick up their parking passes, find classrooms, deposit lunch money, and say hello to MHS Staff.
- **First Day of School:** Tuesday, September 3

- **Picture Day:** September 11 (9th-12th grade) Picture retake day is October 10
- **Homecoming Week:** September 30 - October 4

Additional information:

School supplies: School supplies are specific to each classroom and department. Students will want to bring a notepad and pen/pencil on the first day of class. Teachers will let students know on the first day of school which supplies will best support the students. Do you need assistance with backpacks and school supplies for the 2024-25 school year? If so, contact the Community Resource Center at St. Andrew's Resource Center to make an appointment. Please call 651-762-9124 by August 12. For more information, [click here for a flyer with more details.](#)

Lockers: Students will be assigned a locker BY REQUEST ONLY. Students will not automatically be assigned a locker this year. To request a locker, the student should complete the [Locker Request form](#). **Please note the locker request form must be filled out by the student and they need to be logged into their school Google account.** Once a locker has been assigned, the student can find their locker number and combination in their StudentVue account.

Lockers will be assigned on the following dates:

- Requests submitted by August 22nd will be available on August 26th
- Submitted August 26th - August 30th will be available September 3rd
- If you would like to request a locker after September 3rd, scan the QR code posted in the locker bay or see Ms. DeMars in the main office

Student and Family Handbook

[Please click here for our Student and Family 2024-2025 Handbook.](#) All students and Parents/Guardians must annually verify that they have read and understand the General Information and School Policies and the Summaries of District Policies contained in the Mahtomedi Public Schools Student and Family Handbook. Verification of the handbook must be submitted by students and families by September 3, 2024.

[Click here to Access Your ParentVUE and StudentVUE Account to Submit Verification](#) If you have a question about ParentVUE, please [click here](#).

Activities

Registration for fall sports is now open. Practices and tryouts start on Monday, August 12th. Student-athletes must be registered before participating in any physical activities with a team. [Click here to register for a fall sport](#). A current [Sports Physical](#) must be on file with the school before registering for MSHSL Activities. These forms are good for three calendar years. Completed Sports Physicals can be returned via email or fax. Send to Fax: 651-762-5825 (Activities Office) or Email: lisa.gacek@isd832.net

View all our [Clubs](#) and [Athletic offerings](#) on the Mahtomedi Activities (GoZephyrs.org) website. Follow our [Instagram](#) and [Facebook pages](#) for updates.

School Transportation

Bus cards will be sent home to students approximately two weeks before school starts. If you do not receive a postcard and your child will need school transportation, please call our transportation department at 651-407-2431 or email them at trans@isd832.net If you receive a route postcard and your child will no longer need school transportation, please call the transportation department at 651-407-2431 or email them at trans@isd832.net

Mahtomedi Community Education Catalog and Registration Opens August 7

Mahtomedi Community Education is busy preparing for another year of offering activities, athletics, enrichment, building use, and of course, our fun family events. The fall catalog goes live on August 7 on the registration website at mahtomedi.ce.eleyo.com. We look forward to seeing you investigate new passions and continue to be lifelong learners!

Open Job Positions

We are hiring for the 2024-25 school year. [Click here to see a list of positions we have an immediate need to fill](#). A full list of open positions and more information can be found [here](#).

School Nutrition

Due to MN Legislation, breakfast and lunch are provided for free to all students (including preschool) during the school year. Please note that students will be charged for seconds and a la carte items, including milk if they bring their own meal from home. Please click here for [meal prices for seconds](#) or [a la carte items](#).

Menus for each of our schools are available on SchoolCafé (Schoolcafe.com). Please note: all students MUST take a full meal for the meal to be free. If this requirement is not met, the items will be charged separately at our a la carte prices and not be provided for free. Please go to the [Nutrition Services website](#) if you have any questions.

Even though meals are free, students still must input their lunch personal identification number (PIN) when going through the line. You can find your child's lunch PIN by accessing an existing [School Cafe account](#) or creating a free account if you do not yet have one. Lunch PINs are also visible in your ParentVUE or StudentVUE account. To see your child's lunch PIN in ParentVUE, click on student information and click on additional information, scroll down to Lunch PIN. Please know that your child's Perm ID is not their Lunch PIN. For new students who do not have lunch PINs, please know that lunch numbers will be emailed to all families in August.

Educational Benefits at Mahtomedi Public Schools

Need help covering the cost of school-related expenses?

Educational Benefits Application to learn if you are eligible for assistance with school-related activities. **There are several ways educational benefits can support your family, including field trips, athletics, activities, scholarships for community education classes, college preparation and applications, and you may be eligible for potential discounts on utilities, and home technology.** To find out if you qualify, fill out an Educational Benefits Form at www.schoolcafe.com/mahtomedips, sign in and click "apply" or complete the Application for Educational Benefits following the instructions. A new application must be submitted each year. Or use the [pdf printable form](#) and then return your completed Application for Educational Benefits to Mahtomedi District Office, Attn: Nutrition Services Department, 1520 Mahtomedi Avenue, Mahtomedi, MN 55115

Does your child have health insurance?

Minnesota Health Care Programs have free and low-cost health insurance for children and families who qualify. Please [click here](#) for more information.

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