



Grizzly ROAR

~Back to School Edition~

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Important Dates

August 1	Last Day of Summer Strength Training
August 4	First Day of Fall Sports Practices: Football and Men's Golf Only
August 3, 9:00 am-1:00 pm, Big Gym	All 9th-12th grade students will complete Check-In on Monday, August 3 between 9:00 am and 1:00 pm. Registration should take about an hour to complete. For school photos: No sunglasses, No headwear, must be dress code compliant. Last name A-D: 9:00 am Last name E-K 10:00 am Last name L-Q 11:00 am Last name R-Z 12:00 pm Check out Your School Laptop Get Your School Picture & School ID (required for lunch, checking out library books, and attending school events) Order Your Yearbook Get Your Parking Permit
August 10, 7:15 am, Big Gym	FRESHMEN FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL (includes schedules, school IDs, tours, computer check out). All 9th graders are required to attend.

August 10	First Day of Fall Sports Practice: Softball, Women's Volleyball, Cross Country, Men's Soccer & Men's Tennis
August 11, 7:15 am	FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL - ALL STUDENTS!
August 27, 5:30 pm, Cafe	College/Career Information Night
August 27, 6:00 pm, Big Gym	Back to School Night

Athletic Schedule

Game times/locations can change throughout the week. For the most current athletic schedule information, click [this link](#) to access our Athletic & Activities calendar.

Reminders

Back to School Checklist

Before Check-In Day

- ☐ Apply for Free and Reduced Meals (read [here](#) to find out why)
- ☐ Check your [IC Parent Portal](#) and pay any outstanding fines or fees
- ☐ Complete the [Technology Agreement](#) so that your student can check out a laptop.
- ☐ Check your [Parent Square account](#) to make sure that you are receiving updates.
- ☐ Make sure your student has paper and writing utensils for the first day of school. Teachers will give supply lists during the first week.

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Important Change- Athletic Registration (online now)

Parents/Guardians,

We are switching our sports registration to be **strictly online**. You **do not** need to bring a copy of your student's sports physical to the school, you will upload it into the Bound website. We are using Bound to register students for sports, you can do this via the Bound App or the Website link:

<https://www.gobound.com/co/schools/mesaridgehs>

Please register them for any sport they think they might want to play, you can always add more sports later. Make sure when you upload pictures/copies of the sports physical, they are clear and can be seen.

If you have questions about setting up your account, please start with the Bound support team.

1. Link to MRHS Bound: <https://www.gobound.com/co/schools/mesaridgehs>

2. Bound Registration [Info Sheet](#)

3. Sports Physical Form:

https://chsaa-media.sfo3.cdn.digitaloceanspaces.com/wp-content/uploads/2026/03/25153820/CHSAA_PPE_Form_6_2025.pdf

Thank you,

MRHS Athletic Department

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Opportunities

Parents - Join the Building Accountability Advisory Committee (BAAC)

BAAC meets the first Wednesday of each month at 5:30 pm in the library. The meeting lasts one hour, and food is served. Each month, Student Council reports on events and projects, the principal reports on various aspects of the school, and we spotlight different programs. BAAC is a great opportunity for parents to learn more about the school, ask questions, and provide input to the principal.

The first meeting will be Wednesday, **September 2**. If you would like to participate in BAAC, please email Christine Grogan (groganc@wsd3.org).

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Announcements

Principal Welcome

My name is Joshua Trahan, and it is a true honor to serve the Mesa Ridge community as your Principal. As a proud graduate of Mesa Ridge High School, I know firsthand what a remarkable and special place this is. Having walked these very halls as a student, I understand just how unique and impactful our school community is, and I am deeply grateful for the opportunity to give back to the place that shaped me.

This year marks my 21st year in public education, and my enthusiasm for supporting our students has never been stronger. As we prepare to kick off the 2026–27 school year, I am incredibly excited to welcome all of our new and returning Grizzlies. Together, we are going to make this an unforgettable year.

Here's to a fantastic school year ahead!

9th-12th Grade Check in

All 9th-12th grade students will complete Check-In on Monday, August 3 between 9:00 am and 1:00 pm. Registration should take about an hour to complete. For school photos: No sunglasses, No headwear, must be dress code compliant.

- Last name A-D: 9:00 am
- Last name E-K 10:00 am
- Last name L-Q 11:00 am
- Last name R-Z 12:00 pm

What happens at registration?

- Check out Your School Laptop
- Get Your School Picture & School ID (required for lunch, checking out library books, and attending school events)
- Order Your Yearbook
- Link to Get Your- [Parking Permit](#)

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Freshmen First Day of School

Freshmen (only) start school on **August 10**. The North doors open at 6:50 am for bus and carpool drop off. Breakfast begins at 7:00 am. All students should enter the school through the North entry. On August 10, 9th graders will:

What happens on August 10?

- School Tours & Locker Move In
- Attend Classes & Meet Your Teachers
- Team & Leadership Activities (Get to know other freshmen and upperclassmen!)
- Get Help with Your Locker
- Upperclassmen Share Tips for Success in High School
- Order Your Yearbook
- **Bring paper, writing utensils, and a water bottle.

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Minga and Why Are School IDs Required?

Mesa Ridge High School requires all students to use **Minga**, our digital ID and campus management system. This tool helps us maximize instructional time and keep you informed.

Key benefits of Minga include:

- **Automated Tardy Alerts:** Parents/guardians are automatically notified via message if their student is late to class.
- **Efficient Check-Ins:** Tardy students scan in using their digital Minga ID, reducing paperwork so teachers can focus immediately on teaching.
- **All-in-One Campus Access:** The Minga ID is required daily for school lunches, library checkouts, and entry to school events (most athletic events remain free with a student ID).

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Getting Ready for Back to School and the importance of Attendance.

Parents & Guardians, help get your student started off right by making sure that the following things are completed before registration days:

- 1) Sign the [District Device Agreement Form](#) so that your student can check out a district laptop. You can access step-by-step instructions [here](#).
- 2) Check your [IC Parent Portal](#) and [Parent Square Accounts](#) to make sure that you are receiving updates.
- 3) Apply for [Free & Reduced Lunch](#).
- 4) [Importance of Attendance](#)

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Free and Reduced Meal (FRAM) Applications

Breakfast and lunch will be free for all students this year, but completing the FRAM application is still **critical**. Students who qualify under these guidelines are also eligible for other financial support through the school. Help us help your student, and complete your application today. [Click here for the eligibility guidelines](#), and [click here for application](#). Families only need to complete one application for the entire household.

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School Picture Ordering

Pictures will be taken in time frames by last name in the big gym.

9am-10am: Last Names A-D
10am-11am: Last Names E-K
11am-12pm: Last Names L-Q
12pm-1pm: Last Names R-Z

Please report during those designated time frames.

Parents/Guardians can order online at: Inter-State.com/order
Order code is: 0469WTT

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IC Parent Portal

Every parent or guardian should make sure that their IC Parent Portal is active and correct. The Parent Portal allows you to receive up-to-the minute information on grades and attendance, and it is the key first step to get set up on district communications. If you aren't sure how to login to your IC Parent Portal account, email ichelpdesk@wsd3.org for login information and instructions.

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Recognition

Congratulations- College Board Big Future Award Recipients.

The College Board program gives high-achieving students an official academic award to easily share on college applications. Students of all backgrounds are eligible based on achievements on AP® Exams and/or PSAT assessments. This national academic honor recognizes students in all communities: First-Generation Recognition Award, Rural and Small-Town Recognition Award, and/or School Recognition Award.

This year, Mesa Ridge had over 30 students who were offered the award. Of those students, 26 students were awarded one or more of the Big Future Awards. Congrats Grizzlies! We are so proud of you!

 **2026 Big Future National Recognition Program** [Click Slides to see more information](#)

Congratulations to:

Leila Halloran
Brodie Montmeny
Celia Weir
George Trujillo
Devin Sampsel
Alejandro Amaya Galarza
Anime Hargis
Samantha Sampsel
Novalee Morales
Odin May
Sofia Childers
Brody Williams
Jordan Gray
Evolette Harris
Daniel Zanone
Jonavyn Landers
Spencer Smith
Anthony Costanzo
Jakob Loudermilk
Brooklyn Hagedorn
Aiden Conradt
Aidyn McCutchen
Tyson Rademacher
Seth James
Landyn Martin
Noah Finn- Wirth

Congrats- AP Scholars!

AP students and staff did great work last year and the results show!!! We almost doubled our number of students earning national recognition from last school year. More students are signing up for AP courses each year, and we commend their hard work and thank our teachers for encouraging and supporting students in these classes! We want to send a shout out to these 62 Grizzlies who earned national recognition:

AP Scholar*

Allgood; Avery R.
Biber; Tristan
Bristol; Amara L.
Brown; Grace I.
Chapa; Xavier E.
Childers; Sofia M.
Coll; Kaleb D.
Cornejo-Loa; Eileen V.
Coughlin; Kayleigh J.
Crawford; D'Asia A.
Donelson; Reigna V.
Dooley; Kobe A.
Fraley; Addyson C.
Gilstrap; Avenlee G.
Hagedorn; Brooklynn O.
Haley; Madelyn
Harris; Evolette S.
Heckathorn; Cassidy C.
Higgins; Serenity M.
Hummer; Rylee K.
James; Seth W.
Jimenez; Joshua I.
Kateman; Stephen R.
Lambright; Nathaniel
Lett; Ava J.
Lewis; Hailey M.
Lucas; Isaiah R.
Magness; Riley A.
Mahnke; Silas L.
McCutchen; Olivia R.
McKellar; Ethan T.
McMinn; Savanna A.
McNeely; Bethany A.
Menter; Mason S.

Morales; Novalee D.
Morrell; Baili G.
Munoz; Daisy L.
Oloche; Shawn
Pucci; Dean V.
Rademacher; Tyson
Ray; Levi C.
Salas; Jayden V.
Salas; Trevon M.
Sampsel; Devin S.
Sampsel; Samantha L.
Samuels-Martinkovich; Elaynah M.
Sheoships; Rain
Signor; Ethen R.
Spielman; Abigail E.
Thomas; Isabella N.
Trujillo; George M.
Vowels; Brooklyn B.
Walker; Ozcar S.
Ware; Ja'Kaylah A.
Zornes; Sarah M.

AP Scholar with Honor**

Amaya; Alejandro
Arellano; Derek R.
Ashby-Taylor; Abel J.
Bell; Aleric L.
Casillas; Aylahni
Colorado; Jackson
Conradt; Sophia
Gray; Jordan A.
Hawkins; Lacey S.
Hotchkin; Natalie A.
Landers; Jonavyn M.
May; William C.
McCutchen; Aidyn E.
Neeley; Jaiden R.
Smith; Spencer R.
Thomas; Tristan
White; Lukeira K.
Willson; Devin M.

AP Scholar with Distinction***

Abbate-Stewart; Laylonie A.
Agurkis; Zachary S.

Bergmann; Caden
Colorado; Tyson
Edwards; Alan C.
Finn-Wirth; Noah J.
Freeman; Jakob D.
Gbogi-Emmanuel; Irene A.
Halloran; Leila S.
Huber; William
Juarez; Savior A.
Lincoln; A'Myah S.
May; Odin J.
Montmeny; Brodie D.
Roberts; Elodie E.
Thomas; Eldon F.
Williams; Brody M.
Zanone; Danny

*Scored a 3 or higher on 3 or more AP exams

**Earned an average score of at least 3.25 on all AP exams taken AND scores of 3 or higher on 4+ exams

***Earned an average score of at least 3.5 on all AP exams taken AND scores of 3 or higher on 5+ exams

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