

MADISON HIGH SCHOOL

170 Ridgedale Avenue
Madison, NJ 07940
(973) 593-3117



David Drechsel, *Principal*
Kelly Bosworth, *Assistant Principal*
Todd Jensen, *Assistant Principal*
Christine Internicola, *Assistant Principal - Guidance*
Ryan Scheifler, *Assistant Principal - Athletics*

August 13, 2026

Incoming Ninth Grade Students and Those New to the Madison High School Community,

Welcome to Madison High School! We are excited to meet you and look forward to working with you this school year. This letter contains important information that will help you transition to MHS. Please take the time to read through the entire document.

Student Schedules: A welcome back letter from the high school will be distributed to all families on **Wednesday, August 19th**. At **3:00 pm** on **Thursday, August 20th** student schedules will be available on Genesis after important back to school forms are completed on the Genesis parent portal.

New Student & Ninth Grade Orientation: We welcome all students new to Madison and incoming ninth graders to the MHS auditorium on **Thursday, August 27th at 9:00 am**. Students will be provided a tutorial on how to interpret their schedule, a tour of the building including access to their assigned hallway locker, and the opportunity to ask questions of current students. The Madison High School administration will be meeting with all students to discuss general school rules and procedures to ensure that all students are set up for success on the first day of school. Guidance counselors will be available in the event there are any issues with schedules. In addition, we will have student Chromebooks, along with usernames and passwords, available for any student that does not have a Madison issued device. We anticipate the day being over around 11:00 am.

Bell Schedule: Please [click this link](#) for information regarding the bell schedule MHS will follow during the 26-27 school year. Keep in mind, alternate bell schedules will be followed on various days throughout the year (see below).

Rotating Drop Schedule: MHS operates on a 4-day rotating block schedule in which six of the eight periods in a student's schedule meet on a daily basis. The [26-27 Year at a Glance Calendar](#) identifies the corresponding letter day indicating which of those six periods meet.

First Day of Classes & Alternate Bell Schedules: The first day of classes, **Wednesday, September 2nd**, is a single session Straight 8 day so students can attend all of their classes and meet all of their teachers. To access bell schedules for Straight 8 days, delayed openings, single sessions, and other days that would require a schedule different than above, please [click this link](#). For those wondering about a supply list, students will be directed by their teachers what is needed for each course on the first day.

Calendar of Events: To view a list of events scheduled throughout the course of the year, please [click this link](#). All dates are subject to change and more information regarding the event will be distributed closer to the date of the event.

Summer Assignments: All students should check the [MHS homepage](#) to see if there are summer assignments they are responsible to complete prior to the start of school. All students will have an English and Mathematics assignment to complete in addition to any AP courses they may be taking.

Clubs and Activities Offerings: We encourage all new students to get involved in school activities. We currently offer 40 different clubs and activities. [Click this link](#) for a full list and description of each club. Clubs and activities are based on student interest and we pilot new clubs each year.

Athletics: Regardless of ability level or athletic experience, being part of a team is a great way to meet new friends, challenge yourself, and get involved. We offer 30 varsity sports and they are divided among the following seasons:

Fall

Boys Soccer
Cheerleading
Cross Country (B/G)
Field Hockey
Football
Girls Soccer
Girls Tennis
Girls Volleyball

Winter

Boys Basketball
Boys Ice Hockey
Bowling (Co-ed)
Cheerleading
Girls Basketball
Girls Ice Hockey
Indoor Track (B/G)
Swimming (B/G)
Wrestling (B/G)

Spring

Baseball
Boys Lacrosse
Boys Tennis
Girls Lacrosse
Golf (B/G)
Softball
Track & Field (B/G)

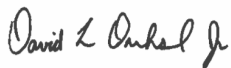
To register for a fall sport, if you have not already done so, please proceed to the [MHS Homepage](#).

Fall Meet the Coaches Night: Mr. Scheifler and the Madison High School Athletic Department will host a Fall Meet the Coaches Night on **Monday, August 24th at 6:30 pm** in the Madison High School Auditorium. Parents of fall athletes will have an opportunity to meet their child's coach and hear about the upcoming season. We look forward to seeing many of you there.

Updates: Please check for updates on the [Madison High School Homepage](#), [Facebook](#), and [Instagram](#) Accounts.

We look forward to meeting all of you and ensuring as smooth a transition as possible to high school.

Sincerely,



David Drechsel
Principal
Madison High School