

# Montgomery Junior High School Parent Letter

## AUGUST 2019 – Let's Be Legendary



### **IMPORTANT DATES IN AUGUST:**

*\*\*\*Back to school parent letter sent by school messenger in July. Also available on our campus website under the monthly principal newsletter tab.*

Aug 8	Football equipment pickup at MJH 4-7 p.m (4:00 – 5:30 8 <sup>th</sup> grade/5:30 – 7:00 7 <sup>th</sup> grade)
Aug 12	6 <sup>th</sup> grade schedule pickup 4:30-6:30
Aug 13	7 <sup>th</sup> /8 <sup>th</sup> grade schedule pickup 4:00 – 6:30
Aug 15	1 <sup>st</sup> day of School
Aug 19	Grade Level Presentations
Aug 19	Volleyball tryouts until 4:00 p.m.
Aug 19	Football parent mtg 5:30 p.m. in cafeteria
Aug 20	X-country parent meeting 6:00 p.m. cafeteria
Aug 22	Volleyball – teams posted
Aug 27	Volleyball parent mtg 4:15 cafeteria

### **A MESSAGE FROM OUR COUNSELORS: (Schedule Changes)**

If your student would like to request a schedule change, he or she will need to go to the counseling office and pick up a schedule change form. This form will need to be signed by the student and the parent and brought back to the counseling office. Schedule changes may be requested for elective or athletic class changes or students wanting to change from Pre AP to level or level to Pre AP class. Schedule changes will not be made to request a lunch or teacher change.

### **PARENT/STUDENT HANDBOOK:**

The Parent-Student Handbook will be available on the MJH website. We encourage you to become familiar with the information contained in the handbook. Forms such as Release of Picture/Directory Information, Medication for the Nurse, Change of Address/Phone Number, and Technology Agreement are found at the back of the Handbook.

### **CAR RIDER LINE:**

All traffic coming to MJH during the morning drop-off period and the afternoon pick-up period must use the car rider loop. Students can be dropped off at 6:30 a.m. and wait in the front foyer until the vestibule doors open at 6:45. On the first week of school, the pickup line is long. Safety is our first priority so we will have a campus officer directing traffic after school during car rider pickup and the first week of afterschool athletic practices. Please understand the athletic groups are staggered in dismissal time; however, we cannot control when parents arrive at school to pick up their child. If our officer is on duty at the main entrance and our staff personnel is on duty at the staff entrance, please do not try to drive thru. When we have vehicles cutting through the parking lot to bypass the car rider line, it causes congestion and an unsafe area for our staff and students who are trying to enter or exit the building. It is also not fair for those that are following our car rider protocol. We appreciate your help with our transportation drop-off and pick-up procedures.

### **A MESSAGE FROM THE NURSE:**

**7<sup>TH</sup> grade parents:** A reminder that if we have not received a valid copy of your child's required immunizations listed below, please submit a copy to our nurse this week so we can update our records.

1. Tdap (within 5 years of 7<sup>th</sup> grade enrollment date) (Dtap, dtp, tdap or DT, Td is acceptable if a medical contraindication to pertussis exists)
2. Meningococcal (on or after the student's 11<sup>th</sup> birthday) (MCV4)

Please feel free to contact Mrs. Buckner if you have any questions or concerns at [courtney.buckner@mysd.org](mailto:courtney.buckner@mysd.org) or 936-276-3309.

**FALL SPORTS INFO:** For a schedule of events, go to our campus website and click the athletics tab on the left.

- **Football:** For questions, please contact [greg.faigle@mysd.org](mailto:greg.faigle@mysd.org)
- **Cross Country:** For questions, please contact [amanda.fancher@mysd.org](mailto:amanda.fancher@mysd.org)
- **Volleyball:** For questions, please contact [lauren.hightower@mysd.org](mailto:lauren.hightower@mysd.org)

### **MEET THE TEACHER:**

6<sup>th</sup> grade – September 3rd from 6:00 – 8:00 p.m.

7<sup>th</sup>/8<sup>th</sup> grade – September 4th from 6:00 – 8:00 p.m.

**ATTENDANCE:** If your student is absent, please send a note within 48 hours of their return to school. Students arriving after 7:20 are counted tardy.

**SCHOOL SUPPLY LIST:** Located on our campus website at [www.misd.org](http://www.misd.org) – Schools – MJH

**DRESS CODE:** Please make sure your student is in dress code before they leave home each day. No leggings/jeggings worn without top past mid-thigh, no jeans with holes above the knees, no shirts that show the midriff, no earphones at school – only earbuds. Thank you for your help. Dress code will be enforced. Please review the dress code policy in the Student Handbook.

**LUNCH VISITORS:** Guests visiting at lunch must bring their license to get a V-Soft badge and eat lunch with their child at the guest table. Visitors are not allowed to provide food to students other than their own. Parent must accompany students visiting siblings for lunch.

### **TEXTBOOKS**

Most textbooks will either be available online or issued for at-home use. Books that are issued for at-home use will not have to be carried to and from school. Students can check out a textbook for home through the AP office. Backpacks are optional. No rolling backpacks unless under doctor orders.

**TRANSPORTATION:** We ask that you make every effort to request transportation changes prior to 1:30 p.m. in order for us to be certain that your student leaves in the correct manner. You may make changes by:

1. Sending a note with your child;
  2. Faxing with a photo of your I.D. to 936-276-3301. Please include your student's first & last name on any change. Emails or texts to teachers, phone calls to the front desk, and student-relayed messages are not requests that we honor for safety reasons.
- **MJH CAR RIDER LINE/BUS POLICY**  
Due to the continued growth of MISD, we will no longer allow extra riders to ride the bus routes. Only registered riders will be allowed on the bus routes. We highly encourage students to ride the bus or car-pool to school due to the high volume of traffic and limited parking during the morning hours.

**JOIN OUR MJH PTO:** The membership form is online on our campus website. Family membership is \$5.00. Our PTO eNews will keep you informed with the most current information that MJH has to offer regarding upcoming events, student opportunities, club news, deadlines, volunteer opportunities, and accomplishments at Montgomery Junior High School.

**MISD HELP HOTLINE:** Hotline posters are in all areas of the school if students need to report any concerns such as bullying, threats, weapons, suicidal thoughts, drugs/alcohol, etc. The number is 936-262-0001. We ask that you visit with your student about reporting any concerns or threats immediately so we can help make sure we address this promptly. This can be anonymous as well.

#### SEE IT? – SAY IT! – DON'T SPREAD IT – REPORT IT

**SEE IT:** We need you to partner with us to report threats.

**SAY IT:** Immediately report suspicious activity.

**DON'T SPREAD IT:** Spreading threats is very dangerous.

**REPORT IT:** We take all threats and reports seriously.

**CAFETERIA CHARGES:** MISD has an easy online way for you to keep your child's account. Go to the MISD webpage and click on the left tab "Child Nutrition Info". Then click "MySchoolBucks.com."

**MJH CLUBS/EXTRACURRICULAR:** One of the many strengths of MJH is the large number of students involved in co-curricular activities. Students who become involved in the school broaden their experiences and increase their enjoyment of junior high school. Whether it is athletics, theatre, music, student council or the many clubs we offer, we encourage your student to participate in one or more student activities. You can find more information on our co-curricular activities on our campus website under the extra-curricular/clubs tab.

To see all the great things happening at MJH.  
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Follow our PTO on Facebook @ PTO Montgomery Junior High  
Campus Website: [www.misd.org](http://www.misd.org) - campus – Montgomery Junior High  
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