

Montgomery Junior High School

OCTOBER 2018 – ROARING & SOARING INTO THE FUTURE



IMPORTANT DATES IN OCTOBER:

- 1 #bearstogether Spirit/Anti-bully Week
- 1 7th grade football vs. OHJH @ MHS Bear Stadium 4:00
- 2 1st pep rally/8th grade football vs. OHJH @ MHS Bear Stadium 4:00
- 5 1st 6 week report card given out 3rd period class
- 8 Student Holiday
- 9 7th football home game 4:00
- 10 School wide fundraiser ends
- 13 Volleyball tournament at home
- 15 Choir Chocolate fundraiser begins
- 16 8th Football home game 4:00/OAP auditions begin 2:45-5:00
- 17 Choir visits MHS 9:00 a.m.
- 18 7th grade vision/hearing check/Choir Fall Concert 7:00 @ MHS/Cross Country at MHS
- 19 Honor Break
- 22 Red Ribbon Week – TBA daily dress/activities
- 24 Parent only “Digital Citizenship” Meeting at 6:00 p.m. at MJH – presented by District Attorney’s office
- 24 Progress reports given out 3rd period class/Picture retakes during lunch
- 25 Unity Day – wear orange
- 26 MHS Homecoming @ MHS Bear Stadium
- 29 Vital Sign sucker fundraiser begins
- 28 7TH football home game 4:00
- 31 Volleyball playoffs TBA/Theatre goes to Houston Hobby Center 10:00 a.m.

A MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL:

Attendance Matters! Students need to attend school daily to succeed. It is important for your child to be at school each day because students are more likely to be successful academically when they attend school consistently than not. It’s difficult for their teacher and the class to build their skills and progress if a large number of students are frequently absent. In addition to falling behind in academics, research shows that secondary students who are not in school on a regular basis are more likely to get into trouble with the law and cause problems in their communities. Facts show:

- A strong relationship between sixth-grade attendance and the percentage of students graduating on time or within a year of their expected high school graduation.
- Chronic absenteeism increases achievement gaps at the elementary, middle, and high school levels.
- Because students reared in poverty benefit the most from being in school, one of the most effective strategies for providing pathways out of poverty is to do what it takes to get these students in school every day.

Please help us by making sure your child comes to school each day, unless of course, they are ill. Our goal is for our students to be successful learners and to be fully equipped for their high school years and on into their future.

Safety First! The safety of our students will always be our first and foremost priority at MJH. In the morning we have several parents dropping their students off on Stewart Creek Road across from Pizza Shack and the Stewart Hill Neighborhood forcing the student to walk to school on a high traffic road. This road is extremely busy with traffic each morning and not lighted, which makes it very hard to see students walking. This is not only dangerous but we have asked that parents use the car rider line because we believe that this is the safest option. Please help us in this effort to make sure your child is in the safest situation possible when they are dropped off at school.

A MESSAGE FROM OUR COUNSELORS:

On Tuesday, November 13, the PSAT 8/9 test will be administered at MJH. Any 8th grad student may participate. The fee is \$16.00. Test registration and payment options are available through www.MySchoolBucks.com until Friday, Sept. 28.

A MESSAGE FROM OUR LIBRARIAN:

MJHS's first putt-putt golf course, Puttin' through the Pages, will begin after school the week of October 15 in the library. Students can sign up with their teams in 15-minute increments to play the course after school, with all groups finishing with a parent-pick-up time of 3:45. Sign-ups will be by the library!

UIL ACADEMICS: Sign up for 6, 7, & 8 grade UIL has started. (Art, Calculator, Chess, Dictionary Skills, Number Sense, Science I/II, Spelling, Maps/Graphs/Charts, Math, Listening, Social Studies, Prose, Poetry, Speaking and Writing, Impromptu Speaking, Editorial Writing, Reading Writing). Your child can contact tamara.lumpkin@misd.org (7/8 gr) or christie.ducharme@misd.org (6 gr) for more information.

#bearstogether: BEAR SPIRIT OVER BULLYING

October is Anti-Bully month. We are kicking it off by showing our support and spreading awareness to those around us so we can better respond to bully behaviors.

Oct 1 – #BlueUp – National kick off day for bullying awareness month – wear blue

Oct 2 – We are Bear Nation - Stand together against bullying – wear purple and gold for pep rally

Oct 3 – Mix it up & sit with new people at lunch – wear crazy socks

Oct 4 – Be a good sport and help someone – favorite team shirt

Oct 5 – Block out the Haters – wear sunglasses

SCHOOL-WIDE FUNDRAISER: Students received their fundraiser packet Wednesday, September 26th. A school messenger was emailed with information as well. The fundraiser ends Oct. 10. Thank you for your support.

FALL SPORTS INFO:

We invite you to come out and support our Bear athletes at home games this year. For a schedule of events, times, and dates, go to our campus website and click the athletics tab on the left. Our students appreciate the support, and it's a great opportunity to build excitement and school spirit across the grade levels.

- **Football:** For questions, please contact greg.faigle@misd.org
- **Cross Country:** For questions, please contact stephen.johnston@misd.org
- **Volleyball:** For questions, please contact lauren.hightower@misd.org

PARENT/STUDENT HANDBOOK:

The Parent-Student Handbook is 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.

DRESS CODE: Please make sure your student is in dress code before they leave home each day. No leggings/jeggings worn without tops past mid-thigh, no jeans with holes above the knees, no shirts that show the midriff, no large earphones at school. 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. Visitors are not allowed to provide food to students other than their own. Parents must accompany students visiting siblings for lunch.

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.

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."

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Campus Website: www.misd.org - campus – Montgomery Junior High

Campus Phone Number: MJH Main Line 936-276-3300 MJH Fax 936-276-3301

It's a great day to be a BEAR! Angie Chapman, Principal

