



Dear MHS Families,

I hope everyone has enjoyed spring break and the Easter holiday weekend. We certainly don't have very much time left this school year as we head back from break. As the weather finally has begun to warm up I hope you will find some time to come out and support your favorite Potters during one of the many remaining home events. I want to make you aware of several key events and dates.

- May 6th is National Honor Society induction and Honors Night.
- May 7th -15th are dates for Advanced Placement exams.
- May 14th is the last day of attendance for seniors.
- May 15th will be the mandatory graduation practice in the morning for all seniors.
- Pending School Board approval for the last attendance day, final exams will be given on May 23rd and 24th. Finals for periods 1, 3, 5, and 7 will be given on the 23rd and periods 2, 4, and 6 will be given on the 24th. On the 23rd students will have an open campus lunch from 12:05-1:00, but lunch will also be served in the cafeteria as usual. Dismissal for the year will be at 12:05 on Friday, May 24th. Report cards will be mailed to your home.

Graduation is scheduled for May 19th at 2:00 P.M. at Carper Field. Tickets are not required for the outside ceremony. We will be making the decision on the location for the ceremony on the 18th, based the weather forecast. The west gym is the backup location for commencement. If the ceremony is moved inside, each graduate will have five tickets for family and friends. The counseling office will be coordinating a ticket turn-in for those families who may not need all five tickets. This will hopefully allow all members of larger families to be able to attend. MPTV will be live streaming the event in the Bertha Frank Auditorium for air conditioned and comfortable seating.

Thanks for another great year! Enjoy a safe and relaxing summer!

Principal Michael Gourley



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(309) 263-0611**

**COUNSELING/
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SERVICES
(309) 263-8585**

**MAIN OFFICE
(309) 266-7182**

MHS summer office hours

(beginning Wednesday, May 29th):

7:00 AM to 3:00pm

2019/2020 Registration

Thursday, August 1, 2019

7:00AM—5:00 PM

In MHS CAFETERIA

Sophomores, Juniors & Seniors must
bring MHS ID or purchase a new ID

Registration invoices will be mailed

July 1, 2019

You may pay online with EFUNDS or
by mailing check to MHS.

**First day of school for students
2019/2020 will be**

Tuesday, August 13th

May 4 — Prom

May 6th — Honors'
Recognition Night
(Bertha)

May 6th-15th — AP
Testing

May 12th — Baccalaureate Service (Bertha)

May 14th — Seniors last day

May 15th — Mandatory graduation practice

May 19th — Graduation 2:00PM

May 23rd & 24th— Finals

May 24th— Student's last day

**DATES TO
REMEMBER**

SENIORS

Starting March 24th—Senior Students **MUST** request a Final Transcript be sent to the post-secondary institution of their choice. More information can be found [here](#).

Visit our HS webpage for a list of all our available summer camps!

1. Go to the high school webpage

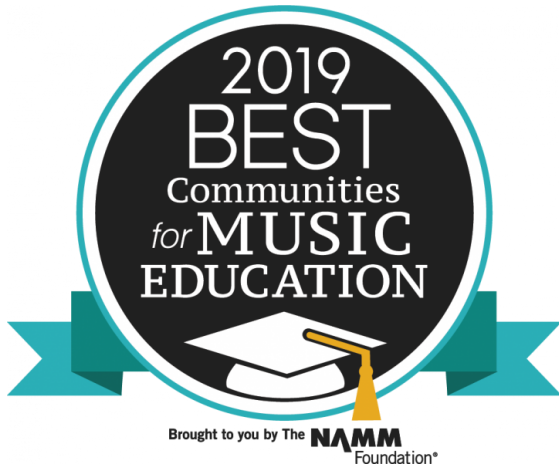
2. Click athletics

3. Then click “Summer Camp Forms”

[CLICK HERE TO GO TO THE WEBSITE NOW](#)

Registration forms are attached in the links provided for each camp.

SUMMER CAMPS



AWARD CONCERTS

May 7th-Orchestra Awards Concert

7pm @ Idlewood Pavilion

May 9th-Band Awards Concert

7pm @ West Gym

May 14th-Choral Awards Concert

7pm @ Bertha

Frank

Did you know that Morton was voted one of the best communities for Music Education? You can view the article [here](#)!

2018/2019 MHS ROTARY STUDENTS OF THE MONTH

Sept - Jordan Dooley
Oct - Zehra Bakirdan
Nov - Brianna Tanner
Dec - Jarrett Crider

Jan - Tenley Dowell
Feb- Caleb Sauder
March - Kevin Lauer
April - Kathryn Reiman

CONGRATULATIONS

Wrestling: Drew Greenwood was a State Qualifier, Drew Greenwood & Alex Ford- 1st Team All Conference, Zane Ely, Cory Hoyle & Tristan Parker - 2nd Team All Conference

Boys Basketball: Placed 2nd in the Mid-Illini Conference, Jarrett Crider and Barik Olden- 1st Team All Conference

Girls Basketball: STATE CHAMPS!!



Immunization Requirements for 12th Grade

Illinois law requires that all students 6th and 12th grade must have a meningococcal vaccine (MCV4).

12th graders must receive two doses; the second dose must be after the 16th birthday. If the first dose is received at 16 years of age or older, only 1 dose is required. Documentation accepted as

complying with the requirement includes the following information:

Note or letter, signed by health care provider and identifying the vaccine (MCV4) and date (month, day, and year) administered.

Print-out from provider's electronic medical record system that identifies MCV4 vaccination and date administered for student in question.

Current Certificate of Child Health Examination specifying MCV4 and date (month, day, year) administered .

Students without adequate proof of vaccination will be subject to exclusion as described in the School Code of Illinois on Oct. 15, 2019. If you have any questions regarding this matter please contact Terri Schuck at 266-8531.

FRESHMAN PHYSICALS

All Freshmen are required to have 9th grade physical exam of the Certificate of Child Health Exam. Please be sure to fill out the Health History section of this form. A sport physical form will not be accepted for a 9th grade physical.

Contact Terri Schuck with questions: 266-8531

APEX Summer School

If a student fails a class, they may have the opportunity to recover the credit over the summer. The cost is \$200 per class.

Registration packets are available in the counseling office.

Limited seats are available—first come, first serve basis.



With the weather warming up, it's the time of year for MHS Student Services to remind students and parents to refer to the dress code on page 48 of the student handbook or on our website:

www.mhs.morton709.org. Some common issues that we encounter are listed below. If you have any questions or concerns regarding dress code do not hesitate to contact us.

Shorts must be no higher than 4 inches above the knee when standing—this includes soccer and/or track shorts. Also, no pants, shorts, skirts or dresses with holes above the knee.

SEMESTER FINAL SCHEDULE

May 23rd

1st Period: 8:00-9:15AM

3rd Period: 9:25-10:40AM

5th Period: 10:40-12:05PM

LUNCH (12:05-12:55PM)

7th Period: 1:00-2:15PM

May 24th

2nd Period: 8:00-9:15AM

4th Period: 9:25-10:40AM

6th: 10:40-12:05PM

LUNCH (12:05-12:55PM)

Make-Up Exams: 1:00-2:15PM

***No early exams will be given**

***Report cards will be mailed**

Prom Night Tips for Parents

- ☐ Make sure your child has a plan for the evening and that you know it.
- ☐ Know all of the “hot spot” destinations.
- ☐ Take stock of the alcohol in your home.
- ☐ Know who is driving- if it's a limo, check their policy on allowing alcohol in the vehicle.
- ☐ Discuss the school's prom rules with your child and the consequences for violating them.
- ☐ Encourage seatbelt use- the best accessory!
- ☐ Do not rent hotel rooms for prom-goers.
- ☐ Communicate with other parents and school officials. Volunteer to assist them in anyway that you can.
- ☐ Stay up for your prom-goers to return home.
- ☐ Encourage your student and their date to sign the Prom Promise and keep it.
- ☐ Together, make a Family Pledge, sign it, and keep it.

Family Pledge

Teen:

I choose to celebrate life safe and sober; alcohol and other drug-free! If I am in a situation where danger exists due to impaired driving, I promise to call you for safe transportation home.

Parent:

I support your decision to celebrate life safe and sober.
I agree to provide you with safe transportation home.
Likewise, if I am in a situation posing danger due to impaired driving, I promise to find safe and sober transportation home.



PROM

May 4, 2019 - Five Points

Washington, IL - 7:30-10:30

SENIORS

Now is the time to submit your choice of picture for the senior section in the yearbook. Here's what we need from you:

- ◇ One senior portrait picture of your choice
- ◇ One appropriate quote about your school career
- ◇ List of all clubs and activities throughout high school

We will **ONLY** accept electronic copies no smaller than a wallet; you will receive an email to the address the photo was submitted through; if you do not receive an email verifying the picture was received it is *your responsibility to contact Mrs. Kolls.*



Portrait Style Only! No Landscape Style!
DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSION IS April 30, 2019

There will be a \$ 10 fee.

Baby and Senior Ad Yearbook Information:

It is that time of year again, time to be submitting pictures to the yearbook for senior students.

- If you would like to submit a baby ad and/or a senior picture please do so electronically beginning February 8th thru April 30th.
- Fee for the baby ad is \$35, fee for just the senior ad is \$10 and the fee for both is \$45. Fees should be paid electronically by April 30th or the ad will not be placed in the book so thank you ahead of time for your prompt payments.
- If you have any questions please direct them to Krista Kolls @ Krista.Kolls@mcusd709.org



STUDENT COUNCIL

Student Council raised over \$8000 to support St. Jude during St. Jude week!

Mr. Morton was held during St. Jude Week and raised over \$4000.

Congratulations to **CARSON SMITH on being named Mr. Morton 2019.**

**Morton High School
Potter Acts of Kindness (PAK) Recipients
January 2019**

Sophia Bill
Curtis Boyer
Ian Conrad
Addison Cox
Paighton Derrick
Renee Rickard

Ms. Love's French Students:
Keaton Weber, Lauren Miller, Rebekah
Garber, Thomas Vastine, Levi Fowler,
Klaire Aberle, Ben Geiger, Kristen Canopy,
Max Hopkins, Jackson Neeley, Chloe
Patterson, Emily Peters, Leonie Biehl,
Clara DeWeese, Emma Howard, Aly
Cigelnik, Olivia Knight, Kevin Wang, Ashley
Gibbs, Lynde Collins

**MHS PAK
AWARD
WINNERS**

**Morton High School
Potter Acts of Kindness (PAK) Recipients
February 2019**

Braedon Lawrence
Connor Lonteen
Brett Dingus
Brooks Wilkinson
Justin Bouchez
Renee Rickard
Braeden Pree
Klaire Aberle
Ryan Austin
Gabriel Wood

Mustafa Bakirdan
Grant Gudeman
Maya Heim
Drake Woodmancy
Emily Howard
Carson Shaw
Abby Lutz
Gage Jording
Cole Geraci

**Morton High School
Potter Acts of Kindness (PAK) Recipients
March 2019**

Joshua Hutchinson
Kentasia DeWeese
Sophia Bill
Emily Boecker
Tori Sauder
Grace Zeithammer
Sarah Wefer

Kathryn Reiman
Zachary Losey
Travis Milthaler
Katherine Young
Claire Selvey



Attention Juniors and Seniors!

Get set to go to college by joining this interactive session. We'll talk about what we need to do now to be prepared for the first year of college. Join us!



When: **Now! Contest ends May 31st!**

Where: **On your phone!**

School Code: **1056STG**

For more info: www.settogo.org

Use the School Code above to help win a \$1,000 cash prize for Morton High School!

Share your *Text, Talk, Set to Go* participation with the Counseling Office & win a prize!

Students, your Counselors are really excited about this awesome program and want you to participate! By completing the *Text, Talk, Set to Go* conversation, you are learning how to be more emotionally prepared for college AND you are helping MHS to win a \$1,000 prize! We want to offer YOU a prize too!

What to do:

- Participate in the *Text, Talk, Set to Go* conversation any day in March through May!
- Make sure to use the unique MHS code, **1056STG** in your text
- Take a picture of your group (3-4 people per group) while participating and share it with the Counseling Office by emailing it to Jordan.Spicklemire@MCUSD709.org
- Include the names of all group members in your email.
- Participants will be eligible to select a prize from the "College Gear Grab Bag"



WHAT IS IT?

Text, Talk, Set to Go combines text messaging with face to face dialogue. Gather 3-4 people and text SETTOGO to 89800 for a fun and engaging conversation on getting emotionally prepared for the first year of college.

WHY DO THIS?

Because 60% of college students wish they had gotten more help with emotional preparation for college.

Because planning ahead increases the student's chance of success in college.

LEARN MORE

Visit settogo.org
On social: #JEDsettogo

Don't forget to use our unique MHS code **1056STG**

GET STARTED

1. Text SETTOGO to 89800

Participants gather with friends or parents/guardians in groups of 3-4 with one cell phone. Text SETTOGO to 89800 to begin.

2. Follow the text prompts

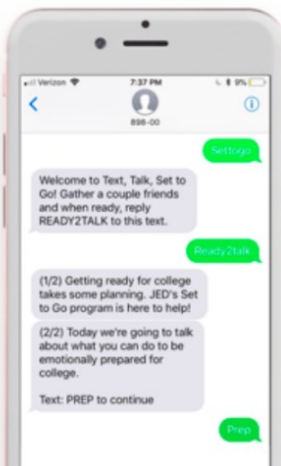
Each group moves through the texted script at their own pace. Groups will talk about how to get emotionally prepared for the first year of college.

3. Be a part of the change

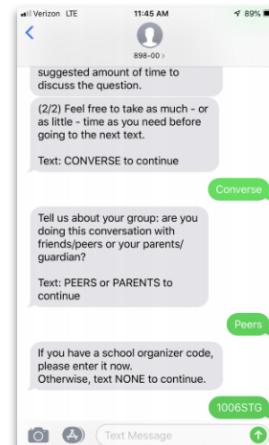
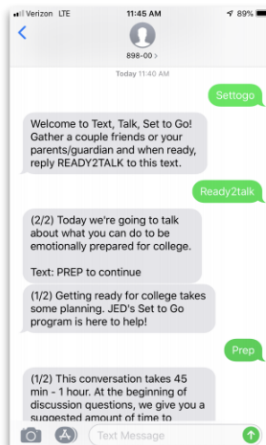
Let the program guide you through a series of discussion questions, social media interactions, and polling questions. As a group, you'll discover new ideas and perspectives - and develop a plan to help you succeed in your first year of college.



In partnership with:



Don't forget to use our unique MHS code **1056STG** when prompted, to help try to win a \$1,000 prize for MHS!



USE CODE 1056STG