

July 1, 2020

Welcome back to school!

We have been working all summer to prepare the school for the return of our students and also made a few tweaks in our processes. Please carefully note the dates of events below as we have made some minor changes.

Attached you will find Freshman/New Student information, information regarding iPad check-out, and Immunization Requirements. Linked to this document is the Personal Computing Device User Agreement/Internet Authorization which must be signed in order to receive your student's iPad. Do not mail this form back to us. Bring it to iPad distribution

Your student's fee statement will be coming in a separate email.

Thursday, July 30th: Registration day!

- This process will begin in the foyer of the main office off Illinois Ave.
- You have several options when paying your student registration and outstanding fees:
 - Skip the lines and pay your school fees online!
 - You can pay online with **EFUNDS anytime after July 1**, through the district website (www.morton709.org) located on **the red bar which runs across the bottom of the webpage**. Please be aware that there is a fee for debit/credit card use. However, there is no charge for using your checking account.
 - You can mail your registration fees to Morton High School, 350 N. Illinois Ave., Morton, IL 61550. Please make checks payable to Morton Unit District #709. Please include the Student Fee Summary with your check.
 - Pay in person in the main office of MHS weekdays from 7:00 AM - 3:00 PM
 - Pay at registration on July 30th, from 7:00 AM – 5:00 PM.
- Fee waiver applications will be available at registration.
- Free/reduced lunch applications will be available at registration, or you may apply online, after **July 10th**, at <https://lunchapp.com/>.
- **If you choose to pay before registration day, you do not need to come in on July 30th.**
- If you wish to speak to a counselor we suggest you make an appointment.
- Parking passes will be distributed on Registration day in Student Services, **if** you have paid for one. If you don't pick up your parking pass it will be mailed to you.
- **Textbooks will not be distributed on Registration.** Books will be distributed during the first week of school by class.

At the time you pay registration/technology fees with EfundS or with a check, you may also purchase a 2021 yearbook (\$50.00), MHS PTO membership (\$10.00), and Athletic Booster membership (\$15.00). At this time, we have decided to hold off on the sale of Athletic Season Passes since we are unsure when IHSA will allow spectators in the stands.

If your address has changed over the summer, you will need to bring in **proof of residency** at registration.

Powerschool access will be given to parents and students on Wednesday, July 29th.

Thursday, August 6: Freshman/New Student Orientation & iPad Distribution

- Please see the letter below for more information.

Thursday, August 6th and Friday, August 7th: iPad distribution

- Bring this [PERSONAL COMPUTING DEVICE USER AGREEMENT](#) with you at the assigned time slot, not to Registration. Do not mail this form back to us. Bring it to iPad distribution. This agreement will need a parent signature.

It is our goal at Morton High School to make registration as convenient and efficient as possible. If you have any questions, please feel free to call 266-7182.

Sincerely,

Lisa Schafer
Administrative Assistant to the Principal

Freshman/New Student Orientation

Welcome to Morton High School!

I hope that you have had a safe and fun summer up to this point. Believe it or not, we are already busy preparing for the start of the new school year. Much of the preparation includes activities designed to assist you in feeling welcome and comfortable as you begin your career as a Morton High School student.

Please mark your calendar for Thursday, August 6th. At this time you will have an opportunity to get acquainted with MHS as we take you on a guided tour through the building, assist with locating your locker, and hopefully answer any questions you might have for us. If you are a transfer student to MHS, you will also have your picture taken for your school ID.

Remember that you will also need to obtain a physical from your doctor before the start of the school year. Please know that the IHSA physical form used for athletics does not meet the state requirements for our medical records. A box will be available for collection of the completed forms.

In order to keep our numbers low, we are asking that you adhere to the alphabetized schedule listed below. Students should enter at the canopy doors off of Jackson Street. From there, you will be divided into smaller groups and accompanied by a faculty member, to begin your Morton High School experience. You will also be picking up your iPads. Please bring a mask or face covering with you to abide by the state guidelines. At the end of your session you will be dismissed from the Illinois Street doors. We look forward to seeing you soon! #PotterPride

Once again, please mark your calendar for:

FRESHMAN / NEW STUDENT ORIENTATION THURSDAY, AUGUST 6TH

**Enter through the canopy doors off of Jackson Street.
Students will exit and need to be picked up at the main entrance off of Illinois Ave.**

Group	Time
Last name A-C	9:00am-10:00am
Last name D-J	10:00am-11:00am
Last name K-N	11:00am-12:00pm
Last name O-Sh	1:00pm-2:00pm
Last name Si-Z	2:00pm-3:00pm

**Students must have a signed iPad User Agreement to pick up their iPad.*

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Jamie Adolphson in the Office of Student Support Services at jamie.adolphson@mcusd709.org.

Jamie Adolphson
Assistant Principal

iPad Distribution: August 6-7

August 6: Freshmen through Seniors and new students

Group	Time	Location
Last name A-C	9:00am-10:00am	Freshmen: Room 5 Sophomores-Seniors: Room 11
Last name D-J	10:00am-11:00am	Freshmen: Room 5 Sophomores-Seniors: Room 11
Last name K-N	11:00am-12:00pm	Freshmen: Room 5 Sophomores-Seniors: Room 11
Last name O-Sh	1:00pm-2:00pm	Freshmen: Room 5 Sophomores-Seniors: Room 11
Last name Si-Z	2:00pm-3:00pm	Freshmen: Room 5 Sophomores-Seniors: Room 11

August 7: Sophomores through Seniors and new students

Group	Time	Location
Last name A-C	9:00am-10:00am	Sophomores: Room 5 Juniors-Seniors: Room 11
Last name D-J	10:00am-11:00am	Sophomores: Room 5 Juniors-Seniors: Room 11
Last name K-N	11:00am-12:00pm	Sophomores: Room 5 Juniors-Seniors: Room 11
Last name O-Sh	1:00pm-2:00pm	Sophomores: Room 5 Juniors-Seniors: Room 11
Last name Si-Z	2:00pm-3:00pm	Sophomores: Room 5 Juniors-Seniors: Room 11

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RE: IMMUNIZATION REQUIREMENTS FOR 12TH GRADE

Dear Parents:

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

- 6th graders must receive one dose on or after the 11th birthday
- **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.**

We will need verification that your son/daughter has received this immunization. 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 (see link below), specifying MCV4 and date (month, day, year) administered.

<http://files.morton709.org/district/forms/ChildHealthExamination.pdf>

In addition to health care providers, many local health departments, and pharmacies offer the vaccine. The Illinois Department of Public Health recommends that parents get their students immunized now to avoid last-minute rush during the summer. Students without adequate proof of vaccination will be *subject to exclusion* as described in the School Code of Illinois on Oct. 15, 2020.

If you have any questions regarding this matter please contact Trisha Beaty at mhs.nurse@mcusd709.org.

Thank you for your prompt attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

Deidre Ripka

Deidre Ripka, Principal
Morton High School

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Dear Parents of Morton High School incoming 9th graders:

Enclosed you will find the 9th grade physical form to be used for all incoming freshman and new students. We will not accept a sports physical for the 9th grade school physical. You may use the enclosed physical form for both school and sports for 9th graders only. It is very important to make sure all parts of this form are complete. It is your responsibility to fill out the **Health History** section and **sign it** for this form to be accepted.

Physicals are good for **13 months** from the date of exam for athletic purposes.

Each child must be protected against preventable childhood diseases with immunizations according to the State of Illinois School Regulations. The specific date of all immunizations must be recorded on the child's exam record. Parents have the right to refuse immunizations for their children for religious reasons by submitting the *Illinois Certificate of Religious Exemption* form filled out and signed by the parent/guardian **and** health care provider. Physician's signature is required for medical exemption.

<http://idph.prod.acquia-sites.com/sites/default/files/forms/religious-exemption-form-081815-040816.pdf>

Your private physician will be able to provide immunizations along with many pharmacies and the Tazewell County Health Dept.

Your compliance will assist the schools in cooperation with the State Health Department in complying with State Law designed to enhance the well-being and health of all school children as well as your own. Students without adequate proof of physicals and immunizations will be subject to exclusion as described in the School Code of Illinois on Oct. 15, 2020.

Sincerely,

Deidre Ripka

Deidre Ripka, Principal
Morton High School