



WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 16, 2023

MASON MINUTE

Weekly District News



**The first day of school is
Wednesday, August 23!**

First Week Schedule

As we welcome our students back, remember the first day- Wednesday, August 23, is a Half Day for all students!

Half Day Schedules

- High School- 7:40 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.
- Middle School- 7:40 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.
- Elementary Schools- 8:40 a.m. - 12:07 p.m.

Thursday, August 24 and Friday, August 25, are full school days for all students.

Open Houses

Join us to check out the buildings, meet your teachers and catch up with friends! Each building will host an Open House next week-

High School- Monday, August 21, 6-8 p.m.

- 6-7 p.m. Freshman and new students
- 7-8 p.m. Meet your teacher and scavenger hunt (ALL students)

Middle School- Monday, August 21, 4-6 p.m.

Elementary Schools (Alaiedon, Steele and N. Aurelius)- Tuesday, August 22, 6-7 p.m.

Harvey Education Center, Tuesday, August 22, 5-7 p.m.

- Kindergarten Open House- 5-6 p.m.
- Preschool Open House- 6-6:30 p.m.
- Early Learning Open House- 6:30-7 p.m.

Teacher Assignments and Class Schedules

Teacher assignments and class schedules were updated in the [Skyward online system](#) on **Monday, August 14**. Families can log into the system to view information.

Additional individual teacher communication will be sent to families and an elementary supply list is available. If you did not receive a classroom assignment or schedule, please contact the building principal.

Skyward Updates and Family Communication

Stay connected this school year! All families should log into their Skyward accounts to ensure parent/guardian contact information is up to date and correct. The [Skylert](#) system is used to share school closing, building-specific information and other district messages with families.

Instructional and Student Support Job Opportunities!

Join our team! MPS is hiring several part-time and full time aides for positions including:

- Before and After School Aide – Harvey Center (\$15.00 hourly, morning and afternoon hours)
- Instructional Assistant – Harvey Center (\$13.50 per hour, increases each year for five years, 5 hours daily)
- Instructional Assistant – North Aurelius (\$13.50 per hour, increases each year for five years, 6.5 hours daily)
- Special Education Assistant – Harvey Center (\$14.78 per hour, increases each year for five years, 7.25 hours per day)
- Preschool Aide – Harvey Center (\$12.00 per hour, increase each year for three years, 7.5 hours daily)

Interested individuals can complete a [short online application](#) for these positions, additional job opportunities at MPS can be viewed on the [employment website](#).

Kindergarten Registration

Students can still register to begin Kindergarten this year!

Resident students who will be 5 years old by September 1, 2023, can register online and will need to provide Proof of Residency, Certified Birth Certificate, and immunization records.

Non-resident families should contact [Jodi Somerville](#) for information about School of Choice registration.

Learn more on the [Harvey Education Center](#) page.



Meals at School

MPS is excited to offer free breakfast and lunch to all students this year thanks to the Michigan Healthy School Meals Program!

Please remember to log into [Skyward](#) and pay off any outstanding meal account balances!

Even though meals will be provided for free, it is important for families to continue sharing household income information in order for our schools to receive full access to federal and state funding for educational programs.



**SCHOOL LUNCH IS
FREE FOR ALL
STUDENTS!**

During the 2023-24 school year, all MPS students can receive free breakfast and lunch at school!



Please take a moment to complete the [form](#) which collects information needed to ensure MPS receives state and federal funding. In addition, based on the information you provide on your School Meals and Summer EBT Application, your student may qualify for other programs including:

- Summer EBT
- Pay to Play or Pay to Participate assistance
- Programs that provide food support
- Programs that provide field trip support
- Programs that provide school supplies or assist with school fees
- Programs that provide holiday support
- Potential household support for cable and internet

Medication Forms

For the 2023-2024 school year, medications can be dropped off at Open House or on the first day of school by a parent or guardian. Medications must be in their original container with an expiration date, staff are not able to administer expired medication.

If your child has medication needs during the school day, please remember:

- All prescription medication forms need to be completed and signed by the doctor and parent/guardian, this includes self-carry medications. (Examples: EpiPens, inhalers)
- All non-prescription (over the counter) forms need to be completed and signed by the parent/guardian. (Examples: pain relievers such as Tylenol or Motrin, Benadryl and sunscreen)

Forms can be picked up in person or are available [online](#). For questions, please contact District Nurse [Emily Epling RN](#).

Important Dates

- **Wednesday, August 30- First PLC Late Start Day (all Wednesdays unless otherwise notified)**
- **Friday, September 1- No School**
- **Monday, September 4- No School, Labor Day**