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SCHOOL TELEPHONE DIRECTORY

Main Office.................................................................(302)762-7125
Fax Line .................................................................(302)762-7042
I.B. Office.................................................................(302)762-7054
Guidance .................................................................(302)762-7127
Nurse .................................................................(302)762-7128
Wellness Center .................................................................(302)765-1100

SCHOOL CLOSING AND INCLEMENT WEATHER
The goal of the Brandywine School District is to minimize interruptions to our school schedule. If the weather or road conditions are unsafe for our students, families, and staff, we will make every effort to alert our families as quickly as possible. Please check the following resources for the most up-to-date news regarding early dismissal, late opening, or school closing due to weather:

- www.brandywineschools.org
- http://schoolclosings.delaware.gov/
- AlertNow phone message
- BSD Face page - facebook.com/bsdk12/
- Local media, including KYW 1060 AM, WDEL 1150 AM, WILM 1450 AM, WSTW 93.7 FM, and WJBR 99.5 FM, as well as Philadelphia television stations (Philadelphia Radio Stations - Listen for DISTRICT 969.)

SCHOOL COLORS – Forest Green and White

MASCOT – THE GREEN KNIGHTS

ALMA MATER

Hail! All Hail to thee, Mount Pleasant
Loud thy praises ring.
May God’s blessings smile upon thee,
We, her students sing.
May the Brightness of her glory,
Never, never fail.
We are true to thee, Mount Pleasant
Hail! To thee all hail!
SCHOOL ADMINISTRATORS
Mrs. Curi Calderón-Lacy.................................................................Acting Principal
Ms. Ella Burton.................................................................Assistant Principal (H-K)
Mr. Martin Regan..................................................Assistant Principal (L-O)
Mr. Paul Gillerlain..........................................................Dean of Students (A-G)
Mr. Bill O’Hanlon............................................................Dean of Students (P-Z)

GUIDANCE COUNSELORS
Ms. Rachel Herskowitz ..............................................(A-G)
Ms. Clara Morgan .........................................................(H-O)
Mr. Iman Turner .................................................................(P-Z)
Mrs. Jeanne Beadle .............................................................I.B. Program (Grades 9 & 10)
Mrs. Leslie Carlson .............................................................I.B. Program (Grades 11 & 12)
Mrs. Jennifer Brown .........................................................School Psychologist
Mr. David Peres .................................................................School Psychologist

DEPARTMENT CHAIRPERSONS
Career and Technical Education (CTE) ..............................................................Mr. Brooks Twilley
English ........................................................................Ms. Robyn Howton
Fine Arts ......................................................................Mr. Brian Drumbore
Guidance .......................................................................Ms. Rachel Herskowitz
I.B. Coordinator ..................................................Ms. Leslie Carlson
Mathematics ...................................................................Ms. Kelli Bradley
Physical Education ........................................................Ms. Kim Eroh
Special Education ........................................................Ms. Nicci Naylor
Science ........................................................................Ms. Margit Olson
Social Studies ..............................................................Mr. Scott Smith
World Languages ........................................................Ms. Mary Rimmer

CLASS ADVISORS
Class of 2019 .................................................................Ms. Rachel Herskowitz
Class of 2020 .................................................................Ms. Kelli Bradley
Class of 2021 .................................................................Ms. Laura Bigley
Class of 2022 .................................................................T.B.D.
**BELL SCHEDULE**

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- 7:00am  Doors Open
- 7:15am  Teacher Day begins
- 7:25am  5 minute Warning Bell for students
- 7:30am  Student Day begins
- 2:18pm  Dismissal
INTERNATIONAL BACCALAUREATE PROGRAMME
The International Baccalaureate Programme (IB) is a challenging academic liberal arts curriculum. Focusing on the learning process, its goal is to teach students how to learn, how to analyze, and how to reach considered conclusions about society and the world in which we live. The IB diploma is an academic passport, recognized around the world as the symbol of intellectual promise and achievement. Mount Pleasant High School is the first public school in Delaware authorized to teach the IB Diploma Programme.

Mrs. Leslie Carlson, IB Coordinator/11TH & 12th Grade IB Counselor
(leslie.carlson@bsd.k12.de.us)

Ms. Jeanne Beadle, MYP Coordinator/9th, 10th IB Counselor
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INTERNATIONAL BACCALAUREATE (IB) MISSION STATEMENT
The International Baccalaureate aims to develop inquiring, knowledgeable and caring young people who help to create a better and more peaceful world through intercultural understanding and respect.

To this end the organization works with schools, governments and international organizations to develop challenging programmes of international education and rigorous assessment.

These programmes encourage students across the world to become active, compassionate and lifelong learners who understand that other people, with their differences, can also be right.

MOUNT PLEASANT HIGH SCHOOL (MPHS) MISSION STATEMENT
As an International Baccalaureate (IB) World School, we inspire students to be self-driven lifelong learners. We cultivate critical thinkers and responsible global citizens. In partnership with home and community, we seek to develop a nurturing learning environment, which promotes respect for the individual, encourages cooperation, and challenges all to develop to the fullest potential.

TALLEY MIDDLE SCHOOL (TMS) MISSION STATEMENT
The mission of Talley Middle School is to prepare each student for a rapidly changing world by creating an educational environment that enables each student to achieve personal excellence and lifelong skills. Our responsibility is to challenge every child every day. We believe that an individual is ultimately responsible for his or her own education. However, teachers, administrators, family members, the community and society are instrumental in structuring the environment that will allow each student to reach their maximum growth.
SCHOOL ENVIRONMENT
A good school community has a friendly, business-like and professional atmosphere in which school personnel work cooperatively, free from friction, distractions, and disturbances. Students, staff, and members of the school community shall be treated with respect, dignity, and sensitivity. The Brandywine School District shall not tolerate from its employees or students defamatory remarks or inflammatory actions toward individuals or groups on the basis of real or perceived characteristics, including race, color, creed, sex, national origin, marital status, physical or mental disability, age, political or religious beliefs, family, sexual orientation, or social or cultural background. Parents are a welcome component in the MPHS Environment. The mission of MPHS is to motivate students to Perform, act Respectfully and with Integrity while demonstrating a Determination to achieve Excellence.

- The International Baccalaureate aims to develop inquiring, knowledgeable, and caring young people who help to create a better and more peaceful world through intercultural understanding and respect. For more information contact Ms. Calderon-Lacy (curi.calderon-lacy@bsd.k12.de.us)

- AVID aims to close the achievement gap by preparing all students for college readiness and success in a global society. For more information contact Ms. Ella Burton (ella.burton@bsd.k12.de.us)

- ARMY JROTC aims to motivate young people to become better citizens and future leaders. For more information contact Col. Ivan Montanez (ivan.montanez@bsd.k12.de.us)

MOUNT PLEASANT P.R.I.D.E.
Performance – I recognize that as students we need to meet or exceed our potential.

Respect – I need to show respect to everyone, fellow students and adults alike.

Integrity - No matter the situation, I need to act appropriately and not profanely; it reflects on me.

Determination - My education is the key to my future; no one can take that away from me.

Excellence – I will take every opportunity afforded to me to demonstrate my ability.
**ACTIVITY BUSES**
A limited number of buses are made available at district expense to provide transportation for students who participate in after-school activities. Due to the wide area covered, the buses stop only at points in the general area where students live. These buses run Monday through Friday at 4:30 PM from our cafeteria entrance (bus port) and are specifically for students who participate in club meetings or extra-time for academic help. Students will not be permitted to ride an activity bus without a bus pass given to them from a staff member. Sports buses run at approximately 6:00 PM. These buses are specifically for athletes participating on Mount Pleasant teams. Spectators to Mount Pleasant sporting events are not permitted to ride the afternoon late buses.

**ARRIVAL TO SCHOOL**
The building will be open each day at 7 AM. Buses will unload on the student parking lot side of the building. Buses will drop students off at the bus port next to the building (cafeteria entrance). When entering the school building, students should proceed directly to their lockers and their assigned room. Students eating breakfast should proceed directly to the cafeteria. Hats and headwear are to be removed upon entering the building and placed in lockers prior to the 7:30 AM bell. Hats may not be worn or carried around during the school day. Students who are driven to school by car must unload in the student parking lot. Parents should enter the entrance closest to Philadelphia Pike and stay to the inside part of the student parking lot. Students are not permitted to be dropped off at the bus port.

**ASSEMBLY CONDUCT**
Students are expected to be courteous and act mannerly during all assembly programs. Disruptive behaviors will not be tolerated. Unacceptable conduct would include whistling, inappropriate clapping, boisterousness and talking during a program. Students must sit in assigned areas with their teachers. Failure to sit in an assigned area and/or inappropriate behavior will lead to disciplinary action.

**ATHLETICS**
See page # 18

**BULLYING**
See page # 17

**BUS CONDUCT**
It is important to remember that the bus drivers are in complete charge of the students on their buses. The bus driver's instructions must be followed at all times. Behavior which produces distractions, friction, or disturbances which seriously or repeatedly interfere with the bus driver, cause unsafe conditions, or disrespect to the driver are all bus violations (Refer to the BSD Code of Student Conduct.) Violations of School Bus Rules and Regulations may result in extended suspensions of bus privileges and/or loss of bus privileges for the remainder of the school-year. Students are not permitted to ride any other bus. If you have any questions about bus transportation, please call BSD Transportation Department at (302)762-7181.

**CAFETERIA, FOOD & DRINK**
All food and drink must be consumed in the cafeteria. Only bottled water is permitted in the classroom. You may not carry food and/or bottled drinks into hallways and classrooms. Tables should be left clean. Trash and trays should be disposed of appropriately. No food deliveries are permitted.

**CELL PHONE AND ELECTRONIC DEVICES**
Students are not permitted to use cell phones/electronic devices during the school day unless it is being expressly used in the B.Y.O.T. (Bring Your Own Technology) or the one-to-one computing initiative. Students may receive permission from a staff member to use these devices for instructional purposes only. Cell
phone/electronic devices should be turned off at the **7:25am** warning bell and be put away during the school day and anytime the student is on the school bus. **The District reserves the right to search and seize cell phones/electronic devices.**

- **1\textsuperscript{st} Violation**
  - Confiscation of device
  - Reprimand
  - Parent/Legal Guardian contact or conference

- **2\textsuperscript{nd} and 3\textsuperscript{rd} Violation**
  - Confiscation of device
  - Parent/Legal Guardian contact or conference
  - Detention

- **Subsequent Violations**
  - Confiscation of device
  - Parent/Legal Guardian Contact or Conference
  - Suspension/Alternative to Suspension (A.T.S.)

*Note: Students refusing to give a staff member their cell phone/electronic device will be given a behavior referral and held to the BSD Code of Conduct. MPHS is not responsible for loss, theft, or damage to a student’s communication device. Please do not bring items of value to school.*

**CLASS CUTTING**

Students should report immediately to scheduled classes and should be in the room when the late bell rings. Teachers will establish procedures that encourage students to come to class on time. **Teachers will notify a parent if their child cuts class.** Being late 10 minutes or more will be recorded as a "cut". Class cutting also applies when a student leaves during class and does not return without a note.

**CONSEQUENCES**

1\textsuperscript{st} Offense.......................................................... Detention
2\textsuperscript{nd} Offense.......................................................... Detention
3\textsuperscript{rd} and Subsequent Offenses............................... Suspension/A.T.S.
Cuts over lunch ............................................................... Suspension/A.T.S.
Cuts last period of the day................................. Suspension/A.T.S.

**CLASSROOM BEHAVIOR**

At MPHS we desire the very best education for each of our students, pointing to the elements of P.R.I.D.E. Therefore, the expectation for all MPHS students is to be in class on time and prepared with the necessary materials. Students are to remain fully engaged for the entire period. In the event that a student misbehaves, the student may be asked to go to the Turnaround Room.

**CLUBS AND ORGANIZATIONS**

Any group who wishes to charter a new club or other organization to become a part of the Student Activities Program must apply to the principal in writing. The group should present a statement of purposes, a membership roster, proposed constitution and by-laws and the name of a potential faculty advisor. In cases where there is a national affiliation, the group should provide the principal with national standards and guidelines, if a charter is granted, the club will became a part of the official Activities Program of the school until a time when there is no more interest in the club or if the club violates its charter. Please note the following student organizations currently operating at MPHS:

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CONFIDENTIALITY – STUDENT INFORMATION
It is the policy of the Brandywine School District that employees cannot give information and/or discuss a student with anyone except the student's parent, guardian, custodian, educational staff, or an agent from the Division of Family Services, the Attorney General's office, or the police. Step-parents or other family members are not considered legal parents, guardians, or custodians unless they have a Court Order indicating that they are the legal parents, guardians, or custodians. Written documentation of that legal status must be on file in the student's permanent record folder.

COUNSELING CENTER
See page #23

DAILY ANNOUNCEMENTS & MOMENT OF SILENCE
Announcements will be made via the public address system every morning and every afternoon. Students are to listen carefully to these announcements so they will know what is happening at the school. The public address system will also be used for urgent bulletins for these announcements that cannot be handled in any other way. Classes will be interrupted for these announcements only when necessary.

According to state regulations, a moment of silence will be observed each morning in every school. At this time, all activities cease and silence will be maintained throughout the building to give individuals an opportunity to reflect.

DANCES
Dances are a privilege, which can be earned by students' exemplary behavior. The school administration will base the opportunity to have dances and other social activities upon the behavior of all students. The BSD Code of Student Conduct is in effect at all school-sponsored functions.

Students wishing to bring a guest to a school dance must complete the application for the guest to attend dances. The guest and the student sponsor must arrive to the dance together. There is only one guest application per dance. Applications are in the main office and must have the signature of an administrator. The guidelines on the application must be followed and the application must be brought to the school principal prior to the dance. All tickets for our dances are sold in advance.

The BSD Code of Student Conduct is in effect at all dances. Students suspected of possessing alcohol, or
an illegal substance or considered to be under the influence of alcohol or an illegal substance during a school dance or an after school function will be referred to the police. Parental notification will be made. Once a student or a guest leaves a dance, prom, or after-prom party, the student or guest will not be permitted to re-enter.

- All dances will be held on Friday or Saturday evenings from 7:00 PM to 10:00 PM unless special permission is granted to extend the time or change the day.
- Dress will be school attire. If any exception in dress standard is desired, the sponsoring organization must consult with the administrator in charge of activities when submitting the required form.
- Students arriving one hour after the start of the dance will not be permitted to attend. **No refunds will be given.**
- Students arriving one hour after the start of the prom will not be permitted to attend. **No refunds will be given.**
- Any student with an obligation will not be permitted to attend the prom and/or any school dance.

**DEFIANCE**

Students who refuse to give a staff member their name will receive a suspension. Any student that refuses to leave a classroom when asked will receive a suspension. Any student that has to be removed from class by an administrator or interventionist will receive a suspension.

**DELIVERIES**

Any items such as flowers, balloons, or other gifts sent to students in the high school will not be delivered while classes are in session. Students will be notified to come to the office at the end of the school day to pick up deliveries. Students are not permitted carry around balloons and/or any other type of celebratory items. Items must be brought down to the main office and retrieved at the end of the school day. No food deliveries are permitted. Students are not permitted to leave campus to purchase food and bring food back into the school. Having lunch delivered from a business is strictly prohibited. Parents are not permitted to bring food from these businesses to students during the school day.

**DETENTION**

Detention hours are assigned by an administrator for unacceptable conduct. A twenty four hour grace period is allowed before the student must serve a detention. Any student who misses detention period without a prior approval or a legitimate excuse will be suspended from school. During detention, students may do school-related work. They may not sleep, eat, talk or move around while in detention. Afternoon detentions will be held in the Turnaround room and will run from 2:30 PM to 4:00 PM. Students who are disruptive during detention may receive a suspension from school. Any student found in the building unsupervised or not with a teacher, club, sport, or activity may be placed in detention or asked to leave the building.

**DISMISSAL**

Students are not permitted to leave class without permission until the 2:18 PM dismissal bell. Please listen to the afternoon announcements for any bus changes. Buses will load on the side bus port and at the front of the building at the end of the day. Any student found leaving class early without permission will be considered cutting class. Students should be picked up in the student parking lot. Parents may not pick up their child in the front of the building and/or at the side bus port. Unsupervised students must leave the building at 2:18 PM.

**DRESS CODE**

See page #25 for dress code guidelines.
E-CIGARETTE, JUULS, VAPES
The Delaware General Assembly amended the statue regarding tobacco to include the definition of a tobacco substitute which includes e-cigarettes, juuls, and vapes. In Delaware, it is illegal for anyone under the age of 18 to purchase or receive tobacco products or tobacco substitute products. Incidents of student misconduct involving e-cigarettes, juuls, or vapes will be handled in the same manner as those incidents involving tobacco products.

EARLY DISMISSAL
An early dismissal is the release of a student when requested by a parent or guardian for an absence of less than a school day for reasons deemed by the school to be necessary and legal. All early dismissal notes must include a phone number where a parent or guardian may be contacted for verification. No early dismissals will be granted without verification unless a parent arrives in person. All written requests should be given to the Main Office prior to the beginning of the school day. Students will present to the classroom teacher the note given to them by the attendance person for dismissal. Upon leaving, students are to sign out in the Main Office. The student will be allowed to make up any work missed on the excused day(s). The school reserves the right to refuse a request for an early dismissal.

EVACUATION PROCEDURES
Fire/Emergency drills are held monthly at unspecified times. It is important that students learn the correct procedures to follow in each of their classes. Practice evacuations are held to ensure that everyone is knowledgeable about the emergency routes.

During evacuation drills:
- Students are to walk quietly and calmly from the building using the exit designated for each room. Students should stay with their classes and teacher during the evacuation.
- Once out of the building, students should move away from the school building at least 50 feet for fire and 300 feet for other evacuation drills or events. Students should assemble around their teacher and stay clear of driveways and fire lanes.
- Announcements will be made for all classes to return to the building. Students will accompany their teachers back to the classroom when the evacuation drill or emergency is over.

FLAG SALUTE
The United States Supreme Court held that student participation in the pledge of allegiance may not be required based upon First Amendment grounds of religious freedom, as well as freedom of political thought and expression. The District may, however, require a student to obtain parental permission before being excused from, or opting out of, reciting the pledge. (The District will honor the student’s decision to opt out).

Students who opt out may be permitted to sit quietly. The District cannot require the student to stand, or leave the room. The student who opts out may choose to stand or leave the room. While the District may not discipline a student for filing to recite the pledge, the District may discipline a student who engages in disruptive conduct during the pledge.

FREE/REDUCED LUNCH PROGRAM
Parents are encouraged to take advantage of the District Free I Reduced Price Lunch Program. Applications and eligibility guidelines will be distributed at the beginning of the school year and are available in the main office.
FUNDRAISING
The administrator in charge of activities in accordance with Brandywine School District policy must pre-approve any proposed fundraising activity. Clubs and athletic teams that want to have any type of fundraising event must have the sale approved by the administrator in charge of fundraising.

GRADING PROCEDURES
Procedures for calculating the final grade for a Full-year course:

a. Grades to be considered: Four Marking Periods, Semester Exam, and Final Exam
b. Double the quality point value of each marking period grade.
c. Semester and final exam quality points are to be counted at face value.
d. Divide the total of exam grade quality points and the doubled marking period grade values by 10 to get the final grade point average as listed below:

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HALL PASSES/AGENDA BOOKS
In order for a student to leave a classroom, he/she must request and receive permission to leave by the teacher. All students must have a signed official hall pass to be in the halls during class time. Agenda books will be used for all hall passes. Students are expected to have their agenda books with them at all times. If they have forgotten or misplaced their agenda book and they need to leave a class, they must use the class agenda book. Lost agenda books can be replaced by purchasing a new agenda in the main office.

HALL SWEEPS
"Hall Sweeps" will be conducted to help prevent continued lateness to class. If a student is in the hallway without a legitimate pass during a hall sweep, they will be issued a detention. Subsequent offenses will result in additional detentions, parent conferences and a possible suspension.

ILLNESS OR ACCIDENT PROCEDURES
Any student who is injured or becomes ill must report it to the teacher and ask for a pass to see the school nurse for proper medical care. If the nurse determines it necessary for a student to leave school, the nurse will contact the parent. Injured or ill students must never leave school without contacting the nurse and receiving permission. Students who have been absent because of serious illness, surgery, or an accident must report to the nurse on their return to school.

LATENESS TO SCHOOL
All students should be in their first period class by 7:30 AM. In the event that the school bus arrives late or school personnel should delay a student, the student should not be marked tardy. Students who arrive after 7:30 AM must sign in at the Main Lobby, obtain a late pass and then report to class. Students and parents must recognize that a parental note of explanation does not automatically excuse lateness. Reasons such as car trouble, personal business, heavy traffic, home obligations, etc., while understandable, are not acceptable excuses, and will be listed as unexcused.
Reasons such as personal illness, medical or other physical or mental health care appointments and appearances in court will be considered as excused lateness when verified by a note from the doctor's office or court. Parent notes are not accepted unless it is for a child's illness. Students who do not attend at least half of the periods in a given day will be marked absent for the day. Students who are absent for more than fifteen (15) minutes of a class may be considered absent from the class unless excused by proper authority. The following consequences apply to unexcused late arrival to school:

3rd..................................................Reprimand/Parent Contact
4th..................................................Detention/Parent Contact
5th..................................................Detention/Parent Contact
6th..................................................Parent Conference
7th & Subsequent violations..............Suspension/A.T.S.

LEAVING SCHOOL
Once students arrive on the school grounds, they are not to leave before dismissal time. Students found leaving school without permission will be suspended out of school. Students must receive permission from an administrator to leave the building during school hours.

LIBRARY
www.BrandywineSchools.org/MPHSLibrary

Students are encouraged to use the library resources for school assignments, recreational reading and personal interest. Students may come to library as part of a class, or with a valid pass from a teacher during the school day. All students must sign in with the library staff member at the library circulation desk as soon as they enter the library. Students are always expected to read or work without disturbing others. Remember, the code of conduct applies throughout the school.

LOCKERS
Each student will be issued a locker during the first week of school. It is the responsibility of the student to supply his/her own lock. Each student is responsible for the condition and contents of his or her locker. Do not write, use glue, or tape in or on any locker. Each student is only allowed to use their assigned locker. Students may not share lockers with other students.

The school is not responsible for loss of books, notebooks, clothing, etc., from lockers whether they are locked or unlocked. School authorities for any reason may conduct periodic general inspections of the lockers at any time, without notice, without student consent, and without a search warrant.

LOST & FOUND
Lost and found items, including valuable personal items, keys, glasses, purses, watches, etc. will be held in the school store. It is the responsibility of students to check for missing articles. Found items will be given to a local charity if not claimed within four weeks. Students will not be allowed to miss classes to search for missing items.

LUNCHTIME ACTIVITY
Students must remain at school and in the cafeteria during lunch period. The student center, cafeteria hallway, stairwell and senior courtyard are off limits. Students must receive permission to leave the cafeteria for any reason. After the first five (5) minutes of the lunch period, students may not be in the halls or in other parts of the building. Students wishing to use the library must report to the library before
MEDICATION POLICY
If a student needs medication while at school, the school must have a statement of permission signed by a parent and filed in the nurse's office. Students may not carry any medication prescribed by a physician and/or non-prescription medicine to school. A parent/guardian should hand-carry medicines to the nurse. The nurse can administer medication which has been prescribed by a physician and non-prescription medications. The following guidelines need to be followed:

1. The medicine must be in the original container. Prescription medication must have the pharmacy label on the container. (this is a state law)
2. The medicine must be accompanied by a note signed by the parent stating:
   a. the time the medicine is to be given in school
   b. the reason the medicine is to be given
   c. any allergies that the child has, particularly to medications
   d. the telephone number where the parent can be reached during the day.
3. Students may carry emergency medication if parental permission is given. This includes an asthma quick relief inhaler or an Epi-Pen.

For controlled medication (Ritalin, Adderall, Dexidrine, etc) please indicate the number of tablets in the bottle. If you have any questions or you need a medication permission form, please contact Mrs. Kunz at (302)762-7128.

NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY
See page #20

OBLIGATIONS
The use of school facilities, books, supplies, and equipment is made available to each student in accordance with district policy. Mount Pleasant High School expects reasonable care and return of any school property in good condition. Students will be required to pay any costs resulting from the defacing of, damage to, loss of, or failure to return school property. The school maintains the right to withhold transcripts, recommendations, report cards, and any other school report documents as well as discontinuing student participation in all school related activities, clubs, or sports.

OUT-OF-SCHOOL SUSPENSION
When a student is directed to serve an out-of-school suspension, the student is strictly forbidden from school property during their suspension. If a student comes on campus for any reason, the student may have to serve additional days of suspension and may be arrested for trespassing. It is the responsibility of the student to get work to be made up.

PARENTAL INVOLVEMENT AT SCHOOL
An Open House for parents will be held this year on October 4, 2018, at 6:30 PM. The Open House will offer parents an opportunity to meet with their child's first semester teachers. Parents are encouraged to support their child's High School experience by participating in various booster groups and the PTSA.

SCHOOL STORE
Items for sale include regular school items, notebooks, combination locks, pencils, pens, paper, rulers, and
novelty items designed to develop school spirit. Many of these items will be in school colors, green and white, and have the Knight emblem. Some of these items are sweatshirts, T-shirts, and shorts. The school store is open before and after school on most days. The store is located in the student center.

SENIOR STUDY HALL PRIVILEGES
For Seniors Only: Seniors in good standing who have a first or last period study hall and wish to leave school grounds or arrive late must complete a Study Hall Excusal Form (found in the main office) which includes a written parental consent. Seniors are to present the completed form to the Main Office for their permanent Study Hall Pass. This privilege is only for study hall that falls on the first or last period of the day. Also, if a senior has 3rd lunch and has a study hall last period of the day, the student may leave at the beginning of 3rd lunch. Students must sign out in the main office before leaving school grounds. Failure to follow this procedure will be treated as a class cut. Those seniors who have established poor attendance patterns and/or are discipline problems in school may be denied the privilege of dismissal from the study hall. Students who choose to come in late cannot enter the building until 9:00 AM.

STUDENT PARKING
Students are to park in the student parking lot only, utilizing only the designated parking places, and avoiding fire lanes and handicapped areas. Violations may result in the loss of parking privileges. Driving to school is not encouraged. Therefore, students who drive to school park at their own risk. Mount Pleasant High School and the Brandywine School District are not responsible for the vehicle or its contents.

Students are not allowed to go to their cars during school hours. Leaving school without permission will result in suspension and could result in loss of driving privileges. Parking on school property is a privilege afforded to students. Certain conditions are attached to that privilege. Students who fail to uphold those conditions will be subject to loss of parking privileges. The conditions are as follows:

- Students are to obey all traffic signs and markings in the parking lot.
- The speed limit is 10 mph. Reckless driving will result in loss of driving privileges.
- Students must not loiter the parking lot.
- Improperly parked vehicles will be towed at the owner’s expense.
- The parking lots are off limits to students from 7:30 AM to 2:18 PM except when authorized by a pass from an administrator.

Vehicles may be searched if, in the opinion of the administration, reasonable suspicion of a violation exists.

TELEPHONES
The telephones in the main office are for emergency use only. Students must get permission from an administrator before using the main office telephones. Students are not permitted to use classroom phones. Only in the event of an extreme emergency will a student be called out of class for a telephone message. Please do not call or text your son/daughter’s cell phone during the school day.

TEXTBOOKS
Teachers will complete a book contract form upon issuing a book to a student. These forms are to be kept on file by each teacher. When the student returns the book, the teacher is to check the form to make certain that the student is returning the identical book issued; the student receives the Book Contract as the receipt. Students are encouraged to write their name in the book in ink. Students should keep books covered at all times and maintained in proper condition. Students will be charged replacement costs for lost books.

TOY/WATER GUNS
Students are not permitted to bring any toy weapons, water guns, or toy guns to school.

TURNAROUND ROOM
The Turnaround room is for disruptive students whose behaviors have interfered with the educational learning process. Students will be sent after classroom interventions have been exhausted. Students must report directly and immediately to the Turnaround room. If a student does not report to the Turnaround room within 5 minutes, the student may receive a detention. Being late ten minutes or more will be recorded as a "class cut." Failure to report to Turnaround room will be considered defiance under the Student Code of Conduct. Students will receive a one day suspension. Failure to leave a classroom or the Turnaround room when asked, will be considered defiance under the Student Code of Conduct and students will receive a Suspension.

VISITORS
To ensure the safety of students and staff, Mount Pleasant High School does not permit anyone not registered as a student to visit during the school hours of 7:30 AM to 2:18 PM. Prospective students wishing to visit the school must schedule an appointment with the guidance staff to arrange a guided tour. Parents of Mount Pleasant students are welcome at any time but must first report to the main office upon entering the school. Approved visitors must sign in at the main office and receive a Visitor's Pass.

WELLNESS CENTER
The Wellness Center is a school-based health center located within Mt. Pleasant High School. The Wellness Center was established to make quality health care more accessible to teens. The Wellness Center is open to any Mt. Pleasant student. To join, students must have their parent/guardian complete and sign the consent form. Some of the services provided include: sports physicals, immunizations, allergy shots, nutritional counseling, weight management, anger, stress management, conflict resolution, and counseling for substance use, individual, family, or group counseling. The Wellness Center is open daily Monday through Friday from 7:15 AM to 2:30 PM and its phone number is (302)765-1100. Students should stop in the Wellness Center in room 122, for further registration information.
Anti-Bullying Initiatives

Our schools are committed to fostering a sense of community. We believe that every student has the right to attend school without being physically, socially and/or emotionally harmed by others. Bullying is addressed in our district policy and the Code of Student Conduct.

Brandywine School District's Anti-Bullying Committee has developed plans to be implemented at the elementary, middle and high schools to empower our students to take a stand against bullying.

There are valuable resources available on the school and District Website for staff, parents, and students. These resources include forms to report bullying incidents.

WEBSITES

- BSD Code of Conduct
- www.stopbullyingnow.com
- www.itgetsbetter.org
- www.thetrevorproject.org

VIDEOS

- Jason Derulo "It Gets Better" Video
- The Fray's "How to Save a Life" PSA Bullying Video
- NS Teens Bullying Videos (A program of the National Center for Missing & Exploited Children)
- Childnet's "Lets Fight Together" Cyberbullying short film (6 min 30 sec)

OTHER RESOURCES

Department of Justice
Bullying Prevention and School Crime Contact (Ombudsman)
1-800-220-5414
ATHLETICS

MPHS offers diverse sports in which our students may participate. Information about the various sports may be obtained from the coach of the sport or the Athletic Director. The list of sports and the coaching assignments are:

- **Athletic Director**: Mr. Keith Neff
- **Baseball**: Mr. Alex Ogilvie
- **Basketball – Boys**: Ms. Lisa Sullivan
- **Basketball – Girls**: Mr. Ronnie Sullivan
- **Cheerleading**: Ms. Rachel Herskowitz
- **Cross-Country – Boys**: Mr. Jacobi Simmons
- **Cross-Country – Girls**: Ms. Kaitlin Simmons
- **Field Hockey**: Mr. Peter Meisel
- **Football**: Mr. Randle Holmes
- **Golf**: T.B.D.
- **Lacrosse – Boys**: Mr. Frank Kerwood
- **Lacrosse – Girls**: Ms. Caroline Phillips
- **Soccer – Boys**: Mr. Scott Smith
- **Soccer – Girls**: Mr. Chris Abe
- **Softball**: Mr. Dennis Doubet
- **Swimming – Boys**: Ms. Kelli Bradley
- **Swimming – Girls**: Ms. Laura Bigley
- **Tennis – Boys**: Mr. Patrick Sutton
- **Tennis – Girls**: Mr. John Massetti
- **Track-Indoor – Boys**: Mr. Randle Holmes
- **Track-Indoor – Girls**: Mr. Jacobi Simmons
- **Track-Outdoor – Boys**: Mr. Randle Simmons
- **Track-Outdoor – Girls**: Mr. Jacobi Simmons
- **Unified Flag Football**: Jessica Dugan
- **Unified Track**: Jessica Dugan
- **Volleyball**: Mr. Slaven Gospodmov
- **Wrestling**: Mr. John Spence

ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENT FOR ATHLETES

The basic minimum eligibility requirement for athletics is that a student must be passing at least 5 credits, two of which must be in English, math, science, social studies or foreign languages. By the end of the 1st marking period, all seniors must be passing all subjects for graduation. In addition, student-athletes must meet eligibility requirements as defined by the Delaware Interscholastic Athletic Association (DIAA). Violation of DIAA eligibility rules can result in player suspension and/or team disqualification. A teacher may not change an “F” grade unless an error was made in calculating the grade. Additional work may not be accepted to raise the grade once an “F” is recorded.

STUDENT-ATHLETE ATTENDANCE POLICY

A student may not participate in a practice, scrimmage, or contest during the time a suspension, either in-school or out-of-school, is in effect or during the time he/she is assigned to an alternative school for disciplinary reasons. A student who is legally absent from school due to illness or a personal family crisis determined by the Principal shall not be required to attend a practice or competition. A student must be legally in attendance at school by 10:30 AM in order to participate in a practice, scrimmage or contest except when excused by proper school authorities or for the following reasons:

1. Weather causing impassable road conditions
2. Attendance at a funeral
3. Legal obligations in court or with a lawyer
4. College visit
In July, 1985, the State of Delaware enacted the Hazardous Chemical Information Act. This Act applies to students and the laboratory use of hazardous chemicals. Students who may be exposed to hazardous chemicals are guaranteed access to following:

- Chemical exposure information
- Workplace chemical lists
- Material Safety Data Sheets

The intent and purpose of the act is to provide accessibility to information regarding chemicals to students who may be exposed to such chemicals in the classroom. The Hazardous Chemical Information Act defines a hazardous chemical as any element, chemical compound or mixture of elements and/or compounds which is a physical hazard or a health hazard. The Act applies to all hazardous chemicals regardless of quantity. In most cases, the label will indicate if the chemical is hazardous. Read carefully all the information on the label. Look for key words like caution, hazardous, toxic, dangerous, corrosive, irritant, carcinogen, etc. Old containers of hazardous chemicals (pre 1985) may not contain hazard warnings. If you are not sure a chemical you are using is hazardous, ask your instructor, or review the Material Safety Data Sheets (MSDS). The MSDS are prepared in accordance with the OSHA Hazard Communication Standard.

LABORATORY SAFETY RULES

1. Wear proper eye protection at all times during laboratory activity. Consult with your instructor about your use of contact lenses. Know the location of the eyewash equipment.
2. Confine or securely tie hair that reaches to the shoulders. Remember hair is very flammable.
3. DO NOT eat, drink, or chew gum in the laboratory. Dangerous chemicals may get into your mouth. Never taste anything in the laboratory unless specifically instructed to do so by your teacher. No chemicals are ever to be taken from the laboratory.
4. Do only the experiments as assigned and in the manner prescribed. Unauthorized experiments are prohibited.
5. Never engage in horseplay.
6. Wear clothing appropriate for laboratory environment (no open-toed shoes)
7. Avoid inhaling chemical fumes. Consider all chemicals dangerous unless they are known to be otherwise.
8. Know the locations of fire extinguisher, fire blanket, eyewash and safety shower.
9. Do not use the sink to discard matches, filter paper or insoluble solids. Use the waste jars that are provided.
10. Do not return chemicals to their original containers unless you are specifically instructed to do so.
11. Never point the open end of a test tube being heated at yourself or others.
12. Always add acid to water (AA). This is particularly true of concentrated sulfuric acid.
13. The teacher is to be notified immediately in case of any accident or spill; no matter how trivial it may appear.
NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY

Selection to the Mount Pleasant High School National Honor Society is based upon the four honor society principles of Scholarship, Leadership, Service, and Character. The following procedures will be followed when selecting new student members:

- Full time rising juniors and seniors who hold a minimum cumulative unweighted GPA of 3.3 are considered for membership in the National Honor Society. All members must be inducted by the fall term of their Senior Year. It is recommended that students considered for membership have attained 20 hours of community service prior to selection.
- Letter from the NHS faculty advisor will notify eligible students. The student will be required to provide information concerning school and community service to the faculty selection committee.
- The faculty selection committee will review the information presented by the students and the faculty, and will make the final recommendation of students for membership. Students may be interviewed at the discretion of the committee.
- The list of students selected for membership will be presented to the Principal. Students will be notified of their selection by letter from the NHS Advisors on behalf of the faculty selection committee.

Non-Selection

Membership is an honor bestowed upon a select group of students by the faculty selection committee on behalf of the school faculty. Students who question the fact that they were not selected do not have a legal right to a hearing, but they and their parents may request an opportunity to present their concerns to the Principal.

Dismissal

Any member who falls below the standards of scholarship, leadership, character or service may be dismissed from the Mount Pleasant High School chapter of the National Honor Society. In cases pending dismissal:

- The member will receive written notification of the reason for possible dismissal.
- The member and advisor will discuss the written notification in a conference.
- The member will be offered a hearing with the Faculty Selection Committee prior to dismissal (in accordance with due process identified in the National Constitution). The member has the opportunity to present his/her defense. The Faculty Selection Committee will then vote on whether to dismiss.
- A letter of dismissal will be sent to the Principal and student if the student is dismissed.
- The member may appeal the Faculty Selection Committee's decision to the Principal.
- When a student is dismissed, he/she is no longer a member and may never again be considered for membership in the National Honor Society.
# Brandywine School District 2018-2019 School Calendar

(District calendars are subject to revision by the Brandywine Board of Education)

## July 2018
- **Wednesday, July 4th** SCHOOLS & OFFICES CLOSED – Independence Day

## August 2018
- **Monday, August 27**th to **Thursday, August 30**th Staff Professional Development
- **Friday, August 31**st PK – 12 SCHOOLS CLOSED - (Offices Open)

## September 2018
- **Monday, September 3**rd PK-12 SCHOOLS & OFFICES CLOSED – Labor Day
- **Tuesday, September 4**th ORIENTATION DAY PRE-K AND KINDERGARTEN (Orientation times are determined at each Elementary School Site) FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL (Grades 1-5, 6, 9, and 12)
- **Wednesday, September 5**th ALL STUDENTS ATTEND SCHOOL
- **Thursday, September 6**th PK-12 SCHOOLS CLOSED – Professional Development Day (Offices Open) State Primary Election Day
- **Friday, September 7**th PK-12 SCHOOLS CLOSED – Professional Development Day (Offices Open)
- **Monday, September 10**th PK-12 SCHOOLS CLOSED (Offices Open) – Rosh Hashanah
- **Wednesday, September 12**th PK-12 SCHOOLS CLOSED (Offices Open) – Yom Kippur

## October 2018
- **Wednesday, October 10**th 1st Marking Period Interim Ends (Grades 6-12)
- **Friday, October 19**th 1st Marking Period Interims Distributed (Grades 6-12)
- **Wednesday, October 24**th PK SCHOOLS CLOSED – Professional Development Day
- **Thursday, October 25**th PK-8 SCHOOLS CLOSED - Parent/Teacher Conferences (Offices Open)
- **Friday, October 26**th PK-12 SCHOOLS CLOSED – Parent/Teacher Conferences (Offices Open)

## November 2018
- **Tuesday, November 6**th PK-12 SCHOOLS & OFFICES CLOSED – Election Day
- **Monday, November 12**th PK-12 SCHOOLS & OFFICES CLOSED – Veterans’ Day
- **Thursday, November 15**th 1st Marking Period Ends
- **Friday, November 16**th PK-12 SCHOOLS CLOSED - Staff Professional Responsibilities Day (Offices Open)
- **Monday, November 19**th PK-12 SCHOOLS CLOSED - (Offices Open)
- **Tuesday, November 20**th PK-12 SCHOOLS CLOSED - Professional Development Day (Offices Open) PIP
- **Wednesday, November 21**st PK-12 SCHOOLS CLOSED - Professional Development Day (Offices Open) Trade In
- **Thursday, November 22**nd to **Friday, November 23**rd PK-12 SCHOOLS CLOSED – Thanksgiving Holiday
- **Friday, November 30**th 1st Marking Period Report Cards Distributed to Students

## December 2018
- **Friday, December 21**st 2nd Marking Period Interim Ends
- **Monday, December 24**th to **Monday, December 31**st PK-12 SCHOOLS CLOSED – Winter Holiday (Offices are closed December 24**th and 25**th only)

## January 2019
- **Tuesday, January 1**st PK-12 SCHOOLS & OFFICES CLOSED – New Year’s Day
- **Wednesday, January 2**nd PK-12 SCHOOLS CLOSED - Professional Development Day (Offices Open) Trade In
- **Wednesday, January 9**th 2nd Marking Period Interims Distributed
- **Monday, January 21**st PK-12 SCHOOLS & OFFICES CLOSED – Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday
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All Jewish holidays begin at sundown on the evening before the holiday. Activities and events must not be scheduled on these days.

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GUIDANCE COUNSELING

The Guidance Department at Mount Pleasant High School strives to be an accessible and supportive environment for students, families and staff. In partnership with families and staff, we hope to provide students with the support and resources needed to establish and achieve personal, academic, and career goals. We welcome input and referrals from our faculty. Students are assigned a Counselor based on the first letter of their last name. Appointments may be scheduled through the Counseling Secretary.

- The following services are provided:
  - Personal counseling
  - Career, vocations, college, and scholarship counseling
  - Administering special tests and inventory
  - Interpreting tests
  - Course selection guidance

Please contact the MPHS Counseling Office at (302)762-7127 if you have any questions.

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GRADE PROMOTION POLICY

The following credits must be earned in order to be promoted to the next grade:

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BRANDYWINE SCHOOL DISTRICT GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

In order to graduate from Mount Pleasant High School, students must earn a total of 24 credits in the following:

- English ........................................ 4 credits
- Social Studies .................................. 3 credits
- Mathematics ................................. 4 credits
- Science ....................................... 3 credits
- World Language .............................. 2 credits
- Health ........................................ 5 credits
- Physical Education .......................... 1 credit
- Career Pathway .............................. 3 credits
- Other Electives .............................. 3.5 credits

Attendance Counts!

State policy dictates that a student must attend his/her classes in order to receive credit.

If a student misses more than 13 days in a full year course, a grade of W is given. This grade means that the student has academically passed the course, but has exceeded the allowable absences. The student can then retake the course or make up the credit in summer school.

Once a student has missed 50% of the allowable absences, a warning letter is sent home. At the 75% mark, a second warning is sent. A final letter is issued once the absences have been exceeded.
BRANDYWINE SCHOOL DISTRICT GRADING SCALE

The Brandywine School District computes grades using a 10 point grading scale:

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HOME ACCESS CENTER (HAC)

The Home Access Center (HAC) is an online resource for parents. It allows you to view your child’s progress reports, report card grades, attendance, discipline, and more. Many of our parents find HAC invaluable and a great way to monitor the daily progress of their children. You will need to have a username and password to access HAC.

If you do not have this information, please call the MPHS Counseling Office at (302)762-7127.

THE SEED SCHOLARSHIP

2 YEARS OF TUITION-FREE POST-SECONDARY EDUCATION

Below are some of the eligibility requirements that must be met to qualify for the SEED Scholarship.

- Student must have a cumulative G.P.A. of 2.5 on a 4-point scale or 80% on a 100-point scale as indicated on the student’s official high school transcript.
- Student must enroll in college-bearing courses at either Delaware Technical & Community College or the Associates of Arts Program at the University of Delaware, no later than the fall immediately following graduation.

HELPFUL WEBSITES

**College information**

- [www.collegeboard.org](http://www.collegeboard.org) (College prep info/great search engine)
- [www.petersons.com](http://www.petersons.com) (College prep info/search engine)
- [www.commonapp.org](http://www.commonapp.org) (The Common Application)
- [www.eduinconline.com](http://www.eduinconline.com) (Black College Common Application)
- [www.delawaregoestocollege.org](http://www.delawaregoestocollege.org) (helpful information)
- [www.sreb.org](http://www.sreb.org) (Info on the Academic Common Market)
- [www.mymajors.com](http://www.mymajors.com) (Info on different majors)

**Financial Aid / Scholarships**

- [www.fafsa.ed.gov](http://www.fafsa.ed.gov) (official site for federal student aid)
- [www.fastweb.com](http://www.fastweb.com) (scholarship search)
- [www.ncaa.org](http://www.ncaa.org) (athletic scholarships/eligibility)

**SAT/AP information**

- [www.collegeboard.org](http://www.collegeboard.org) (register online for the SAT)

**ACT information**

- [www.actstudent.org](http://www.actstudent.org) (register online for the ACT)
DRESS CODE: High School
Brandywine School District has established common expectations of student dress. We believe in promoting an appropriate, safe, and academic learning environment. Student clothing must not be a distraction to the learning environment. Students must adhere to the following guidelines in school and at school-sponsored events.

1. All clothing must be neat, clean, and in a condition of good repair.
2. Clothing with inappropriate, suggestive or derogatory pictures or phrases may not be worn.
3. Clothing designed to be worn as undergarments may not be visible.
4. No headwear is to be worn in the building during the school day. This includes, but is not limited to: hat, bandana, scarf, earmuffs, sunglasses, or any other head covering, including hoods. (Exception: Any headwear worn for religious beliefs with the appropriate documentation)
5. Shirts and blouses that leave the midriff bare are prohibited.
6. All shirts must have sleeves.
7. Heavy, bulky jackets, or overcoats, as determined by the administration, should be placed in lockers.
8. Shorts and skirts are to be respectable and modest length.
9. Pants and shorts are to be worn at the waist and a belt is strongly recommended. (Pajamas are prohibited)
10. Excessively tight clothing is not permitted.
11. Clothing with frayed edges or visible holes are not permitted. (Unless there is a layer of clothing under the frayed item)
12. Appropriate footwear must be worn at all times (slippers are not permitted).
13. Students wearing jewelry or accessories that may be considered unsafe or inappropriate to the learning environment may be subject to review by the administration.
14. Any other garments or accessories that would be a distraction to the orderly educational process are prohibited.

Students in violation of the dress code policy will receive disciplinary action and will be excused from class until they are dress code compliant.

1\textsuperscript{st} ..............................................Warning/Reprimand/Parent Contact
2\textsuperscript{nd} ..............................................Detention/Parent Contact
3\textsuperscript{rd} ..............................................Detention/Parent Conference
4\textsuperscript{th} and Subsequent Violations ..........Suspension/A.T.S.

Responsibilities
Students have the responsibility:
- To follow guidelines for dressing and grooming in a manner which shows cleanliness, promotes safety, and demonstrates respect for themselves and others

Rights
Students have the right:
- To dress and groom as they choose as long as they do not disrupt the educational process or endanger the health and safety of themselves or others as outlined in established school guidelines