



# From your counselors...how to become a Leading, Galloping Mustang!

## Helpful Hints for your Freshman Year...

### Bell Schedule:

1st Block	7:25-8:55
2nd Block	9:00-10:30
3rd/ Lunch A	Lunch 10:35-11:10 Class 11:15-12:45
3rd/ Lunch B	Class 10:35-11:20 Lunch 11:25-12:00 Class 12:05-12:45
3rd/ Lunch C	Class 10:35-12:05 Lunch 12:10-12:45
4th Block	12:50-2:18

What is a Leading, Galloping Mustang you ask? Leading, Galloping Mustangs are students who achieve greatness and contribute to their school and community in the areas of academics, athletics, and the arts. This newsletter is full of information and helpful hints from your counselor to help you have a successful ninth grade year. To be a future Leading, Galloping Mustang you need to do three simple things:

- *Get Informed!*
- *Get Organized!*
- *Get Involved!*

### Promotion Requirements

6 Credits including:

- English I
- 2 Different Core Classes (from the area of Math, Science, or Social Studies)
- 3 Other courses or electives

### Get Informed!

Helpful things for 9<sup>th</sup> grade students to know:

- Requirements for promotion to the tenth grade. Make sure you are on track to be in the tenth grade next year!
- Find out your PowerSchool login from the media center and use this to check your grades frequently.
- All WCPSS high schools are on a 10 point grading scale: A: 90-100, B: 80-89, C: 70-79, D: 60-69, F: Below 60.
- Know your counselor and grade level administrator and how to find/contact them if needed. (Hint: It's on the back of this sheet!)
- Ask your teachers when they are available before/after school for tutoring or to get help with assignments.
- Driver's Education forms are available for pick up in Student Services. Students must pass 3 out of 4 classes each semester to keep their Driver's Permit or License. Further info is on the MCHS Website or at [www.jordandriving.com](http://www.jordandriving.com). Forms are available in student services.
- School lunch money can be placed in your account through the [www.MySchoolBucks.com](http://www.MySchoolBucks.com) website. Parents will need your student ID number.



## Get Organized! Ways to maintain your success through the entire year...

- Use an agenda or calendar to keep up with your assignments and activities.
- Plan for good attendance! If you know you are going to be out let your teachers know and get your assignments so you don't fall behind. Remember, missing one day of block scheduling is like missing two days of school! If you must be absent make sure to bring a note to the attendance office upon your return; you only have two days to turn in notes after an absence. Use teacher websites and email to stay on top of assignments while you are out.
- Monitor your grades using your PowerSchool account. Speak to your teacher if you see you are missing assignments or have a question about a grade.
- Plan to take Driver's Education once you have turned 14 and a half years old.
- Begin keeping track of your awards, activities, and community service. This is a great time to create a resume that you can update throughout high school.

## Get Involved!

- Find a club, team, or activity that you enjoy to get involved with. The Club Fair will be held during all three lunches during the second week of school. A list of clubs and contacts is also available on the MCHS Website.
- Each year during Homecoming in the fall and Spirit Week in the spring there are many dress up days and activities that occur to encourage school and class spirit...show your Middle Creek pride and participate!
- Don't forget that to participate in any athletics you must have an Athletic Participation Form on file. These are available on the MCHS Website.

## Who to Call?

### **Ninth Grade Administrative Team, 919-773-3838**

Wade Martin		Principal
Johneka Williams	Students A-L	Assistant Principal
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### **Important Dates to Remember:**

**August 28 First Day of School**

**September 4 Labor Day Holiday**

**September 13 Picture Day**

**September 14 Meet the Teacher Night 6:30**

**September 11-15 Homecoming Week!**