

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

July 2026| Morton East High School



July begins the new school year and at East we are ready for the next year to begin. Our administrative team has been hired and we are now full staffed ready to support our teachers and students for the start of the school year. We look forward to the administrative retreat in July to put of plan into action.

Sophomore Orientation



Every Tuesday throughout the summer Sophomores and their families take part of a special presentation and a take a tour of the building. Our building administration, Parent Liaison and NHS help share the information for future success as a sophomore and beyond.

Summer Construction

Summer construction is well on its way at the East Campus. '

- Highlighting this summers work includes 4 classroom that will have all new floors, walls, lighting, and air-conditioning.
- The hallway outside the main entrance received a makeover with new flooring.
- The gym floor will receive a whole new look of Morton Pride ready to support Morton Athletics.

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JULY 2026 | Morton Freshman Center



Summer Bridge Program

The Freshman Center remained active throughout the summer as incoming students attended Summer Bridge, gaining valuable experiences that introduced them to their new school community, staff, expectations, and opportunities for success.

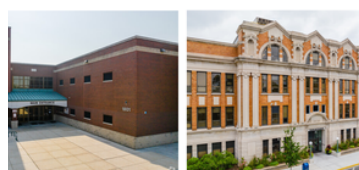


Next Four Years Presentations

The Next Four Years presentations launched in June, with all Summer Bridge families participating before students received their district-issued laptops, reinforcing the partnership between home and school and setting expectations for the next four years.

Registration & Family Support

- Registration is in full force, with 667 families successfully completing all required steps. Staff continue to provide individualized support through phone calls and in-person assistance to ensure all students are fully registered.
- Multiple registration events were held in conjunction with our Next Four Years presentations, helping families build connections and understand expectations as they begin their high school journey.



MORTON FRESHMAN CENTER & EAST HIGH SCHOOL
¡Los Próximos Cuatro Años!
THE NEXT FOUR YEARS
A parent's guide to Morton FC & East success!
(Una guía para padres sobre el éxito de Morton FC y East!)



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MORTON ALTERNATIVE SCHOOL

Summer School

Summer school was a success with 82% of the students finishing and three eligible for summer school graduation.



During the last week of school we hosted a celebratory breakfast for staff. More than 50% of our staff have more than ten years in the district.

"You must see in kids what they don't see in themselves. See them for what they can be, not where they are, and then teach them accordingly. You may be the only hope in the lives of many of your students. Believe in every single one of them every single day!"

—EDUCATOR JAMES VINT

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This Month's Staff feature is

Steve Mijares

Maintenance is working hard to paint and make other building improvements



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July 2026 | Technology and Trade Center



Strong Entry

- Developing principal mentorship and observation planning to support strong entry into the TTC principal role.
- Joined Instructional Support team in CTE for programs to be housed at TTC.
- Continued planning for PLT team structures to oversee TTC program development and instructional alignment.

Additional Items

- Chaperoned student 463015 to Portland for Educators Rising national competition.
- Developed conceptual floor plan layouts for TTC "box" approach - a more efficient layout.
- Reviewed Mahomet-Seymour naming rights and sponsorship terms as reference model for potential TTC application.
- Developed database of staffing, scheduling supervision, and operational concerns tied to TTC.
- Reviewed updated TTC iteration provided by Demonica Kemper Architects with expanded hangar and additional program space as well as new project timeline.

PROGRAMMING, CURRICULUM, & DESIGN



- Continued review of restaurant/culinary space requirements, including restaurant capacity requirements.
- Based on current TTC iterations we have added plumbing (as a stand alone program), aircraft piloting, drone piloting, and robotics/automation as TTC offerings, pending spatial or budgetary changes.

Budgetary

- Continued review of potential construction management firms for TTC.
- Finalizing CM submissions comparisons and related budget, coverage, and scheduling impacts before additional CM meetings.
- Continuing review of TTC construction planning items connected to scope, layout, and cost control

Auto Body 135 x 108 14,690 sqft	14,000 sqft 100 x 160 Welding/CNC	Receiving 50 x 75 3,750 sqft	Gym 110 x 110 12,100 sqft
Auto Mechanics 135 x 202 27,300 sqft	Aviation 100 x 200 20,000 sqft	Construction 100 x 100 10,000 sqft	Plumbing 50 x 63 3,150 sqft
		HVAC 64 x 100 6,400 sqft	Electrical 50 x 63 3,150 sqft

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JULY 2026 | Morton West High School

The Next Four Years



We had nearly 300 families join us to welcome their new Mustangs to the Morton West Freshman Academy. Parents learned about supports, programs, opportunities, policies, and upcoming events.

Next Session: July 9th



Culinary will compete at Nationals next week in Washington, DC. We wish our talented students and their advisors the best of luck as they showcase their skills.

Band Camp is underway this week as students prepare for an exciting 2026–2027 marching band season.

Principal Transition



On July 1st, I officially began serving as Principal of Morton West High School. I am honored to join the Morton West community and excited to work alongside our students, staff, families, and community partners.

We have hit the ground running this summer. I am pleased to share that we have hired John Gallione as Dean, completing our building administrative leadership team and positioning us for a strong start to the 2026–2027 school year. Throughout the summer, I will be meeting with staff, students, families, and community members to build meaningful relationships, learn from the school's rich traditions and many strengths, and ensure we are well prepared for a successful opening of the 2026–2027 school year. I look forward to partnering with the entire Morton West community.

