



High Expectations and Continuous Improvement for All

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Retirement Celebration

At the conclusion of the academic year, we gathered to honor our retiring colleagues. On May 20th, a retirement luncheon was held with nearly 150 staff members in attendance. The event featured department chairs sharing fond memories, stories, and quotes, while the retirees offered their own parting words of wisdom to the group. We extend our warmest congratulations and best wishes for a well-deserved retirement to Karen Martin, Traci Rader, John Troy, Melissa Caruso, Jon Monti, and Karen Styrna!

Part-Time Students

I have received part time student requests from parents for a variety of reasons. In order to maintain consistency, a document was created to streamline the process. This document will be shared with all stakeholders involved in the registration and course selection process. The following guidelines are included in the document:

- Requests for part-time attendance must be submitted to the Principal at MCHS prior to May 1.
- The maximum number of courses for part-time students is four.
- Parents must provide verification that a student has been previously schooled. This will be true for students entering any level.
- The parent/guardian of a student accepted for part-time attendance is responsible for all fees.
- A nonpublic part-time student who attends MCHS during the regular school day shall be eligible to participate in non-IHSA extracurricular activities.
- If the part-time student is seeking a MCHS diploma, additional information may be required to meet graduation requirements.

Grading Practices

Consistent grading practices will be implemented in the 2026-2027 school year. Feedback was gathered during the 2025-2026 school year from students, teachers, and administration. Additionally, the School Improvement Team analyzed various neighboring high school grading practices. The attached document outlines our grading practices. This information was shared with all staff at our May faculty meeting.

Summer Planning

Summer planning is underway! This summer our team will work on planning Institute days, Walk Your Schedule days, Freshman Experience, School Improvement Team meetings, Mentor meetings, Little Bites, New Teacher Induction, and more.