

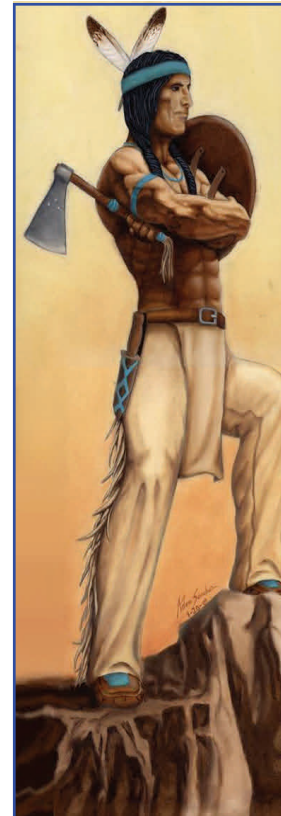
BACK TO SCHOOL INFORMATION

- **SCHEDULES** — On the first day of school, Monday, August 11, all students need to pick up their schedules in the campus circle area in front of the library starting 7:30 a.m. Students cannot get into class without these schedules, so be on time as classes start at 8:15 a.m.
- **STUDENT IDS & HANDBOOKS** — Students should get their student handbook/planner when they pick up their schedules on August 11. They will get their student ID after they have their picture taken on Aug. 14. The student IDs and handbooks are free for the first time and our students are required to have them at all times. If an ID or handbook is lost, there is a \$5.00 replacement charge at the Student Activity Window.
- **NO VISITORS** — Students cannot bring visitors to class during the school day.
- **SCHEDULE CHANGES** — There will be no teacher or class changes except a level change as per the teacher's recommendation. If a student does not have a class scheduled during a certain period, he should report to the guidance office during that period.
- **SCHOOL PICTURES** — School pictures will be taken for all students on Thursday, August 14, during their PE or Social Studies classes. It is very important to have their pictures taken as they are needed for their Student Body Card. Buying school pictures is optional (see enclosed flyer). These pictures are not for the yearbook. For more information about these student ID pictures or Sr. pictures for the yearbook, please call student activities, 793-3895.
- **PE CLOTHES** — Required PE Clothes are: Navy shorts, white T-shirt, tennis shoes and socks. They do not need to have the Monache logo on them, but should not have any other emblems or design on them. PE clothes with the Monache logo will be sold before school starts from Monache in Room B-7, August 5 through August 8, 9:00 am - 1:00 pm. The cost for PE clothes is \$22.00 a set or \$15.00 for PE Shorts and \$12.00 for a PE shirt. Students do not have to dress out for PE the first day of school. When school starts, PE clothes and MHS spirit items will be sold at the Wampum window/student store during brunch and lunch. All parents wishing to purchase these should check in with the office before going to B-7.
- **BUS TRANSPORTATION** — If you have any questions about bus stops or other bus arrangements, please call the Student Transportation of America (STA) office at 782-7092 and select option #1.
- **BUY YOUR YEARBOOK EARLY AND SAVE!**
 - * Yearbooks will be on sale from Aug. 1st - Sept. 7 for \$70; Sept. 8th- Nov. 4th. for \$75; Nov. 5 - Dec. 31st for \$80; and Jan. 1 - May 29th for \$85.00.
 - * You can get your yearbook personalized (name engraved) until Jan 1st for an extra \$5. If you order your name online by Sept. 5, you will can get a free icon printed as well.
 - * You can purchase your yearbook at the activities window or online @ www.jostensyearbook.com.
 - * Parents wishing to buy ads for their senior students in the yearbook may email the advisor, Ms. Markman, (jmarkman@portervilleschools.org) for more information.

MONDAY, AUGUST 25, 2014 -- BACK-TO-SCHOOL NIGHT FOR ALL PARENTS, 6:00 P.M. IN THE CAFETERIA

THURSDAY, AUGUST, 7, 2014 -- 9TH GRADE PARENT ORIENTATION, 6:00 P.M. IN THE CAFETERIA

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 9, 2014 -- COUNTY COLLEGE NIGHT 6:00 P.M. AT THE VISALIA CONVENTION CENTER



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Monache High School

Principal's Newsletter

Principal's Message

Welcome to the 2014-15 school year! **Classes will begin on August 11** and students should be ready with school supplies and appropriate dress, based on the Porterville Unified School District dress code. Schedules are passed out the first day of school at 7:30 a.m. in the Campus Center.

At Monache High School we continue to focus on our **Expected School-Wide Learning Results (ESLRS)**, which describe what we want all students to know upon graduation. The phrase "**Pride in the TRIBE**" is a reminder to staff and students the importance of **T**eamwork, **R**esponsibility, **I**ntegrity, **B**alance, and **E**xcellence in order for all students to achieve the MHS ESLRs (included in parent handbook).

For the 2014-2015 school year, there are several high priorities. We will continue our work toward implementing the new **California Common Core Standards**, which will roll out the beginning of the 2014-2015 school year. All 11th grade students will be given the **Smarter Balance Assessment Test** in the second half of the school year. Another important priority is the integration of technology into our curriculum. Over 500 Chromebooks will be strategically located on campus in order to engage and assist students in the development of 21st century skills.

Near the end of school last year, we learned that the **Western Association of Schools and Colleges (WASC)** awarded Monache High School the maximum possible accreditation (six years). Congratulations to the entire Marauder community! To top it off, the Tulare County Office of Education awarded MHS the "**Torch Achievement Award**" for the second straight year as MHS continues to attain academic growth through innovative programs and partnerships. Congratulations Marauders!

As a staff, we continue to focus on students meeting college entrance requirements. Seniors need to complete the **a-g requirements** necessary for entrance into 4-year college. In our **California State University Young Scholars Program** last school year, students passed over 80 online courses and earned nearly 250 college units. In the 2014 school year, students managed to take numerous **Advanced Placement Tests** and many will be rewarded with college units. Students should contact their counselor, if interested.

At the end of March, we received the results of the **California High School Exit Exam (CAHSEE)** from our sophomore class that completed the test for the first time. The overall result was excellent showing that well over 82% passed English Language Arts and 84% passed Mathematics.

The **Multimedia and Technology Academy (MTA)** is expanding to a third group of students and is designed to support students for college and career success. The **Environmental Science Academy (ESA)** will expand to include all interested 9-12th graders in the Porterville Unified School District. In addition, the **Manufacturing, Construction and Technology Academy (MCTA)** continues to enroll interested 10-12th graders at Monache High School. Curriculum for the **Culinary Arts Program** at MHS is now sequenced to include Culinary Arts 1 and 2, Commercial Baking (2 periods), and Commercial Foods (2 periods). The Culinary Arts Program is moving forward with plans to become an academy at MHS.

We are looking forward to another successful year in the **East Yosemite League**. For the third year in a row, Monache won the EYL all-sports award as the league's top athletic program. MHS earned league championships in ten varsity sports. Congratulations Marauders!

All new 9th grade students should have received their invitation to attend our traditional orientation, called **LINK Day** held on Friday, August 8, (8-12 pm) and we encourage them to attend this outstanding event. LINK Day is designed to acquaint all freshmen with the campus, facilities, activities, and the many programs that are offered at Monache. New students who are in grades 10-12 are also allowed to participate. Busing will be provided for students in the Poplar and Woodville areas.

Finally, on Thursday, August 7, all 9th grade parents are encouraged to attend the **Freshman Parent Night** orientation that will be held at the MHS Campus Center and **Back-to-School Night** for all parents on Monday, August 25. I hope to see everyone there!

Principal
Richard Smithey

Back-To-School Night for 2014-15



Our Back-to-School Night this year will be on Monday, August 25, 6:00 p.m.- 8:00 p.m. This is for all parents of 9-12th grade students and it will start in the Campus Center (cafeteria) for the group sessions and student performances. Parents will then be able to follow their child's schedule to the individual classrooms and meet with their teachers beginning at 6:40 p.m. The teachers will be reviewing their course requirements and classroom rules with you. If parents have a need to meet individually with the teacher, they can set up an appointment for a different time.

You will receive useful information to help make your child's school year a success. Information like the ABI Logon Sessions will be a great tool for parents to monitor their child's progress. However, any specific questions should be addressed by calling your student's counselor or teacher when they arise. Back-to-School presentations are more informational versus individual counseling opportunities. Please plan to attend now to get our new school year off to a great start!

Freshman Parent Orientation

All parents of Monache freshman are invited for an informational meeting on Thursday, August 7, 6 pm - 7:30 p.m. Your students will be going through the LINK orientation on Friday (the next day) and now you will have the opportunity to learn more about Monache and what it has to offer for your student. You will meet the Monache staff and learn some of the ways that will help you help your child to be successful at Monache.

College Night

The Tulare County College Night will be on Tuesday, September 9, 6 - 8:30 p.m. at the Visalia Convention Center for Jrs. & Srs. This is a great opportunity to go and meet representatives from 90 different colleges, universities and specialty schools. There will be seminars on financial aid, scholarship opportunities, college admission help, etc. You can receive more information with the new 2014-15 Tulare County College Night Helpful Hints flyer by checking the Tulare County website: <http://www.tcoe.org/ERS/StudentEvents.shtm>. Monache's counseling office may also have more information.

Parent Support at MHS

Parents and guardians are encouraged to play an active part of their student's lives while in high school. There are many ways to participate such as joining a parent booster club, participating in School Site Council, a parent advisory group, or English Learner's Advisory Council (ELAC) meetings and keeping in touch with their student's teachers and counselor.

1. The School Site Council and ELAC parent groups will have their first meetings in the fall on the Monache campus meeting four to five times a year at 6 pm. For those interested in School Site Council, contact Linda Lynch, 782-7152 or ELAC, contact Vickie 793-3892 or Melissa Giannetto, 793-3898.
2. Parent Booster Clubs help support specific programs with fund raising and providing scholarships. They invite you to join and be active in their groups, if your student is in these programs.
 - Athletic Boosters - The Athletic Boosters will be available at the first parent nights, seeking new membership. Support your athletes! Membership fee is \$10.00.
 - MHS Band Parents the 1st Thurs. of each month or check their webpage: mhsband.org;
 - FFA Boosters, 793-3872. Leave a message for Mrs. Brown or Mr. Corbett and they will return your call.
3. All parents should remember to contact our Guidance Office, 782-7178, right away when they have an address or phone number change, change their emergency contact or have a concern about your student's classes or grades.
4. View the Monache bulletin for student information either on Monache's website or at the front office counter.

Associated Student Body (ASB)

Monache's Student Council invites all students to participate in the various clubs and activities they will be offering. Students should watch the bulletin (also on our website) for the club meetings and events that will be announced. The Back-to-School Dance is scheduled for Aug. 15, 8:30 - 11:30 p.m. Some of the clubs are: FFA, CSF, Spanish Drama, Chess Club, Alive-in-Him, to name a few. Such opportunities provide a chance to make new friends, grow in community service and just have fun. If you have questions, see Mrs. Alba at the front desk or leave a message for Mr. Contreras

MHS School Library

Our School Library Clerk, Ms. Morales, is looking forward to working with Monache students to help them in their learning needs whether it be in doing research, enhancing classroom assignments, issuing textbooks or providing tutoring for those students who need a little extra help. Copies of textbooks are also provided to the students at no charge, but students are to be responsible for the care of the books.



If a book is lost, students are billed for the cost of the book. Please return any school library books you may still have home so we can use them for the new school year. Questions? Call 793-3862.

Dress Code Requirements

All students must dress appropriately for school activities. This year all hats will not be allowed except for Monache School hats. Please review the Dress Code Section of the Student Handbook and Parent Handbook carefully and shop accordingly when buying school clothes. Every year valuable classroom time is lost due to students being sent to the office for dress code violations. Some areas to note: 1) All midriffs are to be covered and no underwear should be showing, 2) Skirt or short length is at least mid thigh (to fingertips when arms are extended at one's side.) 3) Earrings and other body piercings shall be worn in ears only. Also no gang related dress attire is allowed. Any gang related dress will be referred to the office and logged on the discipline file as gang related. MHS and the Porterville Unified School District work closely with the Porterville Police Department and Tulare County Sheriff Department to quickly suppress and remove any gang activity in or around our public schools.

Student Food Service

The cafeteria has updated their menu for this school year to include more healthful food items. To pay for school lunches, an automated sales system is in place that requires each student to use a Personal Identification Number (PIN) when making daily purchases instead of cash. PIN Numbers will be given for their personal accounts at the beginning of the school year and must be kept confidential. Most of the PIN numbers will stay the same as last year for returning students. If for any reason someone else learns your number, come to the cafeteria and a new number will be issued. Students should then pre-pay into their accounts by seeing the breakfast cashier between the hours of 7:30 and 8:05 each morning, go to the Student Nutrition office at the Adult School on Pioneer or go online through portervilleschools.org to pay. Payments made before school starts will be credited into the student's account by brunch. With this system, you may prepay as much as you wish. For example, you may wish to pay for a week's worth or a month's worth of food costs. Students can choose from a variety of foods for lunch and breakfast at a minimal cost. Students are welcome to apply for a free or reduced lunch by asking for an application form in the guidance office or ask the staff in the cafeteria. Any questions? Call the District's Student Nutrition Office at 782-7062.

MHS Athletics

MHS Athletics is gearing up for a new and exciting year. Athletes must clear all fines, complete a athletic clearance form, pass a sport's physical, have medical insurance, and keep up a 2.0 grade point average. Monache has sports physicals set up for July 31, 5:30-7:30 p.m. at our Admin office. All sports physicals are good for one year. The cost is \$10.00 cash at the time of the physical and athletic clearance forms may be picked up ahead of time at the MHS Admin office. Monache will also accept sport physicals done from a doctor of your choice. Questions for athletics? Call 793-3895 or 793-3899. All fall sports below will start their preseason practices on July 21 by doing conditioning only. Use of equipment will start on August 4 with the exception of football using helmets starting July 28-29 and the shoulder pads on July 30-Aug. 1.

Fall Sports and Coaches:

- Cross Country (All levels) - Coaches Cruess/Ishida
- Football (Varsity, JV, Frosh) - Coach Likewise, Coach Shearer and Coach Burnitzki
- Girls' Golf (All levels) - Coach Grande, meeting in room B-6 on Aug 11 after school.
- Girls' Tennis (All levels) - Coaches Perez/Shearer
- Volleyball (All levels) - Coach Newlin,
- Boys & Girls Water Polo (All levels) - Coaches Beavers/Thomas



GO MARAUDERS!!!