

# MENDOTA

## TOWNSHIP HIGH SCHOOL

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DISTRICT 280

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Dear Freshmen/Parent:

The 2010-2011 school year is about to open and with it comes the need to share some information with you. We look forward to meeting you and your student at this time.

**Freshmen Orientation** – Parents are welcome to attend. It is approximately two hours. The orientation program is to assist all students new to Mendota High School. It will be held on Tuesday, August 10<sup>th</sup>. The objective of this program is to discuss school policies and procedures, hand out schedules, distribute materials and the student handbook, answer questions, and allow students time to become familiar with the school building, and to have student I.D. pictures taken for their identification cards.

You are encouraged to register and pay anytime between 12:30 – 2:00. Registration and payment will occur in the high school cafeteria. Free and reduced lunch forms must be submitted to the Principal's Office before registering in the cafeteria. We appreciate your patience during this process and hope to avoid lines. Underclass pictures will be taken in the board room from 9:00 – 3:00. ***Students are reminded to dress appropriately when student I.D. pictures are taken – sleeves are required on all shirts.***

**A freshmen orientation presentation will begin in the gym at 2:00.** Freshmen should find their assembly seat at this time, and the orientation program will follow. Following, students are encouraged to find their classrooms, locker, and take underclass pictures if not already done.

**Please Bring a Pen to Use Filling Out Forms.**

**Registration Fee**

The registration fee is \$90.00 for the year and **MUST** be paid before the student is permitted to pick up his/her schedule of classes. This fee covers rental of textbooks, workbooks, padlocks, and admission to those extra-curricular activities for which an admission charge is required. Lab fees in the amount of \$17.00 per lab class will be charged for each art, foods, and industrial arts classes. ***Please see the enclosed fee statement on the amount you will need to bring with you that day.***

### **Participation Fee**

All students participating in extra-curricular activities are required to pay a participation fee. The charge is \$55.00 per activity with a \$165.00 cap per student per year.

Families with financial hardships or limited income could be exempt from paying these fees, based upon qualifying for free/reduced lunches and the textbook waiver. Families with extenuating circumstances should contact Mr. Masini or Mrs. Aughenbaugh for a review of their situations. These situations are considered on a case-by-case basis and require documentation.

### **Lunches**

The price for a full lunch is \$2.25.

### **Student I.D. Cards**

Every student will have a picture taken at registration time. This picture will serve several purposes. It will be used on the student I.D. card, will appear in the yearbook, and it is also available for purchase in the underclass picture package.

The student I.D. card is necessary for identification for admission to such activities as regular season athletic games, plays, and other activities where an admission charge is in effect, as well as necessary requests for student identification. Students must also use the student I.D. card to purchase meals in the cafeteria.

There will not be a student charge for the initial student I.D. card – this is part of the registration fee. Students **will be** charged \$5.00 for replacement cards.

### **Opening Day**

School officially opens for students on Tuesday, August 17<sup>th</sup>. Students are to report to the gymnasium for an assembly at 8:10 a.m. and sit in their assigned assembly seat. This is a ½ day of

attendance, and we will be dismissing at 11:30 a.m. Buses will be running at this time.

### **Insurance**

Mendota Twp. High School's accident insurance policy covers your child for injuries that the student might receive at school or while participating in athletics secondary to your personal insurance. Additional 24-hr. coverage is available for a fee. An insurance brochure will be given to the student at registration.

### **Physical**

**All** incoming freshmen are required to have a physical examination form and proof of required immunizations turned into the Mendota High School nurse prior to the opening day of school on August 17<sup>th</sup>, or the student will be excluded until it is received.

State law requires that all students entering 9<sup>th</sup> grade show evidence of having received two (2) doses of live measles virus vaccine (Rubella). Proof of immunity shall be documented evidence of having received the vaccine by a doctor's statement. Students must have required immunizations before the start of school. Any student lacking these immunizations is not allowed to begin the school year, and his/her absence(s) are classified as unexcused.

For those students planning on participating in one of the athletic programs, please remember that you must have an examination by a licensed physician ***prior to starting*** practice for the activity. School/sports physicals are available at Mendota Community Hospital on August 4<sup>th</sup> by appointment only by calling (815)539-1411. The LaSalle Hygienic Institute also takes appointments for physicals by calling (815)223-0196.

### **Birth Certificate**

All incoming freshmen must submit an **official copy** of their birth certificate. Hospital copies **are not** official copies. Official copies are available from the County Clerk's Office in which your student was born. We will make a copy of the certificate and return the original to the student.

Education opportunities will be offered without regard to race, color, national origin, gender or disability.

If you have any questions concerning the information in this letter or the opening of school, please call me at 539-7446. A bilingual phone

line is available at 815/539-5193. Parents should leave a message and someone will call you back in Spanish as soon as possible.

Sincerely,

Denise Aughenbaugh  
Principal